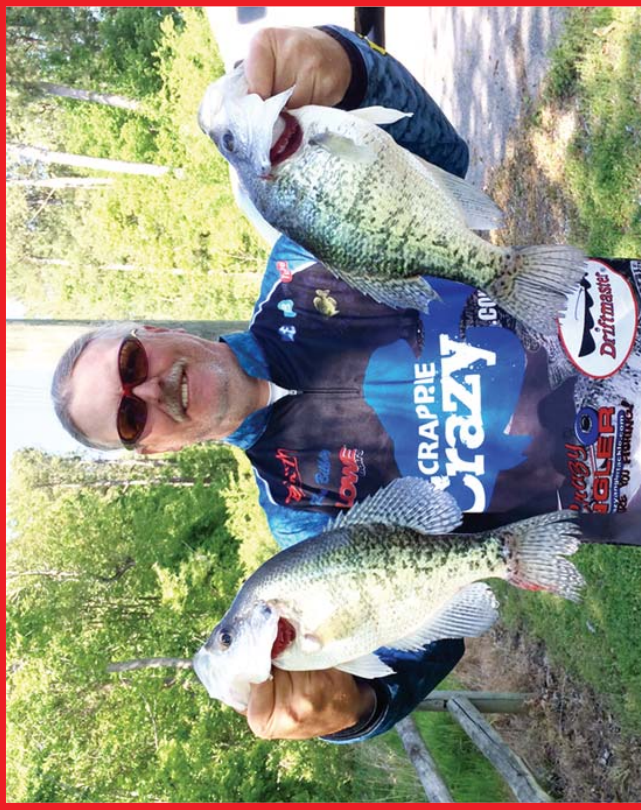


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Top Left: My son Nicholas killed a turkey last weekend. Not just any turkey. And it is not his first turkey either. But it is his first Indiana turkey – a goal that we had been trying to achieve for the past 5 years since he was eight years old. Nothing is sweeter than something hard-earned, and this bird for Nicholas was hard-earned. See page 24 (Photo by Joe Martino)

Top Right: The spring crappie season is divided into three phases, pre spawn, spawn and post spawn. Post spawn is the period right after spawn and prior to crappie returning to deep water and into the summer pattern. Post spawn is usually indicated when water temperatures reach into the mid 60's and the crappie being caught in the shallows decrease in both size and numbers. See Page 20 & 21 (Ron Bilbrey Photo)

Bottom Left: During the winter of 2013 and 2014 Judy and I spent a few months in sunny Florida to escape the ravages of a Midwest deep freeze. Granted, we didn't experience the bone chilling temperatures and snows being felt at home, but we did

have to endure the normal Florida version of storms. People! Tons of people everywhere. My column this month is about bird watching on the beach and I thought you'd enjoy seeing one of the examples of their beach bums. See Page 12 (Drawing by Dan Graves)

Bottom Right: The amazement of a child is depicted in this photo. You can picture in your mind immediately, she is trying to figure out what to do, pet it or keep away. There are Wayne County Fair photos on the front cover, the bottom half of the front cover, page 14 and 19. The photos were taken by Sandy House, President of the Fair Committee. She certainly has an eye for perfect Fair scenes to record. For example the child and snake, a boy dumping water on a friend, a father and son eating ice cream, action shots of bronc riding and bull-dogging a steer, a truck pulling contest, a young girl holding her pet frog, young people showing their animals and a performer holding a reptile. Sandy's photos capture the essence of the moment, a rare quality in modern day photographers. See pages 1, 14 & 19 (Photo by Sandy House)

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THE DAVE LETTERMAN SHOW SIGNS OFF CBS FOR THE LAST TIME MAY 20TH

We Hoosiers who are old enough, can remember when Dave Letterman did the weather in Indianapolis. He graduated to comedy ending up in New York and California pitch hitting for Johnny Carson off and on. Then after not getting the position he coveted, replacing Johnny Carson he found a slot open for him on a late night show on NBC where he and his crew dropped just about anything they could from a tall building to the sidewalk. Then he moved from NBC to CBS and has been there for too long of a time. Somewhere between there and now he lost his being a comedian to a boring 60 minute ranting and raving about any republican who happened to be in or running for office, while buttering up to liberal politicians. If I was tired but couldn't go to sleep I could turn Dave on and be asleep in no time. His sense of humor is totally blind. He smiled a lot and winked at a certain spot in the audience, but returned to his liberal tendencies. . But that didn't slow him down one bit. No doubt he will return to the Hoosier state on occasions to attend races that some of his racing teams will be involved or an occasional visit to Ball State University. But hopefully he will remain with his jet set crowd and continue living out his life on the East Coast with the rest of the Liberals who reside there. Of course this is only my opinion.

BIG DADDY'S GUNS & MORE RELOCATING TO A NEW LOCATION, HE WILL BE OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY NEXT 3 MONTHS

Brent Meadows owner of Big Daddy's Guns and More located at 10 Paul Foulke Pkwy just south of

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I met with Brent last week after learning he had closed to see what his plans were and why he decided to close his very successful gun shop.

He told me that many gun shops are having the same problem that is hurting his business.

A lot of would-be customers visit the gun shops to check out the guns and prices they are interested in buying. Then they say something like, I can get it cheaper off the internet and leave. Then after purchasing a gun elsewhere they return to the gun shop asking the dealer to transfer the paperwork for them. He said it happens all the time.

He told me the overhead alone of keeping a quantity of guns and equipment on hand for prospective buyers in the ever increasing on line competition is the reason for his decision. He will re-open later at his new location. Remember though you can still get a good deal from Brent, just call and make an appointment with him, Call **765-530-8060**.

THE WAYNE COUNTY FAIR IS FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE BEGINNING ON PAGE 14 AND ENDING ON PAGE 19, THE LONG RUNNING COUNTY FAIR MAY BE 187 YEARS OLD

Last year at fair time, June in Wayne County, Indiana I told Sandy House, President of the Fair Committee, that in 2015 I would do a special center fold for the fair. Living up to that commitment this issue has photos taken by Sandy on the top and bottom of the front page, page 14 and 19 plus an aerial photo of the fairgrounds with arrows pointing to key areas of the grounds to help visitors find what they are looking for, plus on page 15 and 18 there is a complete schedule of everything that is happening at the Wayne County Fair June 20-27, 2015. Of course it is still early so there may be some changes made between now and then so I added the familiar phrase at the end (Activities subject to change without prior notice).

Also included is a short history of the fair as I witnessed it and information relating to when the fair actually began. In a book that Carolyn Lafever and Lois Herzog authored in 2001 they show the Wayne County Agricultural Fairs as being from 1851 to 2001.

While visiting the Centerville Library, Kris Turner showed me a document hanging on the wall on the second

floor that was an Agricultural Fair dated 1833. Further into Carolyn and Lois's book they write of Agricultural Fairs dating back to 1828.

So the actual date of the first Wayne County Fair is up for debate. Anyone out there have an opinion?

Some good news is that I was told by a reliable source that the Salisbury Road between U.S.40 and the Fairgrounds will be paved and open by fair time.

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by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

Unlocking the Mystery of the flats

There are several flats on Brookville lake but the two main flats are Garr hill flat and Fairfield flat. Your summer time fishing should center around these areas. A flat is a stretch of the bottom that has very little change in depth. Usually they are pretty featureless except for little pieces of structure here and there or the drop off edge where it falls of in to deep water.

To fish the flats for walleye on Brookville lake can be tricky business. To cast, drag, pull, drift or troll that is the question. When trolling you need to use your outboard motor, or a small kicker motor.

All crank baits have a optimum trolling speed.



Left Photo: Liam Kotarski 6 years old from Cincinnati Ohio caught this nice crappie all by himself fishing with his Dad and Grandpa on May 3rd 2015. Top Right Photo: Some time when your walleye fishing you catch Musky. This one was 37 inches long. We caught it on a 1/32 ounce jig tipped with a night crawler. Right Photo: We are catching a lot of 10 inch walleye, a good sign, of things to come. (Author Photos)



Narrow lipped cranks like shad raps or lip less cranks like rattle traps can be pulled from 1/2 a mile an hour up to 5 miles an hour. While wide lipped cranks like hot n tots must be pulled slower or they turn upside down and come to the surface. When trolling you have to be able to vary your speed between 1/2 a mile an hour to about 2 mile an hour. Usually some where between 50 and 100 count while letting out line as you move the boat forward at an idle is a sufficient amount of line out.

Another option is a line counter reel. Just remember all crank baits are made different for different depths different vibrations and different looks. What your looking for is that the crank bait vibrates and ticks the bottom periodically not just gouge the bottom or never touch the bottom at all.

You can also use a jig a spinner rig a floating jig or just a hook and a sinker. I have heard you can use plastic trailers behind these rigs but I never use plastic I always use live bait either a night crawler, leach, or minnow.

To drift fish all you have to do is get on the up wind side of the flat cast your bait over the side let

out enough line so you can fill the bottom, let the wind blow your boat all the way across the flat. If you catch a fish throw out a marker buoy move back above the buoy drift past it and catch another one.

To drag or pull is basically the same thing as drift fishing. You do this when your fishing the flats and there is no wind. You make a long cast out the back of the boat with a jig and pull it or drag it by using your electric trolling motor. In Indiana your aloud to fish with 3 poles per person so it's a good idea when drift fishing to have 3 poles in the water to increase your odds but if there biting it's hard to keep up. And if the fish are real finicky you will miss fish if you don't have your pole in your hand. You'll have to be the judge of that.

When drift fishing with a jig there are several sizes shapes and colors of jigs, I have most everything your going to need to catch walleye at 52

Pik-up convenience store in Brookville. There are two different size jigs that work the best a 1/16 oz and 1/32 oz. These two sizes are all I ever use. The trick is to figure out the color and style. Trust me on **CONTINUED ON PAGE 9**

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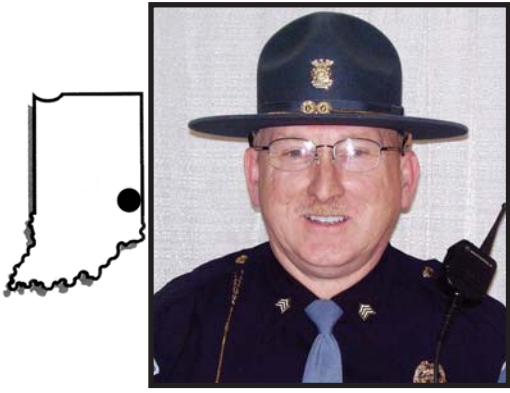
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ISP Museum-A Great Place to Visit

This summer, if you're looking for an interesting place to visit that's free, consider the Indiana State Police Museum located at 8660 East 21st St., right next to the Indianapolis Post. The Historical Center is part of the Youth Services Program which funds and facilitates the ISP youth summer camps each year around the state.

The museum offers free tours of displays that include items from the gangster era, including famous items from the Dillinger gang and others; ISP police cars from the 1930's through the 2000's; an Indian Motorcycle just like the ones ridden by the first troopers in 1933; a moonshine still; numerous guns and weapons with historical significance, as well as some interactive displays like the two headed police car that allows kids the chance to sit behind the wheel and turn on the lights.

The museum is chocked full of historical items donated and seized through the years dealing with law enforcement. The museum was built in 1993 with monies from private donations. A lot of the items in the museum were donated by retired troopers and their families, with a lot of personal items and stories that go with them.

One of my favorite stories is that of a motorcycle trooper in the 1930's that was riding down a gravel road. When he got to his destination, he realized his gun had fallen out of his holster! He began backtracking and was stopped by some kids at a farmhouse he had waved at earlier in the day. Seems they had seen the gun fall out and told their mom, who was keeping it for him.

While at the museum, make sure to check out the ISP logo items for sale there. You can buy items ranging from blankets to t-shirts, sweat-shirts, pants, miniature ISP cars, Christmas ornaments and wall clocks, all with the ISP logo. They

truly have a souvenir for everyone's budget and taste.

Sure, I'm biased; but I think our museum is the best kept secret in Indiana, and is truly one of the neatest places you can visit for free. The museum is open 9a.m-3p.m. Monday through Friday. You can just walk in and browse, or schedule a guided tour at **1-888-ISP-YOUTH**, or **317-899-8293**. For a look into the history of ISP and all things Indiana law enforcement, visit the ISP Museum at 8660 E. 21st in Indianapolis. You can also learn more by visiting and liking their page on [Facebook](#).

In the early days of the Indiana State Police, troopers patrolled Indiana's roadways astride Indian motorcycles.

In the 1930's gangs of bank robbers ran rampant throughout Indiana. Due to the large number of robberies, the Indiana Legislature created the State Police in 1933. Displays from this era include items from Hoosier native John Dillinger, the Brady and Easton gangs.

Two Pendleton Troopers Receive Awards

Indianapolis – In a ceremony held on 4/10 at the Government Center in Indianapolis, two Pendleton District Troopers were honored for their hard work and dedication in 2014. Trooper Rusty Slater, a nine year member of the Indiana State Police, was honored as Pendleton District "Trooper of The Year" for 2014.

The district "Trooper of the Year" award is presented to the trooper at each district who has achieved outstanding enforcement efforts in the areas of traffic and criminal enforcement, case and crash investigation, public information programs and community service, and who has exemplified the professionalism and integrity of an Indiana State Trooper. Trooper Slater, who was assigned to the Pendleton District Meth Suppression Squad in 2014, was awarded with an engraved plaque recognizing him for his accomplishments in 2014. Trooper Sam Cook, a three year member of the Indiana State Police, was honored as tops in DUI enforcement for the Pendleton District in 2014. Cook was honored for his 2014 DUI enforcement efforts by leading the Pendleton District with 52 DUI arrests. This is the

second year in a row that Cook has earned this award. Trooper Cook is assigned to the Pendleton District North Zone and works Madison and Delaware Counties. Trooper Cook was also given an engraved plaque for his accomplishments.

