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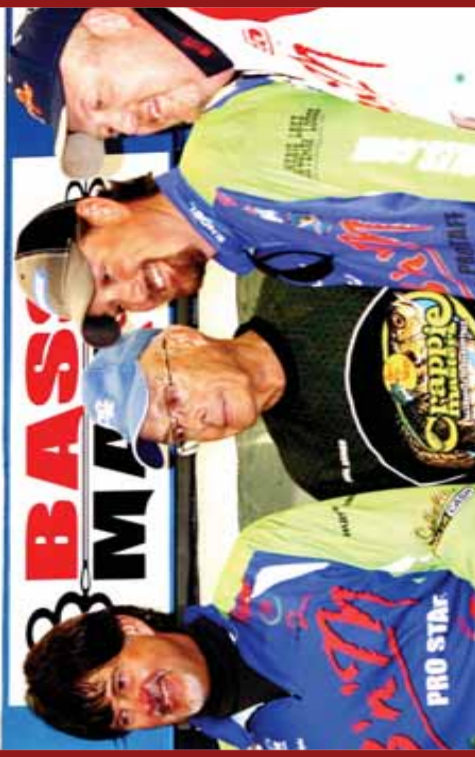
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Wabash rivers meet as being the location where the Quakers had the first Agriculture School built for the Indian Tribes in 1804. Well I was wrong, I got an e-mail from Laura Whiteleather who is an Interpretive Naturalist at Salamonie Reservoir, she told me the Agriculture School built for the Indians in 1804 was near the Forks of the Wabash and Little River. I checked my Frontier Days Narration and found that I had the answer all along, just didn't see it. I thanked Laura for contacting me. I spent five months in 1991 writing the narration for Frontier Days. It wasn't completely done when we read it for the 1991 Frontier Days Rendezvous. I completed it in 1992. From 1992 to the end of Frontier Days I kept having to shorten it at the request of the re-enactors saying it took too long to read it, the audiences wanted action. None of the audiences got to hear the narration in its entire length. Beginning with this issue and for however long it takes I'm putting the entire Frontier Days Rendezvous Narration in The Gad-a-bout. See Part 1 on pages 17, 18, 28, 29 & 31. (1991 Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by I.C.O. Gary Catron
Master Conservation Officer

A Job Well Done

Well, they've done it again. Allow me to back up a bit and tell you who did it again...members of the Hoosier Tree Dog Alliance (HTDA), Clifty Creek Coonhunters (CCC), and staff from Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area; that's the 'who'. Okay, since you're reading this, I guess I'd better explain just what they've done, again. This past January 3rd, Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area staff played host to a youth squirrel hunt, as has become tradition. This isn't exactly a traditional sit-and-wait or slow stalk squirrel hunt though. With the assistance of HTDA and CCC members, the youths attending were treated to some much faster paced squirrel hunts utilizing specially trained squirrel hunting dogs. Yes, some dogs chase balls and sticks, some....SQUIRREL!

The morning began with the hopeful gathering on the Crosley F&W property. Hosts, dog handlers, youths, parents and conservation officers were anticipating a good time despite the threatening rain inbound on the radar. As many of us were doing the 'hey how you been haven't seen you in awhile, handshaking thing' I began speaking to a dog handler whose face seemed familiar to me but I could not pinpoint my recognition. The gentleman introduced himself and in short order, with his help, connection back to the first HTDA youth hunt was made. A handful of years ago the man accompanied his daughter during her participation in the hunt and I had accompanied that hunting group as well. He explained that he got a squirrel dog (I'm using the generic term squirrel dog, not being breed-specific) and has really enjoyed it, which was made possible after his exposure to this type of hunting due to his daughter's participation.

After introductory welcome and comments were made, a safety briefing took place, checking that all were wearing the required hunter orange and reminding that firearms were to be carried in a safe manner at all times and were not to be loaded until a squirrel had been treed by the dog(s). That's a big plus for using tree dogs to hunt squirrel; the ideal situation finds the squirrel stationary after being treed with plenty of time for a hunter/shooter to get into position, load the firearm and strategically take the shot. So, with these orders of business taken care of, dog



Top Photo: L to R: K9 Addy owner Travis Maschino, 15 year old Ashley Maschino from Comisky, 14 year old Dakota Thomas from Hayden and K9 Rudy owner Buddy Cramer. Bottom Left Photo: Dakota Thomas takes aim. Bottom Right Photo: Mountain cur dog Rudy sings! (Photos by Gary Catron)

handlers were paired with youth hunters and accompanying adults. Each hunting group would also have a tag along conservation officer; our group had a spare.

After a bit of logistical wrangling groups departed to different destinations, some going to locations on the F&W property and others on private properties they've hunted before. ICO Travis Wooley and I followed our hunting group and in short order arrived at our wooded destination. After assembling at the wooded edge the two specialists were put to task. Rudy and Addy, both original mountain cur dogs, were cast. Shortly thereafter their song began. They were onto a squirrel. After reaching the second verse and a change of key they were telling us the quarry had been located. As the group reached the dogs all eyes were up trying to spot the squirrel. It's kind of like the 'Where's Waldo' game. You know

it's there somewhere in plain sight, but unmoving a squirrel can blend into a tree very well especially on shadowy overcast days. After a bit of all eyes up the squirrel was spotted and the first youth up was readied and advised where the squirrel was. Describing an exact position in a tree can be a bit confusing. Imagine having somebody tell you to look at the fork in the branch that goes off the right side of the third main branch on the left side of the tree and has a crook in it...the squirrel is right there! After a bit of time, and the help of a cell phone photo the squirrel was located by the youth nestled tightly between two branches; a fork. With the youth in position, and the firearm now loaded, a shot found its way and the squirrel fell.

Following a bit of excitement from the dogs after the squirrel hit the ground and congratulatory offer-

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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Motorist Driving Too Fast For Conditions Hits State Police Car

Unfortunately, the above headline happens far too often, as we continue to see folks refusing to slow down and move over for our police vehicles. People continue to hit our vehicles at an alarming rate.

I've had trials on this serious moving violation in the past and have seen folks fined as high as \$2500, and have seen licenses suspensions up to 90 days for failing to move over and slow down. The below story is a reminder of why judges are so hard on people who violate this law.

On the morning of 1/19/15, shortly before 8:30 a.m., an occupied State Police Car was rear ended as it was sitting behind a crash that had occurred earlier on I-69 north bound at the 244 mile marker. Sergeant David Poynter, age 42, was sitting off the roadway, on the emergency strip berm on the median side with all of his vehicles emergency lights on, when a north bound car hit the rear of his car. The

north bound vehicle, driven by Zachary Patterson, age 20 of Greentown, IN., was traveling too fast for the "black ice" conditions the area was experiencing from light fog that was freezing on the roadway. Patterson lost control of his 1996 Mustang and struck the rear of the semi-marked 2010 Dodge Charger at full road speed, knocking it into the median.

Sergeant Poynter, a fifteen year veteran of the Indiana State Police, was transported to IU Health's Ball Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, complaints of pain in the back and neck. Patterson was uninjured, and was cited for Speed Too Fast For Existing Road Conditions. There were numerous slide offs and crashes on I-69 in Delaware County that morning due to the "black ice" conditions, and there were several emergency vehicles in the area working crashes and trying to slow folks down. Remember, motorists **MUST** change lanes away from emergency or utility vehicles if they can do it **SAFELY**; If not they must **SLOW DOWN** and proceed with caution. Please give us room to work. We are asking motorists to **SLOW DOWN** and/or **MOVE OVER WHEN SAFE TO DO SO**.

