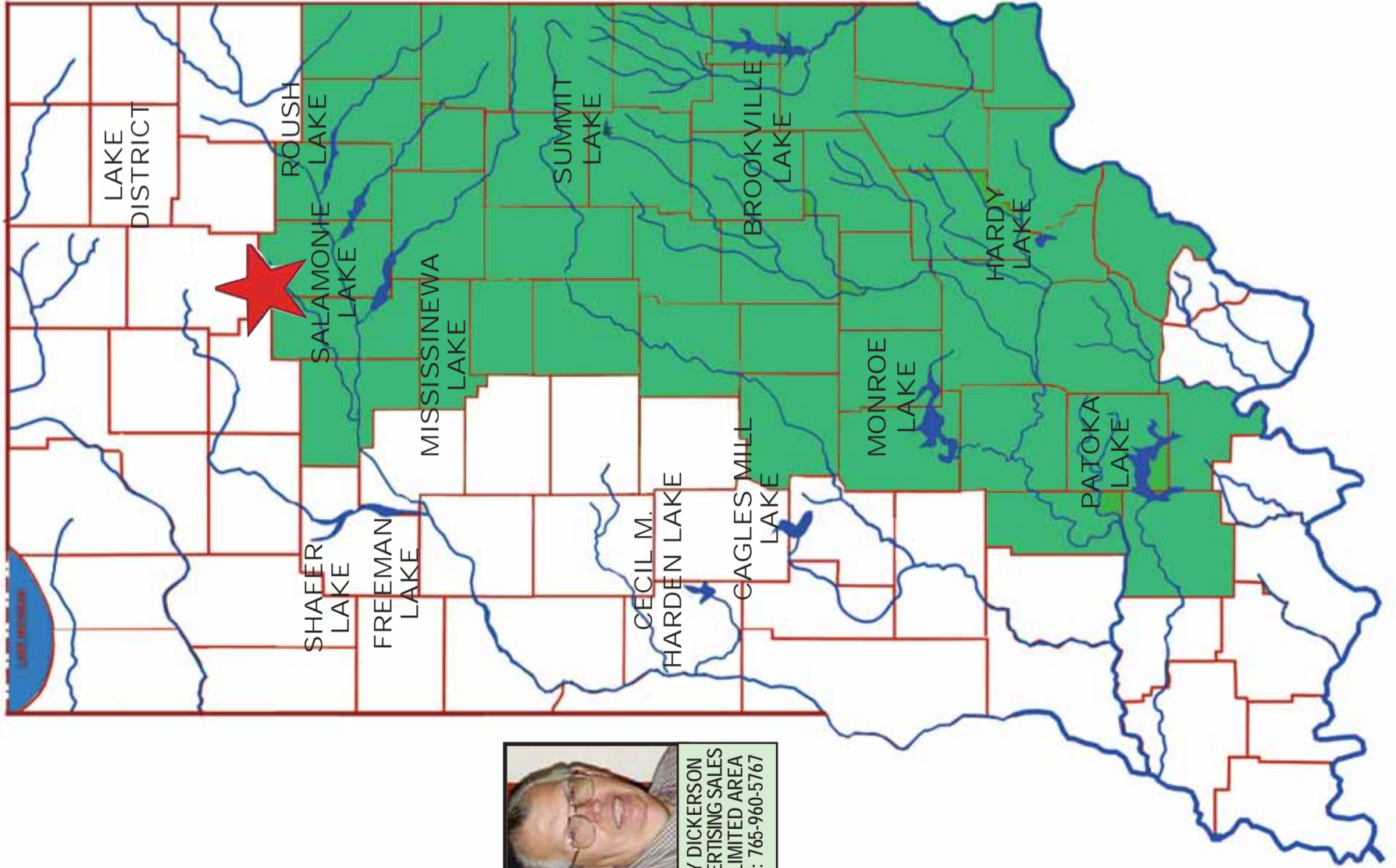


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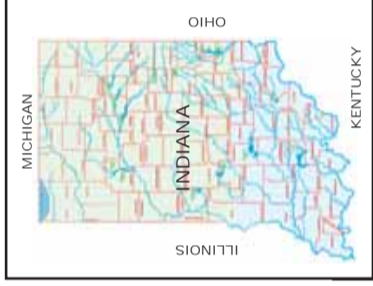


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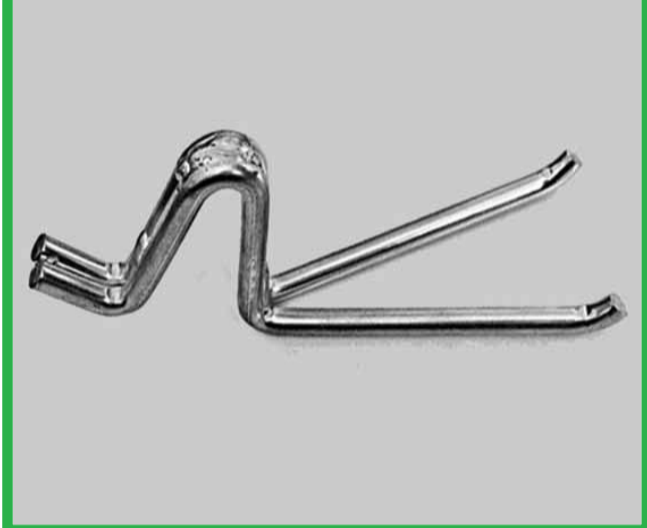
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Top Left: Vickie Cox from Connersville, IN tells her Turkey hunt story: I shot my first turkey the day before Mother's Day. I am 61 years old and I have been turkey hunting for 3 years. I shot him from 80 yards, I know this is hard to believe, but it is true. I shot him with my Dad's old Mossberg with a full turkey choke. He weighed 22 pounds and had a beard that was 10 inches long, his spurs were 3/4 of an inch. It was one of the most exciting days of my life. What an awesome Mother's Day I had.

Top Right: One of our summer's most important programs that we have been pushing in the last few years is our "Wear-It" program. Each year Indiana experiences an average of 55 public water drownings, which could be avoided by simply wearing a life-jacket. This year's campaign has added in a slogan that states that a person is never too old to wear a life jacket. Out of the 59 Indiana drownings last year, only 9 of them were under the age of 18. See Page 7 (IDNR Photo)

Bottom Left: Kevin Kirschbaum got the idea for the

pelvic hook from him envisioning it after many years of deer hunting and knowing it would work better having the deer hanging free, than hanging by the hind legs. The old way of hanging the deer up by the two hind legs was cumbersome in that the deer had to be laid down to finish cutting the pieces off. Using his pelvic hook he designed, after the deer is hoisted to the right height, the hunter simply cuts the right places and finishes the processing at his leisure. See Page 9 (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Right: With the enormous amount of activities that welcome you when you arrive at these properties there is one opportunity a lot of people do not know exists - horseback riding. That's right, we are fortunate to have over 19 miles of beautiful scenic trails that wind the edges of the Salamonie Reservoir and Salamonie River State Forest. Whether you want to ride for the day or bring your horses and family and camp for the night, you are sure to have a great experience at one of just a handful of trails that are available in the state. See Page 8 (Bridle Map reprinted here with permission of DNR)

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Well, I understand where they are coming from, but the mere thought of the end coming for papers printed on paper due to electronic gizmo's replacing paper is a cause for concern.

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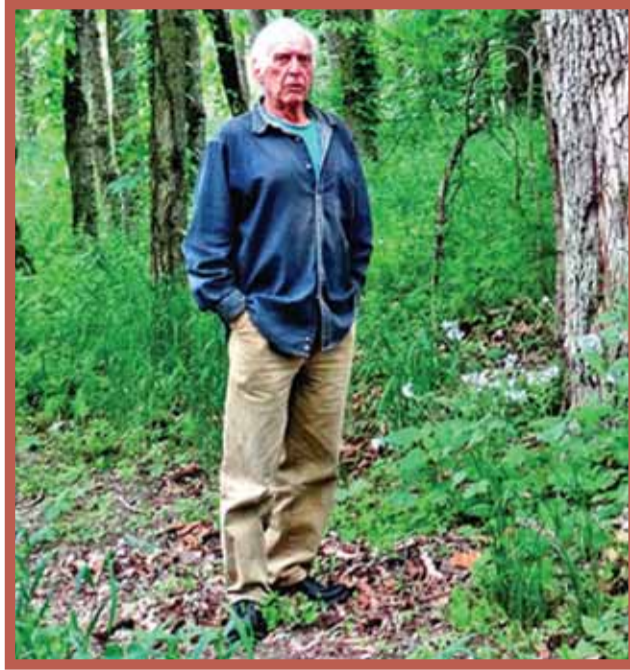
FISHING LAKE ERIE FOR FIRST TIME WITH BOYTIM CHARTERS SERVICE

Bob Boytim, owner of Boytim Charters Service on Lake Erie has invited me to go fishing with him. I haven't fished since 2001. The last time I fished was with Tag Nobbe on Brookville Lake. All the time we were on the lake all I could think about was what I should be doing instead of fishing. Since then I've been doing all the things I should be doing.

I'll let you know how this fishing experience

turns out in a future issue. In the mean time you can go fishing with Bob Boytim. See his ad on this page, tell him you read about him in The Gad-a-bout.

TOURING GATEWAY PARK WITH MY METAMORA FRIEND PAUL BAUDENDISTEL



Paul Baudendistel

I spent a good part of the morning of May 20, 2015 with my good friend Paul Baudendistel who gave me a grand tour of the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway Depot, Museum and Gateway Park located on U.S. 52 across the road from Metamora, Indiana, where Paul lives. Presently the Visitors Center at Gateway Park is only open by appointment. It is totally operated and managed by volunteers. (No paid positions.)

I want you to know some things about this remarkable American who lives among us, Paul Baudendistel.

Paul has lived in Metamora for some time, I don't remember how or when I first met him. But if you have been reading The Gad-a-bout for a long time you might remember a column he wrote in it called, "Hunts Poorly."

For a very long time he has wanted me to stop and let him show me the "Gateway Park" across the road from Metamora, Indiana. I know it has exasperated him when I've replied, "Oh, you mean the park down by the Grist Mill." He corrects me, "no the one across U.S. 52 where the Depot and Museum are located, part of the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway!"

Recently I called Paul and we set up May 20, 2015 as the day I would meet with him and visit the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway "Gateway Park." Previously in my somewhat brief visits when I have stopped in Metamora to visit him unannounced, he has shown me photos of animals and birds that he has photographed in the "Gateway Park," most recently a beautiful photo of two bald eagles. During these infrequent visits I've saw his wooden models of Metamora historical structures, sitting on a table in the process of his building them, with other completed models sitting nearby in the room. You can see several of his Canal crafted models and a canal boat on page 13 in this issue the July Gad-a-bout.

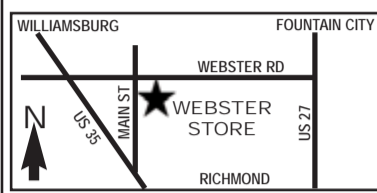
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by **Tag Nobbe**
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July Fishing On Brookville Lake

July is the time of the year that the shad show up in the main lake. Shad is a bait fish that feeds the masses within the lake. When they first show up in the lake they are just little transparent swimming back bones. They are the part of the food chain that is close to the bottom. The shad feed on plankton in the lake and all the other fish feed on them through out different stages of their life cycle.

The white bass are one of the first fish to start feeding on the young of the year shad. The white bass is a schooling fish that lives in the main lake. These schools of white bass can be as big as a 10 acre field and can range from 12 inches to 17 inches long.

When the shad develops from an egg to a fish they school up for protection. These schools can be as big as the clouds in the sky. These schools of shad will move to the main lake feeding on plankton floating in the water. This is where being close to the bottom of the food chain is not a good thing.

I have been sitting in my boat with the water being as slick as glass. Then out of no where a feeding frenzy erupts on the surface of the water that is 10 acres in diameter. This is where the shad school cross the path of the white white bass school. What the white bass school will do is surround the shad school and get below them and force them to the surface. This is like running the school into a wall. The white bass will hold the shad school there as long as they can, feeding on them for as long as they can. Of course at this point the white bass will just coral them back up and do it all over again until they get full.

This will happen for about 2 weeks. Then the shad will get big enough and smart enough to out maneuver the white bass and it will be over.

What this means to you as a fisherman, is some of the best fish catching fun of the summer. All you have to do to catch white bass when this is going on is have a line in the water. Fifty fish an hour is not uncommon. What you look for is boiling water and cast through it. When you see it just start the out board motor and go right to the boiling water. Stop short of it, and idle with in casing distance. As long as the water is boiling the white bass are feeding. The best baits to use is 1/8 ounce lead head jig with a 2 or 3 inch white curly tail or a 1/8 ounce white rooster tail.

Once the shad get a little bigger the schools start to split up into individual smaller schools. Some will move back in the coves, some will move to the north end of the lake, and some will stay suspended in the main lake. At this point of the shads life cycle every body else will start to feed heavily on them also.

If your fishing the main lake look for them on or near flats drop off ledges or main lake points. If you like to troll fish the flats using shad imitating crank baits. If your a spoon fisherman look for concentrations of shad on humps or under water points. Under hand pitch to them and frog hop the spoon back to the boat. This type of fishing is called a reaction bite. There is so much bait in the lake that the fish you are



Top Photo: This is a picture of white bass feeding on shad on the surface of the lake. Bottom Photo: This is a picture of what a school of white bass looks like on my depth finder when they are getting ready to feed on a huge school of shad (Author Photos)

fish for are full. The only way you can get them to hit is out of a reaction not because they are hungry.

The only other way to be successful is timing, be there when the fish are feeding and your going to catch fish. Get there 2 minutes after their finished feeding and your going to be scrounging to catch a fish.

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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Watch for Motorcycles & Bicycles

Warm weather means we are sharing the road with motorcycles and bicycles. Both are harder to see than other vehicles; consequently, many crashes occur because other motorists don't see them. All motorists should take the time for a second look before pulling into an intersection or making a turn. It only takes a second to save a life. The Indiana State Police offer these safe motorcycle driving tips so that everyone can share Indiana roads safely.

Tips for passenger vehicles:

- Watch attentively for motorcycles. Check blind spots before changing lanes and look twice at intersections before you turn or pull out into traffic. Use your turn signals when changing lanes.
- Anticipate hazards that may confront a motorcyclist like large pot holes, debris, or other hazardous road conditions. Allow at least two seconds of following distance between your vehicle and a motorcycle.
- Be cautious and observant when turning left. A primary cause of crashes between vehicles and motorcycles is when a vehicle turns left in front of an oncoming motorcycle.
- Remember, motorcycles are entitled to operate in a full lane.
- Obey all traffic laws.