Spring Time – Time to Beware Internet, Phone and Mail Scams

Spring time and early summer seems to usher in the "Scam Season." According to the FBI [IC3.gov](#) web site, complaints went down from 289,874 in 2012 to 262,813 in 2013. The FBI received 1,117 complaints from Indiana citizens in 2013. (2014 stats were not available.) The average monetary loss for Hoosiers per case was \$2,204. The age group of 40-49 filed the most reports and suffered the most losses in the U.S. in 2013, with 52% of those being men.

The FBI lists one of the current most popular scams as vehicle auction, where the scammer lists a vehicle for sale well below market value, saying they "must sell" due to being relocated with their job "out of country." They often rush consumers into sending a deposit for the fake vehicle sight unseen, and then take the money and run.

Also still popular is the romance scheme, where scammers target folks looking for love online. Folks fall for their romantic emails and really think they are dating someone online, when they really are being scammed for money. Often the scammer will ask for money so they can come for a visit and maybe even

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**Happenings in
 Metamora, Indiana**



by **Janice Hunsche**

June 2015 Activities

Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

There's nothing like strawberries in late spring/early summer. Metamora always enjoys these luscious berries with a Strawberry Festival. They've been doing it for 29 years and it's always popular. This year the festival gets a fun start with Red Head Comedy on Friday **June 5th** from 7-9pm at the Cat and the Fiddle Event Center at the Blacksmith Shop. Then on June **6-7** from 10am-5pm, there will be strawberry shortcake for sale as well as live music on the front lawn of the Bane House. The Grist Mill Jam is also **June 7th** from 1-4pm. So bring your instrument and join in or just stop and listen a while.

Metamora is getting more and more live music acts coming into town. The Cat and the Fiddle Event Center at the Blacksmith Shop, 10104 Columbia St, has several during the month of June. **June 12th** from 7-9pm Brian Keith Wallen, the international blues champion is giving a concert. **June 15th** from 7-9pm is the Beatniks. They always have a fun show. **June 27th** from 7-9pm Chris Weiss will be giving a concert in conjunction with the guitar workshop, see Mosaic below. For more information about any of

these concerts or to make reservations -strongly recommended, call Catrina at **513-403-0672**.

The MPA Opry Barn at 19189 Pennington Road continues their Bluegrass Night on the 3rd Saturday of the month, **June 20th** from 6-9 pm. This month they are hosting Rural Route 2. Doors open at 5:30pm, music starts at 6 with the house band and the main band starts their show at 7pm. The cost is \$6 per person and food is available for purchase. Also at the MPA Opry Barn is Acoustic Final Friday, **June 26**. Sign up is at 6:30pm with the show starting at 7pm.

Mosaic at 19054 S Main St, has its usual schedule of classes and workshops. **June 13th** at 2pm is a free intro to fiddle class. **June 14th** at 2pm is the photography club. This is a fun club and open to anyone interested in photography. No fancy equipment is needed you can even use your phone. It's free and every month there's a new theme. **June 20th** at 10am is the breakfast jam. Bring a breakfast dish to share, your instrument, and come ready to jam. Again this is free to anyone interested. **June 21st** at 2pm is the songwriter's workshop. Bring a song in progress or one you've just finished to share with the group. **June 27** at 1pm is a guitar workshop with Chris Weiss with a concert following at 7pm.

The Whitewater Valley Train has a full schedule of events as well. **The Twilight Limited** train to dinner is running **June 5th**. It leaves the Connersville station at 6pm for the trip to the Laurel Hotel. The cost is \$32 for adults, \$17 for children and includes train ride, dinner, tax and tip. **June 19-21** and **26-28** Thomas the Tank Engine is coming to town. This is always a fun time with a chance to ride **Thomas the Tank Engine** as well as enjoy family themed activities at the station in Connersville. Tickets are available through ticketweb or by calling at **866-468-7630**. Note: The Metamora Limited train will not be running while Thomas the Tank Engine is in town. More information about all the Whitewater Valley Train rides is available at <http://www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions/>.

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Coming Events

Fayette County June - July 2015

June is full of fun in Fayette County!
 But, before May ends, there's the Annual Blue Gill Bonanza for Children, sponsored by Fayette County Conservation Club. Location: 6632 Manlove Park Road | Date: Saturday, **May 23**. Sign-up time:

8:00 to 9:00 a.m. | Fishing Time 9:00 to 11:00 am | Cost \$3.00 (includes chips, pop and hotdog) Ages: newborn to 16 years | Contact: Jamie Reed at **765-561-5211**.

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

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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.connersvillecommunity.com/Community/Lions_Downhill_Derby](http://connersvillecommunity.com/Community/Lions_Downhill_Derby). There are so many things to do in Fayette County! Visit Fayette County Tourism's website and see what's happening! www.tourconnersville.com. Hope to see you soon!

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Left: Aaron Scott and David Pence show off their 1st place crappie for Total Weight and Big Fish. Total weight was 6.36 pounds and Big Fish was 1.58 pounds and 14 1/2 inches. Right: Dave Bowser and Mike Morrison with their 2nd place crappie. They weighed in 5.24 pounds for their top 7 fish. (Author Photos)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Bozarth Crappie Tournament May 2, 2015

The first Bozarth crappie tournament of the 2015 season was held on Saturday, May 2. The week leading up to the tournament provided ideal weather conditions and it didn't disappoint on tourney day as the temperature hovered around the 70 degree mark most of the day and was accompanied with a bright sunny sky. The lake level was approximately three feet shy of summer pool and the water clarity was fairly clear. We had a total of 18 teams sign up to compete against each other on the Salamonie Reservoir.

The fishing time started at 7 a.m. and ended at 2 p.m. and then the weigh in had to be completed by 3 p.m. When the weigh in line started to form and teams began weighing their fish it seemed as though the bulk of fish coming through the line were mostly in the 10 to 11 inch size and a majority of the teams were struggling to break the four pound barrier with

the top seven fish limit. However, things changed when the team of Aaron Scott and David Pence came to the weigh in table. After seeing mostly sub 4 pound weights to start the day I knew things were going to change when they brought their Big Fish of the day to the weigh in line that ended up weighing 1.58 pounds and was 14 1/2 inches long. They proceeded to add the other six fish and the scale read 6.36 pounds! Needless to say, they ended up taking home first place honors in Big Fish and Total weight. Congratulations to the team of Scott and Pence for their big accomplishment of the day and also their consistency of continually being near the top in several previous tournaments.

Another team that had a good day on the lake but was unable to add the one "kicker" fish to their total was the team of Mike Morrison and Dave Bowser. With a weight of 5.24 pounds, team Morrison and Bowser took home second place in total weight. They were followed up by the team of Dan Gifford and Tim Yohe who managed a total weight of 4.18 pounds. Rounding out the top four was the team of Kevin Wisheart and JL Wampner with a total weight of 4.12 pounds. Team Wisheart and Wampner also nabbed 2nd place Big Fish with a crappie weighing in at .98 pounds.

I would like to say congratulations to the winning teams and also say "thank you" to all the teams that took the time to enter our tournament and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Our next scheduled tournament will be held on Saturday, June 6th.

Before concluding my story I would like to take a moment and share an update that's related to my previous article about mushroom hunting. Over the last several days I had many readers wanting to know if I was able to take my kids back out to our "honey hole" and find a patch of mushrooms again this year. Luckily, with the ideal weather conditions we had over the previous few weeks of providing the right amount of rain showers and sun we were able to find a couple of different messes of mushrooms! It made me feel good knowing they kept asking me to go hunting versus having me trying to persuade them to want to go out and hunt with me. My four year old

son, Cade, has become quite the aggressive hunter as he would want to try and tackle his sister, Hali, so he could get to the mushroom first and pick it before her. I had to remind him not to be so rough and that luckily there were enough to go around for everyone to

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Left: Dan Gifford and Tim Yohe with their third place crappie. Their top seven fish weighed 4.18 pounds. Right: This is one of several batches of mushrooms we were able to find this year. My two kids, Hali and Cade, continue to enjoy hunting those morels! (Author Photos)



pick mushrooms!

In closing, I would like to once again invite you and your family to come visit us here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash as we are beginning to get in full swing with the summer season now upon us. Gather

up the family and come experience the many things that the Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Roush Lakes have to offer you and your family. While visiting, don't forget to stop in at Bozarth's Country Store and look at wide selection of goods we have to offer. Feel free to contact us at (765) 981-4522 for any questions relating to the crappie tournaments or the Country Store/Campground.

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this, color makes a BIG difference you have to switch from color to color till you find the one they want and then put that size and color on ever pole your fishing with. The time of day your out there makes a difference also. I have seen them bite in the morning on orange until 11:00 and quit. Then start back up again at 1:00 and not bite anything unless it was green. So don't give up just because there not biting on what your fishing with, start changing your gear to what they want, or try some where else but always come back and check in later.

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News From The Indiana State Police

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get married. Of course, they never show up

Also popular is the FBI or law enforcement scam, where they intimidate victims via emails purporting to be government or law enforcement officials. They then threaten legal action against the victim unless they send a fine. The FBI and other law enforcement agencies remind folks "Government agencies do not send unsolicited e-mails of this nature."

"While FBI, Department of Justice and other United States government executives are briefed on numerous investigations, they do not personally contact consumers regarding such matters. United States government agencies use the legal process to contact individuals. These agencies do not send threatening letters or e-mails to consumers demanding payments for Internet crimes." (Excerpt taken from IC3 web site.)

There are numerous scams out there with people being victimized daily. For an updated list of current scams, visit IC3.gov for their latest press releases. The best advice is old advice; if it looks or seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Remember, you can't win a sweepstakes you've never entered, and you never have to send money to get money.

I've never heard of folks having to pay Publishers Clearing House money to show up at their door with flowers and a giant check-it just doesn't work that way! But people continue to fall for that scam every year. To report a scam, or if you feel you've been a victim, you can go to IC3.gov to fill out an online report.

Well, this ends another month's installment. Thanks for reading and for allowing all of us to work for all of you. Stay safe, and we'll talk again next month.

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by **Marshall Smith**
Owner/Gunsmith

My favorite Compact Gun Reviewed

A few months back I obtained a Bersa Thunder 380 pistol. Friends had suggested I check out the Bersa 380 as they were happy with the handling and size of the gun and thought I might be interested in doing a review of the gun. My Bersa Thunder 380 was imported into the States through R.S.A. Enterprises, Inc., located in Ocean Township, New Jersey, now known as Eagle Imports, Inc. Same address, different phone numbers and web pages. Back to Bersa.

Bersa has been manufacturing guns in Argentina since the mid-1950's. It started out manufacturing pistol parts and moved into producing its own guns starting with a .22LR pistol known as the "Modelo 60" which soon was replaced by the "62" which was based on a Beretta design. One of the three founders of the company had worked for Beretta. In 1994 Bersa S.A. introduced its "Thunder" series of guns. The Thunder 380 is similar in design to the Walther PP and PPK. So similar that at first sight one would think the Thunder 380 was a Walther PP see the pictures of the Walther PPK and Bersa for comparison. The specs on the Thunder 380 are as follows:

- Caliber: .380 ACP including +P
- System Of Operation: Semiautomatic
- Length: 6.61 Inches
- Height: 4.92 Inches
- Width: 1.34 Inches
- Barrel Length: 3.5 Inches
- Weight: 20 Ounces
- Magazine Capacity: 7 Cartridges
- Safety Features: Manual safety and decocker lever, Magazine safety, Automatic firing pin safety, and an Internal Locking System (ILS)
- Finish: Blue
- Grip: Polymer
- Frame: Aluminum
- Slide: Steel

I was impressed with the safety features on this gun which in my mind made it as easy to use as a revolver. Once loaded, it can be carried without the manual safety on and a round chambered ready to defend. The automatic firing pin safety prevents the firing pin from touching the primer unless the trigger is pulled all the way to the rear. The manual safety



Left Photo: "Walther PPK produced from 1935 to 1992. Bersa S.A. began manufacturing the Thunder 380 on this design in 1994." Right Photo: "The Bersa Thunder 380. Not a lot of difference in looks from the Walther PPK. This gun is popular in the U.S. and is in service with several South American country's military and police forces including the Ecuadorian Air Force." (Author Photo)



isn't difficult to move to the off position but it is rotated forward which is contrary to a 1911 safety and many others and it is not ambidextrous. The manual safety does block the hammer from striking the firing pin and disconnects the trigger. Making it so that it cannot be carried in a "cocked and locked" condition like a 1911. I really like the safeties on this little gun.

I took the gun to the indoor range I go to and familiarized myself with its shooting characteristics. The range has only one distance, 50 feet or 17 yards. I found that once I became accustomed to the trigger pull in both double action and single action that I was able to place the rounds in a reasonably tight group, that is under a 3 inch spread. That is really pretty good for a gun with a sight radius of only 4.5 inches. I wouldn't expect to be shooting at that distance in a self-defense situation though. The statistics have been reported that self-defense situations occurred within a range 7 yards or less. That's close enough that a person who has practiced and knows their gun reasonably well probably won't be wasting time aiming but shooting for center mass.