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- Highway work vehicles-including snow plows
- Vehicle recovery equipment (tow trucks)

I've had my car hit twice over my 24 year career, and I know all too well the dangers of working on the interstate nowadays. Please, give us room to work!

Motor Coach Inspection

With the Mega Bus crash on I-65 this past winter, and with our department putting a loaded Mega Bus out of service for a mechanical problem, Motor Coach safety has been in the news a lot. It's important to know the ISP has been a model for other state police departments around the country when it comes to motor coach safety.

In 1996 the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division formed a specialized team consisting of Motor Carrier Inspectors trained and certified in **FMCSA** and **CVSA** regulations specific to bus and motor coach operations. The team conducts inspections at destination sites and at company terminals in Indiana.

The Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division is committed to passenger vehicle safety, and conducts over 150 passenger vehicle destination inspections each year. The division's efforts in bus and motor coach safety have become a model for the rest of the country. Indiana was the first state to hold a Motor Coach Safety

Conference and Council, a partnership program between law enforcement and the motor coach industry designed to improve safety in the industry.

The Indiana State Police has established a 24 hour toll free number, **(800) 622-4962**, for persons to report motor coach buses they believe are not being operated safely or are in need of repair. Anyone suspecting the safety of a motor coach is urged to report his or her concerns to this number.

FMCSA recently published a web site to inform passenger carriers and the traveling public about their passenger carrier program and regulations. This site is located at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/pcs/Index.aspx>. For the traveling public this site offers tips for planning a bus trip, selecting the right type of passenger carrying vehicle for your group, selecting a safe company for your trip, and a link for reporting passenger vehicle safety violations. For passenger carriers, this site offers tips and rules for operating passenger vehicles, along with regulatory information.

Additional information concerning the motor coach industry can be found at the [American Bus Association](#) and the [United Motor Coach Association](#).

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by Dan Graves

BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU CATCH

(To get rid of the mid-January blahs, all you have to do is think of how bad it will be by mid-February.)

I've never been what you might call an avid fisherman, but by the time the shortest day of the year rolls around I can't seem to think of anything else. I guess it's because fish and warm weather seem to go together, although some anglers don't let a little cold hamper their sport. As for me, the idea of sitting on the surface of a body of frigid water, separated from it by a thin layer of ice is akin to sitting on a nest of rattlesnake eggs.

Never having tried ice fishing I tend to view the sport as a desperate need to fish, where the angler is willing to risk his or her neck on their judgment of how thick the ice should be in order to support their weight. Some seem to think that three inches is adequate. They are willing to walk a considerable distance from the safety of shore, drill a hole, drop a line into it and sit for hours waiting for something to swim by. Personally, I feel that the only safe ice is that which reaches all the way to the bottom. In other words, all the sportsman has to do is search for a few keepers and chip them out of the ice.

Since for all practical purposes I'm grounded for the rest of the winter, I've had to resort to memories of past fishing expeditions during weather more to my liking. Some years ago we vacationed on the east coast of Florida, staying in a motel facing the beach front. I hadn't come prepared for fishing since the equipment I normally use, namely a fly rod, would have been as useless as a Volkswagen in a drag race. Every morning for the first few days I would stand at the edge of the water, stare longingly at the surf and occasionally skip a sea shell across the waves. Another resident of the motel who I noticed had a fair array of rods and tackle stacked outside his door, offered to let me use his equipment while he conducted his business as a surveyor during the day. I gladly accepted his offer.

The next morning I waded about twenty yards from shore and faced the denizens of the Atlantic Ocean armed with a huge surf rod. For those who have never attempted to surf fish, the experience can best be described as confusing. First of all, the equipment is intimidating. The rod is huge and about as

flexible as a telephone pole. Attached to the butt end is a massive reel on which is wound what looks like a hundred yards of clothesline rope. Anyone with even a smidgen of common sense would realize that there must be a reason for such gorilla-like tackle, and to be standing waist deep in water that's home to anything large enough to require such gear must be two bricks short of a load. Since the only thing with teeth in the mid-west is the neighbor's dog, it stands to reason that a country boy wouldn't give a second thought to being aware of anything big enough to eat the fisherman.

Threading large chunks of mullet on the hooks I would fling the weighted rig as far toward England as possible and stand waiting for heaven knows what to swim by and take it. Unlike a Hoosier farm pond, the choices of picking a likely spot to surf fish is like choosing a spot to sit down in the Mojave desert. Miles of beach stretched in either direction without a break in the monotonous flatness of it all. Back home, the angler looks for spots most likely to harbor fish, such as underwater stumps or deep holes. In surf fishing he tries a certain spot for a while and if he gets no action, moves either north or south a mile or two and tries again. Ask any surf fisherman why he selects a certain spot and he'll tell you he looks for subtle changes in the water or the actions of gulls and pelicans. He will also claim that tides affect fishing and that an experienced fisherman can read them.

Lies! All lies! He selects a spot according to the highest concentration of bikini clad sunbathers. Wherever he sees a product from Victoria's Secret is where he casts his bait. Most of the fish I saw being caught were reeled in with the rod over the anglers shoulder as he ogled the blankets and divans on the beach. I, on the other hand, would not stoop to disgrace the fine sport of angling by such unscrupulous actions. I looked for the deserted spots so that I could concentrate on the task at hand.

One morning after dragging in a bucket full of sand crabs that had attached themselves to the bait, I loaded the hooks again and whipped it into the water. Suddenly, something of substance picked it up and swam leisurely away. Struggling backward out of the surf I tugged and reeled and finally scooted out of the water what looked like Batman after a rough night on the town. Flopping on the sand was a sting ray, its wings flapping and a long spike like tail whipping the air. I had read somewhere that these things could inflict serious wounds if not handled with care. How was I going to unhook it and move it back into the surf without destroying a beautiful relationship? A few yards down the beach a young lady - yeh, okay, dressed in a bikini, watched with interest as I warily circled my catch. I finally swallowed my pride and asked if she knew anything about these spear packing, bat shaped rugs.

"Yeh, just stay away from the base of its tail", she replied.

Finding a small board, she rolled it onto its back, removed the hook and shoved it back into the surf. As we watched it glide back to sea she asked, "You're not from around here, are you?" I had to admit that back home the closest thing we have to that is an occasional pet alligator that gets flushed down the toilet and survives in the sewer by catching

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The first time I tried one I was less than impressed. The thing nearly wrenched the rod out of my hand as soon as it hit the water and threatened to break the rod in the holder as we trolled along. I don't remember if any fish were caught using it. Probably not or I'd have been more inclined to give it a better test.

This was long before I considered myself an accomplished Great Lake troller, though I was "aspiring." I decided to get serious about using Dipsy Divers only after overhearing a radio conversation between a couple of charter captains.

As they chatted about what was working and what wasn't, one of them-- the better fisherman of the two, in my estimation--told of several fish coming on his Dipsy sets.

"I have some Dipsies," said the other captain. "Never use them."

The other captain radioed back, "Just drop them off by my boat, then. I'll put them to use."