Tips for motorcycle riders:

- Wear protective equipment and clothing, especially a helmet with face shield.
- Make yourself visible by wearing Hi-Viz clothing, or by using reflective tape and by using your motorcycle's headlight. Always use turn signals when changing lanes and turning.
- Check your motorcycle before each ride, and do not ride if any equipment is not operating properly.
- Look for road hazards. Be especially cautious around intersections, alleys, driveways, and other areas where an animal, pedestrian, or vehicle might enter your path.
- Avoid riding in the blind spot of other vehicles.



Motorcycle crash April 10, 2012. (Author Photo)

- Ride defensively; always leave enough reaction time for unexpected movements from other vehicles.
- When operating a motorcycle during inclement weather, slow down and use extra caution. Avoid sudden changes in direction or speed.
- Never ride impaired.
- Never perform "wheelies" or other tricks.

Bicycle Safety

Every year, usually in the spring, I get a call from Ray about folks riding bicycles in a reckless manner. More and more folks are riding, but few are observing the rules of the road. First and foremost you should wear a helmet when riding. They save lives, and I've seen the results of folks surviving a catastrophic event because of their helmet.

Follow the rules of the road, meaning traffic laws that apply to vehicles, because they also apply to bicyclists. I recently stopped a gentlemen "old enough to know better" for running a stop sign in front of me. ALWAYS RIDE WITH TRAFFIC, NOT AGAINST THE TRAFFIC FLOW! Use hand signals to signal turns.

Most importantly, be visible, always wearing a Hi-Viz orange or yellow outer garment just like the ones highway workers wear. Make sure your clothing and bicycle has reflective strips or triangles, and use a headlight and tail light that's visible from at least 500 feet. In closing, remember pedestrians have the right of way, and never assume drivers see you. Always be ready to take evasive action.

Policing Has Come a Long Way Since 1962

I am writing this in late May, after our annual memorial service here at the Pendleton Post, and days after the terrorist incident in Garland, Texas. During the month of May every state police post holds an annual memorial service.

These services are in conjunction with the week of 5/11-5/15 being National Police Week, which culminates on May 15th with National Peace Officers Memorial Day. These dates and traditions were started by a joint resolution of Congress passed back in 1962.

A total of 46 Indiana State Police employees have lost their lives in the line of duty since the Department was formed in 1933. Since the early days of the Indiana State Police, memorial services have been held each May at all Indiana State Police Districts to perpetuate the memory of those who have died in the line of duty.

Very fitting, the next working day after our service, I got a call from a retiree who had retired from my old home post at Connersville. Seems he was trying to get a local paper where he lives to include troopers in their article honoring local officers for serving the community. After discussing the need for the article, he began telling me stories of his career, which ran from 1962 to 1988.

He told me that there were no such things as ambulances back in the early sixties, as most counties just had a coroner who would come out to crashes with a

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station wagon and a gurney. The only medical equipment he had was an oxygen tank, so as a trooper he had splinted many a broken bone and patched many a serious wound before sending folks to the hospital.

There were no rescue squads and no "jaws of life." He told how he kept a crowbar and logging chain in his car, and would often hook one end of a chain to a car door or steering wheel, and the other end to a police car, or even a commandeered semi, and use it to pull off a door or steering wheel to free a trapped driver.

He then spoke of his close friend and coworker, Trooper Bob Rayner, who was killed in 1966 after stopping two escapees from Kentucky who were driving a stolen car in Shelby County. One felon grabbed Rayner's pistol as Rayner was leading him back to his police car. The felon, who admitted later he had practiced the maneuver while in prison, trapped Rayner's gun in the holster while the passenger came out the driver's door of the stolen car and shot Rayner to death.

A deputy who was riding in Rayner's car killed the shooter, while the other man escaped and was caught the next day. The retiree said that he gladly sent letters to the parole board for years every time the man was up for parole, making sure the three time loser never got out to hurt anyone else.

He then told me how he helped investigate the shooting death of another coworker, Connersville Trooper Robert Lietzan, in 1969. The shooter had been taking shots at folks with a military rifle from atop a hill, and shot Lietzan as he looked from behind a tree attempting to get a location on the shooter.

You could hear the sadness in his voice as he talked about his fallen coworker's funerals, and how his friend Bob Rayner left behind two little boys who had to grow up without their daddy. I told him that I too have had to attend too many funerals of fallen troopers in my 24 year career, and unfortunately, know all too well that sadness. It never leaves you, and fortunately, you never forget.

Our memorial service, the phone call from retiree R.J. White and the incident in Garland, has for me helped to put into perspective all the negative publicity police have been receiving nationally. The brave and decisive actions of the officer in Garland, Texas undoubtedly saved countless lives.

If you were to ask that officer in Garland about his
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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by Lt. Bill Browne

WEAR IT!

Hello Indiana. My name is Lt. Bill Browne and I am the Public Relations Lieutenant for Indiana Conservation Officers and I look forward to writing this column for the Gad-A-bout. In the months to come I hope to bring you some stories, some news, some entertainment and some tips to enjoy our vast natural resources that our great state has to offer.

One of our summer's most important programs that we have been pushing in the last few years is our "Wear-It" program. Each year Indiana experiences an average of 55 public water drownings, which could be avoided by simply wearing a life-jacket. This year's campaign has added in a slogan that states that a person is never too old to wear a life jacket. Out of the 59 Indiana drownings last year, only 9 of them were under the age of 18.

The summer boating season is in full swing and our officers are patrolling our state lakes, rivers, reservoirs and streams. This past winter Indiana became the seventh state and first inland state to become accredited by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA). In order to become accredited, Indiana Conservation Officers had to bring our standard of training and our policies in line with the national standards as established by the U.S. Coast Guard.

What does this mean for our state? This prepares our officers to respond to natural or man made disaster emergencies on a nationwide level, to provide port security for precious cargo's on waters of joint jurisdiction and increases our officer's boat handling abilities while on routine patrol. Since early spring Indiana Conservation Officers from around our state have been working in the classroom and on the water to become certified as boat crew members for natural disasters, tactical operators for port security and boat operators for search and rescue missions. This level of training and certification brings Indiana Conservation Officer's to an elite level of nationally recognized marine enforcement and security officers.

A springtime message that we try to spread across the state each year is not to become a wildlife parent and keep wildlife wild. Every spring, Indiana Conservation Officer's get overwhelmed with the amount of people who insert themselves into the young lives of infant wildlife and take possession of the animal. This is a problem for the officer because it is illegal for a person to possess the animal and the animal must be



returned back to the wild. Our only opportunity for success, unless returned back to the area within a reasonable amount of time, is for us to transport the young animal to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. In the unfortunate event that a person has raised the infant wild animal to adulthood the animal becomes "imprinted" and release back to the wild becomes impossible. In this situation the problem worsens because the animal is imprinted on the human and the person has assumed ownership ideas creating a really difficult situation for the officer to maintain compliance with Indiana law. In all circumstances, we ask that people use their heart, but use it in a way that is compliant with Indiana law.

Until next time.....please get outside and take a kid with you to enjoy our amazing natural resources.

Editor's Note: This is Lt. William "Bill" Browne's first article to appear in The Gad-a-bout. I've known Officer Browne for a number of years and look forward to working with him to provide you, the reader, with helpful information for the time you spend on the water, in the field and visiting state facilities state wide. If you have any questions you can send them to me and I will forward them to him.

News From The Indiana State Police

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brave actions, I'm sure he would say what so many officers before have said, "I was just doing my job." Make no mistake, we are still the good guys and, just like the Garland Officer, we run INTO gunfights, not away. We daily protect those we serve, right down to taking a bullet meant for one of you. It's nothing special to us; It's just part of "doing our job."

I speak for all of the men and women in law enforcement when I say thank you for allowing all of us to serve all of you. True this job isn't an easy one, as we sometimes have to act in a split second, and our decisions are often lasting ones. But we all take a great deal of pride in doing the right thing, at the right time, each and every day.

So when you go to sleep at night rest easy; according to the U.S. Justice Department, there are almost 900,000 of us across this great land serving you and doing what we can to keep you and your families safe. Thanks for reading and for allowing all of us at ISP to work for all of you. Stay safe and we'll talk again next month.

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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
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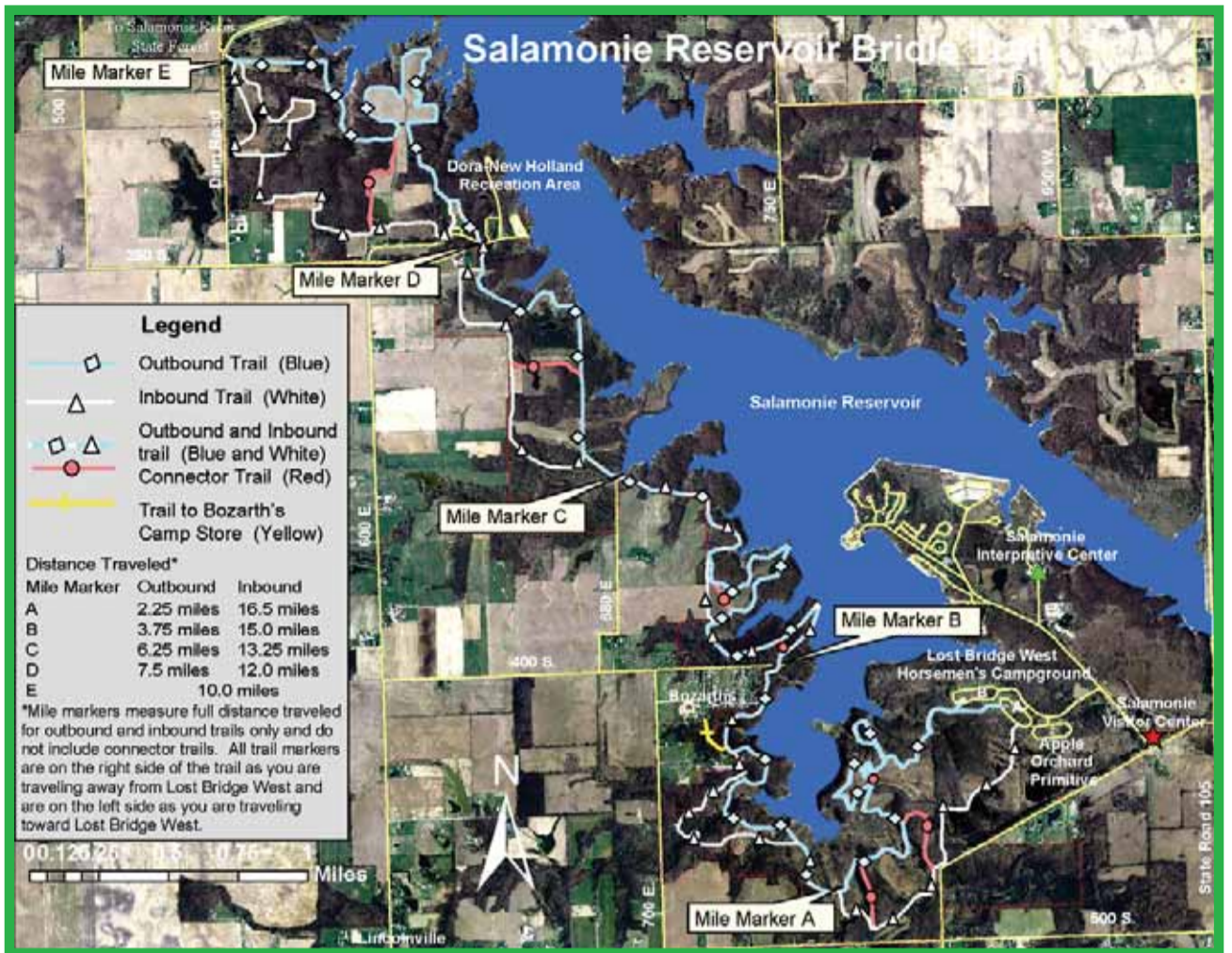
“Get Your Ride On!”

Things are now in full swing here at all three properties (Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Roush) as the summer season is now upon us. After witnessing a beautiful three day Memorial Day weekend which brought many families to attend all three properties and take part in the many opportunities that exist, we can officially mark the start of the 2015 summer season here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash. The near perfect weather conditions we experienced over the first holiday weekend of 2015 had the properties buzzing with visitors camping, boating, fishing, hiking, and picnicking.

With the enormous amount of activities that welcome you when you arrive at these properties there is one opportunity a lot of people do not know exists - horseback riding. That's right, we are fortunate to have over 19 miles of beautiful scenic trails that wind the edges of the Salamonie Reservoir and Salamonie River State Forest. Whether you want to ride for the day or bring your horses and family and camp for the night, you are sure to have a great experience at one of just a handful of trails that are available in the state.

When coming to the Salamonie Reservoir and Salamonie River State Forest properties to ride you need to be sure to obtain an annual or daily trail permit for the day you plan to ride. These permits may be purchased at the Salamonie Visitors Center, Interpretive Center, or Gatehouse. If planning a camping trip for the weekend to ride the trails, there are several options available to choose. The Salamonie River State Forest property offers 21 primitive camping sites and 15 horseman's primitive sites that offer a hitching post at each site to secure your horse. Also, there are additional primitive horsemen sites available at the Salamonie Reservoir Lost Bridge West property. These sites offer hitch posts, manure bin, and a shelter house for your camping experience.

While at the Salamonie Reservoir bridge trails enjoying all the wonderful scenery and other opportunities you need to be sure to make a stop on your route to visit us here at Bozarth's Country Store. A popular destination for horse riders, we sit approximately halfway between the two horse camps and offer a great place to ride and hitch your horse so you can



Salamonie Reservoir Bridle Trail map. (Bridle Map reprinted here with permission of DNR)

take a minute and have lunch or a snack. After fulfilling your appetite be sure to visit our huge selection of inventory to find just about anything you might need or want! Many times we've had riders come for the first time and not knowing the massive amounts of supplies we carry have to end up asking for directions by vehicle so they can come back and load up on all the great buys we have to offer. You can find us highlighted on the Salamonie trail maps and for more information visit www.in.gov/dnr website and click on the Salamonie Reservoir tab to see all the other exciting adventures awaiting you and your family.