I was impressed with the double-action trigger pull. It was smooth and only stacked at the end of the pull. Single action trigger pull was a bit sloppy but easy to learn and control. I measured the double-action pull using my Lyman digital trigger pull meter at an average of 7 lbs, 4 oz. The single action pull averaged 4 lbs, 2 oz. Inserting a fresh magazine was quick and easy and when slapped home loaded the



The Bersa Thunder 380 field stripped. Easy to disassemble and clean." (Author Photo)

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Navigating Like The Vikings

It was a gray, calm day on the lake. Calm enough that it was very enjoyable being afloat and gray enough the salmon stayed in their "dawn's early light" biting mood well past the dawn's early light.

There were a few other boats working the "numbers"—the GPS coordinates which were keeping us in the vicinity of the far-offshore fish. Because of the haze, land was "over there" somewhere. Pick a direction. They all looked alike.

The boats were spread out enough there were no problems with cutting off leadcore lines or interfering with hooked chinooks, close enough we could occasionally pass one another near enough to wave or watch people on the other boats manhandle a fish they'd seduced.

Most of the time I was on autopilot, I'd just check the "jeeper" occasionally to make sure I wasn't straying too far from my own waypoints and adjust the course as needed. In midmorning I glanced back at the GPS screen to find it blank. I pushed the power button and it remained as blank as ever. "Probably just a fuse," I thought, and I wasn't worried because I knew exactly which fuse holder powered the unit and I had a box full of spares. Actually, there were 3 spares in the box.

I removed the fuse, held it up to the sky to better see the tiny wire (a 1.5 amp fuse doesn't sport a very large filament). It was burned through, so I replaced the fuse. I pushed the power button and the machine remained off. I was beginning to suspect something wasn't right, but under the theory "don't fix what isn't broken" I replaced the second burnt out fuse.

It didn't last any longer than the first replacement. Something was broken. "Could be the wiring, could be a short in the GPS unit," I thought.

One last attempt at a quick-fix. Under the dash, I separated the various wires, pushed and pulled gently on the connections, hoping to un-short whatever could be shorted out. Fuse number 3 blew as easily as the previous ones.

I was relegated to almost the same navigation equipment the ancient Vikings used to navigate around the North Atlantic, the same Christopher Columbus used to accidentally discover Hispaniola and the same



Don't rely strictly on electronics. Have a regular, not electric compass on board. (Author Photo)

I used to use before Loran-C and GPS units were available (or affordable) to put on my boat. The compass.

Actually, I had two navigation devices—a stand alone sonar, or depth finder which would tell me roughly if I were heading back towards shore. Where I was fishing the bottom gradually slopes deeper as the distance from shore increases. All I had to do to find land was head for shallow water. It would still be a guess (unless I noted familiar landmarks) exactly where I was once shore came within view and it would be embarrassing to make landfall 5 or 6 miles away from the harbor.

I could have followed one of the other boats, but that would have put me and my fishing partners on someone else's schedule, not on the one we planned when we left. I could have asked for a compass heading back to port from one of the nearby boats, and I did have that as a back-up plan, but that would have called attention to my problem. Why advertise, when you can improvise?

I used the sonar to keep on my pod of active fish for the next couple of hours, fishing deeper, to shallower, to deeper in the same general area. The day stayed gray and overcast and shore stayed hidden in the gloom.

When it was time to go, I recalled the general heading I'd followed from the pierheads out to where we were fishing, added 180 degrees to that number and put the boat up on plane to follow that course by compass. Old skills came back to me. If I veered a few degrees too high, I'd steer back to the left, too low, a correction to starboard would put me on course. (My compass has a front reading card. Some compasses show the back of the card through lenses and you just steer back towards your heading.)

When we were about 3 miles offshore familiar landmarks started to appear through the haze. A few degrees of correction was all that was needed to steer us right to the harbor entrance.

There's a major and minor point to this story. One, is though it's handy to have all your instrumentation in one unit (sonar, GPS, radar, autopilot, etc.) if that unit goes down, you lose everything. The second is to always have a traditional-non-electric compass on board and be competent in using it. You never know when you'll have to navigate like a Viking.

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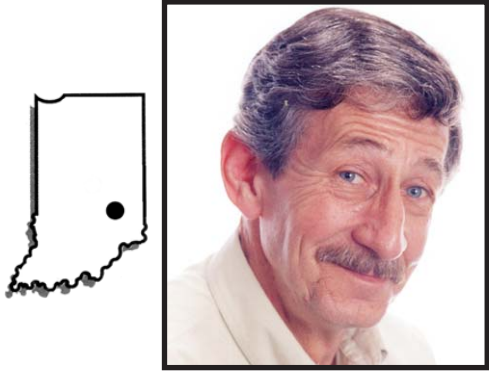
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Tropical Crows & Buzzards

During the winter of 2013 and 2014 July and I spent a few months in sunny Florida to escape the ravages of a Midwest deep freeze. Granted, we didn't experience the bone chilling temperatures and snows being felt at home, but we did have to endure the normal Florida version of storms. People! Tons of people everywhere. And every one was driving two cars. I finally figured out how they were doing this. Drive one automobile two blocks, park it, run back and get the other one, drive it two blocks further and park, run back to the first car, move it forward four blocks, etc. I began to wonder if there was anyone left in the northern forty eight or were they all down there. The latest statistics show that Florida has one of the highest, if not the highest, rates of immigration of northern folks, most of them senior citizens who finally decide to file for divorce from their snow shovel.

That was our first experience at joining the "snow bird" masses and quite frankly, I resented that title, preferring to be called "a blizzard buzzard". However, by the end of the third month of fighting crowds and crazy traffic I was ready to call it quits. To add insult to injury, the fish in their coastal waters had apparently left for a vacation to the Mexican side of the gulf. Those species that couldn't afford the trip, of which I snagged about a half dozen, were the equivalent of scruffy alley cats called croakers. Averaging eight inches long and inedible by anything other than the pan handling pelicans, the only fighting action I experienced was with older ladies over parking spaces at the local supermarket. I decided that rather than return to the land of retired NASCAR drivers and Woodstock survivors, it would be more relaxing to spend the winter in Oniuk, Greenland. Polar bears are far less temperamental than a Canadian refugee trying to get a spot in line at a fast food restaurant.

My resolve to tough it out at home this last winter went down the toilet when friends suggested we consider booking a couple of months at their favorite site in the upper panhandle of Florida. After seeing pictures of their site, we gritted out teeth and booked two months in a beautiful complex in Destin, Florida. From our seventh floor patio we looked down on a glistening white sand beach and a variety of green and blue colors of the waters of the gulf. Aply named the Emerald Coast, the area reeked of opulence with palm lined roads, sparkling high rises,



From the Author: Here's a picture of one of the bird sketches I made in Florida. My column this month is about bird watching on the beach and I thought you'd enjoy seeing one of the examples of their beach bums.

magnificent mansions, Ferrari's, Porsche's, Corvettes, and BMW's. I was tempted to put a sign in our Chevy Blazer that read, "Help A Hoosier. All Donations Accepted".

After getting over feeling like cats at the Westminster Dog show, we spent time walking the beach and visiting local sights. But inevitably, after a few weeks of soaking up the local culture, slight binges of boredom settled in. Even fishing in the acres large fresh water lake in our complex with again, no results, left me looking for something to pass the time. As usual, the beach was home to a variety of bird life (the variety with wings, not bikini's). I decided to pass the time studying their daily habits and their reaction to associations with the human beach loungers. I would become an amateur ornithologist.

A few days of study showed characteristics common with each species, especially in their adaptation to the environment and their relationship with mankind. I finally narrowed it down to the three dominant and most common species, the sea gull, the pelican, and the sand piper. Any attempts to study the cormorant was futile due to their being constantly on the move, never stopping long enough for a thorough study. After accumulating reams of data, I decided to use my sketch pad and draw these three types in their native habitat along with a description of their life styles. They are as follows:

Sea Gull

(Genus Hemorrhoidae Manipulitus)

Normally considered a pain in the rumble seat by beach goers, the gull has developed panhandling into a fine science. Being of short stature with bony legs and knobby knees, they present the perfect example of a Bowery Bum. Capable of digesting

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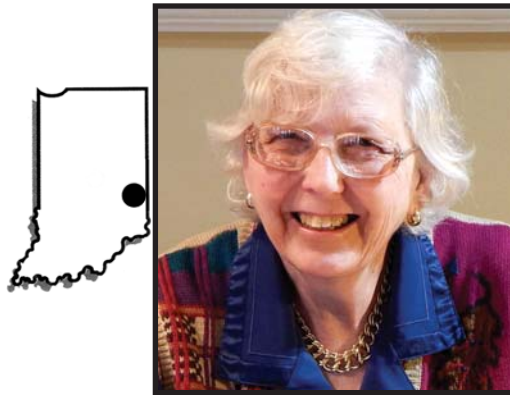
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Shawneecreek Ramblings



by Vivian Sanders-Himelick

Fun at the Fair

Our first year at The Wayne County Fair in the Horse and Pony Project was quite exciting for my daughter. She met lots of new friends in several pony clubs. Each club had a night to practice in the Fairgrounds arena or in one near their town. Cambridge City and Hagerstown had their own arenas.

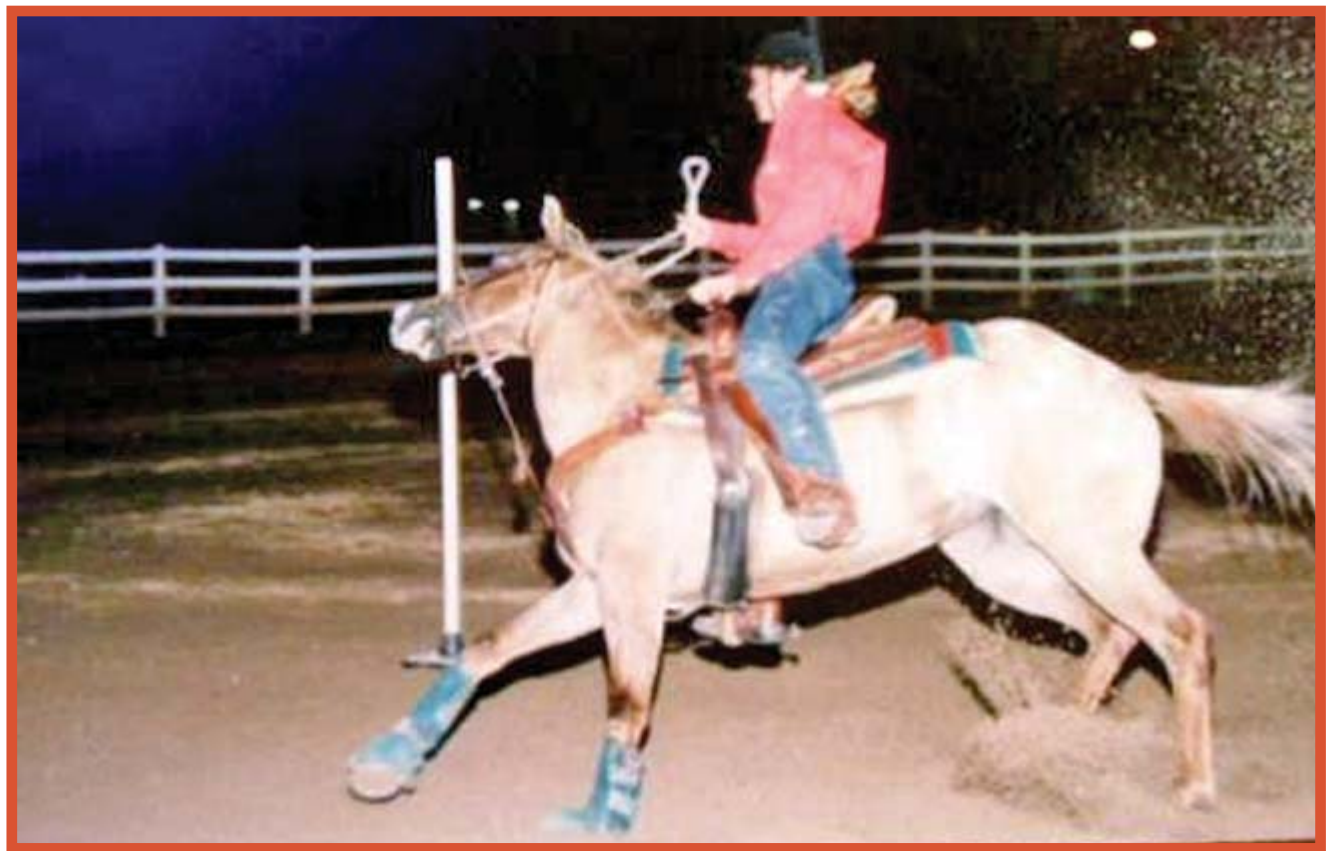
Although we started out showing in western pleasure and hunter under saddle and related class-

es, the speed events soon caught her eye. We had bought a yearling Appaloosa filly, we named "Skip" that looked pretty promising as a barrel or pole horse. She was the product of years of line breeding by a famous Quarter Horse breeder Hank Wiescamp. This dun (tawny brown) mare with snowflake spots was a direct maternal descendant of AQHA Hall of Fame Sire Skipper W by a mare called Hada Skip Town.

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I have included a picture of our filly Skip as a 4 yr old with Heather at the Wayne County Fair. She was a natural in poles, and performed flying lead



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changes around every pole perfectly. Heather not only won the pole class, but barrels, and keyhole too..as to the flag class, well lets just say the flag never made it to its destination, although she ran it quite fast! We still have the Championship Contesting Trophy from 2002. If you have time stop and see Contesting Night, and all the other Horse and Pony Events at the Wayne County Fair!