If it was something the hot-shot captain endorsed, I decided to make them work for me. I did. I now embrace them. Dipsy Divers are the one tactic I use every day - from the earliest spring to the final fall outing on my boat.

Many days in the spring a downrigger is a waste of energy and space on the transom. The fish are at the surface and more success will come adding additional flat lines or planer board sets. But I still use a pair of Dipsy Divers.

Once the water warms in the summer and fish head deep for the thermocline, there's no sense including surface lines in your arsenal. Downriggers, now are the ticket. Or use lead core line or copper wire rigs to put the lures deep enough for the fish to spot them. As will Dipsy Divers.

Early in the spring there may be only 15 feet of monofilament between my rod tip and the diver with the directional weight on the underside of the devise



Dipsy Divers have proved to be a star tactic for Great Lakes anglers. (Author Photo)

set at maximum veer. The lure trailing behind it is only about three feet under the surface.

By mid-summer the same diver may be running 75 feet deep with a couple hundred feet of polyester braid or wire line stretching up to the boat. Whenever, where ever, my divers are in the line-up and I'd bet and give odds on them producing.

If you aren't someone who is getting these sort of results with Dipsys, or are yet to be convinced, there are a few tricks I learned over the years which have helped make me such a fan.

*Use a stiff rod. Divers can be run using most brands of downrigger rods, but you'll do better with a stick featuring a bit more backbone. I like one which only bends about one quarter of the way over from the drag of the diver being pulled through the water at trolling speeds. The rods don't have to be extra long. Mine are 8-footers, the same length as my downrigger rods.

*Spool 30-pound line on the reel you plan to use on with the divers. If you want to be sporting, use a light line leader between the diver and the lure. Your goal isn't to see how many Dipsy Divers you can litter across the bottom of the lake.

*Use monofilament when you want your divers to position in the top 25 feet or so of the water column. Switch to FireLine or a braided polyester line, such as Spiderwire when you are targeting the mid-depths down to 60 feet or so. For maximum depth, use 30-pound wire line.

*Use a line-counter reel. Metered line works, so does counting passes of the level-wind mechanism on a regular trolling reel. Neither method is as easy as using a reel which simply reads out the amount of line deployed.

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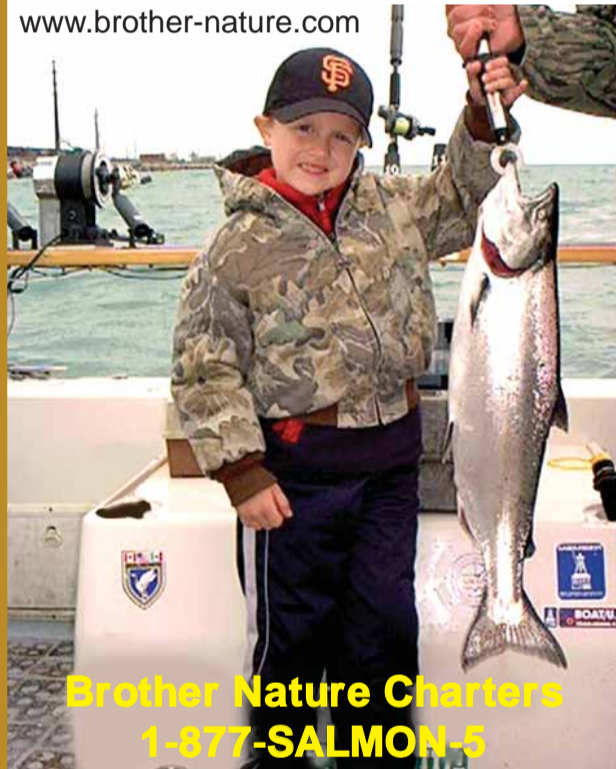
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Most people agree that coyote numbers need to be kept in check and have no qualms about the predators being hunted. There are some folks out there that may not agree with it, but the need for it is real nonetheless. (Author Photo)

Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

HUNTING COYOTES

Hunting coyotes is necessary, not always understood. Most get it, but a few don't understand reasons for hunting them.

While in a conversation at the post office the other day, the lady behind the counter mentioned that she and her husband were going squirrel hunting the next day. I wished her luck and mentioned that my son and I were going to try to get out and do some coyote hunting as well.

A scowl immediately took over her face and her demeanor dramatically shifted from pleasant to disgruntled. She also verbally informed me that she did not appreciate that we hunted coyotes and would prefer it if I did not speak of it again, mentioning that she could prove why coyotes should not be hunted (although I really doubt that she could prove it, otherwise she would have at least tried.)

Out of respect for her choice (regardless of how uninformed she was on the topic) I chose to drop the conversation. But really? I figured that since she said she was going hunting that the door was

wide open on the topic. I guess I was wrong, and it placed me in a situation I had not been in before. You don't hear too many people angry about you hunting coyotes.

She has her beliefs on why coyotes should not be hunted. I am not buying them, however, but she certainly is entitled to her opinion. What I got out of it was that she felt like coyotes are like dogs and therefore should not be hunted. True, they are related, but there is a difference; a big one. There are not tons of wild dogs roaming around. If there were, believe me, they would be hunted too.

So, why do we need to hunt coyotes? The reasons are varied. I mean, I do not eat coyote meat, so I cannot sit here and say that I always eat what I kill. Nor can I tell you that it is for the pelts. Yes, I do sell or donate the pelts of the coyotes that I get, however that is not my reason for hunting them. And I do not really want to say it is for sport, because the term sport hunting can conjure up negative images and fuel the fire for anti-hunters, even though I do enjoy the challenge a coyote represents. Regardless of why we choose to hunt coyotes, the real reason behind the need to do so is for management of the species.

In his article, "Sooo, Why Hunt Coyotes?" author Duane Fronek wrote, "I believe animals are on this earth for man to manage and consume whether that consumption is eating or putting a fur on your back."

I agree with Mr. Fronek. The bottom-line here is that the species needs managed. Just as deer, rabbits, and other wild game populations are managed through regulated hunting seasons and natural predation, so must coyote numbers be managed. Key in on the part of natural predation. Game animals such as deer and rabbits are preyed upon by coyotes, yet coyotes have no real predators within the animal kingdom, which is exactly why man must step in and prey upon the coyotes. We hunt the animals that coyotes prey upon don't we? Then what makes coyotes so special that they

shouldn't be hunted?

Now I know that nearly all of you reading this agree with hunting coyotes, and that it really need not be defended. But for the few of those that may feel as the young lady at the post office did, we will probably never convince them or change their minds on the subject, but being able to explain why we hunt them may help us to better explain it when faced in a similar situation. ■

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Left Photo: The river below Brookville lake from 101 bridge to the dam. Right Photo: The north side of Brookville Dam facing the main body of the lake. Bottom Photo: The East Fork of the Whitewater River where it runs under the SR 44 Bridge north of Dunlapville Causeway. (Author Photos)



So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

March Fishing at Brookville Lake

March marks the the time of the year where Brookville lake starts to wake up from its long cold winter nap. This particular year the lake was not

frozen much of the year, but the surface water temperature was still in the 30's all winter. There is also things like shorter days, longer nights, fall turn over, and hybridization.

After fall turn over the deep water of Brookville lake gets re oxygenated all the way to the bottom. The fish will keep moving deeper and deeper trying to stay away from the cold surface temperature until they run out of room. At this point they go into a lethargic state not quite hibernation, but with their body temperature so low their rate of breathing and primary body functions come to a stand still. If you could see them it looks like they're sleeping Then in the spring you have a tilt in the earths axis where the days get longer and the nights get shorter the water warms up and things start to happen.