Other upcoming activities happening at the Great Lakes of the Wabash get started on **June 13th** as the Mississinewa Reservoir property will host the **Outdoor Adventure Showcase**. This is followed up on **June 23-25** with the **Horse Lovers Kids Day Camp** at the Salamonie Reservoir property and we wrap June up with the **Youth Target Shoot on June 27th** at the Mississinewa Reservoir Property. The start of July has **Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash** being held on **July 11th** at Mississinewa and **July 18th** at Salamonie. Also on **July 18 and 19** the

Salomonie property will have their **Christmas in July** event. For more information you can visit www.in.gov/dnr and click on the Salamonie and Mississinewa tabs or you can contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at (260) 468-2127. If you have any ques-



Horses on a trail. (File Photo)

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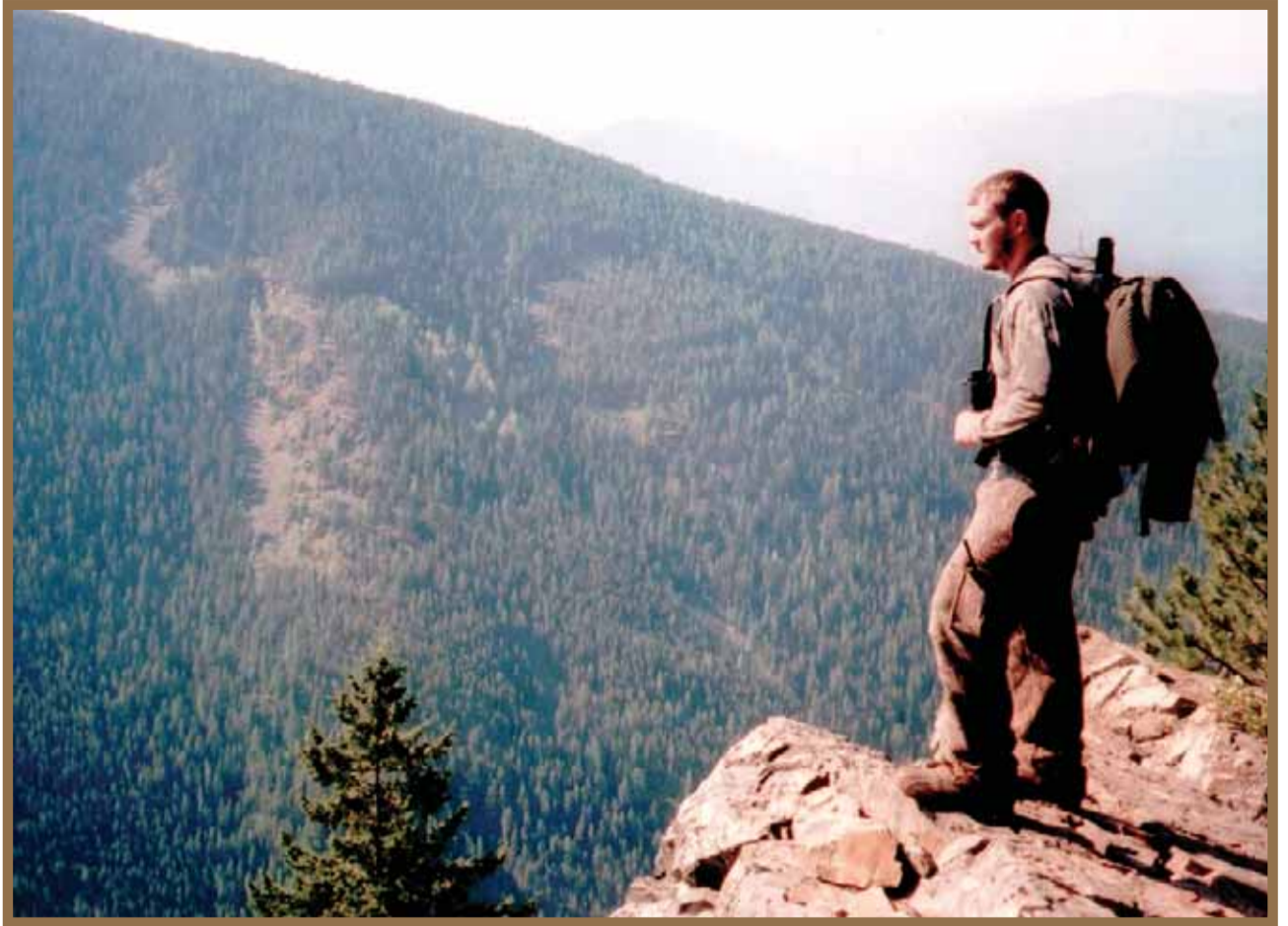
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Left: Kevin Kirschbaum holding his patented pelvic hook at his home near Shelbyville, Indiana. Right: Kevin looking from a mountain over a vast Montana Valley.

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I got a call on my cell phone from Kevin Kirschbaum on Friday, May 22, 2015, asking about advertising in The Gad-a-bout. I asked him what it was that he wanted to advertise. He told me about an invention he had patented and was ready to advertise it for sale. I asked him where he was calling from, he told me Shelbyville, Indiana.

As we talked I asked if he would like for me to come to his location and do a write up on his invention, it sounded very interesting to me. I asked him when would be a good time to meet at his house. We settled to meet on the following Tuesday, May 26th at 10:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, May 26th I left Centerville and headed for just west of Shelbyville. I arrived a few minutes early and called Kevin telling him where I was and wanted to verify how to find his location. He told me and I arrived there moments later.

He invited me in and he told me his story.

Kevin hunted his first deer when he was five years old with his dad in Jefferson County Indiana. He took his first deer when he was eight years old taking it with a bow. When he was nine years old he took his first deer with a gun. He and his dad went hunting every weekend. He said he never played any sports at school, hunting became a way of life, it was ingrained in him, in his blood so to speak.

In 2005 he was twenty-three years old, he went to northwest Montana and attended a guide school, the Outdoor Adventures Guide School. While attending

school he got to hanging around with some guys who wanted to buy their own guide service in Montana.

Kevin returned home after he received his guiding certificate, then returned to Montana and began guiding for (with) the guys he had met at the outfitter school. They had named their guide service, Northwest Montana Outfitters. He guided for that first season in northwest Montana, at the end of the season he returned home to Indiana.

In 2006 he got married and they moved out to northwest Montana. He guided for that hunting season and also 2007 out there. At the end of 2007 he realized they had to move back to Indiana, it was too rough to survive in Montana year around. He said they also wanted to be closer to their families and all that. A few weeks later his son, Gunner, was born in Indiana.

When they were living in Indiana he had some clients who wanted to hunt in Montana so he went back to Montana to guide them in 2008. He guided all of archery season then flew home for two weeks to see the boy and the wife.

He flew back to Montana and two weeks into the rifle season, as it was getting good, he returned from the mountains, his wife called and told him she couldn't do it and she was going to leave. He said that was rough for him, he left northwest Montana at 11 o'clock at night, driving all the way across Montana and just into the east side of Wyoming. There was a blizzard that had went through, he was stuck in a truck stop for two days unable to get home to save his family. The drive normally took 36 hours, he called home but couldn't get there and that was the problem.

While he was there he was feeling real bad. He said he made himself a promise that night, if he was going to lose his family over who he was, a professional hunter, he was going to do whatever it took to make hunting work for him.

Four years later 2012, he turned 30 years old and found himself becoming an entrepreneur. The idea for the pelvic hook came from him envisioning it after many years of deer hunting and knowing it



Top: Kevin's patented Pelvic Hook. Bottom: A deer hanging free held up by the pelvic hook.

would work better having the deer hanging free, than hanging by the hind legs. The old way of hanging the deer up by the two hind legs was cumbersome in that the deer had to be laid down to finish cutting the pieces off. Using his pelvic hook he designed, after the deer is hoisted to the right height, the hunter sim-

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by Marshall Smith
Owner/Gunsmith

Bullet Trajectory and Safe Shooting Practices

Shortly before going to press with last month's article there was a news story of a window being shot out. What made the story news worthy was that the bullet was reportedly fired from a private shooting range reported to be 2 miles away. Upon hearing that my temper flared and I immediately decided to write a quick note on the dangers of discharging a gun of any type into the air or above the highest point of the range on which you are target shooting. That is, letting a bullet escape the confines of the range.

To illustrate the danger I wanted to show through a small amount of ballistic data and some math just how far a bullet can travel when we accidentally discharge a round above our intended target. I know all of you practice the gun safety rules of which number 1 is "ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction." Of course that also means knowing where your target is and what's behind your target. Pointing or holding your gun with the muzzle pointed upward into the air is not considered safe practice at any time. As you will realize during this discussion if it were discharged you will have no idea of how far that bullet will travel or where it will land and what kind of damage or injury it may cause. This will also show that while using safe practices shooting on a poorly designed range can result in unintended injury or damage outside the range area.

More information on the shooting incident and broken window was reported the next day. The bullet was found and a picture shown on TV News. It appeared to me to be a 7.62 mm copper jacketed round (see picture of 7.62x39 example) as used in the 7.62x39 mm Russian and Chinese surplus ammo available in bulk at any gun show and online. The ballistics of the 7.62x39 mm round used in the many AK-47 variants and SKS rifles is generally about 2350 fps muzzle velocity. The 123 grain bullet has a ballistic coefficient around .266. I quickly entered that info into my Strelak ballistics calculator on my mobile phone and the answer resulted in a holdover at 1.8 miles (as reported by the news report the next day) or 3,168 yards, of 39,294 inches,



7.62 X 39 Bullet Example

Left Photo: This 7.62 bullet is similar to the bullet reported to have been shot from a range 1.8 miles from the broken window where it was found. (Author's Photo) Right Photo: Bullet Drop Chart.jpg has its comments in the picture.

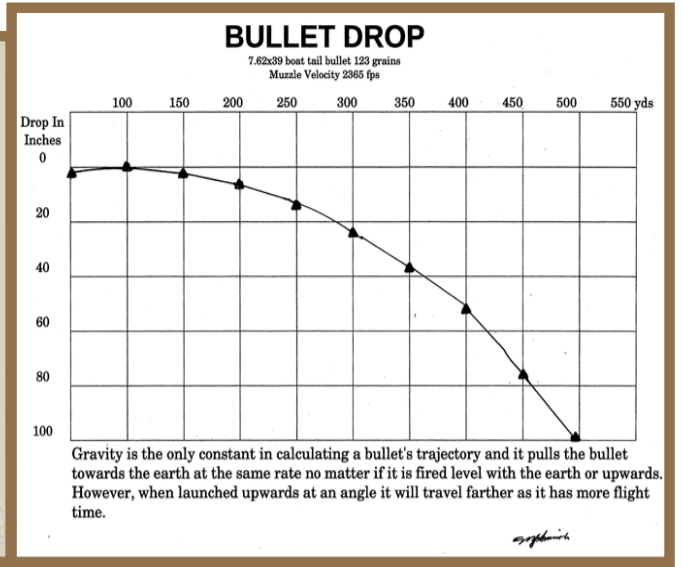
es, or about 1,091.5 yards. Wow, that's like shooting at the moon. No, not really. By using a little geometry and solving for the angle of incline, from level is only 19o. That's not much of an angle. If you were shooting at 100 yards that would mean a holdover of 34.4 inches or 34 MOA. About the distance from the bottom of a standard rifle target frame to the top. Admittedly, the velocity of the round will have dropped significantly to be just enough to break the outer window of a double pane window. Which is what this bullet did in the news report. My ballistic calculator showed its velocity would be zero. It would just be falling and tumbling at that point. Of course my point is, be safe and know where your shot is going, be responsible and keep your gun pointed in a safe direction, and be aware of your surroundings, the range on which you are shooting may not have the back stops necessary to keep errant shots in the range and not in someones back yard.

If this short discussion on ballistics has peaked your interest and you want to learn more on external ballistics, that's the term for the ballistics of the projectile after it leaves the barrel (internal ballistics) and before it strikes its target (terminal ballistics), and learn the definition of Near Zero Range, Mid Range Trajectory, and Far Zero Range I suggest you go to www.throwinglead.com and read Fr. Frog's article on external ballistics.

The world champion revolver marksman, Jerry Miculek, made a 1000 yard shot using a S&W 929. an 8 shot, 9mm revolver. He used Hornady's XTP 147 grain ammo. Hornady's load data for the round was used and he had to adjust his aim to 76.3 yards above his target to break the balloon he was using as a target. The angle in incline from level was only 4.4 degrees. The retained velocity of the bullet was about 550 fps. At that velocity, the 147 grain 9mm bullet could still penetrate the body and cause significant harm.

Quote of the Month

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a



Gravity is the only constant in calculating a bullet's trajectory and it pulls the bullet towards the earth at the same rate no matter if it is fired level with the earth or upwards. However, when launched upwards at an angle it will travel farther as it has more flight time.

net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." - John Adams

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

Next Month we will look at restoring a Winchester model 1906 pump action .22 LR rifle.

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by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

A LEGENDARY GUIDE

It's not often I get to meet and fish with a "legend." It's not often I get to fish with someone who likes to fish more than I do. I spent a week fishing numerous lakes in western Nebraska recently and where ever I stopped, where ever I fished, the people I met knew Steve Lytle, knew of Steve Lytle and were impressed that I'd had the chance to fish with Steve Lytle.

While fishing, Steve keeps a running commentary going about what he's doing, why he's doing it and what we are going to do next. In between, he tells stories about the fishing last week, last year, in time's past and by the end of the trip, you know his life history.

You'll understand Steve always had a passion for fishing. In 1983 he started competing in local bass fishing tournaments and started piling up the victories. By 1987 his winning ways lead him to become a professional bass angler.

I'm sure you've seen touring pros with boats, hats and shirts covered with the logos of their sponsors. Steve's boat was bare and he was as likely to be wearing a Nebraska Cornhuskers cap on the winner's stage as one from a sponsor. Unlike most pros who foot the expense of all that goes to being a touring pro, equipment, travel expenses, fuel, entry fees and all the rest and then seek enough sponsors to offset some of the expenses, Steve was basically a hired gun.

He had a wealthy "investor" who believed in him and hired him to fish. Steve was paid a salary, had his expenses covered and a got a percentage of the winnings he accrued. He was also required to take friends or clients of his benefactor fishing on occasion and thus became a defacto "guide."

The arrangement lasted for six years until health problems with the benefactor ended the partnership. It certainly wasn't Lytle's lack of effort or accomplishments. He finished high in the standings in most of the tournaments he fished.