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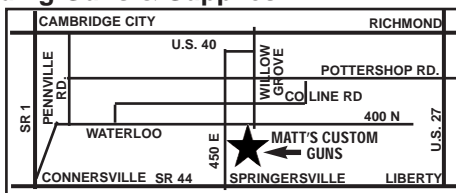
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Saturday, June 13

7 PM Wayne County 4-H Teen / Preteen / Junior & Queen Contest, Location: Centerville High School

Friday, June 19

6 PM Mini (K-2) Horse & Pony Show
6:30 PM 4-H Public Fashion Revue, 4-H Graduation & Awards - Kuhlman Center

Saturday, June 20

Off Road Swap Meet - 10 AM
Wayne County Idol 5 PM @ Free Stage
Hot Air Balloon Launch - 7 AM & 7 PM
ATV/Truck Drags - 5 PM
Family Fun - 5 - 9 PM Movie @ 9:30 PM
Karaoke Time Following Idol Finals @ Free Stage
Night-Glow Hot Air Balloons - 9 - 10PM

Sunday, June 21

“the church” service - 11 AM - Free Stage
Little Miss & Mister Contest - 2 PM @ Free Stage
Special Music - 4 PM - 8 PM @ Free Stage
CK Cycles Moto Cross Racing - 5 PM
Horse Pull - 7 PM - FREE Admission

Monday, June 22

Car Show - 5 PM - Kuhlman Center Parking Lot
Cheerleading Completion - 7 PM
Cook and Belle - 7 PM & 8:30 PM @ Free Stage

Tuesday, June 23

Hoosier State Tractor Pull - 7 PM
String Party Band - 7:30 PM @ Free Stage
Silly Safaris - 5:30 & 7:30 PM @ Family FitnessWorksTent

Wednesday, June 24

Pottery by Jeremy South - 3 PM - 8 PM @ Family FitnessWorks Tent
Tom Butters Painting - 5 PM @ Family FitnessWorks Tent
Wayne County Idol - 6 PM @ Free Stage
Truck / Tractor Pull - 7 PM

Thursday, June 25

Kids Day - 12 Noon to 4:30 - Armband Special - \$12
7 Event Rodeo - 7 PM
Dancers - 6:00 PM @ Free Stage
Silly Safaris - 5:30 & 7:30 PM @ Family FitnessWorksTent

Colt Douglas - 7:30 @ Free Stage

Friday, June 26

4-H Livestock Sale of Champions Auction - 11 AM
Phillip Fox Band - 7:30 PM @ Free Stage
Mark Abbati “Living Statue” - 1 PM - 5 PM - 8 PM
Mud Bog - 7 PM • Fireworks @ Dark

Saturday, June 27

Free Health Screenings - Family FitnessWorks Tent - 12-5 PM
Wayne County Idol Finals - 5 PM @ Free Stage
Karaoke Time Following Idol Finals @ Free Stage
Demolition Derby - 7 PM

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Saturday, June 20

FAMILY FUN NIGHT SPONSORED BY REID HOSPITAL

7 AM Launch of Hot Air Balloons - Parking Lot across from the Fair Grounds
9 AM 4-H Horse & Pony - Western Show
10 AM Off Road Swap Meet (Max Soliday 765-960-5857, Fat Boys Jeep Club Scott Sperling 765-993-7040)
12 PM ATV/Truck Drags Practice - KOI Drag Racing - www.koidracing.com - 859-576-7380
4 PM-9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits Open - Kuhlman Center
5 PM Wayne County Idol - Free Stage - Sponsored by Kicks 96
5 PM Flag Raising - trackside by Veterans
5 PM ATV/Truck Drags Racing - KOI Drag Racing - www.koidracing.com - 859-576-7380
5 PM-9 PM FREE Laser Tag and 28ft Slide - Heartbreaker Entertainment
6 PM Meet the Queen and her Court - Family FitnessWorks Tent
6 PM Open Sheep Show - (IJCLC website)
7 PM Launch of Hot Air Balloons - Parking Lot across from the Fair Grounds
7:30 PM Karaoke Time - Free Stage
9 PM-10 PM Night Glow of Hot Air Balloons - Parking Lot across from Fair Grounds
9:30 PM FREE Outdoor Movie Night
Evening Marc Dobson One Man Band - Roaming the Fairgrounds

Sunday, June 21

**FREE PARKING ALL DAY - VETERAN'S DAY
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9 AM 4-H Dog Show - Raper Center

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11 AM-12:30 PM “the church” service from Hagerstown - Anton Payne - www.thechurchmovement.com
12 PM-5 PM Richmond VA Clinic - Day Sponsor Tent
1 PM-9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center
12 PM CK Cycles Moto Cross Registration and Practice (Barry Presley 765-462-9163)
1 PM 4-H Rabbit Ambassadors, Showmanship, Doe Litter & Fur Class
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2 PM Little Miss & Mister Contest - Free Stage
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5 PM CK Cycles Moto Cross Racing Track (Barry Presley 765-462-9163)
5:30 PM Open Swine Show (Ryan Drake 765-541-2366)
6 PM-7:30 PM Hillcrest Baptist Gospel Sing - Free Stage
7 PM Billy Bales Memorial Horse Pull (Patty Bales 765-993-1240)
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8 AM 4-H Poultry Show - Raper Center
10 AM 4-H Horse & Pony - Dressage & Jumping
10 AM-9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center
2 PM 4-H Swine Show
5 PM-8 PM Car Show - Cruz in the County Fair - Kuhlman Center Parking Lot (Enter West Gate-Show Cars Only) FREE ENTRY (Mark Mendenhall 765-886-5506)
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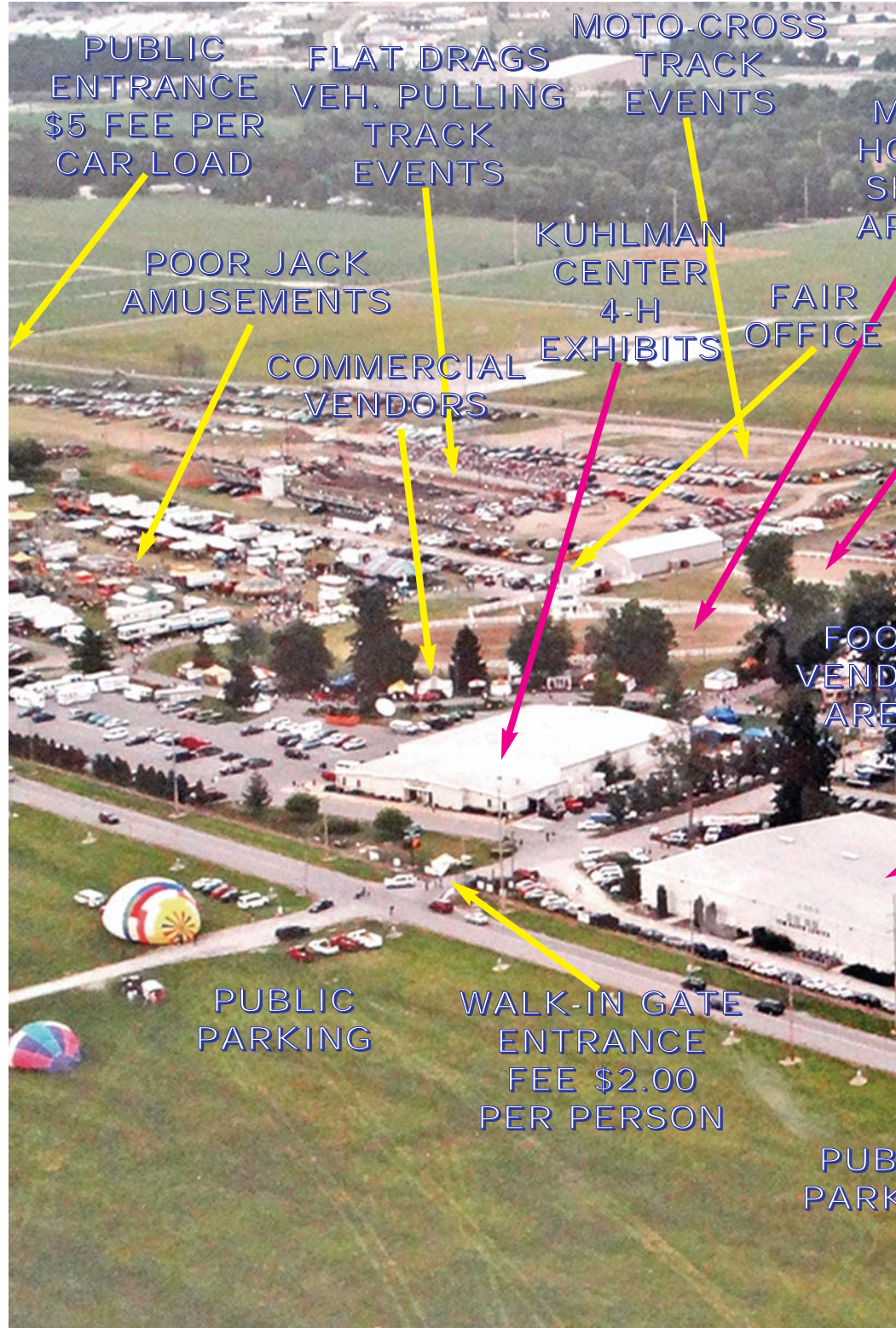
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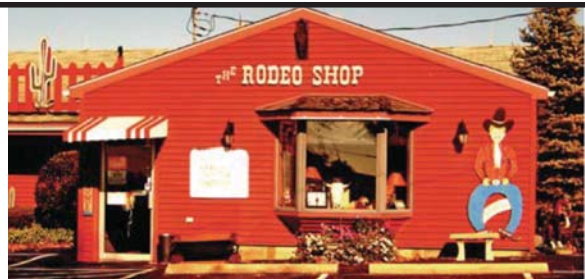
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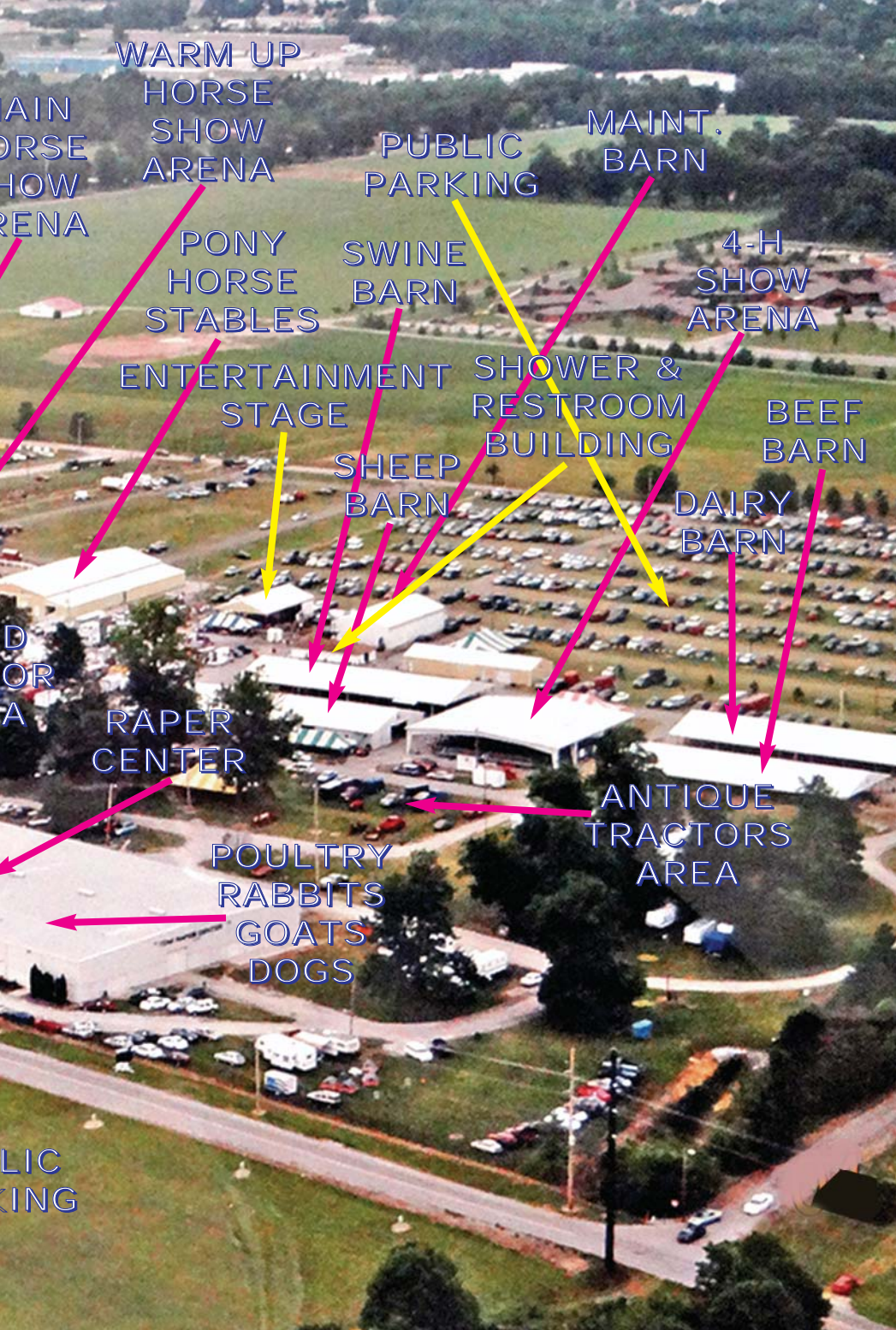
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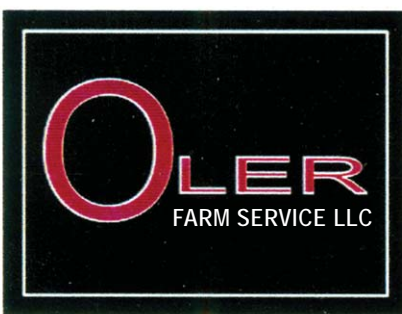
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8 AM 4-H Rabbit Show - Raper Center
10 AM-9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center
1 PM All 4-H Goat Showmanship - Dairy Wether, Jr. & Sr. Dairy Doe, and Jr. & Sr. Pygmy Goat Show
4 PM - 8:30 PM Blood Drive in the Kuhlman Center (Sandy House 765-886-5400) www.indianablood.org
4 PM 4 - H Sheep Show