When making your fishing plans for Brookville lake break it down into 3 departments. The lake itself, the river above the lake, and the river below the lake. They are all connected in some way, but they all have their own characteristics.

The river above the lake is 3 to 6 foot deep and about 50 feet wide. Brookville lake is 1 to 100 feet deep 17 miles long and about 1 mile wide at its widest point. The river below Brookville lake is 3 to 6 feet deep and about 100 feet wide. The one exception to this is the stilling basin. Right below the dam is a big concrete box like structure that the lake dumps into. This particular area is 35 feet deep. The entire system is at the mercy of mother nature to an extent.

The water depth of Brookville lake is controlled by a control tower within the lake. In the summer the lake is held at 748.00 feet above sea level. In the winter the lake is held at 740.00 feet above sea level. This 8 foot difference is the buffer for spring flooding. When your fishing in the river above Brookville lake you have no choice you are at the mercy of what mother nature gives you. When your fishing below Brookville lake the water level is manipulated by the army corp. of engineers.

In the spring starting in March you will have what

is known as a white bass run in the river above Brookville lake. This is triggered by rising water temperatures with in the lake, which is being warmed up with the incoming spring floods. The more spring flooding you have the better the white bass run. You just have to wait till the flooding is over. You don't want to be anywhere near that river when it is up and flooding. There is a small boat ramp in the river above the lake called treaty line boat ramp, this should be your starting point. You do not need a boat this is just a good place to park. Just bring the kids a medium light fishing pole a stringer and a fishing license. Trust me if you time this right your kids will love you for it.

At the same time as this is going on there is a walleye run in the river below the lake. You will not use a boat here either. The difference is these fish will be concentrated around the stilling basin. You are going to want to concentrate your efforts from the stilling basin to the 101 bridge . These walleye are drawn up the river from down stream to spawn. A female walleye wants to deposits her eggs in the rocks where there is current. A lot of people will be torn be the river below the lake and the river above the lake because you can catch walleye there to. Your issue is the white bass bite is way more aggressive and more plentiful then the walleye . What you will need to do is slow your presentation way down and just crawl your bait on the bottom. Now this is going to be hard to do when you look at the guy next to you yanking one white bass in after the other. Give it a try off and on while your fishing for white bass. You will be pleasantly surprise.

Now for the lake you will want to bring your boat. What your looking for here is the warmest water you

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Left Photo: Showing the magazine nut backed out from the receiver. Move the barrel assembly down about 1/4" and push the action slide forward so the action bar is clear of the receiver. Right Photo: Separate the barrel assembly and receiver and set the barrel aside. (Author Photos)

Random Notes from:
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by **Marshall Smith**
Owner/Gunsmith

Stevens Model 520

Not long ago I had a pump shotgun in the shop which I found was an earlier design of a popular pump shotgun made by Stevens under a John Browning patent. The fact that the gun had a John Browning patent stamped on the receiver made me want to investigate the design further. I Google'd the patent number and found that the patent referred to the John Browning design Stevens used for the attachment of the barrel and magazine tube to the receiver.

The gun was brought in because the action was locked up and wouldn't open or close. At first I referred to several old shotgun books (yes, any good gunsmith has an extensive library of old disassembly manuals) and found instructions for the disassembly of the Stevens Model 520 and 620. However, the gun shown was not the same model of 520 in my shop. Further investigation didn't find much other than a parts diagram which showed two designs of the Stevens 520. Apparently the model in my hand was an early model. I checked with Numrich Gun Parts Corporation and the schematic they had on file for the 520 also covered the design changes and showed parts for both models. I'm going to try and give instruction on the disassembly of the 520 and the differences I found in the model in my

shop and those that are in the manuals.

The first step in disassembly is to separate the barrel and receiver. With the action slide in the opened position turn the magazine tube clockwise until it stops. That moves the magazine nut away from the receiver as shown in Picture 2. Move the barrel-slide assembly downward about 1/4" and then move the action slide forward until clear of the receiver. The barrel-slide assembly can then be removed and set aside for now or the barrel can be cleaned from the chamber end. Be sure to clean the extractor cutouts of all powder and dirt. [Picture 3]

Next is to remove the trigger assembly. Put the safety on. On later models of the 520 and 620 the safety was a cross bolt style at the rear of the trigger guard. On this 520 the safety was a sliding style inside the trigger guard just in front of the trigger. Refer to the picture Screw ID Left, notice the triangular projection in front of the trigger, that's the safety lever. Make sure it is in the rearward position. This locks the hammer in the cocked position while removing the trigger assembly. Remove the stock screw at the rear of the top tang. Remove the stock. If the stock is too tight use a rubber hammer to gently separate the stock from the receiver. Don't use a plastic or wooden mallet as that will damage the stock. In the picture Screw ID Left I show the screws which you'll remove. Remove the front trigger assembly screws on both the right and left sides of the receiver. The rear screw shown in Screw ID Right, passes through the trigger assembly and screws into the receiver.



Left side of receiver labeling the screws. Note the safety in the rearward position.



Top Photo: Screw ID Left. Bottom Photo: Screw ID Right. (Author Photos)

On this model the large head slotted screw is the slide lock release and unscrews just like a regular screw. If it is rusted tight use a good penetrating oil like PB Blaster to soak it free. If it breaks off, which is likely as it is a small threaded screw (5x40), the screw and the lock must be replaced. On later models of the 520 the slide lock projects from the bottom of the receiver just behind the trigger. Also on later models the front trigger assembly screws is just a pin which is drifted out. Remove the trigger assembly and use a tooth brush and spray cleaner to clean. Oil lightly with good gun oil. Don't try to disassemble the trigger group, leave that to the gunsmith.

On the left side of the receiver I've noted not to remove the screw above the rear trigger assembly screw. On this model that screw holds the spring which controls the inertia block. This model appears to be the only model with the inertia

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Left Photo: Right Receiver, remove the screw in front of the bolt in the picture to remove the Sliding Breech Stop. The screw heads shown as Do Not Remove are staked in and should not be removed. Right Photo: See body of article for description of parts. (Author Photos)

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block. There is a spacer under the spring which can be confusing to reinstall. I also show in this picture the ejector screw. On later models the ejector screw is inside the receiver and is accessed from the right side of the receiver. If you remove this screw you'll have the ejector rattling around in

the receiver behind the bolt. If you do remove it and it is stripped you'll have to contact a gunsmith to make a new screw as this particular part is no longer available. It is a 5x40x3/16 screw.

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Left Photo: Captain Spangler readies the net for my incoming walleye. He had to do this numerous times for us. Right Photo: Susie and I coming back to the dock from our successful fishing trip. (Author Photos)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Lake Erie Shore & Islands

As I write this, our daughter in Fort Wayne has over 12 inches of new snow on the ground. Here in Anderson, we only have a couple inches, but it's covering some ice. While I was talking to Ray (the Gad-A-Bout guy) last night, he said it was pouring rain in Centerville. So what am I doing right now? I'm planning our vacations (and my business trips) for all of 2015.