At this fork in Lytle's road of life he could have sought sponsors and continued on as a touring pro. Instead, with the experience he gained from hosting



Steve Lytle knows this fish's name and it's email address! (Author Photo)

and guiding his benefactor's associates, he decided to become a full-time guide.

When I say full time, I mean full time. When I fished with him in mid-May, he had four open dates in June (only three by the end of the day) and it will go like that through the summer and fall. He also guides ice fishermen in the winter.

Burn out is a problem for many people who work as hard as Steve. Lytle's website lists only "all-day" trips. No morning trips, afternoons or four or six hour outings as though on a time clock.

Steve told me, "We get started at first light and then fish until noon or so at which time we stop for lunch. Then we'll head out again to fish in the afternoon. Many times, by lunch time, the clients have caught all they want, fished all they want and they end the trip. So I just go out and fish the rest of the afternoon by myself, trying new places and new tactics getting ready for tomorrow."

Though Steve's roots are in bass fishing, he's not just a bass guide. If it's a fish that will bite a hook in the lakes he fishes in southwest Nebraska, Steve will fish for them. He's as happy catching walleyes as bluegills, white bass as crappies. Versatility is one of the keys to his success at pleasing his clients. He told me, "Something is always biting somewhere. When I figure it out, I know how to work the active fish at any time of the year."

Steve Isis, a walleye tournament competitor and guide near Valentine, Nebraska said this of Lytle. "Steve not only knows the name of every fish in the lakes he fishes, he has their email addresses."

For more information go to www.stevelytle.com.
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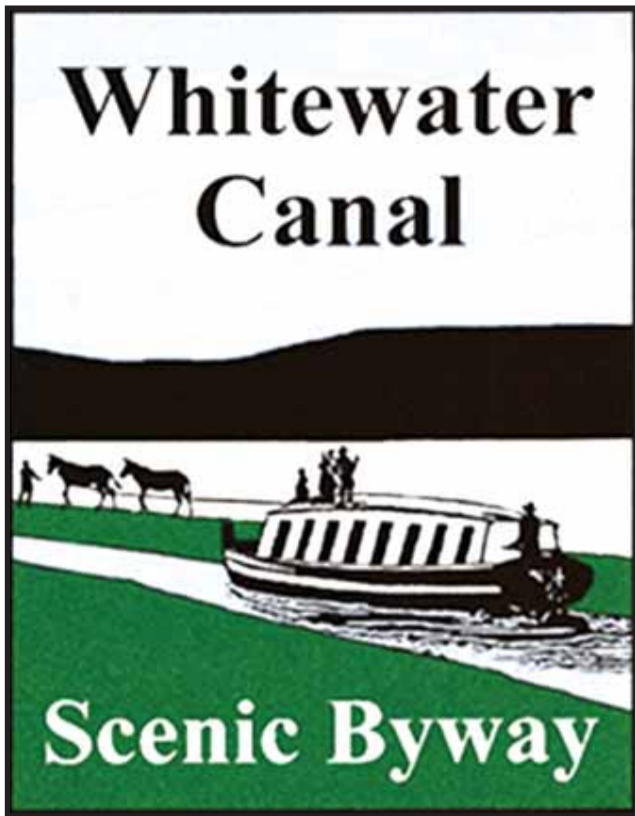


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by Ray Dickerson

I really didn't know too much about the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway until I was asked by Paul Baudendistel several time for me to meet with him so he could tell me about it and show me their Gateway Park.

I called Paul just a while ago and set up May 20, 2015 for us to meet in Metamora.. We got into his pickup and headed across US52 into Gateway Park.

Paul loves that park, he spends a lot of time walking the trails, photographing the wildlife and helping to maintain about everything that has to do with the park.

We got out of his pickup and we walked through the former Brookville Railroad Depot (Green building on right in photo on page 13) and then the Museum (yellow building on left). The Museum is very interesting. Paul built all the models you see in the photos on page 13 by hand. The photos I took don't show all the detail of the models, you need to see them to really appreciate the work he did.

We got back in his pickup and headed toward the Campground. There are 40 campsites that all have water, electric and a place you can build your campfire. It is quiet and peaceful in the campground. Duck Creek borders it on the east side. There are several trails that Paul has created and he takes care of them too. In the back, north end, there is a Nature Center with a porch. Paul brought out a chair, sat down and lit his pipe. He looked quite at home. He feeds the birds there. We walked the trail that bordered the park on the west side. Then got back in his pickup and he took me back to my truck.

Metamora, Indiana is just a speck on the map, just like so many other small towns in Indiana today. But it wasn't just a speck back when the European's, who came to the new land, we now call America, began moving west looking for new horizons. As the treaties were forged for the Indians and settlers, the frontier became relative quiet in the Indiana Territory.

Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway



- WCBA Primary Route
- Presidential Pathways Scenic Byway
- Loop Routes
 - East Fork Loop
 - Oldenburg Batesville Loop
 - Dearborn-Ripley Loop

Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway map illustrating the East Fork Loop, Oldenburg Batesville Loop, Dearborn-Ripley Loop and the Ohio Presidential Pathways Scenic Byway. (Map courtesy of INDOT The Indiana Byway Program)

As early as 1810 Indiana had 33 grist mills, 14 saw mills, 18 tanneries, 28 distilleries, 3 powder mills, 1,256 looms and 1,350 spinning wheels were said to be here.

In 1836 talk filtered up the Whitewater Valley to the towns of Lawrenceburg, Harrison, New Trenton, Cedar Grove, Brookville, Metamora, Laurel, Connersville, Milton, Cambridge City and Hagerstown that a canal was going to be built from Cincinnati to Hagerstown. The canal was completed to Hagerstown by 1847.

The Whitewater Canal carried boats from 1839 to 1865. Floods and cost of repairing the canal ended its

existence.

Railroads replaced where the canal boats pulled by horses once traveled.

In Metamora water for the Canal, to this day, is still diverted from the Laurel Feeder Dam to Metamora providing water to carry the canal boat Ben Franklin III on its short trips along the canal during the tourist season.

Here is what I was able to find out about the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway including the East Fork Loop, Oldenburg Batesville Loop, Dearborn-Ripley Loop and the Ohio Presidential Pathways

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Left: The Whitewater Canal still survives in Metamora, Indiana. Above the Ben Franklin III silently floats west after traveling through the only active Canal Aqueduct of it's type in the world. Right: On May 20, 2015 I took this photo of the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway Depot and Museum located in Gateway Park on the north side of U.S. 52 across the road from Metamora, Indiana. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Left: Duck Creek Trail in Gateway Park give visitors a quiet place to commune with nature, there are trails on both sides and a Nature Center at the back. Right: There are 40 campsites with water, electric and campfire allowed. Here a Camper RV is hooked up for a stay in the park. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Left: Here is the Metamora Grist Mill, Canal Boat, Lock and Canal all constructed from scratch by Paul Baudendistel on display in the Gateway Park Museum. Right: This is Paul's construction of the Aqueduct that carries water over Duck Creek. Note the intricate workmanship including the water falling into the creek. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Snakes In The Garden

(I never knew what rubbing salt into a wound meant until mom announced that we were having pickled asparagus for supper and I had to go down into a dank, spider infested cellar to fetch a jar of it.)

Is it May? With the temperature in the low forties, it would be hard to prove it to me. Even though the greenery has returned, it reminds me of early last November when the leaves had fallen off the trees, giving the woods behind the house the appearance of a giant frozen weed bed. Chilly gusts of wind rattled branches as large limbs occasionally groaned like old men in a scene that was dreary and lifeless. My mood then, as now, matched the surroundings as I wondered why anyone would, of their own free will, choose to live in a cold zone when such places as Hawaii are available. I remember three fox squirrels appearing in a beech tree and scampering from limb to limb, gathering nuts and carrying them to a hollow trunk that apparently served as their den. They were joined by a red headed woodpecker that flitted around like a giant mosquito, pulling nuts off twigs and alighting to hammer husks off before transporting them to a hole in another tree.

Soon, the tree top was host to a number of other birds and husks were falling like rain. Watching them scamper up and down, hanging from tiny limbs and making trip after trip to their dens left me exhausted. It looked like Wally World the day after Thanksgiving. The squirrels are now back and going through the same routine, scrounging for nuts off the hickory trees they buried last year. They look like scruffy 19th century gold miners hoping to strike it rich. Watching such frenzied activity reminded me of my pre-teen years and our farm house at the beginning of winter. Spring and summer had been spent growing and feeding our food supply and I had been responsible for part of it: the growing part. Dad found out early that me and chickens, hogs, ducks and a cow was like a disco party at a nunnery. Neither side got along.

While city folks grew cute little gardens in their back yards, we grew a GARDEN that seemed to cover half the county. In fact, it looked more like a truck farm by mid summer. One of my jobs was to fight the weed wars. Standing on the battle line looking over that vast expanse of soon-to-be culinary delights made me feel like General Patton weighing

his chances of wrestling Europe out of the hands of the Germans. The worst part of it was that I didn't like half the stuff growing there. Sweet corn and rhubarb pie were two of my favorites, but the rest of it wasn't worth trying to save from the ravages of milk weed. The idea of creamed asparagus or turnips of any form was enough to cause me to consider putting an ad in the local paper offering myself up for adoption. I felt like it was my job to protect a bunch of bank robbers.

Nevertheless, I performed my duty and kept "Chaos Acres" fairly free of inedible growth. However, the job wasn't without its exciting moments because the garden was a haven for certain species of snakes. I've never trusted anything that doesn't have hair or legs and in spite of none of them being of the poisonous variety, I always entered the jungle cautiously, expecting a giant green snake to rear up, wrap its coils around me and squeeze me into something that would fit into a soda straw. More than once I ran from the rhubarb patch screaming "Snake, Snake" only to have dad announce that I had just discovered the worlds first six inch boa constrictor. He once warned me not to harm them because they kept the garden free of certain rodents. RODENTS? I wasn't sure what fit into that category, but if snakes ate them they weren't friends of mine. I found it difficult to carry a shotgun and try to hoe at the same time, so I began leaving the hoe behind. That lasted until the horse weed outgrew the corn by six inches, at which time dad said that if I didn't get to work he would tell my Aunt Ethel I would like to spend a weekend at her house. That was a monumental day as clouds of severed weeds hung in the air and snakes and rodents alike beat a hasty retreat from the garden.

To me, the chicken coop was a den of iniquity and the problem of egg gathering and feeding those greedy cluckers could have been easily solved by throwing a pack of firecrackers inside. I would have loved the sight of a cloud of mobile feathers heading for parts unknown. As far as I was concerned, eggs were only good for throwing at the neighbor kid and chicken doo-doo covered tennis shoes immediately branded you as a country hick. Always hungry, they would noisily flock around me as I tried to put the cracked corn in the feeder. A couple of the roosters didn't like me and it became a test of wills whenever we met. I withstood more than my share of floggings from those scruffy assassins. Out of desperation I finally resorted to opening the door to the coop, flinging a pail of corn inside and running for the house. By summers end I took immense pleasure in the thought that soon, the chicken trials would begin, the defendants would be found guilty and sentenced to execution by the headsman, my dad. I admit I loathed the actual trials and no amount of coaxing or threats would get me to participate in the actual proceedings. After all, there were a couple of leghorns I got along with just fine and I couldn't understand why they weren't pronounced not guilty. Nevertheless, I ate my share of drumsticks.

As fall approached we began the harvest and mom started that canning process. Rhubarb, tomatoes and beans were picked. Later, potatoes and (ugh) turnips were dug while earlier, sweet corn had been picked, cooked and canned. By this time the kitchen was busier than an evacuation of Chicago. Watching mom

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July 25 - Saturday

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Culinary/Canning 11:30 am; Extension Homemakers
11:30 am; Needle Craft 11:30 am; Garden Tractor
Pull 1:00 pm; Swine Show 1:00 pm

July 26 - Sunday

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

July 27 - Monday

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

July 28 - Tuesday

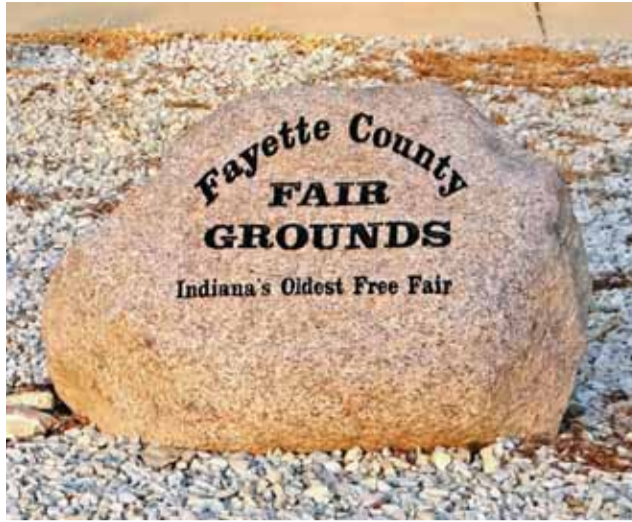
Harness Racing 11:00 am; Two Can Tuesday 5:00
pm to 8:00 pm (bring 2 cans of food and get \$3.00
off an armband); Free Stage- Gospel Music 6:00 pm;
Flat Drags 7:00 pm

July 29 - Wednesday

Country Showdown (Amphitheater)

July 30 - Thursday

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



July 31 - Friday

Pacer Fan Van 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Demo Derby
7:00 pm

August 1 - Saturday

Tractor Pull 7:00 pm

2015 PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES 4-H

Judging & Fair Week Schedule

2015 Pre-Fair Activities, 4-H Judging & Fair
Week Schedule

Date & Time: To Be Announced 4-H Ag Tractor
/Lawn & Garden Tractor Operators Contest

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 p.m. 4-H Rabbit Ambassador / Showmanship
Contests - Rabbit Barn

Wednesday, July 15

4:00 p.m. Entry deadline for all 4-H livestock
(except horse & pony)

Thursday, July 16

5:00 p.m. Set-up for beef, cat, dog, goat, horse,
sheep and swine areas

Friday, July 17

9:00 a.m. Set-up Expo Hall (4-H, Extension
Homemakers & Open Exhibits)

Monday, July 20

8:00-10:00 a.m. 4-H Exhibits Due in Expo Hall
(exhibits entered after 10 a.m. are considered late):
Aerospace, Ag Tractor (non-driving), And My
World, Beekeeping, Bowling, Computer, Corn,
Electric, Entomology, Forestry, Genealogy, Geology,
Hay and Forages, Health, Personality,
Photography, Radio, Shooting Sports, Soil & Water
Conservation, Soybeans, Sport Fishing, Veterinary
Science, Weather, Weeds, Wheat, Wildlife &
Consumer Clothing Notebooks.