5 PM Wayne County Sheriff Dept. & Emergency Vehicles, Police Departments, Demos by Fire; Departments, all on display - Kuhlman Center Parking Lot

5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$17.00
5:30 PM Silly Safari (Animal Show) - Family FitnessWorks Tent

5:30 PM 4-H Horse & Pony Show - Special Skills

6 PM Free Kiddie Tractor Pull - FFA Building

6 PM Antique Tractor Parade

7 PM Hoosier State Tractor Pull (Steve Burge 765-874-2222 or 765-969-1074 or John Lackey 765-993-5775)

7:30 PM String Party Band - Free Stage - <http://www.facebook.com/StringPartyMusic/>

7:30 PM Silly Safari (Animal Show) - Family FitnessWorks Tent

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Wednesday, June 24

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SPECIAL ARTS IN AGRICULTURE DAY

FAMILY FITNESSWORKS TENT

7 AM Jr. Leaders Breakfast - Kuhlman Center Kitchen

9 AM 4-H Pet Show - TBA

10 AM 4-H Cat Show - TBA

10 AM-9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center

10 AM 4-H Goat Show - Meat Wether's & Meat Goats - Raper Center

12 PM 4-H Beef Show - Grooming, Showmanship, Minis, and Heifers (Show Order)

5 PM-8 PM Make a FREE clay creature or bell is \$10 with Jeremy South from Rocky Ripple Clayworks - Family Fitnessworks Tent

5 PM-8 PM Tom Butters of Hagerstown Arts Place - How to paint a picture - Family FitnessWorks Tent

5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$17.00
5:30 PM 4-H Horse & Pony Show - Versatility

6 PM Plant Giveaway by Biology from IVY Tech - FFA Building

6 PM Wayne County Idol - Free Stage - Sponsored by Kicks 96

6 PM 4-H Steer Show - Dairy Feeder, Dairy Steer, Dairy Rate of Gain, Beef Rate of Gain, Beef Feeder, Beef Steer (Show Order)

6 PM Antique Tractor Parade & Games Following at the Antique Tractor Area

7 PM Truck & Tractor Pull (Kyle Schlechty 937-459-0229 Darke Co. Puller Rules or John Lackey 765-993-5775) Sponsored by West End Bank

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Thursday, June 25

COLLEGE DAY - FREE PARKING WITH COLLEGE ID KIDS DAY - ARMBAND SPECIAL STARTS AT 12 NOON!

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9 AM 4-H Dairy Show

10 AM-9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center

12 NOON-4:30 PM Kids Day - Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands Special \$12.00

3 PM 4-H Horse & Pony - Fun & Games

5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$17.00
5:30 PM Silly Safari (Animal Show) - Family FitnessWorks Tent

6 PM Supreme Showman** - Horse Arena Opening Ceremony, Then completed in Livestock Show Arena

6 PM Antique Tractor Parade & Games Following at the Antique Tractor Area

6 PM Free Kiddie Tractor Pull - FFA Fun Barn

6PM-7PM Dixon Dancers - Free Stage

7 PM 3 Bar J - Seven Event rodeo - IPRA-Rodeo.com (Mike Johnson 937-459-7352)

7 PM Adult Pedal Tractor Pull - In front of antique tractor display

7:30 PM Silly Safari (Animal Show) - Family FitnessWorks Tent

**Battle of the Barns - Following Supreme Showman in Livestock Show Arena

7:30 PM Colt Douglas Acoustic Show - Free Stage

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Friday, June 26

LIVESTOCK SALE DAY - DAILY SPONSOR:

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10 AM-9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center

11 AM 4-H Livestock Sale of Champions Auction

1 PM Mark Abbati living statue - @ Livestock Auction www.joyunspeakable.net

5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$17.00 - 2015 Wayne County 4-H Members With Card \$7.00

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6 PM Antique Tractor Parade

7 PM Mud Bog (Gary Stapleton 765-220-2100)

7:30 PM Phillip Fox Band - Country Fried Rock n' Roll - Free Stage - www.phillipfoxband.com

8 PM Mark Abbati living statue - roaming the fairgrounds www.joyunspeakable.net

DARK FIREWORKS

Saturday, June 27

LAST DAY OF FUN!!! - HEALTH FAIR

9:30 AM 4-H Tractor Operator's Contest - at north end of fairgrounds

9 AM Open Dairy Show (Daune Hill 765-847-2987)

12 - 5 PM Lifestyle Expo with FREE Health Screenings. Sponsored by the Richmond Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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5 PM FINALS - Wayne County Idol - Free Stage - Sponsored by Kicks 96

5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$17.00

7 PM Demolition Derby - Cars, Lawnmowers & Kids Power Wheels (John Lackey 765-993-5775 or Larry or Shawn Sittloh 765-935-9990)

7:30 PM Karaoke Time - Free Stage

Sunday, June 28

9 AM Open Meat Goat Show - Raper Center - 765-886-5862 Lisa Crossley

Track Events

*Saturday June 20th Truck/ATV Flat Drags Practice starts @ Noon, Racing 5:00 p.m. Contact: KOI Drag Racing 859-351-7380 or 859-351-9417

*Sunday June 21st MotoCross 5:00 pm. Contact: Barry Presley 765-993-9163

Billy Bales Memorial Horse Pull 7:00 pm. Contact: Patty Bales 765-993-1240

*Monday June 22nd Cheerleading Competition 7:00 p.m. Contact: Amy Fouche 765-914-6771

*Tuesday June 23rd Hoosier State Tractor Pull 7:00 p.m. 6200 TWD, 6200 Super Stock, 8500 Light Pro St. Contact: Steve Burge 765-874-2222 or 765-969-1074 or John Lackey 765-993-5775

*Wednesday June 24th Truck and Tractor Pull 7:00 p.m. 9000 lb. Farm Stock, 5800 lb. Hot Rod Antiques, 7800 lb. 2.5 Work Stock Diesel Truck, 6200 lb. Alt. Stock Gas Trucks 4x4, 9500 lb. Hot Farm, 8000 lb. 2.6 Diesel 4x4 Trucks. Contact: Kyle Schlechty 937-459-0229 or John Lackey 765-993-5775. Darke County Tractor Pullers Association Rules.

*Thursday June 25th Three Bar J Rodeo 7:00 p.m. Bareback Bronc Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Cowgirls Barrel Racing, Team Roping. Contact: Three Bar J Ranch & Rodeo 937-459-2592.

*Friday June 26th Mud Bog 7:00 p.m. Contact: Gary Stapleton 765-220-2100

*Saturday June 27th Demolition Derby 7:00 p.m. Stock Class, Windshield Class, Mini Cars, Lawn Mowers, Kids Power Wheel Derby. Contact: Larry and Shawn Sittloh 765-935-9990 or John Lackey 765-993-5775.

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HISTORY OF WAYNE COUNTY 4-H FAIR

by Ray Dickerson

My recollection of the Wayne County 4-H Fair is in Centerville, Indiana up until March 12, 1976 when straight line winds demolished the fairgrounds. The officials never did call it a tornado, but to most of the residents of Centerville it was a tornado. I remember that day well.

The Wayne County 4-H Fair was swiftly moved to Richmond where it continues today.

On the centerfold of this newspaper the title above the photo did read, 164th Wayne County 4-H Fair, but I had to change it to the 164th Wayne County Fair after talking to Sandy House, she said the records are not clear if 4-H is that old.

A recent document found in the Anshutz Collection at the Centerville Library may cause a change in the age of the Wayne County Fair, making this year the 182nd Wayne County Fair.

The Wayne County Fair dates back to 1833, except back then it was called the Annual Fair of the Wayne County Agricultural Society held in Centerville on the 20th and 21st days of September, 1833. (I took a photo of the document hanging upstairs in the Centerville Library, May 8, 2015. Kris Turner showed it to me. He said it was part of the Anshutz Collection which was given to the Library. I'm wondering if the Agricultural Society would be what we call the 4-H today.

After leaving the Centerville Library I drove to the Kuhlman Center to see if Don Wampler had any information about the age of the Wayne County Fair. Don was out so I talked with Mary Ann Vogelgesang, Don's secretary. She indicated that, Tony Terhaar who is employed at the fairgrounds, was in Don's office eating lunch with a couple other employees and Tony would know as much about the Wayne County Fair as anyone. So I inquired with Tony and he got some photos and news clippings out of a drawer and began telling and showing me photos of the fairground damage in Centerville in 1976 and the clippings telling about moving the fair to Richmond.

We talked for some time, soon Mary Ann brought in a book written by Carolyn Lafever and Lois Herzog entitled, "Celebrating 150 Years of Wayne County Agricultural Fairs 1851-2001 Wayne County, Indiana, written in 2001. I asked Mary Ann and Tony if I could borrow the book and clippings. They agreed.

On the way home I called Carolyn Lafever (I know her from our writing articles for the Centerville Bicentennial book last year). I asked her if I could use some of her information for this piece. She said, "Yes."

So I headed for my office to see what was in their book. On page one, "There were agricultural fairs in Wayne County before 1851, the earliest reported to be in 1828."

On page 3 it says, "Fifteen thousand attended the Wayne County Fair in 1851."

Note: I have been assured by a reliable source that Salisbury Road will be paved and open between US 40 and the Fairgrounds by fair time.

But just in case it isn't. You can reach the Wayne County Fairgrounds from US 40 by turning north at the Round Barn Road stoplight. Continue north watching for 2nd road on your right, turn right onto Crowe Road, travel to stop sign at Salisbury Road. Turn left to access the NW "L" Street vehicle entrance (\$5). Turn right to access the public parking for walk-in access (\$2). See aerial photo of Fairgrounds on page 16-17 for a visual view. ■


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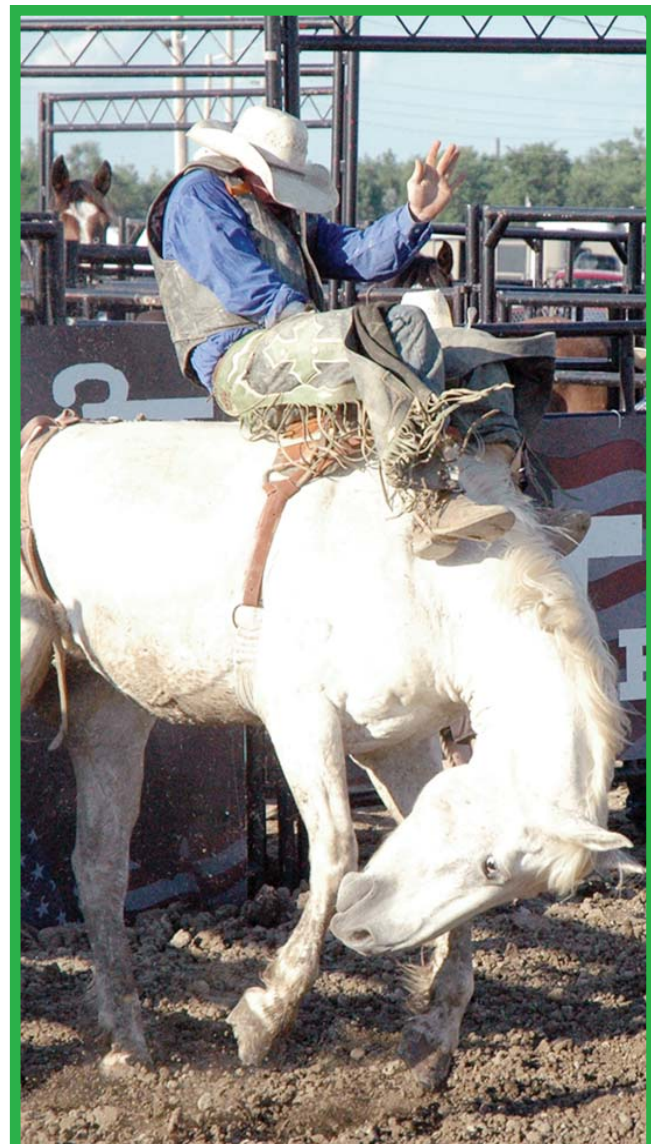

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The Wayne County 4-H Fair Centerville, Indiana was the home of the Wayne County 4-H Fair for as far back as I can remember. When we permanently moved to Centerville in 1946 the Centerville Fair was a high point of the year. Everyone went to the fair.

We watched the fairgrounds grow from a few building to the grand looking one you see in the photo above. Tony Terhaar who works at the current Wayne County Fairgrounds loaned me this photo to use here in The Gad-a-bout. This is what the Centerville Fairgrounds looked like on March 11, 1976.

The photo at the left is another photo loaned to me by Tony, it is looking at what was left of the Centerville Fairgrounds after the March 12, 1976 storm. I drove to Connersville early that day. The wind was so fierce it was hard to stay on Pennville Pike. When I got back to Centerville, all the inbound roads were closed. The fairgrounds was a shambles and the fair moved to Richmond.