One of our vacation spots last summer was in, and around, Port Clinton, Ohio. We are anticipating another long weekend there again this year. Of course, being retired, our "long weekend" is often Monday-Thursday, so we avoid a lot of the crowds. Port Clinton is just three hours from central Indiana. But, the variety of attractions and activities in this area are well worth the short drive.

The first step we always take when deciding what to do is to pick an area we want to visit for the first time or, in this case, an area so good, we want a return outing. Then, we contact the local Convention & Visitors Bureau or similar organizations associated with this region. For Port Clinton, this would be the Lake Erie Shores & Islands in Sandusky, Ohio. (Go to www.SHORESandISLANDS.com). Jill Bauer, Public Relations Coordinator, was our contact person.

Next, let them know things like your age, physical limitations, if you will be traveling with children, what types of activities interest you, if there are any financial concerns they need to know, etc., and then, let your contact advise you on what is available in their area. (This is the same formula I use for any trip I plan.)

Our main requirements are usually fishing, shopping, dining, several choices of nature type outings, and a nice place to stay. Then, I always ask if there are any attractions in their area not on my list which they would highly recommend. This is their job! They know more about these things than anyone else.

Jill made a number of suggestions and sent us literature explaining each selection for us to study. Several e-mails later, we knew what we would be doing when we arrived in Ohio.

Our first stop was at the Welcome Center in Sandusky. This building was full of brochures, maps and other literature designed to make your visit enjoyable. We picked up information which could be utilized on this trip, or saved for our next one. Then, lunch at the Tin Goose Diner, a restored 1950's eatery (www.tingoosediner.com). We actually met Jill there and had lunch with her and Jeff Sondles, Operations Director of the Liberty Aviation Museum in the same building as the diner. After our meal, Jeff took us on a tour of the Museum. History buffs must see this attraction!

We viewed the photos and letters hanging on the walls, including one of Clark Gable's US Army Air Force Separation Papers signed by Captain Ronald Reagan. This museum features a fully operational WWII B-25 Mitchell Bomber, "Georgie's Gal" and other aircraft, vehicles and artifacts. (www.libertyaviationmuseum.org).

Our next stops were the Magee Marsh, the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, the Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area, and the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, all on, or near, Lake Erie. This took the rest of the afternoon. We could have spent an entire day at any of these locations. I purchased several books (and got two autographed) at the Bird Observatory gift shop. (www.bsbobird.org).

Back in the truck and a quick trip to the dock for loading onto the Jet Express, the fastest way to Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island, our next destination. The Jet Express is a three story boat with two decks enclosed and the top deck (where we rode) open to the sun and wind. A short ride brought us to the island marina where we docked.

This outstanding spot has fine dining, shopping, lodging, and attractions. It was past our meal time, so we stopped at the first restaurant which offered walleye dinners. Then, a leisurely walk along the shops, looking for something to take home to our grandson. If you have children with you, visit the Perry's Cave Family Fun Center while at Put-in-Bay. They can enjoy the rock climbing wall, laser tag, the Butterfly House, gem

mining, miniature golf and more at this location.

The Jet Express took us back to the mainland and we headed for our lodging place nearby. We stayed at Our Guest Inn & Suites, a charming Victorian style hotel. Our room was a beautiful Jacuzzi Suite where I relaxed away the long day.

The next morning we left our room and stopped at the Cheesehaven, (www.cheesehaven.com), a shop we noticed the day before when driving around. They carry more than 150 varieties of cheese, plus meats, candy, fudge, cakes, and more. We stocked up

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Left Photo: Susie and I coming back to the dock from our successful fishing trip. Right Photo: View the fully operational WWII B-25 Mitchell Bomber "Georgie's Gal" when you enter the hanger of the Liberty Aviation Museum. (Author Photos)

with our favorites, then headed out for our appointment with Dr. Bugs Charters for an afternoon of walleye fishing with Captain Dave Spangler. We met Larry Fletcher, Executive Director of the Ottawa County branch of Lake Erie Shores & Islands at the Wild Wings Marina for lunch, then Larry joined us for our fishing outing.

As we pulled in walleye, bass, and other assorted species, Larry explained about much of the area we were missing and suggested numerous other activities we needed to try on our next Lake Erie outing.

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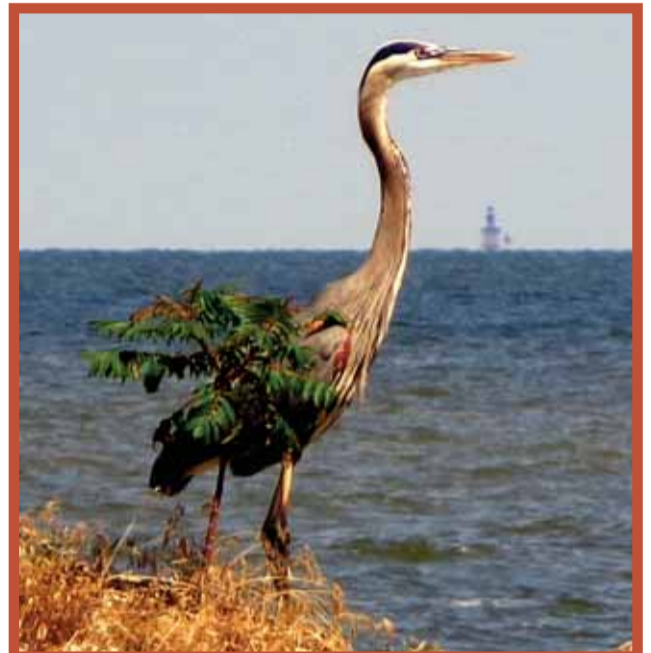
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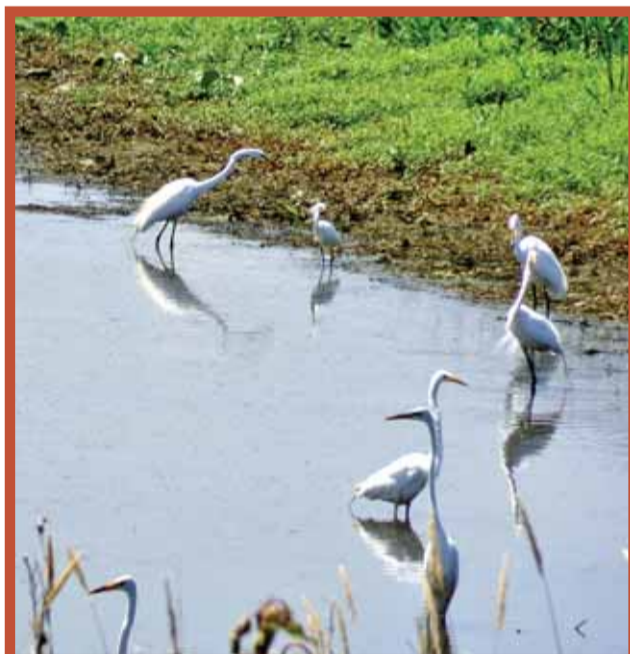
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This is what the Jet Express looks like coming at you head on. (Author Photo)



While hiking through one of the nature preserves, I was able to get close to this great blue heron. (Author Photo)



We saw a wide variety of birds including these egrets in Magee Marsh. (Author Photo)



A nice limit of walleyes ready to head home to the skillet. (Author Photo)

We in turn told him about our metal detecting, dinosaur bone hunting, and other trips across the country. We also mentioned our fossil hunting at nearby Toledo.