10:30 a.m. 4-H Project Judging Begins

Tuesday, July 21

8:00-10:00 a.m. 4-H Exhibits Due in Expo Hall
(exhibits entered after 10 a.m. are considered late):
Basketry, Child Development, Construction Toys,
Counted Cross Stitch, Fine Arts, Gift Wrapping,
Home Environment/ Furnishing, Latch Hook,
Leathercraft, Misc. Crafts, Misc. Needlecrafts,
Model Building, Pottery, Scrapbook, Wood Finishes,
Wood Science & Consumer Clothing Notebooks.

10:30 a.m. 4-H Project Judging begins

Wednesday, July 22

8:00-10:00 a.m. 4-H Exhibits Due in Expo Hall
(exhibits entered after 10 a.m. are considered
late): Cake Decorating, Consumer Education,
Floriculture, Food Preparation, Food Preservation,
Garden, Microwave Cooking, Potatoes, Sewing-

Wearable, Sewing Non-Wearable & Consumer
Clothing Notebooks & ALL Livestock/Animal
Posters including Beef, Cat, Dog, Horse & Pony,
Llama/Alpaca, Poultry & Rabbit.

10:30 a.m. 4-H Project Judging begins. Fashion
Show Judging begins. Sewing- Wearable & Sewing
Non-Wearable judging begins at the completion of
each Fashion Show division

12:00-12:30 p.m. Consumer Clothing exhibit check
in. (Notebooks are due Monday 8-10 a.m., Tuesday
8-10 a.m., or Wed. 8-10 a.m.)

12:30 p.m. Consumer Clothing Judging begins.

12:00-1:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibits Due in Expo Hall
(exhibits entered after 1 p.m. are considered
late): All Residential Rockers 4-H Club exhibits are due.

Thursday, July 23

5:00 p.m. Set-up for Poultry and Rabbit Barns

7:00 p.m. 4-H Public Fashion Show, Open Class
Fashion Show, 4-H Awards Program, and 4-H
Graduation in Centennial Room at Expo Hall. Enter
4-H Sewing-Wearable & Consumer Clothing.

Friday, July 24

10:00 a.m. 4-H Dog Show (obedience & showman-
ship) - Memorial Showplace Arena - Mini 4-H Dog
Show will be first.

7:00-11:00 p.m. 4-H Swine must be unloaded,
weighed & penned.

FAIR WEEK

DAILY PROGRAM

Saturday, July 25

? Trash Pick-Up - Swine Department

7:00-9:00 a.m. 4-H Sheep must be unloaded,
weighed off the trailer & penned.

8:00-10:00 a.m. MINI 4-H Exhibits Due (exhibits
entered after 10 a.m. are considered late): Aerospace,
Art, Beef Posters, Cake Decorating, Cat Posters,
Collections, Crafts, Dinosaurs, Dog Posters,
Flowers, Foods, Forestry, Garden, Gift Wrapping,
Goat Posters, Horse & Pony Posters, Latch Hook,
Leathercraft, Models, Photography, Poultry/
Waterfowl Posters, Rabbit Posters, Sewing, Sheep
Posters, *Small Pets, Swine Posters, Wildlife &
Woodcraft. *Small pets MUST be taken home im-
mediately following the judging of Small Pets.

9:00-11:00 a.m. 4-H Goats must be unloaded,
wethers weighed & penned.

3:00 p.m. Expo Hall open to public

6:00-10:00 p.m. 4-H Poultry & Waterfowl must be caged

6:00-10:00 p.m. 4-H Rabbits must be penned in
assigned cages - Rabbit Barn

8:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Milking Contest Begins

9:00 p.m. Expo Hall closes.

Sunday, July 26

? Trash Pick-Up - Poultry & Rabbit Departments

? Puppy Love Dog Demos Nightly-By Young
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7:00 - 10:00 a.m. 4-H Beef Cattle must be stalled -
Beef Barn

7:00 - 10:00 a.m. 4-H Dairy Cattle must be stalled
- Beef Barn

1:00 p.m. Expo Hall open to public

6:30 p.m. 4-H Cat Show - Memorial Showplace
Arena Mini 4-H Cat Show will be first

8:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Milking Contest Ends

8:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goats in milk must be milked out

9:00 p.m. Expo Hall closes

Monday, July 27

? Trash Pick-Up - Swine Departments

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The people of Fayette County invite you to visit them. In the photo above you get just a glimpse of the beautiful Whitewater Valley and the county seat, Connersville, Indiana.

WELCOME TO HISTORIC FAYETTE COUNTY

I could write tons of information on Fayette County, but it's better to see it in person than to read about it. To help you see it below is a list of coming events happening here in June and July.

Donna Schroeder, President of the Fayette County Tourism Bureau sends The Gad-a-bout their coming events each month.

Starting off with weekly events:

There's Bluegrass music **every Friday night** at the Roberts Building in Roberts Park from 6 til 9 p.m. Refreshments are available on site. Amos Collins (812) 346-5215.

The Fayette County Historical Museum is **open Thursday and Sunday**, now through early December, 1 to 4 p.m. Call (765) 825-0946 or visit Historic Connersville on [Facebook](#).

The Lions Club Downhill Derby takes place **June 17th to the 20th** on Ziegler Road just south of the city. Come see the youngsters speed down the hill! For event times and more, visit [www.http://connersvillecommunity.com/Community/Lions_Downhill_Derby](http://connersvillecommunity.com/Community/Lions_Downhill_Derby)

Day Out With Thomas returns to the Whitewater Valley Railroad **June 19th to the 21st and June 26th to the 28th**. The railroad is planning many other

events, as well. Visit them at <http://www.whitewatervalleyrr.org> or call (765) 825-2054.

Connersville Community Wide Garage Sale Days **June 19 & 20**. Join in the annual 'kick-off' event. Great time to shop and sell. All residents are encouraged to take part. Many of them have posted on the facebook page, giving their addresses. It will probably take a couple of days for shoppers to visit all the sales. For more information Call Brenda at **765-825-3579**.

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Saturday, **June 27**, 3:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday, **June 28**, 1:00-4:00 p.m. **5 gardens in northern Fayette County** for \$10 Purchase tickets from: Hamilton's Garden Center, Connersville, 765-825-5220 National Road Antique Mall, Cambridge City, 765-478-9070 Linda Fennell, 765-478-5569 Susie Rogers, 765-265-5605 Ronda Leiter, 765-825-1630.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad will be running the **American Civil War train July 4th** to Metamora with a 2.5 hr layover there. **July 3 and 17** is the **Twilight Train to Dinner** and **July 31** is the **Wild West Train to Dinner** to the Laurel Hotel.

July 18 is the **Overland Limited Wild West Train** with bandits, marshals, fancy ladies and more. For more information call (765) 825-2054

Community Youth Day, **July 9th** 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. at the City Parking Lot north of the courthouse. There will be entertainment and activities for kids kindergarten through 8th grade. Sponsored by the Fayette County Library, Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Purdue Extension.

For a complete list of events and places to visit, go to www.tourconnersville.com or call **765-825-1523**.

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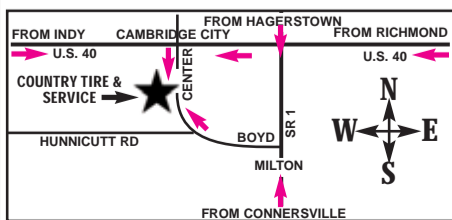


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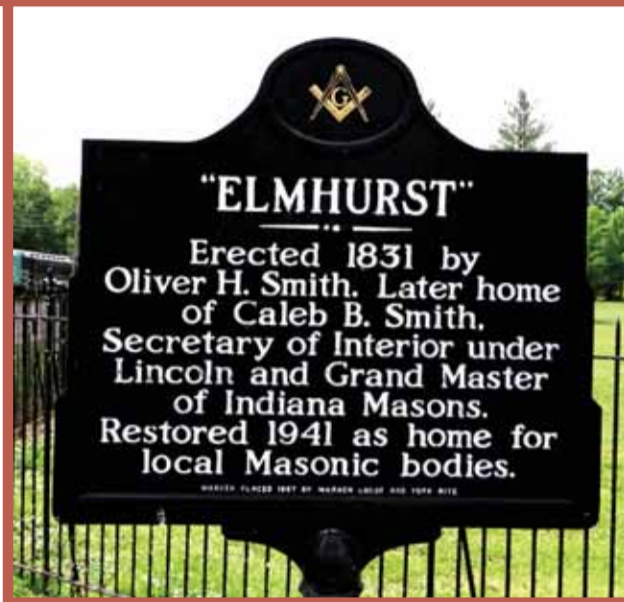
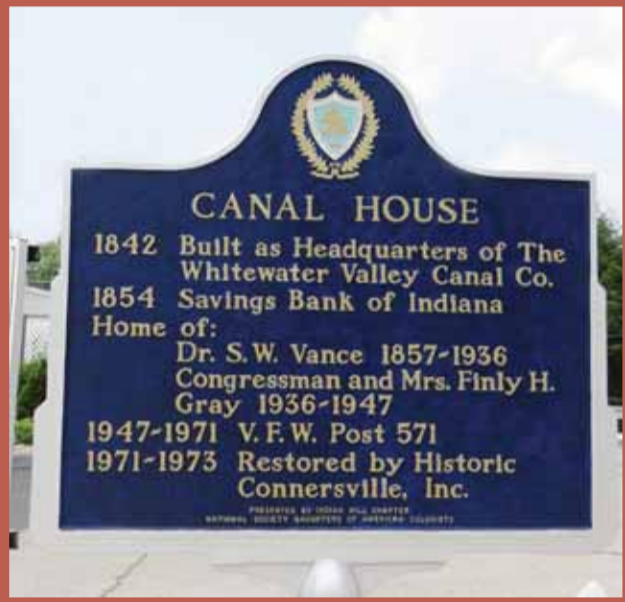


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Top Left Photo: Canal House located at 111 E. 4th Street in Connersville (South side of 4th Street between Central and Eastern Avenue). Greek revival structure built in 1842. The Canal House is one of the best examples of classic Greek revival architecture in the state of Indiana. Included in the National Register of Historic Places, it was headquarters of the Whitewater Canal Company from 1842 to 1854 and the Savings Bank of Indiana in 1855. It then became the residence of Dr. S.W. Vance and later, Congressman Finley Gray. It is currently owned by Historic Connersville, Incorporated.

Top Right Photo: Elmhurst, 779 South SR 121 (West side of State Road 121, one mile south of Connersville). Combination Federal and Greek revival style mansion first built in 1831. Originally part of "The Old Elm Farm" that ran along the banks of the Whitewater Canal. Elmhurst played an important part in the early development of Connersville and eastern Indiana. It served as a private residence, sanitarium and a school for girls. The property is now owned by Warren Lodge #15 F. & A.M. and is used as their temple.

Bottom Left Photo: Historic Marker for the Canal House (Placed in front at right of building).

Bottom Middle Photo: Historic Marker for the Elmhurst Mansion (Placed just south of gate on SR 121 facing north and south).

Bottom Right Photo: First Ward Hose House, (Intersection of Washington Street and 7th Street), Romanesque revival structure build in 1870. The last of a series of hose houses located in two "wards" in Connersville. In the era of horse drawn fire equipment, hose houses stored hoses and other fire equipment too heavy to be pulled to a neighborhood fire by horses. Motorized fire trucks later eliminated the need for hose houses. This site is maintained by Historic Connersville, Incorporated.

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Top Left Photo: Fayette County Historical Museum, 5th and Vine Streets (East end of the Whitewater River Bridge), a Connersville must-see. The museum includes four Connersville built cars including a McFarlan, two Lexingtons and an Empire. Other examples of Connersville built products include hood ornaments made by Stant, blowers built by the P.H. & F.M. Roots Company, a Rex buggy and a McFarlan buggy. There are also displays early medical, military, government items, as well as a log cabin setting and a country store. The Museum is open Thursday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m., April thru November.

Top Right Photo: I visited the museum on June 5th, while there a group of antique car buffs arrived driving to Connersville from the Model T Museum in Richmond, Indiana. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time. The middle right and bottom right photos are a 1930 Chevrolet and a 1956 Chevrolet owned and driven by Doug and Naomi Kramer from Eaton, Ohio. (Photos by Ray Dickerson) ■



Fayette County Free Fair

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9:00 a.m. 4-H Goat Show – Memorial Showplace Arena Mini 4-H Goat Show will be first

9:00 a.m. Expo Hall open to public

9:00 a.m. 4-H Horse and Pony Show- Horse & Pony Arena

2:00 p.m. 4-H Steer & Commercial Heifer Weigh-in

5:00 p.m. 4-H Sheep Judging – Memorial Showplace Arena, Mini 4-H & Showmanship will be first

6-8:45 p.m. 4-H Support Group Silent Auction-Young McDonald's Farm

9:00 p.m. Expo Hall closes

Tuesday, July 28

? Trash Pick-Up – Beef & Dairy Department

? Puppy Love Dog Demos Nightly-By Young McDonalds Farm

8:45 a.m. 4-H Swine Pledges/Meeting

9:00 a.m. 4-H Swine Show –Memorial Showplace Arena

9:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show – Rabbit Show Arena, Mini 4-H Rabbit Show will be first

9:00 a.m. Expo Hall open to public

6:00 p.m. 4-H Swine Showmanship, Grand Drive & Awards - Memorial Showplace Arena

6-8:45 p.m. 4-H Support Group Silent Auction-Young McDonald's Farm

7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse and Pony Games – Horse & Pony Arena

9:00 p.m. Expo Hall closes

Wednesday, July 29

? Trash Pick-Up – Sheep Department

? Puppy Love Dog Demos Nightly-By Young McDonalds Farm

8:00 a.m. 4-H Cow/Calf Pairs must be on fair-grounds

9:00 a.m. Expo Hall open to public

9:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry & Waterfowl Show - Poultry Barn, Mini 4-H Poultry/Waterfowl Show will be first

10:30 a.m. 4-H Dairy Show - Memorial Showplace Arena

1:00 p.m. 4-H Beef (Purebred & Commercial) Heifer Show, 4-H Steer Show (includes 4-H Dairy

Steer Show), Mini 4-H will follow before the 4-H Beef Steer Grand Drive– Memorial Showplace Arena

6-8:45 p.m. 4-H Support Group Silent Auction-Young McDonald's Farm

7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse and Pony Games – Horse & Pony Arena

9:00 p.m. Expo Hall closes

Thursday, July 30

? Trash Pick-Up – Goat Department

? Puppy Love Dog Demos Nightly-By Young McDonalds Farm

9:00 a.m. Expo Hall open to public

7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse and Pony Games – Horse & Pony Arena

5:30 p.m. Round Robin Judges Meeting – Memorial Showplace Arena

6:00 p.m. 4-H Round Robin Contest – Memorial Showplace Arena

6-8:45 p.m. 4-H Support Group Silent Auction-Young McDonald's Farm

9:00 p.m. Expo Hall closes

10:00 p.m. All 4-H Livestock/Animals Released with Directors Approval

Friday, July 31

? Trash Pick-Up – Horse & Dog Departments

9:00 a.m. Expo Hall open to public

6:00 p.m. 4-H Livestock Sale (order of sale: sheep, goat, rabbits, poultry/waterfowl, swine, dairy steer, beef) – Memorial Showplace Arena

9:00 p.m. Expo Hall closes

Saturday, August 1

8:00 a.m. Clean-up 14 Acres (all 4-H livestock/animal members). 4-H pen cleaning slips will be given at this time from animal directors.