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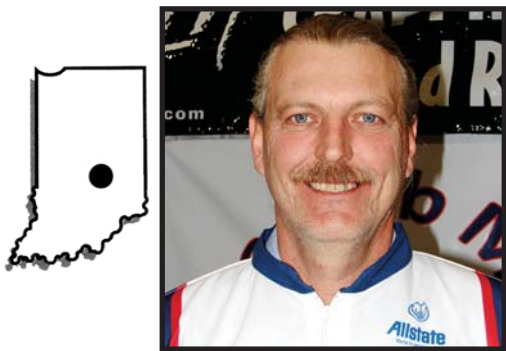
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Left: Caught these post spawn crappie at Reelfoot Lake in the middle of April both fish were over 1.6 lbs. Right: Two post spawn crappie caught on Kentucky Lake May 2nd right hand is 1.8lbs the other is 2.02 lbs. (Author Photos)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Post Spawn Crappie

The spring crappie season is divided into three phases, pre spawn, spawn and post spawn. Post spawn is the period right after spawn and prior to crappie returning to deep water and into the summer pattern. Not too many novice fishermen like to fish the post spawn, during this period crappie can be caught but they are usually scattered and finicky. Post spawn is usually indicated when water temperatures reach into the mid 60's and the crappie being caught in the shallows decrease in both size and numbers. Small males will be the last to leave the shallows, with the females heading back to deeper water quickly after dropping their eggs. The smaller males will be the last to leave the spawning areas and like the bigger females, will head back to deeper water once their job is done. The big females will follow the same routes used to get to the spawning areas, on their way back into deep water. These routes usually consist of Old River or creek channels; crappie can be caught along these channels as they work back out into the main lake.

When fishing for post spawn crappie, I look for structure on the channel ledges along these routes back to the main lake. Crappie will stop and take advantage of any stumps or brush piles along these routes to ambush small prey and build their strength for the journey. I also down size my baits

whether using live bait or jigs, I will down size to something about 1 1/2" to 2" in length. My preferred technique for post spawn crappie is slow vertical trolling or spider rigging. When trolling I will slow my speed to .2 or .3 mph using 16' BnM rods to bump baits into stumps and brush. Boat control is imperative while doing this. You will need to have exact control or you will spend a lot of time retying rigs.

Electronics are necessary when locating post spawn areas; side imaging is valuable in locating stumps and brush piles. Mark the stumps with waypoints; switch the unit to down imaging or 2D and return back over the way points and toss a buoy on the structure and fish around the buoy. If side imaging is not an option on your boat you can still find structure using 2D imaging it will just require covering a lot of unproductive water.


While at Reel foot recently I tried using side imaging to locate stumps, there were just too many, so we had no choice but cover a lot of unproductive water looking for the structure that held fish. We started out trolling next to the tree line or spawning areas and working our way out to deeper water. At about thirty feet off the tree line, we caught a nice male in about 4' of water. Looking at the male you could tell the spawn was over and he was returning back to deeper water. We moved out into about 7' of water and into a small stump field bumping the baits into the stick-ups. It didn't take long to land our first big female. She was quickly followed by two more quality fish. We continued to slow troll and picked up several fish that day, finding them scattered in 6.5'-7' of water. We were slow trolling Crazy Angler slab bandits tipped with small shiners, moving only .3 mph, any faster triggered a reaction bite by small crappie and not the quality fish we were looking for.

Patterning the bigger female crappie that day, we were able to catch fifteen quality fish on a lake I had never fished. We first found that the crappies

were post spawn when we caught no fish in shallow water or in the trees. The first male caught was losing its color and moving off the tree line, add this to a 67 degree surface temperature and you have post spawn conditions. This caused us to move deeper into a stump field where we caught our first female in 7' of water trolling .3mph, bumping baits into stumps and stickups. The rest of the day was spent slow trolling .3 mph in 6.5'-7' of water baits about 4' deep stopping and backing up around every stump or stick up we marked on 2D.

The Indiana Slab Masters held there 2nd tournament of 2015 on Brookville Lake April 4th the morning registration and weigh in site was located at the Fairfield ramp. The morning started off chilly but warmed throughout the day water temperatures were in the low 50's which produced a slow bite most of the day.

The team of Larry Yates and Tim Allen swam Jigs in 4'-8' of water to capture first place with 6.12 lbs giving Larry back to back wins in the series. Charlie and Paul Hildreath spider rigged brush piles with Outlaw crappie rods most of the day to finish in 2nd with 5.77lb's. With 5.54lbs the team of Bob Bales and Jason Burnette finished in third and also had a 1.76 lb crappie to take big fish



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Left: Larry Yates and Tim Allen with their first place fish at Brookville Lake finished with 7 fish weighing 6.12lbs. Right: Charlie and Paul finished in 2nd place at Brookville pictured with some of their fish. (Author Photos)

of the tournament, Rodney and Lloyd Hiler finished in 4th with 5.29 lbs and rounding out the top five was the team of Leslie Gough and Steve Mitchell with 5.19 lbs.

For full tournament results and this year's schedule visit www.indianaslabmasters.com also visit the links page to check out the sponsors products and upcoming events are posted on the main page.

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Coming Events

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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](#).

June 13th offers you the opportunity to visit Everton, just a few miles south of Connersville, from 7am til 11 pm. There will be food, music, and fun for the whole family in this historic village which was originally known as West Union. For more information: Sarah Reese 765-309-1618 or Joe Steinar 765-698-5271 or visit Everton Days on Facebook.

The Hoosier State Tractor Pull comes to Roberts Park on **June 13th**, 7:00 pm. Contact: Chris Gettinger at (765) 265-9315.

Memory Lane Antiques, Arts and Crafts comes to the Newkirk Mansion, 321 Western, in Connersville, on **June 14th**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours of the mansion will be offered. You can also tour the Canal House at 111 E. 4th from 11 am til 1:30 pm and visit the Fayette County Historical Museum. At 2 pm, plan to attend the Flag Day ceremonies at the City Cemetery. Tours of this historic cemetery will be offered by Historic Connersville, Incorporated. 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.

There are so many things to do in Fayette County! Visit Fayette County Tourism's website and see what's happening! www.tourconnersville.com Hope to see you soon!

Fayette County is the place to be this summer! ■

Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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next round without having to disengage the slide lock making for quick reloads.

Field stripping the gun is quick and easy. Remove the magazine and check the chamber is empty. Rotate the Disassembly Lever down and forward and hold. Push the slide rearward and lift upward and pull forward and remove the slide from the frame..The barrel is pinned to the frame which accounts for the gun's accuracy. Clean the barrel and slide and pay attention to the extractor that it is clean. Wipe down the frame and lightly oil. It's ready to go. For detailed cleaning it will require the services of a gunsmith.

The gun is slightly large to be called a pocket gun but it will fit nicely in your pocket. An inside the belt or pants holster will be easy to conceal from most eyes. If your thinking of a pocket gun or a smaller semi-auto pistol keep this one in mind. It's not an expensive investment but is well made and well thought out.

Next month I plan to discuss briefly, the trajectory of projectiles as it relates to guns and shooting ranges. Shortly before submitting this month's article I heard a news article that a child's window had been shot out by a bullet fired from over 2 miles away. Well that got me thinking. So next month watch for my views and thoughts on bullet trajectory.

Quote of the Month

"Entrepreneurs and their small enterprises are responsible for almost all the economic growth in the United States" – Ronald Reagan

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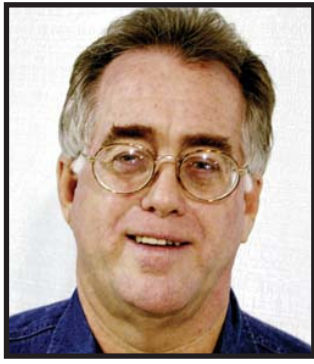
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Mom was born and raised in the tiny town of Kimball in the eastern side of South Dakota. Somehow, she landed with dad in Indiana where my brother and I were born. Lucky for me, they took us back to visit her family every October, just in time for pheasant season.

My dad hunted for pheasant and rabbit. I was the dog flushing the bird or rabbit and fetching it after the shot. But, my mom was the one who taught me how to shoot. Back then, in the late 50's, she was one of few women hunters. Her gun was a Savage, Model 220, .410 single shot. I don't know how many pheasants were taken by her with this gun, but the limit was five birds per day, possession of 25 birds, and I think she always got her limit.

I was about ten when she began setting up cans for me to destroy with that weapon. After a while, she began throwing them in the air and it didn't take long before those cans too became torn pieces of metal. Graduation came when we were walking a fence row and a rooster pheasant exploded from the cover. With one shot, the only shot I had, I dropped that bird. Mom had me hooked. A couple years later, she moved up (?) to a 20 gauge automatic. I became the proud owner of that Savage .410.

For the next 20 years or so, I dropped a lot of squirrels, a few rabbits, and almost every pheasant I shot at with that gun. Our daughter helped me clean those critters, asking about every different organ when I opened them up. "What's that?" she asked. "What's that?" I think those early lessons helped her through high school and college biology classes.

When it became her time, after safety practice and firing lessons with the famous Red Ryder BB gun and a Crosman air rifle, she too graduated to the single shot .410. On her first hunting trip, she dropped a squirrel dinner out of a tree and we took it home and cleaned it together. My mom, me, and my daughter—three generations with that Savage.

Not many years ago, I took the Savage out of its case to once again go on a South Dakota pheasant hunt. With the obligations of a family and work, my hunting trips for small game had decreased significantly. (I hunted large game with a bow now.) At an outdoor writer's conference in Sioux Falls, a group of writers were invited to a local farm to try their luck at downing some wild pheasants.



Top Left: The author on a successful South Dakota pheasant hunt carrying the well used .410 single shot Savage. Top Right: Two ringneck pheasants hanging on an old outbuilding in South Dakota. The .410 and the hanger holding the birds are both over fifty years old. Bottom: My sixty plus year old Savage breaks down into three easy pieces for cleaning. (Author Photos)

As we arrived at our location, the others began pulling expensive looking 12 gauge shotguns out of their vehicles. They laughed when I brought out my 50 plus year old .410. "What are you doing with that?" they all asked. I replied I was going to try to nail a pheasant or two. When we finished that hunt, I had my limit of three birds with three shots. They didn't laugh any more.

Now, it's almost time for our grandson to take his turn. He has been practicing with a BB gun in his Scout pack (also archery) and wants me to take him to Hunter Education classes soon. I still have my entire "Shoot Where You Look" kit from Leon Measures and will start him on that program. (If you have never heard of this, type in Shoot Where You Look in someone's computer and read about it.

Unbelievable!)

I decided to see if I could find out some history of both the .410 shotgun in general and my Savage in particular. First, the .410 appeared in the late 1800's, but was used more for self defense than hunting. Next, the .410 is not a gauge, it is a bore. Gauge is determined by the weight of a lead ball which will fit into the barrel. A 1/12 pound ball equals the diameter of a 12 gauge and a 1/20 pound ball would fit the barrel of a 20 gauge. Going by the barrel size of a .410, it would actually be a 68 gauge.

Naturally, because of the comparative size, the .410 bore shell holds less shot and powder than a larger gauge. This allows the gun to be lighter weight with less recoil than a larger size weapon. Ladies and young shooters often appreciate these

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anything edible, they possess keen eyesight and hearing. Able to spot a french fry from a quarter mile and hear the crinkling of a potato chip bag from the same distance, they home in on the source with uncanny accuracy, normally accompanied by hordes of their kin. They can offer a delightful form of entertainment when fed jelly beans or chips dipped in liberal amounts of Mama Bosco's Red Hot Salsa. Undeterred by such offerings, they have been known to drive picnickers off the beach by persistent dive bombing and releasing waste products. Preferred method of protection against these attacks are signs that read "Please Don't Feed The Gulls". Disregarding these signs quite common among mid-western snow birds.

**Pelican
 (Genus Doofus Welfare-ita Unemployeews)**

Recognized as a fairly large bird with flat feet, a saggy pouch beneath a large bill and a forlorn look that seems to indicate that the lights are on but there is no one home. Normally seen standing on a beach looking like a commuter waiting for a bus that is three hours late. Activities include waddling aside to make room for beach walkers and waiting for surf fishermen to arrive. Will assume a position next to a fisherman and wait for a catch. Skilled at competing with fishermen for anything drug from the surf, they exhibit a highly developed ability to outmaneuver the angler who must use aggressive actions to avoid losing his catch and having to reel a large flopping bird close enough to unhook it. Are not attracted to potato chips or parts of salami sandwiches and as a result are not considered as picnic pests but should be watched carefully around live bait containers.

**Sand Piper
 (Genus Prissy Hyperactive-itae)**

Small birds the size of mid-western robins, it is commonly seen frantically feeding along the water line on beaches. Legs the size of pencil lead propel the bird at a frenzied pace as it pokes its beak into the sand, causing it to be compared to a panhandler working a busy street in New York. A good source of entertainment, it is a favorite for being chased by two to three year old toddlers and dogs. Caution should be followed by elderly beach goers who don't exercise regularly. Extended observation of the frenzied activity of this species can lead to exhaustion by association.

Now I know why ornithologists enjoy their profession. Ain't birds fun?

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

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Breaking the curse - Author's son, Finally scores on Indiana bird

The curse is finally broken. We reacted and celebrated as if we had broken some sort of voodoo hex or witch's spell.

My son Nicholas killed a turkey last weekend. Not just any turkey. And it is not his first turkey either. But it is his first Indiana turkey – a goal that we had been trying to achieve for the past 5 years since he was eight years old.