After we boated our limit in walleye, Captain Spangler headed back to the dock where we said our

goodbye's to everyone, loaded our fish in the cooler, and promised Larry we would be back to sample more of this special area. I hope you decide to do the same.

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AQHA Registered Tiffany and her foals.

Lots of EVENTS are happening in Indiana this spring. Your County 4 H clubs are forming. The larger counties have equine clubs with clinics, and summer open Horse Shows already scheduled. My daughter Heather is a Open Horse Judge and travels the State of Indiana to give clinics and judge open and 4H county horse shows.

She mentioned to me the other day, that she has had several calls already. If you do not have a child attending 4H, please be sure to support the clubs. They are always in need of supplies, and donations to pay for trophies and judges.

The HOOSIER HORSE FAIR is scheduled for April 10-12 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Adult admission is \$12.00/ Children under 8 are Free. The H.H.F. has a full schedule of activities including demonstrations, multiple horse hitches, riding & vet clinics, and of course vendors in several different arenas .

When Heather was a 4 H youth ,she was invited to show the "Versatility of The Appaloosa Breed" at the HHF. She demonstrated western pleasure, horsemanship & trail with one horse; hunter under saddle, equitation with her second horse ; and barrels & pole bending with her third. All three were dun mares and colored with the distinctive Appaloosa "Blanket", and all were sired by the same stallion Mr. Executive . The performance really did demonstrate the versatility of the breed.

The National Appaloosa Club (APHC)was gracious to send us their Nez Pierce Tribe Ceremonial dress for Heather to wear, with accompanying breast collar, head stall and trappings for the saddle that



Tiffany and Dandy. (Author Photo)

were made of doe skin and beaded by the Nez Pierce in Idaho over 200 years ago. She wore this in an evening Costume Class, and we were delighted that all the major TV news outlets used her video in the nightly news.

Last year Heather was invited to return to HHF to give a training demonstration and help two 4H youth with problem horses. She spent 2 hours working with the girls and their horses, making suggestions for improvement. By the time she was finished the audience saw measurable improvement in both riders and horses.

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In the meantime, prepare a Nolvasan solution (active ingredient chlorhexidine)

to clean your foals umbilical stump to kill the bacteria. I also use a small paint brush and paint inside the hoof wall. It is still porous and can allow bacteria to enter your foals blood stream. Septicema is big trouble. Check for a umbilical hernia at this time.

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Tiffany and Redrock. (Author Photo)



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Against All Odds



by Ray Dickerson

A CHANGE IN THINGS FOR A WHILE

In most of my Gad-a-bouts for as long as I can remember, I wait to see how much room is left to write my information. For the next several issues I

will be utilizing the 4-page centerfold to write some things I want to put in my paper. I'm titling it



"Against All Odds."

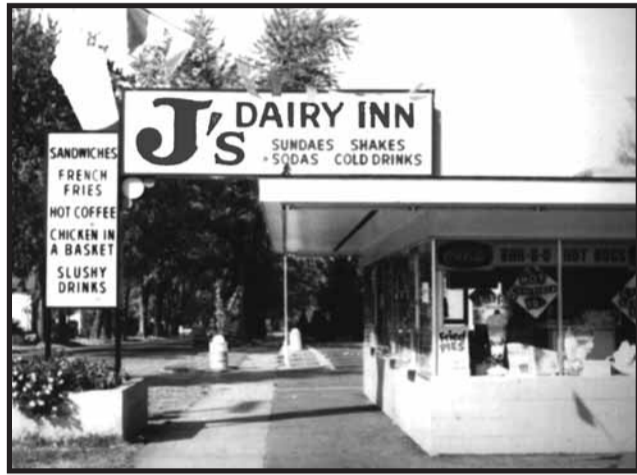
THE GAD-A-BOUT'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Gad-a-bout began in April 1990. I never thought it would last this long. The April issue had no paid advertising in it at all. The May issue had fifteen advertisers. It began as The Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout then I changed the name to The Gad-a-bout beginning with the September 1990 issue.

A note worthy item to note here is in the May 1990 issue three of the fifteen advertisers appearing in that issue are also in this issue. They are J's Dairy Inn - Liberty, IN, Frame's Outdoor - Liberty, IN and Parkside Plaza - Brookville, IN.

Note: J's Dairy Inn was destroyed by fire in 1981 and was replaced with the new building, shown at right, in 1982. The original Frame's and Parkside's buildings were in their locations when I started The Gad-a-bout in 1990.

SEE MORE ON PAGES 16-18



J's Dairy Inn 1957 to 1981



J's Dairy Inn as it looks today in February 2015.



Frame's Outdoor as it looked in 1990.



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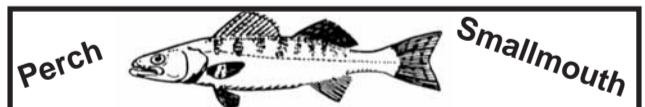


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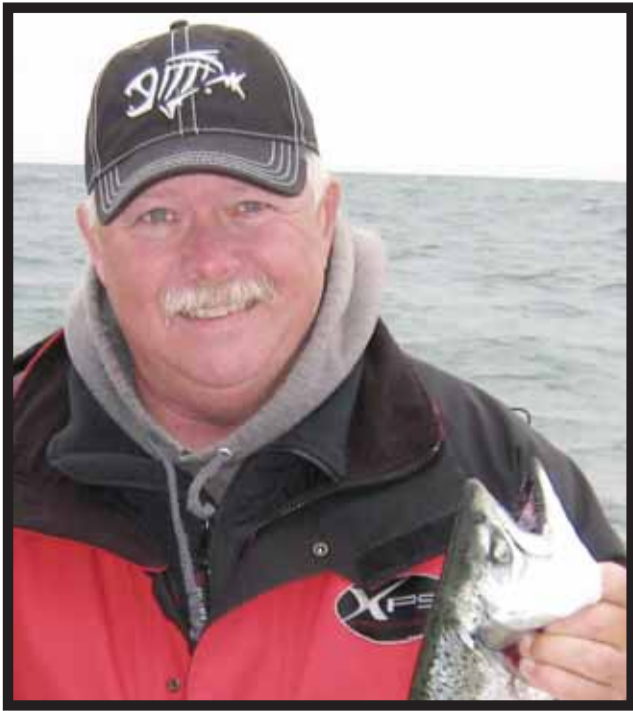
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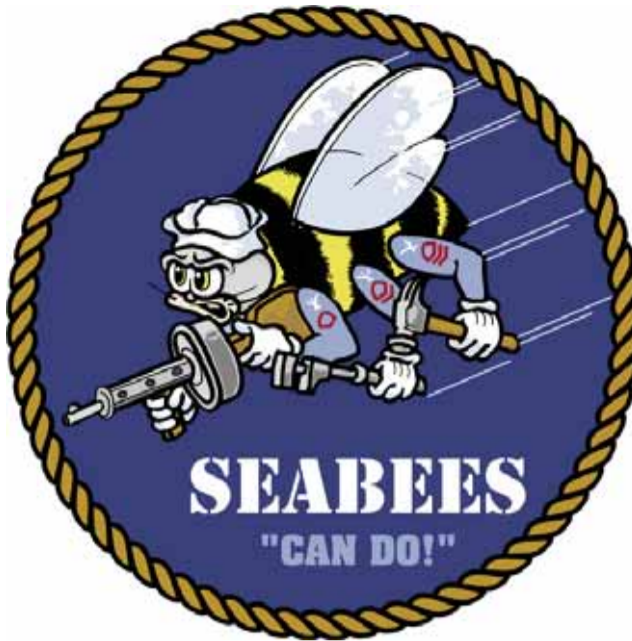
Gad-a-bout Columnist On National Association Of Charterboat Operators BOARD of Directors

Captain Mike Schoonveld, who has been writing the Great Lakes column for The Gad-A-Bout for many years, has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the **National Association of Charterboat Operators (NACO)**. NACO was formed in 1991 and now includes a membership of thousands of owners or operators of fishing, sailing, diving, eco-tours, and other excursion vessels carrying passengers for hire. NACO's objective is to improve the professional charter boat operator's bottom line and to provide a strong voice in Washington, DC.