9:00-11:00 a.m. All Exhibits released from Expo Hall; 4-H Members may turn in completed 4-H Green Record Book & receive premium money. (livestock exhibitors must show proof that pens, cages and stalls have been cleaned) State Fair 4-H Exhibits will be kept in Expo Hall to be prepared and loaded for transportation. (Exhibitors need to prepare their own exhibit and take their ribbons.) ■

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Left: Kelly and Shannon with part of their winning stringer (pic by James Laswell). Right: James Laswell and Dan long with a few nice fish. (Author Photo)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Prairie Creek and Monroe Tournaments

Since making the move to fish more National tournaments our time fishing Indiana tournaments has diminished considerable. The added cost of traveling and more time needed on the lakes leaves little time and money for local tournaments. Therefore I am a little dependent on information from the club officers and website to be able to give more details of their tournament conditions and results. I would like to thank those involved with the club for the info I have received for the past couple tournaments and also thanks to James Laswell for the pictures seems James has become the club photographer. So thanks to all who have made it possible for me to continue including the club in my articles even when I am absent from the event.

On April 11th the Indiana Slab Masters visited Prairie Creek Reservoir in Muncie, IN. for its first point's event on this impoundment. In the summer of 2014 the club held its first Kids tournament on this body of water and it proved to be worthy of a regular season tournament. Prairie Creek includes approximately 1275 acres of water and 750 acres of recreational properties. Prior to visiting Prairie Creek you may want to visit their website to view all applicable rules and fees as this facility is not an Indiana Department of National Resources property and there are some differences.

Congratulations to Kelly Rinker and Shannon



Congratulations to Kelly and Shannon on their first win (Photo by James Laswell)

Walker on their first Indiana Slab Masters win. Kelly and Shannon have several local sponsors helping them out this year including Shelter Horseshoeing, Summit bait & Tackle, Jays Midlake, Robs Sign Shop, Ed Martin and Wood Forest Bank. The Team finished with 7 fish weighing a respectable 4.35 lbs. finishing in a very close second was James Laswell and Dan Long weighing 7 fish for 4.34lbs. Tim and Joe Dunigan weighed 7 fish for a third place weight of 4.21lbs. This proved to be a challenging lake with no team having an advantage on this body of water.

The Slab Masters tournament trail moved back south on April 25th to Monroe Reservoir the site of last year's two day Classic and the heaviest 7 fish stringer to date. This fishery has proved to be one of the best crappie lakes in the state giving up large stringers at every event. This one being no exception with the winning 7 fish stringer weighing in at 9.37lbs giving the team of Bob Raymer and Jason Snyder their first win of 2015. Tony Williams fished the event alone finishing in 2nd with 8.16lbs and third went to Tom Hankins and Glenn Gill with a 7 fish stringer weighing 8.07lbs.

PRAIRIE CREEK TOP 10 RESULTS

- 1) Kelly Rinker/Shannon Walker 4.35lbs
- 2) James Laswell/Dan Long 4.34 lbs

- 3) Tim Dunigan/Joe Dunigan 4.21 lbs
- 4) Randy/Sharri Hooser 4.00 lbs
- 5) Brian /Aiden/Allen Reed 3.98 lbs
- 6) Larry Yates/Doug Allen 3.97 lbs
- 7) Jeff/Larry Mckeighen 3.92 lbs
- 8) Bruce Monroe/Chester Riley 3.90 lbs
- 9) Myron Etchison/Jim Kiristis 3.83 lbs
- 10) James Hughes/Roger Claywell 3.77 lbs

MONROE RESERVOIR TOP 10 RESULTS

- 1) Bob Raymer/ Jason Snyder 9.37 lbs
- 2) Tony Williams 8.16 lbs
- 3) Tom Hankins/Glenn Gill 8.07 lbs
- 4) Bob Bales/ Jason Burnette 7.35 lbs



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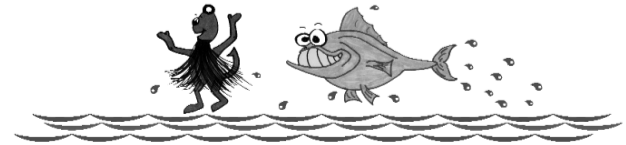
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Left: Bob Raymer and Jason Snyder with some nice Monroe slabs. Right: The third place team at Monroe Tom Hankins and Glenn Gill (Photos by James Laswell)

- 5) Larry Yates/Doug Allen 7.06 lbs
- 6) Jim Raymer/Rob Raymer 6.63 lbs
- 7) Charlie/Paul Hildreath 6.35 lbs
- 8) Kirk Wyman/Walter Moore 4.33 lbs
- 9) Jerry Polley/Richard Geboy 4.24 lbs
- 10) Jason Shingler/Mike Arnold 3.41 lbs

Big fish winners for the two tourneys were Brett Cunningham at Prairie Creek with a 1.06lb crappie, at Monroe Kirk Wyman landed a 2.19 slab to take the honors.

For complete results you can visit the clubs home-page at www.indianaslabmasters.com while there visit the links page to see club sponsors and their products.

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Pelvic Hanger Creations

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ply cuts the right places and finishes the processing at his leisure. The longer the deer hangs the better the blood drainage is when the hunter cuts in the right places.

He's done everything right, taking his idea

from the designing stage, applying for a patent, finding a company that can cut and bend the parts, do the welding and packaging. He worked with a patent lawyer, he's gotten good advice from business and private individuals who helped him dot all the i's and cross all the t's.

His patented invention is a zinc plated pelvic hook that when properly used gives you a free hanging deer for easy quartering. In an adjacent photo you can see a deer that is hanging freely from the pelvic hook. The hook is made long enough to fit on any deer, It comes in two sizes Before hanging the deer you must remove the inside loins.

You are reading about Kevin's invention here in The Gad-a-bout, he is close to selling his first pelvic hanger under his business name, Pelvic Hanger Creations. By the time this paper is being delivered in mid-June you will be able to visit his website: www.PelvicHangerCreations.com and contact him at his already established e-mail address kevink@pelvichangercreations.com. I wish him all the luck and I believe Kevin has a real winner here. When you contact him, tell him you read about his pelvic hanger in The Gad-a-bout.

Today Kevin has his son, Gunner, with him on weekends and he, just like his father, takes his son hunting too.

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Left Photo: Susie Creason landing a nice catfish. Notice the War Eagle logo on the boat. (Author's Photo) Right Photo: Rick Bendall sharing his 25 pounder with Susie Creason for photo op. (Author Photo) Outside seating at the Rattlesnake Saloon under the ledge with vines hanging down.

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Catfishin' in Alabama Mountain Lakes Area

Late April found Susie and I headed south on Interstate 65 for a return trip to one of our most favorite outdoor destinations in the eastern United States. I think we have been to Alabama Mountain Lakes about eight or ten times. We have fished, hiked, visited museums, historic sites, stayed in great lodging, shopped in unique stores, and ate some outstanding cuisine. This time, we were going to try for some Alabama catfish the first day, and see if we could land some great crappie the second day.

This outstanding area is basically the top 1/3 of Alabama. Every year at the Indy Boat, Sport and Travel Show in February, we spend time talking to the staff working the Mountain Lakes Tourism booth. Most years, we don't leave the show without setting up some kind of outing in their area. Once again, we would be enjoying ourselves in and around Tuscombua, in the northwest corner of the state.

As in previous years, we were booked into the Coldwater Inn, a fine hotel in Tuscombua. When entering the front doors, the guests immediately see the two spiral staircases leading to the second floor. These curving staircases are used many times for excellent photo locations for weddings, proms, and other events. You can go to www.coldwater-inn.com to view details on this establishment.

After checking in, we called Brian Barton, our fishing guide for the next day. We made arrangements to meet him for an early breakfast, then follow him to the boat dock on Pickwick Lake. He advised us to go to the Alabama Natural Resources website to get our three day fishing licenses online. Then, we contacted our good friend Susann Hamlin, Director of the Colbert County Tourism Bureau. We arranged to have dinner with Susann and her husband, Brian.

They picked us up at the Coldwater and drove us to the Rattlesnake Saloon. This is one of the most unique restaurants at which we have ever dined. It is located underneath a large cliff overhang with vines dangling from the rocks and water cascading down in the rainy season. There is seating outdoors for about 200 guests and inside, the enclosed area holds another 50 or so.

Live entertainment plays under the ledge every weekend. We sat inside and ate outstanding burgers, fries, and an assortment of appetizers. This eatery has been written up in numerous publications, and shortly after our visit was filmed by

the Food Channel to be shown soon. On the way back to the parking area, we stopped at the Sidewinders Trading Post for souvenirs of our Rattlesnake Saloon visit. Go to www.rattlesnakesaloon.net for menu, rules, hours and other information.

Sunrise found us meeting with Master Captain Brian Barton for our pursuit of local catfish. He unloaded his War Eagle boat into the waters of Pickwick Lake and we stepped in. (Brian will have a brand new War Eagle in just two months!). A short trip brought us to the base of the Wilson dam. We looked up at the dam and saw a great blue heron about every ten feet across the face of the structure. Dozens more were perched along rocks, limbs, and nearby shoreline. Apparently, this was a great feeding ground for the majestic birds. We were about to find out if it was a good feeding ground for catfish.

Brian caught some skipjack for bait by casting a tiny spoon into the rapids below the dam. Then, he motored around to a sheltered area near the end of the dam. We anchored, he baited our rigs with assorted catfish bait, and we cast our offerings out to settle to the bottom. While we were doing this, the captain cut large chunks of skipjack to bait the hooks which we hoped would catch some of the larger cats know

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Outside seating at the Rattlesnake Saloon under the ledge with vines hanging down. (Author Photo)

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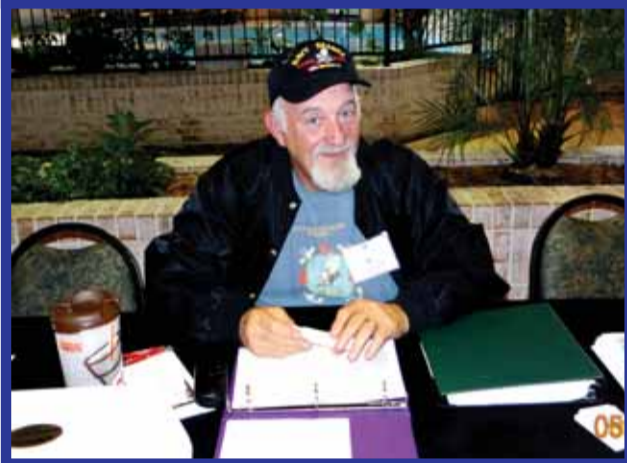
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SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA ANNUAL CONVENTION & REUNION MAY 1-3, 2015



Top Photo: A grand banquet to say the least, Seabee members of the Department of Ohio NSVA Island X-4 Toledo, OH & NSVA Island X-4 New Castle, IN, Queenbees, guests and friends all gathered at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, OH on the evening of May 2, 2015. The food was delicious and the evening program very interesting. Bottom Left: The first Seabee I met, the Treasurer of NSVA Department of Ohio Gherin Johnston checked off my name as a guest of Dan Wells Commander of NSVA New Castle. Bottom Middle: Seabee Jack Englehart Commander of NSVA Department of Ohio busy at the registration table. Bottom Right: At left Seabee Danny West and at right Seabee Dan Wells Commander of NSVA New Castle, IN. The two was sitting at the other end of the table I was sitting. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Seabee Veteran's of America Department of Ohio May 1-3, 2015

On May 1-3, 2015 I was invited to attend the Seabee Veteran's of America Annual Convention and Reunion by Dan Wells, Commander of NSVA Island X-4 of New Castle, Indiana.

I had a great time there, got to meet a great bunch of Seabees who served their country in the Vietnam

War. Previously I had only the honor of meeting WWII Seabees while I was searching for Seabees who was in Dad's units, the 79th NCB and CBMU 624. I will be with the 79th NCB this fall in PA.

There was 53 Seabees and Queenbees in attendance plus guests.

We stayed at the Perrysburg, Oh. Holiday Inn French Quarter. It was a beautiful Inn as you can see in the photo at the top of this page. The food was too good and at the banquet we had more than our fill!

After the banquet I sat around a table in the hospitality room and listened to the experiences these Veterans talked about being in Vietnam in the 60's and 70's.

The evening went too quickly, I said my good-byes to everyone and turned in for the night. Had to get up early and head back so I could get to work on the June Gad-a-bout. It amazes me when I'm talking to Veterans who served in a war zone, they make it sound so ordinary. But it wasn't.....

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Nature is sometimes where you least expect it

As I walked through my sister's neighborhood in suburban Chicago this past weekend, the last I expected was it be immersed in nature, but as often seems to be the case, I found out I was wrong.

It is no secret that I have not really ever been a huge fan of Chicago. It is not the town itself, per say, but rather the fact that it just does not seem to gel with my interests for the most part. I am an outdoorsman, and outside of the occasional day or weekend trip to The Windy City, I am good. And the traffic, well, that is a whole different conversation.

But as this past weekend reminded me, even in Chicago you can still get yourself into some pretty interesting outdoor experiences if you use your imagination a little.