The first half of the youth turkey hunting season found us thinking that the curse was never going to loosen its grip, but by the end of Sunday morning, we put an end to the dreaded thing. You could say we broke its neck!

If you read my columns from last year, then you know that we have had a tough time getting Nicholas an Indiana longbeard. He has killed them in multiple states, his home state just not being one of them up to this point.

It is not because we have not been among birds either. Over the years, we have had numerous encounters with Hoosier gobblers, we just have not been able to put it all together and capitalize in any of those situations.

Honestly, his age and a bit of laziness on my part may be as much to blame for our inability to close the deal in previous years, but there is still no doubt that things were tough going for us regardless. What I mean by his age and my laziness is just that, it can sometimes be difficult for a young kid to put everything together on an animal such as a turkey. These birds can best even the most seasoned hunter, so asking a child to make it happen is a tall order indeed. Plus, I could have done things differently in order to possibly increase our odds just a tad. Using blinds more often, making him tough it out longer some days, etc. may have upped our odds a little. But when I stop and think about it, most days we did hunt pretty hard. We just had a streak of tough birds and bad luck!

So, on Saturday of last weekend's youth hunt, it appeared like we were in the chips from the get-go. Plenty of birds roosted and gobbling around our set-up before daylight had us pretty confident that the morning hunt could end quickly. But then experience reminded us that those birds could just

easily pitch down the other way and march directly away from us – which is exactly what they did.

It appeared as if the curse was still rearing its ugly head and retained its grip on us. But this year, we were not going to allow it to win.

Our plan was simple. We were staying in the woods until at least noon or until a turkey was dead. Period. No ifs. No ands. No buts. There were plenty of birds in the area and I was confident that if we just sat tight and held out that at least one bird was going to get lonely by mid-morning and pay us a visit.

Around 9:30 a.m. one did. A lone, unprovoked gobbler a mere 50 yards out brought us back to our senses. Nick was ready and we waited for the bird to come into view. But he didn't. He caught us off guard. We had snuck to this spot a little earlier and did not set out any decoys. We weren't planning on making a set-up here, we were just hanging out because it was a good spot to look and listen. Twice, the gobbler snuck along the top of the hill to see if there were any hens around, each time not offering Nicholas a good shot. At that point, he stayed just up the hill and just out of range and strutted – for 20 minutes or more. I knew that no amount of calling was going to bring him back in for a third look.

It was then that we decided to give a new tactic a try. "Nicholas, do you want to use The Turkey Fan to see if we can sneak up to this bird?" "Yep!" was his reply.



Nicholas and Keith Shoaf are all smiles after breaking the dreaded curse that kept Nicholas from killing an Indiana turkey! (Author Photo)

We opened up The Turkey Fan and used it to close the distance to within forty yards or so before setting up for the shot. Nick waited for the bird to break out of strut before squeezing the trigger. The bird hit the ground and flopped a few times, but the shot was a bit low, catching more of the bird's body than his head. Surprising to some, a turkey is a tough animal, their feathers and bone structure acting like body armor when hit. Nick did not get that bird, and the curse was having its way with us.

We decided to hunt with close friend Keith Shoaf the next day. He had extended the invitation sometime earlier and mentioned that he would like to hunt with Nicholas if he could.

Sunday found us ready for more and hoping the curse would come to an end. As dark gave way to light, the lack of birds close seemed odd to Keith. He has hunted this area for years with high success though, so he still felt that things could turn up at any time. Plus, some days the birds are just quiet. But things did turn up, and back down, before turning way up at the end!

After an hour or so without any action, I looked

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On April 11 & 12, 2015, the Bloomington Trapper Education Class was held at the Paynetown SRA Garage. Reservoir Wildlife Specialist Rex Watters headed the class up with ISTA members Tom Morelock, Mark Gray and his son Nick, Bert Whitley and his son's Daniel and Jacob, and Fred Philips, DVM helping out. The IDNR had State Furbearer Biologist Shawn Rossler, and ICO officers Kerry Griffith, Josue Flores, and Kurt Kinser there to keep the group under control. There is a lot of information crammed into two (2) days of classes. (Author Photo)

Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM
Trapper Education

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Registration and check-in began at 8 am on Saturday morning. By 9 am things were rolling along. There is a PowerPoint titled "Today's Trapper" that is used as a guideline to follow, and it has a booklet of the same name that every participant gets. It helps us hit all the needed points to get everyone on the same page and to qualify them for Indiana's green Trappers Education card. As a PowerPoint, it can be a little boring, especially if a person has some trapping experience. But we try to keep it lively, interjecting personal stories and experiences and keeping it moving along as best as we can. A little after noon, we took a break and savored Rex's Wilderness Stew. I cannot say just what all he had in there, but it was tender, warming, and delicious. Following that meal, we headed up the trail to watch some set demonstrations. A couple of ISTA members gave their take on coyote sets.

The dirt hole set is by far the most common set made for coyotes. Que up Youtube.com if you want to see all sorts of variations. Another good source of training is the Trapperman.com website. Basically, to start a dirt hole set, you have to bed your trap such that your trap is completely stable in the ground. Generally the trap is anchored off to one side or just under the loose jaw. You want the trap an inch or two under the surface of the surrounding soil. Depending on the species, a dirt hole is now dug at a 45 degree angle anywhere from right next to the trap to 9 or 10 inches away. For fox, it is common to have the trap right at the lip of the hole. For coyote, the trap may be nine (9) inches to 12" back and a couple of inches offset from the lip of the hole. Sifted dirt is used to cover the trap and its pan cover if it has one. Completely burying the trap 1/4" to 1/2", and creating a mild depression right over the pan completes the making of the dirt hole set. Now all that is needed, is bait in the hole and maybe some sort of "call" scent nearby. Sometimes a shot of urine goes on the

ground next to the hole. With that, one is done and you move on to the next site. At Paynetown, we did not leave traps in the ground, there is just too much public activity. We just had the dirt set made and left to collect paw prints.

Another coyote set that was demonstrated was a flat set. This set is basically the dirt hole set without the dirt hole. It is very versatile. You can put one on a trail that coyotes have been running and use it as a blind set. Just let the coyote do what it was going to do. You may set it in an equilateral triangle of scent holes made by just punching a stake into the ground, or by placing stool at the three (3) corners. As the coyote shifts about checking everything out, your hope is that they will hit that two square inches of dirt where the pan is located. Lastly, you may plant a 12" long, 1/2" thick, or larger, stick, preferably burnt on one end, about nine (9) inches back from the trap and leaning away from the trap. Squirting some urine on that stick creates a scent post. A coyote comes along, and goes to hike his leg over the stick and again hopefully steps on that pan. The stick leaning away from the trap "encourages" the coyote to stand over the trap side of the set.

While the dirt holes were being dug, I set up a blind snare set on a trail. Snares are extremely easy to set up, very light in weight, and very, very inexpensive to buy. It is best to purchase at least a few professionally made snares before delving into their construction. The trick to setting up a snare is to have an adequately strong support wire. This wire may be part of the staking system, independent in the ground, or wired to a nearby branch or stick firmly put there for that purpose. The point is to have the snare held firm enough so that when an animal's head goes thru the snare loop and its chest pushes on the snare, there is enough resistance by the support wire to allow the snare to "fire" and run down the cable. This initial run may not close the snare completely, but as the animal tries to get free of the snare it closes it on down. I will have an article just on snares in the future, as there is just too much to cover here and now.

As the evening progressed, Tom Morelock
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Union County High School Archery Team placed 3rd in the Indiana State NASP competition March 14, 2015. Team members from left to right are: Katie Freeman, Moriah Hadden, Ashley Browning, Kendra Flint, Becca Stafford, Colton Lunsford, Cody Volz, Jake Antrim, Cameron Alvey and Spencer Swafford. Presenting their trophy is Indiana Conservation Officer Lt. Bill Browne who emcee'd this event. Standing behind the team members at the left is their shooting coach at Frame's indoor archery range. Sitting on the edge of the stage at right is Indiana Conservation Officer Jon Fennig and his K-9 dog "Addy." Standing behind Colton is Mike Reister. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

UCHS NASP Team Place 3rd at the Indiana State NASP Competition 3-14-2015

Union County's National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®) results from the Indiana State Archery competition March 14, 2015 **Team Score:** 3292 **Rank:** 3 out of 39 in the State of Indiana.

Team members are Cameron Alvey, Jake Antrim, Ashley Browning, Kendra Flint, Katie Freeman, Moriah Hadden, Colton Lunsford, Becca Stafford, Spencer Swafford and Cody Volz. Their coach is Mike Reister.

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Indiana Conservation Officer Jon Fennig and his K-9 partner, "Abby." Jon gave me a card that has him and Abby on it with details on the reverse side. Handler: Officer Jon Fennig. Breed: Labrador Retriever. Birth: January 2007, Active since 2008. Duties: Man-tracking, Wildlife Detection, Evidence Recovery and Educational Programs.

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Indiana Conservation Officer Jon Fennig and his K-9 partner "Abby." Jon gave a demonstration of his and her routine working in the field. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

IDNR.

I took lots of photos of the two, Officer Fennig and Abby going through their paces illustrating just how good the two work together.

Indiana Conservation Officer Corey Norrod

who is a K-9 Officer in training was also there with his K-9 companion.

The following is about how (NASP®) got started.

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A group of parents learning about the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) from Indiana Conservation Officer Corey Norrod in Frame's indoor archery range located just south of Liberty on SR 101. (Photo provided by I.C.O. Corey Norrod)

was co-created by the Kentucky Departments of Fish & Wildlife Resources and Department of Education and Mathews Archery in the late summer and fall of 2001. The program was launched in 21 Kentucky middle schools on March 3, 2002. Originally called the "Kentucky Archery in the Schools Program", the effort's goal was to enroll 120 schools and teach target archery skills to 24,000 students each year. Kentucky gave itself three years to achieve this goal.

Within the program's first year the 120-school goal was achieved and because of neighbor-state interest, "National" replaced "Kentucky" in the program's name. NASP® also expanded its participation standards to include students in 4th-12th grade. Shortly afterwards NASP® was granted 501 c (3) non-profit educational foundation status. NASP® is overseen by an all-volunteer board of directors. Every state, province and country enrolled in NASP® has a "Coordinator" in charge of leading the program in their jurisdiction. ■

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Feeling dejected, we sat tight and regrouped. But, before long, we heard a pretty close gobble. With hopes raised, I made some soft yelps. The bird cut me off, gobbling again. A few minutes later, Nicholas whispered, "I see a turkey." As I scanned the woods, I saw the black form headed our way between the trees. The bird made his way to the edge of a small stream that lay in front of us, then flew across it, landing less than twenty yards in front of us. A small dip prevented us from seeing him at that point. Nicholas was ready. Now it was a waiting game as the gobbler stayed in the low spot for several minutes. Things were tense!

Nick stayed at the ready as we waited. At one point, Keith could see the tips of the gobbler's tail feathers for a few seconds as the bird fanned out in strut. Eventually, and seemingly out of nowhere, Keith and I saw the bird standing not more than ten yards in front of Nicholas. No sooner had the words "Kill him" escaped our lips than we heard the bark of the .12 gauge. ■

Nicholas sent the bird backwards somersaulting back down the hill from which he had just came. And with that, his curse was broken - just like the gobblers neck.

Nothing is sweeter than something hard-earned, and this bird for Nicholas was hard-earned. True, maybe I could have done things differently in years past that may have fared better for us then, but perhaps also, the fact that I did not helped prepare Nicholas for that shot last Sunday. I guess I'll never really know, but I do know one thing: There is no more curse. ■

Indiana State Trappers Association

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showed us his take on trapping beaver from a steep bank. He has about 30 feet of 1/4" welded link attached to a large coil spring trap. He secures the anchor end around a tree near the edge of the bank, and then lowers himself onto the water's edge, using the chain for support. There he stomps out a trap bed, and places his trap under eight (8) to 12 inches of water, maybe even as deep as 18 inches. At the water's edge, and above the trap he places a castor based lure. He then uses the trap chain to pull himself back up the bank. A beaver, smelling the castor, just has to investigate and in doing so, they settle their hind feet right into the trap. Once they are caught, they tend to hang out in the water awaiting their fate.

Sunday morning, we finished up the TE Powerpoint and everyone took the test, and passed it with flying colors. A pizza lunch provided by the ISTA was provided around noon. While the test was being graded, a skinning demonstration started inside, while I took a few out to set snares, and a couple of the younger legged boys ran up the hill to check for footprints in the dirt sets. Allas, the dirt sets were unmarked. Around 3 pm, everything was cleaned up and put away and everyone headed home infected with the trapping bug. All the youngsters had their new Duke 1.5 coilspring, courtesy of the Duke Trap Company, to play with and everyone else was full of trapping knowledge.

Coming Trapper Education classes may be found on the ISTA website under the Calendar section. Go to www.indianatrappers.org to start your search. To sign up for the classes, go to PassItOnIndiana.com and click on the Trapper Education button located on the right side bottom.