NACO is a membership driven association proven to be successful because of the shared experiences of the Board of Directors, Executive Team and Regular Membership. NACO's officers and board members consist of experienced licensed captains, who are actively involved in their local areas.

NACO was formed out of a need to fight costly government regulations that threatened to cripple the charter boat industry. The organization keeps track of issues affecting the industry and NACO officers and board members regularly represents charter operators before Congress and Regulatory Agencies. Over the years NACO has succeeded in saving charter boat operators millions of dollars and prevented excessive, time-consuming and needless reporting.

Schoonveld has operated Brother Nature Charters on southern Lake Michigan since 1998, helping fishermen from around the country and around the world experience the world-class angling opportunities to be found there. When not fishing, Schoonveld is a freelance outdoor writer with a weekly columns in several newspapers and by-lines appearing in numerous regional and national publications. ■



Seabee Veterans of America

Annual Convention & Reunion May 1, 2, & 3, 2015

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

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

This reunion is open to all Veteran Seabees.

I don't have room in this issue to put the registration form, there will be one in my April issue which will be available on line at www.thegadabout.com or at advertiser locations beginning March 16th. I would be glad to send you a registration form if you send your address to me. **See page 3 of this issue for my contact info.**

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

Send your name and guest's name; Address; Phone; Island (as applicable); Unit; Rate; Delegate; State Officer; National Officer.

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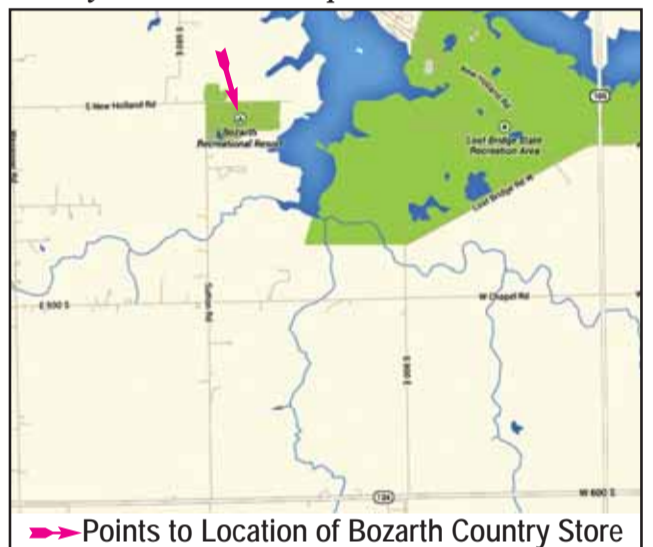
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Editor's Note: If any of you are wondering my connection to this event, my father, MMS 1/C Raymond E. Dickerson was a WWII Seabee with the 79th NCB in Alaska and CBMU#624 in Okinawa serving July 1942 to October 1945. I'm not a Seabee officially, I was in the Air Force 1959-63. I hosted the 79th NCB 67th Reunion September 23-27, 2012 in honor of my father. ■

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1991 Frontier Days Narration

Like so many other things Frontier Days emerged from this over active mind of mine early in 1991. I started publishing this Gad-a-bout in April of 1990. At the time I was working at GTE in Richmond, Indiana.

I guess I was always interested in Indians, but I can't remember why I chose Miami Chief Little Turtle as the subject of Frontier Days Rendezvous.

I'm sitting here now going through all my Gad-a-bouts that I published at that time. I just found an interesting item in my March 1991 issue on page 3, entitled, "Words for Thought...."

"Before 1866, the government of the United States had asked Chief Seattle, leader of the Suquamish Indians, about purchasing tribal lands for use by new settlers."

The Chief's reply, "The President in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land. But how can you buy or sell the sky? The land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them....?"

Here in my May 1991 issue in my Roaming column, appears this announcement, "Frontier Days, Gad-a-bout Productions will bring to the Whitewater Valley, Frontier Days" at the Treaty Line Museum and Pioneer Village over the Labor Day Weekend. See index for further information. See Page 20."

Treaty-Line Museum and Pioneer Village will be the scene for the first Annual Frontier Days for Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 1991.

The scheduled activities include a re-enactment of the signing of Greenville Treaty, Indian problems, a frontier militia settles the Indian problem and peace prevails. An old-fashioned square dance, a craft show with period attire worn by all participants. A music program and there will be an admission charge.

My disclaimer, "this project is the sole creation of The Gad-a-bout, no one else can take the blame."

Evidently at the time of the above announcement I hadn't started on the narration or maybe hadn't even planned on doing a narration. This 73 year old memory has some gaps in it.

I do remember writing the narration and visiting about every library I could find researching life in the Northwest Territory, which included Indiana. I remember finding a book and signing it out of the library, it was about Miami Chief Little Turtle. I read most of it, then began on a quest to find more books concerning Little Turtle. It was then I decided on Miami Chief Little Turtle as the main theme for Frontier Days. The title of the book was "The Life and Times of Little Turtle written by Harvey Lewis Carter, I'm looking at it here.

I bought a book on Little Turtle in Greenville, Ohio written by Calvin Young. I loaned it to someone and haven't seen it since.

Other books I have collected along the way include: A Handbook on Indiana History for teachers; Pictorial Encyclopedia of American History 1450-1733 & 1734-1783; On The Frontier With St. Clair by Charles S. Wood; The Movers by Nancy N. Baxter; Maconaquah White Rose of the Miamis by Julia Gilman; A Sketchbook of Indiana History by Arville L. Funk; President Washington's Indian War by Wiley Sword; Sons of The Wilderness - John & William Conner by Charles N. Thompson; The Indian How Book by Arthur C. Parker; Indian Sign Language by William Tomkins; Archaeology of Prophetstown and Greene Ville Ohio 1805-1808 by Richard Green, Tony DeRegnaucourt & Larry Hamilton; The Light 6-Pdr. Battalion Gun of 1776 by

Adrian Caruana; God Gave Us This Country by Bil Gilbert; Blue Jacket War Chief of the Shawnees by Allan W. Eckert; Life of Tecumseh and his Brother The Prophet; Miami Vocabulary by Sheryl Hartman; Some Miami History and Longhouse Language by Miami Nation of Indiana, Inc. — Peru, Indiana and A Diary of St. Clair's Defeat which is missing from the box where I keep these books.

As you can see I spent a lot of time researching. On June 9, 1991 I went to Friendship, IN to talk with rendezvous traders and hand out registration forms, trying to entice them to set up at Frontier Days. On that visit I met Curt Dunaway, who helped me a great deal. He helped me get Frontier Days advertised in Smoke and Fire's calendar of events and said he would set up at my rendezvous.