I decided to take a stroll to the end of her street and back. Along the way, I noticed a robin tussling with an earth worm until it eventually made the worm its lunch. I enjoyed that encounter and continued on my way until the large park at the end of her street. I then turned around and headed back towards her house. After walking a couple of blocks, I saw a deer come across the street and stop on the sidewalk in front of me. I did not notice the large doe as early as I could have as I was certainly not expecting to come face to face with a deer in the middle of the day in her neighborhood! And the deer was actually coming from the direction of town! She sauntered right next to a guy who was out on his porch cleaning a rug as she leisurely made her way through the other neighbor's gazebo before disappearing behind some shrubs

Now I realize that I should not be surprised by seeing a deer in the burbs, I mean, I know they are there and all. It's just that even though I knew that there were deer in the area, you still don't really expect to see one. Especially not in the middle of the neighborhood in the middle of the day!

So all of this got me to thinking; While Chicago, or any large metropolitan area for that matter, may not be first on our list of places to go when in search of outdoor adventure, it certainly does not mean that certain types of outdoor fun



The belief that you must travel far away from civilization in order to find wildlife is just not true. With urban sprawl, and the ability of most wildlife species to adapt and thrive with humans, sometimes just opening your eyes is all it takes to enjoy nature. (Author Photo)

cannot be had in larger cities. For example, besides my nice walk with the added splash of nature, while on your visit to Chi-Town, you can charter a boat in Lake Michigan for a day of salmon fishing. Or, when the perch are running near Navy Pier, you can combo up and cash in on catching some fine eating lake perch then hitting the other side of the pier for a Ferris Wheel ride and corn dog! How great is that?!

So the next time you are in a big city visiting family or on vacation, instead of feeling trapped and unable to get in a little outdoor recreation, use your imagination instead and I am sure you will be surprised what you can find.

Whitewater Canal Byways

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Scenic Byway and the Gateway Park on the internet.

The Indiana Byway Program is designed to preserve, protect, enhance and recognize transportation corridors of unique character. These corridors are notable examples of our nation's beauty, history, culture and recreational experience. Some byway routes are designated nationally while others are state designated byways. The national designation is made by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation from nominations presented by the states and federal land management agencies.

I retrieved the following information from <http://www.in.gov/indot/2827.htm> on Scenic Byways.

Check out the above website if you would like to apply for a Byway in your area.

The Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway
(See Map on Page 12 showing Byway & Loops)
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by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

ZOONOSIS

Definition Zoonosis: A disease communicable from animals to humans under natural conditions, and vice versa. These diseases may jump from specie to specie, and back again, when the appropriate conditions exist.

Any discussion, concerning zoonotic diseases, risks being unusually boring for the average person. Yet, anyone who enjoys the great outdoors, hiking, camping, hunting, trapping or fishing, has barns that they regularly go into, or interacts with animals, both wild and domestic, needs to know about zoonotic diseases. If I just described you, you need to know about zoonotic disease, how to avoid being exposed, and what to do if you are exposed and become sick.

Common sense is often the answer. First avoid

exposure as much as possible. Second, cleanse and disinfect any exposure as well as possible. Third seek out Medical advice and be sure to mention your exposure. Fourth, educate yourself about possible threats that may exist with your activity. I am going to touch on each of these topics with some of the more common disease issues. Further information may be found at the America Veterinary Medical Association website www.avma.org. Search zoonosis and find the publication entitled "Disease Precautions for Outdoor Enthusiasts and Their Companion Animals".

If you ask a group of outdoors people what disease is of most concern when it comes to wildlife, invariably they will say Rabies. Rabies is a virus with only one known human survivor throughout history. Rabies is passed primarily through a bite from a carnivore that is within ten (10) days of dying from Rabies. Rabies has been recovered from the brown fat of skunks and from the aerosolized saliva of bats. The Rabies virus will not tolerate soap, so if you are bitten, a deep cleansing of the wound may help. Next, if the animal is available, its head may be submitted for Rabies testing. If it tests positive, then you are in for a real treat of around five (5) intradermal Rabies vaccines that current cost on the order of \$800, EACH. You will be sore, but you will be alive.

Another disease that hits the news regularly is the Raccoon Round Worm (RRW), Bayliascaris procyonis. The RRW is passed in the stool of raccoons, and when it dries out, the egg forms a hard, sphere that is all but impregnable. Normal disinfectants won't touch it. It requires heat, boiling water, steam, or flames to kill it off. These hard spheres may attach to dust particles and be carried into the air by the slightest breeze. Hence, if you are cleaning out a barn, or trap shed, that has had raccoon stool about, it is a good idea to wet it down before disturbing it. Just take a weed sprayer and spray it with water. After the area is cleaned up, come back with boiling water or steam to truly clean the area of RRW eggs. If a sufficient number of RRW eggs are ingested or inhaled, they may hatch out, and the active worms may end up anywhere in the body. If they end up in the spinal canal or brain, then you have a real problem. A persistent headache, muscle ache, and dizziness may be warning signs that you were not careful enough. Be sure to give your Doctor a complete history of your activities, or it may take them a long time to figure out what is going on with you.

The Hanta Virus is another disease that may hitch a ride on dust, only it comes from mouse

poop and pee. Again, wetting down the area to be swept, or wearing some sort of quality mask to filter the dust from the air is the way to avoid being exposed. The Hanta virus outbreak of 1993 had a 38% fatality rate. Recently, it has been suggested that the "Fever" of 1500's England, that killed over 40% of the population, was a Hanta virus. The status of your own immune system will be your savior here if you expose yourself. Modern medicine will help, but you may think you just have a bad flu and continue to trap till it is too late. A few more pelts are not worth your life.

I will discuss more diseases and disease issues in future editions of the Gad-A-Bout. Many of the diseases that I discussed above, you may never know you were exposed to them, initially. If you seek medical attention, be sure to note in your history that you have been outdoors, hunting, trapping, fishing, etc. Your Doctor will need that history to make an informed diagnosis. Enjoy the outdoors, just be safe and aware doing it.

If there is something that you are particularly interested in learning about, send me a message via the Gad-A-Bout and Ray, and I will see what I can do for you.

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

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM

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On **June 16, 2008** the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway was formerly designated as such in a letter to Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman from INDOT Commissioner Karl B. Browning. The designation, Be it resolved by order of the Commissioner Section 1,2,3,5 & 6 (4 responsibility of Ohio); signed on June 23, 2008 by Commissioner Karl B. Browning.

On **August 24, 2011** the State Designation of Added Loop Routes - Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway was formerly designated as such in a letter to Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman from INDOT Commissioner Michael B. Cline. The designation, Be it resolved by order of the Commissioner The following loop routes are added to the designated Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway: Loop One (East Fork Loop), Loop Two (Oldenburg - Batesville Loop) and Loop Three (Dearborn - Ripley Loop); signed on September 9, 2011 by Michael B. Cline.

If you are interested in traveling the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byways the Whitewater Canal Byway Association (WCBA) is your best bet on finding what you need to know. Check out their website at <http://www.whitewatercanalscenicbyway.org/>

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Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

July 2015 Activities

Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

July is a fun month in Metamora. It starts out with the **Fireman's Festival on July 4th**. This year the festival has moved across Hwy 52 to **Gateway Park**. This is the big fund raiser for the fire department in Metamora. All the money raised goes toward rent on the firehouse, equipment and supplies. They will be offering pulled pork dinners as well as a variety of entertainment. At 6pm the festivities move back to downtown Metamora with an old fashioned parade. Finally back across Hwy 52 to **Gateway Park for the Fireworks show at dusk**.

Not to be left out of the fun, The Whitewater Valley Railroad will be running the **American Civil War train July 4th**. This is a fun train with the Union soldiers protecting the train and the Union payroll from the Confederate Morgan's Raiders. This train leaves the Connersville station at noon with a 2 1/2 hour layover in Metamora.

While I'm on the subject of trains the Whitewater Valley Railroad will be running several themed trains this month. **July 3 and 17 is the Twilight Train to Dinner**. The train leaves the station in Connersville at 6pm for the trip to the Laurel Hotel for dinner. The ticket price includes the train ride, dinner and tip. **July 18 is the Overland Limited Wild West Train** with bandits, marshals, fancy ladies and more. It leaves the Connersville station at noon. Finally **July 31 is the Wild West Train to Dinner**. The train leaves the Connersville station at 6pm with bandits, marshals, and more aboard. Entertainment is provided by the **Circle D Rangers**. Dinner is at the **Laurel Hotel**. Information about these trains as well as reservations and tickets can be found at <https://www.dynamicticketsolutions.com/wvrr> or by calling the Whitewater Valley Railroad's Station at (765) 825-2054.

Metamora has a number of musical acts this month. **July 5 is the Grist Mill Jam** from 1-4pm. This is a popular event that seems to add more listeners and performers each month and it's free. The Opry Barn at 19189 Pennington Rd, has a full line up for the month of July. **July 10 and 11 at 6pm the Opry Barn**, will be hosting the Barkley's Review. This is a variety show and revue put on by Imagine Performing Arts of Connersville. Cost is \$10 at the door. Bluegrass is very popular in Metamora and the Opry Barn is bringing in a couple of bluegrass acts this month. The first is **Lucky and the Kid featuring Alaska Mike on July 18**. The doors open at 5:30 with music beginning at 6pm. Cost is \$6. This duo is made up of Barry Dan and Picker Todd of the

White Lightning Boys. **July 25th Jim Pelz** will be performing bluegrass, new grass and more at the **Opry Barn**. The doors open at 5:30pm with music starting at 6pm. Cost is \$6. Finally although slightly out of order is **Gospel Night July 24th** at 6pm. For more information about any of these acts check out the Opry Barn website at metamoraMPA.org.

If you prefer a smaller venue, the **Cat and the Fiddle Event Center**, 10104 Columbia St is hosting a couple of acts. **July 11** at 7pm the bluegrass group **Clear Fork** will be performing. **July 25** at 7pm is **Girl's Night In**. This isn't just for girls; it's a showcase of up and coming female performers. This month it's Sharon McInnis O'Connell on hammered dulcimer. As always, Catrina will be cooking and dinner will be available for purchase. Reservations are strongly recommended **513-403-0672**.

Mosaic, 19054 South Main St has several clubs meeting in July. These clubs are open to any interested, so come to Metamora and learn something new! **July 11** at 2pm is a free introduction to fiddle class. They even have instruments for you to use. **July 12** at 2pm is the photography club. No special equipment needed just use your phone! **July 18** is the Breakfast Jam at 10am. Bring a breakfast dish, your instrument and come ready to jam. **July 19** is the **Songwriter's Roundtable**. Bring a song to share. It can be one you're working on or one you've already written.

Finally the month wouldn't be complete without **Acoustic Final Friday** on the **Lover's Lane Stage**. Sign up is at 5:30 and the show starts at 6pm. In case of bad weather, the show will move to the Opry Barn. This is a free event open to both performers and listeners.

So if you're looking for something fun to do, be sure to stop by and visit us in Metamora.

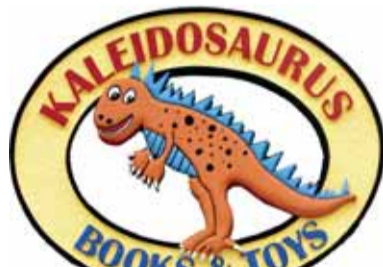
Roaming The Outdoors

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Paul has published a booklet entitled, Canal Boat Log, it lists 60 boats with a brief description of each one. Paul once lived in Brookville, living alongside the canal and seeing its magnificent structures led him to spend many years researching the Canal Era. He was a charter, board member of the Canal Society of Indiana. He was also instrumental in the creation of Canal Days in Metamora, which is held each year during the first weekend in October. He is a board member of the Whitewater Canal Byway Association (WCBA).

Paul has accomplished something that I doubt anyone else has ever done. When one of the canal boats that was used to give visitors a ride on the Whitewater Canal in Metamora was retired, it was dismantled and lay in ruins for a time. Paul reassembled the "Native Sun" in 1991 after which he had it open for public tours. It hasn't been open to public tours for a very long time. Of the "Native Sun" Paul says, "it is actual living history."

Paul is an artisan in everything he does - photography, drawing, painting, woodcraft, carpentry, geol-



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Patoka Lake Limbhangers & Youth Turkey Hunt

by Jason Hickman
(Property Manager of Patoka Lake)

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These large reservoir properties owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (except Hardy Lake) and leased to the state, have three important roles: provide flood control, recreation, and resource management that provides habitat and hunting opportunities. Many of these properties partner with conservation groups to improve habitat and provide opportunities that introduce young people to the outdoors and to hunting.

Patoka Lake staff members, along with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), have worked very closely together in the past few years to

improve habitat and increase access for youth hunters. This has been accomplished with matching grants from the NWTF.

Members of the Patoka Valley Limbhangers, TFA NWTF Chapter, approached us at Patoka Lake about conducting a Youth Turkey Hunt during the youth season. We were very pleased to assist with this endeavor.

Members of the Patoka Valley Limbhangers worked with Patoka Lake wildlife specialist Todd Eubank to scout areas of the property so that our youth hunters would have success in seeing birds.

Fifteen members of the Patoka Valley Limbhangers donated 496 hours to scout, prepare, instruct firearm safety, and pass along a piece of our hunting heritage to the next generation in this event. Two Toms were harvested during the Youth Hunt and every youth saw or heard birds gobbling in the woods.