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

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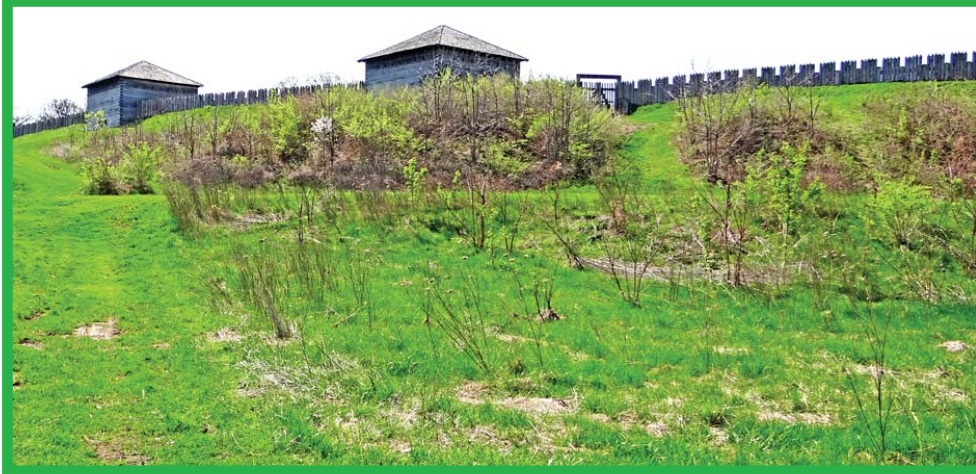
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Left: I stood on the bank of the Maumee River looking up at Fort Meigs, not the right fort, that the Indians saw on August 20, 1794, but similar. I walked to the gate above and it was locked, just like when Indians of the Confederacy who were defeated by General Wayne's army found when they approached the British Fort. Right: On the other side of the Maumee up on an elevated grade stood the Fallen Timbers Monument with the inscription: The Greenville Treaty, to General Anthony Wayne who organized the Legion of the United States by order of President Washington and defeated Chief Little Turtle's warriors here at Fallen Timbers August 20, 1794. This victory led to the Treaty of Greenville, August 3, 1795 which opened much of the present State of Ohio to white settlers.

**1991 FRONTIER DAYS NARRATION
(Written by Ray Dickerson)
Part 4**

**America's
General "Mad" Anthony Wayne
Part 3 Recap**

Last month I wrote about General Arthur St. Clair's terrible defeat at the hands of the Indian Confederacy. St. Clair mistakenly set up camp 50 miles from Kekionga (Fort Wayne) thinking he was only 15 miles from there. His defeat is still known today as the worst defeat of the United States Army by American Indians

President George Washington picked General "Mad" Anthony Wayne to lead the Legion. Wayne was appointed General of the Legion on April 12, 1792

William Wells who was captured by Miami Indians in 1784 and lived with them thru St. Clair's defeat began wondering if he may have tomahawk'd kin of his from Kentucky. While negotiating for the return of Indian captives at Fort Knox, than Fort Washington he met with his brother Samuel Wells who lived in Louisville. Samuel convinced William he should leave the Indians and in doing so he became a spy for General "Mad" Anthony Wayne and eventually assisting with the defeat of the Indian Confederacy at Fallen Timbers in August 20, 1794.

Last month I ended part 3 after defeating the Indian Confederacy at Fallen Timbers, General Wayne and his army pursued the Indians to the gates of the British Fort Miami of the Lakes. The Indians

expected to find refuge with the British but found instead locked gates. Major William Campbell sent a communication to General Wayne asking what was his intentions camped so close to his fort.

**Day 2 - September 6, 1992
The Life & Times of Miami Chief Little Turtle,
William Wells & Frances Slocum
Part 4**

The tone of this note riled "Mad" Anthony, who replied forthwith vigorously, "Sir: I have received your letter of this date requiring from me the motives which have moved the army under my command to the position they at present occupy, far within the acknowledged jurisdiction of the United States of America. Without questioning the authority, or propriety, sir, of your interrogatory, I think I may, without breach of decorum, observe to you that, were you entitled to an answer, the most full and satisfactory one was announced to you from the muzzles of my small arms yesterday morning in the actions against the hordes of savages in the vicinity of your post, which terminated gloriously to the American arms; but had it continued until the Indians were driven under the influence of the post and guns you mention, they would not have much impeded the progress of the victorious army under my command, as no such post was established at the commencement of the present war between the Indians and the United States. I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect, your most obedient and humble servant."

Major Campbell's temper flared upon receiving Wayne's communication and replied, "Although your letter of yesterday's date fully authorizes me to any act of hostility against the army of the United States

of America in this neighborhood under your command, yet, still anxious to prevent that dreadful decision which, perhaps is not intended to be appealed to by either of our countries, I have forborne, for those two days past, to resent those insults you have offered to the British Flag flying at this fort, by approaching it within pistol shot of my works, not only singly, but in numbers with arms in their hands. Neither is it my wish to wage war with individuals; but should you, after this, continue to approach my post in the threatening manner you are at this moment doing, my indispensable duty to my King and country, and the honor of my profession, will oblige me to have recourse to those measures which thousands of either nation may hereafter have cause to regret, and which, I solemnly appeal to God, I have used my utmost endeavors to arrest."

Wayne responded by accusing Campbell of taking post of within the well-known and acknowledged limits of the U.S. and erecting a fortification in the heart of the settlement of the Indian tribes who were at war with the U.S. Wayne declared, "it becomes my duty to desire and demand, in the name of the President of the United States, that you immediately desist from any further act of hostility or aggression, by forbearing to fortify, and removing to the nearest post occupied by his Britannic Majesty's at the peace of 1783, and which you will be permitted to do unmolested by the troops under my command."

Campbell replied, "I certainly will not abandon this post at the summons of any power whatever, until I receive orders from those I have the honor to serve under or the fortunes of war should oblige me. I must still adhere, sir, to the purport of my letter this morning, to desire that your army, or individuals

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belonging to it, will not approach within reach of my cannon, without expecting the consequences attending it."

Wayne responded by burning everything within view of the fort, and even under the muzzles of Campbell's cannon. The destroyed property including all of the buildings belonging to Alexander McKee, a vast area of standing corn and other sundry items. Wayne knew he was taking a chance at opening hostilities with the British, but his orders read, "If in the course of your operations against the Indian enemy, it should become necessary to dislodge the British Garrison, you are hereby authorized in the name of the President of the United States to do it."

News of Wayne's victory at Fallen Timbers spread throughout the small nation, he was proclaimed the hero of the frontier, ending 40 years of open hostilities and gave hope of a lasting peace.

On September 14 Wayne took his army up the Maumee towards Kekionga, arriving there on the 20th. At a point near where the three rivers met he began construction of a fort, which was named in honor of him, Fort Wayne. Colonel Hamtramck was the first commander at the fort.

Wayne and his army marched back to Fort Defiance, then back to Greene Ville. His next order of business was to invite all the Indians from the Northwest Territory to a peace treaty to be convened at Greene Ville in 1795. Wayne and his army wintered again at Greene Ville.

The Greenville Treaty negotiations were set for June 15, 1795. Prior to that date peace overtures were received from Chiefs Tarhe, Shamakunesa, and Katunga. Then Pecan, Little Turtle and Buckongahelas sent a message of their intention to attend. Blue Jacket talked about moving the Shawnee beyond the Mississippi.

As June approached members of the Ottawa, Chippewa, and Potawatomi arrived. After June 15th, Buckongahelas, Little Turtle, and Le Gris arrived. On July 4th the Americans celebrated their Independence Day from the British, the Indians joined in the festivities too. By July 9th Blue Jacket and the Wyandot still hadn't arrived so Wayne decided to begin without them. It was suggested to him to wait until the 13th so he did. The Wyandot arrived before the 13th, the Shawnee arrived later on the 18th.

William Wells was the chief interpreter of several in attendance. Both Little Turtle and General Wayne had the strictest confidence in him as a friend and comrade.

A total of 1,130 Indians attended the treaty negotiations including 180 Wyandot, 381 Delaware, 143 Shawnee, 45 Ottawa, 46 Chippewa, 240 Potawatomi,

73 Miami & Eel River, 12 Wea & Piankashaw, and 10 Kickapoo. Many in attendance only did so for the generous gratuities given them by the General. Nothing was spared to make the Indians welcome and comfortable. The previous winter had been a hungry one due to Wayne's destroying the huge corn crop along the Maumee.

Little Turtle proved to be Wayne's chief arbitrator, he still clung to his desire that the whites stay south and east of the Ohio River. In one of his many speeches before the council Turtle said, "The prints of my ancestors' houses are everywhere to be seen in this region. It is well known to all my brothers present that my forefathers kindled the first fire at Detroit; from thence he extended his line to the headwaters of the Scioto; from thence to its mouth; from thence down the Ohio to the mouth of the Wabash and from thence to Lake Michigan—I have informed you of the boundary of the Miami Nation where the Great Spirit placed my forefathers a long time ago and charged him not to sell or part with his land but preserve it to his posterity."

Clearly Little Turtle was claiming the entire state of Indiana and as the treaty points and counterpoints were brought up by both sides Turtle proved to be Wayne's most constant debater. At one point Turtle said, "I came here with an expectation of hearing you say good things, but I have not yet heard what I had expected."

Wayne told the Indians assembled of the recent Jay Treaty with the British where they agreed to abandon Fort Detroit, Fort Niagara, Fort Michilimackinac and Fort Miami, thus reinforcing what Turtle had told them for some time, that no faith could be placed in British promises.

Chief Tarhe made the first speech about removing the tomahawk from the head of the U.S., where the British had told them to place it. Wayne removed the tomahawk from the head of the Indians as tenderly as had Tarhe, but in addition he demanded 16 military reservations be placed on Indian lands that was formerly used by the French and British.

Tarhe urged peace, but Little Turtle opposed the treaty until further matters were carefully considered.

On July 29th the subject of land boundary's was discussed, the Shawnee, Wyandot and Delaware wanted Wayne to decide the boundary's, while Little Turtle speaking for the Wea, Kickapoo and Potawatomi requested the western line run from Ft. Recovery to Cincinnati rather than from Ft. Recovery to the mouth of the Kentucky River. The change would allow the Indians to retain the excellent hunting grounds in the Whitewater River Valley in what had become known as the Indiana "gore" fol-

lowing the formation of the state of Ohio. Turtle also corrected Wayne by telling him that the Indians had not sold land to the French and British for use by their military, they had only let them use it.

Finally Wayne said, "Brothers! All nations present, now listen to me!"

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Roaming The Outdoors

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But just in case I have put alternate directions from US 40 to the Fairgrounds on page 18. On page 19 there are also a couple of nostalgic photos of the former home of the Wayne County Fair, Centerville, Indiana. Tony Terhaar, who works at the Wayne County Fairgrounds loaned me a couple photos of before and after the storm that blew down most of the buildings located on the Centerville Fairgrounds on March 12, 1976. Soon there after the fair was moved to its present location at 861 North Salisbury Road. The phone number for the Wayne County Fairgrounds is 765-935-6291. The Extension Service number is 765-973-9281.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the employees at the Wayne County Fairgrounds for their assistance in my getting this idea from my mind to paper. I want to thank Sandy House who is President of the Fair Committee (she was said to be the go-to girl to get things done). They were right she is the "get things done girl." She helped me every step of the way including providing me with fair photos I couldn't have possibly found on my own. Thank you Sandy, we'll do it again next year. I will get a photo of Don, Mary Ann, Tony, the rest of their crew and the Purdue Extension office too. All I have to figure out is how to get them all in one spot at the same time. Hmmmm.....

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For the ump-tee-time (is that a word?) I have to tell you a couple of current articles will have to wait until next month to be written about. I need more pages but can't add them unless I can sell more advertising. Anyone reading this want to advertise?

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Next month I will write about the Navy Seabees of America reunion I attended May 1-3, my visit to Fort Meigs, Battle of Fallen Timbers Monument and the Maumee River area, on the way home from Toledo and a couple things I can't remember right now. I'm taking that new pill that is supposed to help me remember things, I wonder if it's working. ■

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Alex Johnson from Harrison, OH and Lauren Fagin from Okeana, OH caught these crappie from the bank. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Steve Goodson took this 20th Anniversary tom turkey on 4-28-15, it weighed 28 lb., had a 11 3/4 beard and 31mm spurs. (Photo submitted by e-mail)



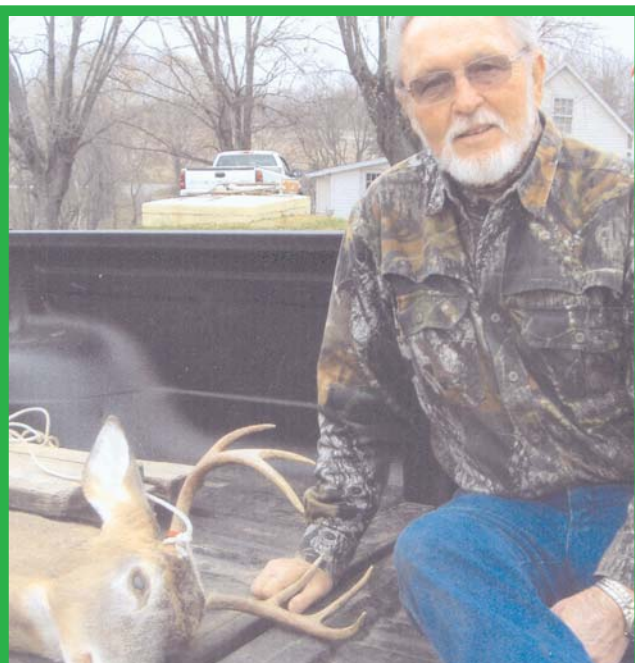
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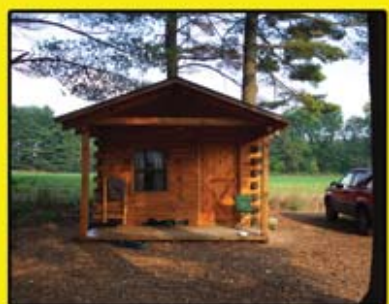
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