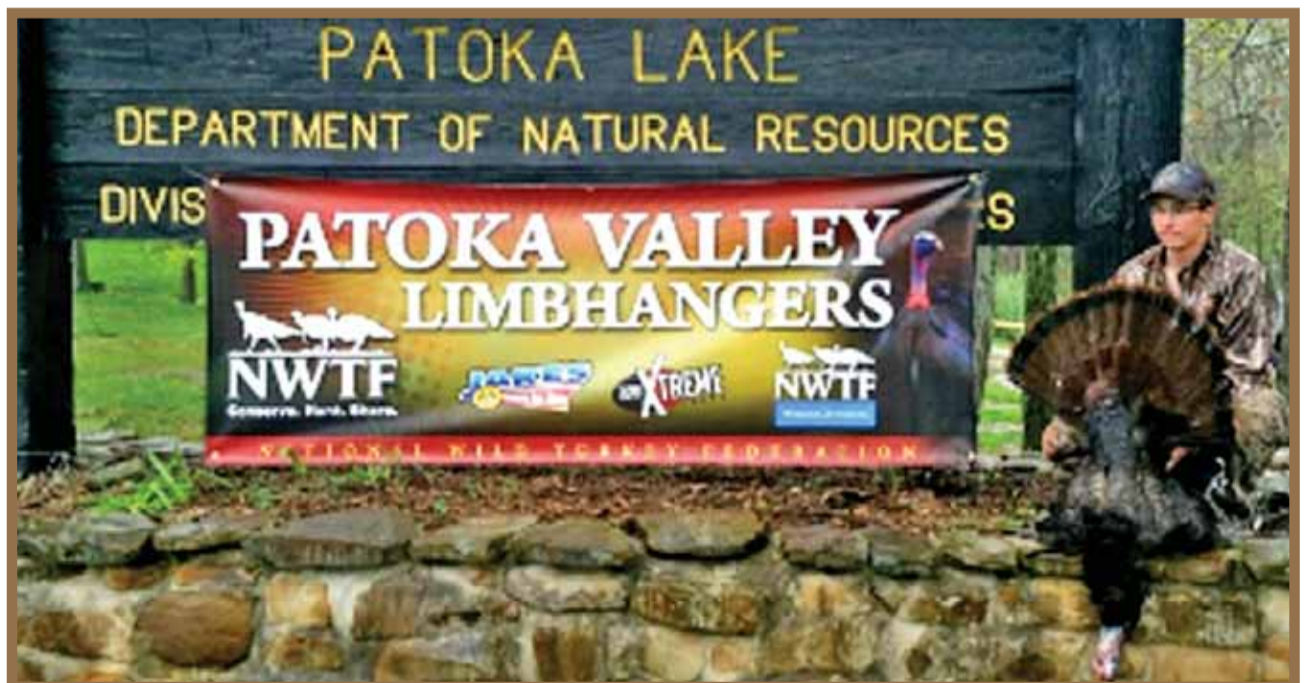
As we have evolved into a culture of technology the number of youth has getting involved outdoors has diminished. Memories were created during this event, and hopefully a new generation of sportsman is excited and encouraged about taking the field in future hunting seasons.

As the property manager at Patoka Lake, I want to express my gratitude for the partnership with the Patoka Valley Limbhangers that made this a success-



ful hunt for everyone involved. Without chapter members volunteering their time, this event would not have taken place. The staff at Patoka Lake looks forward to working together in the future on additional efforts to maintain our hunting heritage at Patoka Lake.

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The new Visitor Pavilion opened September 12, 2013. It was carved out of the large yellow building left of the Gateway Park entrance. New walls were erected to make a cozy space to highlight the attractions, artwork and historic sites of the Whitewater Valley.

Each county contributed a large banner depicting the historic sites, festivals and activities that make it a great place to live and visit.

Both young and old are immediately drawn to models of the canal aqueduct, canal boats and flour mill made by Paul Baudendistel of Metamora. They are museum worthy pieces depicting life during the canal era.

Regional artists provide samples of their work for sale. Quilts, paintings, candies, infant cotton onesies and pottery were included in the first displays. Artists' works rotate on a regular basis, so you never know what you'll find to remember your visit to the Whitewater Valley.

Camping and Meeting Rooms

Call the Gateway Park office at 765-647-2541 to reserve a camping space, meeting or activity rooms.

Visit the Visitors' Pavilion (right), opened in April 2014. The Visitors' Pavilion can be opened by request until then. The Depot Building (below) contains a fully equipped kitchen and two meeting areas.

There are hookups for 40 campers with more primitive camping available. The shower house (right) provides restrooms and showers for campers only. All rates are competitive with surrounding venues.

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MISFIRES & SNAGS

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as she prepared and "put up" all that stuff was very much like the squirrels and woodpeckers. We were instructed to stay out of the way unless our services were required, normally for menial grunt work. As mason jars, sealing rubbers, lids and boiling water flew, even the dog knew better than to get in the way. Apples and pears were picked, individually wrapped in newspaper, stacked in crates and stored in the smokehouse., Finally, after days of frantic preparation, we were ready for the onslaught of winter and the impending force feeding of turnips and green beans. I guess I should have been grateful that no attempts were made to preserve cucumbers, zucchini, or okra.

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to inhabit this area.

Over the next few hours, we caught 25 catfish, most three or four pounders with a couple larger. They were mostly blue cats with some channel cats thrown in. Several times, something made a short run with the skipjack, but we weren't able to hook any of the big ones. A neighbor of Brian's was fishing just 20 or 30 yards from us all morning. He caught one 25 pound blue cat and brought it to our boat for photographs. His name is Rick Bendall from Muscle

Shoals. Like the poles we were using, Rick's rod of choice was a B 'n' M eight foot Silver Cat rod. Most anglers in this area know the value of a great rod from B 'n' M poles. I have several of their crappie rods in my holder.

Captain Barton will be getting his new War Eagle boat soon. It will be a 22.5 foot long craft, 78 inches wide, with a 150 HP motor. We will be returning this fall to fish with Brian in his new boat. You can book your own trip for catfish, stripers, or smallmouth bass by writing brianbartonoutdoors@aol.com or calling 256-412-0969.

It was time to leave the water for today. We had several other outings on the schedule for the afternoon. Brian invited us to join him for a late lunch at his favorite eatery, Champy's, in Muscle Shoals. While extremely popular with the locals, Champy's isn't a place most visitors would know about unless someone took them there. We shared an order of hot tamales for an appetizer (great!), and then I ordered a three piece chicken dinner. It included one wing and two breasts and they were the largest pieces I've eaten. Also, the tastiest. We downed this all with a couple pitchers of southern sweet tea. I had a pitcher of unsweetened since I am diabetic. We know where it's at now, and will be sure to return on our next trip. (www.champyschicken.com.)

After lunch, we returned to the Coldwater Inn. Immediately across the street from the Coldwater are two must-see attractions. One is the Colbert County Visitor Information Center. Inside are rooms full of literature, brochures, and all the staff assistance to help you discover the wonders of Colbert County, including the cities of Tuscumbia, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Florence. Go to www.colbertcountytourism.org.

Next door to the Tourism Bureau is the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Inside, you will find displays of great names in music including Sonny James, Lionel Ritchie, Nat King Cole, Hank Williams, Jr., Elvis, and many more. Go to www.alamhof.org for information on this outstanding attraction.

Our first day in the Alabama Mountain Lakes area was almost over. The next day is another story.

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ogist, archeologist's and writer. He undoubtedly has mastered other crafts, but these are crafts he does that I have saw with my own eyes. I marvel at the intense work, detailed artistry and time he has spent creating these master pieces and especially the patience he has in waiting for the exact moment to take the photo of his wildlife subjects.

Paul, I look forward to visiting you again. I greatly enjoyed the tour you gave me of your "park." We must do it again.....

FAYETTE COUNTY FREE FAIR CONCERT

The Blue River Band and Sean Lamb Band will be performing in the Roberts Park Amphitheater in Connersville Sunday July 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Advance ticket sales for \$5.00 or \$7.00 at the gate. Advance ticket sales location are Fohl's Floor Covering, Mike's Cycle & Auto or any fair board member.

The Fayette County Free Fair daily schedule is on page 15 & 18 of this issue.

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Saturday July 4th - 2 pm - Golf cart parade (theme this year - Honor your Hero)

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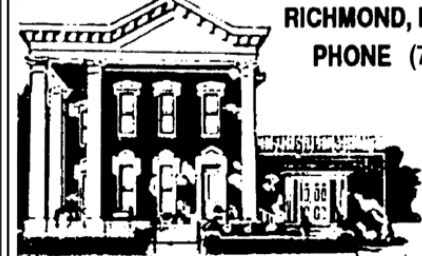
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Parents: We hope that Summer Camp Saturdays will also be an exciting opportunity for you! We want to encourage parents to go out to dinner, run some errands, enjoy some alone time, or do whatever needs to be done while your children are enjoying an incredible and safe evening at CUMC. Volunteer: Are you interested in helping with Summer Camp Saturdays? We have numerous opportunities for adults to serve. A limited criminal background check will be required for all adult volunteers. Please contact the church office for more information at **765-855-5576**. The office is open from 8:30 to 12 Monday through Friday.

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A VERY DEAR FRIEND PASSED AWAY



Louise Blanton Jennings 1938 - 2015

Louise Jennings passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2015 in Connersville, IN. She was born in Sand Springs, Kentucky. Services was held at the Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home in Connersville, Rev. Wesley Miller officiated the funeral. She was laid to rest in the Laurel North Cemetery.

I first met Louise when she was at our first meeting of volunteers to put on Frontier Days at Treaty-Line Pioneer Village in Dunlapville, IN. In photo above Louise and Jason Paul were inseparable. Louise portrayed Sweet Breeze, Little Turtle's daughter in the re-enactment of The Life and Times

Miami Chief Little Turtle, William Wells and Frances Slocum. In the re-enactment of Frances Slocum she portrayed Frances Slocum and she volunteered where ever she was needed. Our friendship is eternal, we will meet again one day.

Jason Paul played the part of many different characters where ever he was needed at Frontier Days. I talked with him at the funeral home. He's bigger now, but I recognized him immediately. We had a nice talk about back then and now.

I was able to see Louise, she looked so peaceful and content. She was a Kentucky Colonel and a few years ago she nominated me one too. She let me know about it after I received notification officially.

She was such a good friend, it's hard to say goodbye to a good friend. I will think of her often as I do Golden Eagle, especially as I continue publishing the narration of Frontier Days here in The Gad-a-bout.

1991 FRONTIER DAYS NARRATION

(Written by Ray Dickerson)

Part 5

General "Mad" Anthony Wayne

Part 4 Recap

In Part 4 General Wayne went to Kekionga and built Fort Wayne and left it under the command of Colonel Hamtramck. From Fort Wayne he called all the Indian Tribes together to meet at Fort Green Ville to come meet with him to sign a peace treaty.

All the tribes assembled and listened to General Wayne. The last item in last months reprint was the subject of boundary's.

Day 2 - September 6, 1992

The Life & Times of Miami Chief Little Turtle, William Wells & Frances Slocum

"Having now explained those matters to you, and informed you of all things I judged necessary for your information, we have nothing to do but to bury the hatchet, and draw a veil over past misfortunes. As you have buried our dead, with the concern of brothers, so I now collect the bones of your slain warriors, put them into a deep pit which I have dug, and cover them carefully over with this large belt, there to remain undisturbed. I also dry the tears from your eyes, and wipe the blood from your bodies, with this soft white linen. No bloody traces will ever lead to the graves of your departed heroes; with this, I wipe all such away. I deliver it to your uncle, the Wyandot, who will send it round among you. (A large belt, with a white string attached.)

"I now take the hatchet out of your heads, and with a strong arm, throw it into the center of the great ocean, where no mortal man can ever find it; and I now deliver to you the wide and straight path to the fifteen fires, to be used by you and your posterity, forever. So long as you continue to follow, so long will you continue to be a happy people. You see it is straight and wide, and they will be blind indeed who deviate from it. I place it also in your uncles hands.

As July closed most of the problems were settled and Wayne read the articles of the Treaty again. On August 2nd Wayne reported to the Indians that the Treaty would be ready for signing on the 3rd. They received gifts from the Quakers on the 2nd.

On Monday, August 3, 1795, the treaty was ready and all representatives gathered for the signing.

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

After the treaty was signed each received the Greenville Treaty Medal and was instructed to pass it from generation to generation in commemoration of the day.

Before leaving Greenville, Little Turtle and William Wells met with Wayne briefly. Turtle apologized for his apparent hostile attitude, which was partly due to his ignorance of the liberal attitude of the Americans and partly a desire to protect the interests of his people, that he spoke so freely.

He assured Wayne that his people understood the treaty and that they would remain faithful to it. He asked of Wayne some special favors on behalf of him and his people. That designated licensed traders be located in their villages; that a fort be erected at Ouiatenon; that he be permitted to live at his old home, near Fort Wayne, and that William Wells, his son-in-law, and true friend of his people, be placed at Fort Wayne, as resident Interpreter.

So ended hostilities in the Northwest Territory for a short time.

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Dr. Fred Philips who writes the Indiana State Trappers Association column in The Gad-a-bout sent me this photo. I contacted Deric Beroshok, who sent Fred this photo. Deric sent me the following e-mail about the photo. "It was called "range day" Eastern School Corporation 6th graders. It was put on at Izaak Walton League in Howard County. Dist 4 Conservation Officers Bill Dale, Brad Robbins and Sgt. Kilgore were present. There was archery, pistol shooting, rifle shooting, outdoor survival, trapping, Kokomo SWAT for the students to participate in." I did the trapping. I had approximately 15 students at a time. My sessions were approximately 30 minutes each. The sessions were continuous except for lunch. Ran 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. They ran them through pretty fast. There were 150 6th graders all from Eastern. It would be nice if other schools would do it. They want to do it again next year. Hope that answers some of your questions. Deric Bershok, owner-Wildlife Control Services, LLC, Trapperfur@aol.com, wildlifeservices.org.



Logan Kramer (L) and Dylan Poe (R) took this 22 lb. Turkey on 5-2-15, it had a double beard 11" & 6" beard and 26mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Aaron Schocke took this 25 lb. Turkey on 4-22-15, it had 26mm spurs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Vickie Cox from Connersville, IN tells her Turkey hunt story: I shot my first turkey the day before Mother's Day. I am 61 years old and I have been turkey hunting for 3 years. I shot him from 80 yards, I know this is hard to believe, but it is true. I shot him with my Dad's old Mossberg with a full turkey choke. He weighed 22 pounds and had a beard that was 10 inches long, his spurs were 3/4 of an inch. It was one of the most exciting days of my life. What an awesome Mother's Day I had. Editor's note: I believe you Vickie, thanks for sharing your story with my readers and myself. Ray (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Megan Fugate took this 22 lb. Turkey in Union County. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Gayle Gardner took this 22 lb. Turkey on 4-28-15 in Wayne County. It had 20mm spurs. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



What'd you bring home for lunch dear? Oh no, not another crawdad! When are going to bring home something good, like a nice big juicy nite crawler for lunch? Photo sent in by Anita McFalls, owner of Gittin Jiggy With It Bait & Tackle Shop at Summit Lake, IN (See her ad on page 20)

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Mike McClellan here with his daughter, Grace from Liberty, Indiana, 24 lb. Turkey, 11.5" beard, 21mm spurs. ((Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Steve Hughes from Liberty, IN, 23 lb Turkey, 11.5" beard, 25mm spurs. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Matthew Myers (L) took a 24.5 lb. Turkey with 24mm spurs. Jacob Strange (R) took a 24 lb. Turkey, with 28mm spurs. Both were taken on 4-25-15. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)

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