In my July 1991 Gad-a-bout I announced wanting volunteers. I said, "I am embarked on a great adventure and I would like to take you with me. I have researched the Indiana/Ohio frontier for the years 1791 thru 1812 (not including the War of 1812). On September 1 & 2, 1991 I am going to attempt to re-enact that adventurous time at the Treaty-Line Pioneer Village....What I need you for is to portray the people who lived during that time, including settlers, frontiersmen, soldiers and Indians.....I have also distributed forms inviting pre-1840 traders who camp in tipi's, lean to's, wedge tents and lodges....Volunteers who have called include Diane Thomas, Jackie Sparks, Debbie Grimme, Tom Wildman and John Starkey.....the re-enactment is titled 'Little Turtle & Apekonit' An Early American Tragedy 1778-1812, written by yours truly. The entire re-enactment will be narrated and the people portraying the different characters will re-create the scene in motion."

Not mentioned in the July Gad-a-bout was the following volunteers who came to our first volunteer meeting at Treaty-Line Pioneer Village: Bert McQueen, Myra and Jeromey Chissel, Dave Fields, Gladys and Eugene Fannin, Loretta Gula and Kathy Wooten, Kermit and Estelle Cornett and Becky Stratton others joining also was Nick Walter and Mac Keasling.

In that same issue, July 1991, I published a short version of the entire story of Little Turtle & Apekonit. By this time I could see the light at the end of the tunnel on where I was going with this rendezvous. All I needed was more volunteers, traders and a lot of luck.

In the August issue of The Gad-a-bout I said, "Only two weeks remain before my big show, as Ed might say. I have been planning this event since May. I still have space left for craft booths to set up....I can still use some volunteers to help in the re-enactment....hope to see a lot of new faces at the rendezvous.

The next issue was the newly designated monthly issue, October 1991, it had a 7 page section about the debut of our First Annual Frontier Days Rendezvous.

My opening paragraph read, "What a Rendezvous" my first annual Frontier Days is now history. You know I finally accomplished something....but I couldn't have done it without the help of Dave Fields, manager of Treaty-Line Pioneer Village, Curt Dunaway who actually shaved off his beard to play Little Turtle, much to his wife's (Karen Dunaway) objections, Smoke and Fire newspaper, Harold Matthews, Bonnie Keasling, Denny's Drum Depot, Zelta Stout, My Family, Whitewater Valley RV's, the Palladium-Item newspaper, The Centerville Crusader and especially all the volunteers mentioned above plus those who showed up to help Labor Day Weekend which included: Keith Stockdale, Dustin Stockdale, Tricia Weeder, Sylvia Schively, Randy Raper, Todd Saylor, Melanie and Desiree Starkey, Angi Redfern, Howard "Pappy"

Lawhorn, Karen Dunaway, Kelly ?, Carl Moore, Amy Dickerson, Sherry Dickerson, Vickie and Kenneth Greene. A big thankyou to Kathy Wooten who helped me narrate the re-enactment.

Also, Glenn Cherryholmes who called the Square Dances in the Praise Auditorium, The Web-tones (Darrell Bragg and Earl Brisco from Richmond) who played tunes for round dancing, Terra Moore, Amanda Moore and Misty Endress who helped Tom Wildman arrange the auditorium for dancing. From Richmond musicians Diane and Jim Lucas, Linda and Dan Hilbert, Carolyn and Barry Mac Dowell played hammer dulcimers, dulcimers, harps and drum. Kermit Cornett and another fellow played banjo and guitar all over the area for the entire weekend, Talent show musicians Jeremy, Carl, Martha, Rebecca & Josh Cupp,

Traders included Roger Endress, Lee Hahn & Linda Vaughn, Jack Hatley, Pete Lawhorn, Carl "Old Man" Moores, Jim Sitter, James Byrd, Manny Anderson, Ron Gill, Connie & Ron Henderson and Harry Redfern, Dave Britton, Leo Day, John "Scotty" Selch (Pendragon Puppets) and The Maize Prairie Traders.

Craft Show included B. Evelyn Ailes, Leasa Day, Bill and Linda Hanson, Joanna Hisle, Betty Schull, Deborah Peak & Patsy Preston, Lisa Kain, Denise Verhasselt, Stan Kidwell, Bennett Osborn, Nancy Johnson, Steve Ledington, Mrs. Larry Ridenour, Donna Brock, Lovel Gardner, Sylvia Schibley & Bert McQueen

I know I have probably left quite a few people out of my list of people to thank, but if you are reading this send me your name and I will put you in my next paper.

My narration began with 24 pages of raw facts, hastily jotted down all week as I tried to get it ready, it wasn't even edited prior to its first reading. For four months I had read every book available to me about Little Turtle, William Wells (Apekonit) and Frances Slocum.

Our last meeting prior to the event was on August 31st, Saturday, the day of the event. The re-enactment, considering no rehearsal, was a huge success. The last words from the volunteers on the battlefield, was to make up a list of phrases so each could keep up with the narration and also cut the narration down.

There you have the reason for my writing all this now - "**Cut the narration down.**" For eleven years I cut the narration down, to where it was hardly recognizable by me as my narration that I spent all the hours writing and researching.

So beginning with this issue and subsequent issues I am publishing the narration for "The Life and Times of Miami Chief Little Turtle, William Wells and Frances Slocum as it was originally written.

I may be wrong in my thinking that readers will enjoy reading my narration as it was originally written in 1991 and revised in 1992. I must make a note here that I had to correct some spelling and grammar errors in the narration. When I originally typed it I didn't have the benefit of a spell and grammar checker. I scanned all the original sheets and corrected them as I went along.

First you will read the cover sheet which gives a preview of the main characters and my effort to get approval from the Indian Councils in Indiana before continuing using the narration in Frontier Days.

Day 1 - September 5, 1992

Introduction To Dramatization and Brief Description of Main Characters

Welcome to Frontier Days Rendezvous a dramatization of the life of Miami Chief Little Turtle, William Wells, Frances Slocum and all of those who came in contact with them.

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Seabee Joe Rudy 79th USN Construction Battalion Company D, Platoon 5

My good friend Joseph M. Rudy passed away Friday, January 16, 2015 at his residence. Joe was born September 5, 1922 in Claridge. He was the son of the late Joseph and Rose Bratkovich Rudy.

Joe served with my father in the 79th Naval Construction Battalion in Kodiak, Alaska 1943-44. Joe told me in a letter I got from him after I contacted him about attending the 79th NCB's, 67th Reunion I was hosting in Richmond, "First thank you for taking time in sending the latest information about some of the Seabees that are still alive. I do remember your Dad - he was a little older than I was and a lot of the times he would make me feel that times would get better....."

On August 29, 2013 on my way back to Indiana after attending the 68th Reunion of the 79th NCB in Ephrata, PA I stopped and visited with Joe and his wife Catherine. We got along famously, all three of us sat around the table talking about the Seabees, what was happening in 2013, sports, etc. Joe played all the sports while in the Navy. At the time of my visit, Joe was 89 - he was fit as a fiddle. He told me he kept in shape all his life, he loved boxing too.

You can read about my visit with Joe and Catherine by going on line at www.thegadabout.com clicking on "Archives" and scrolling down and clicking on November 2013. His feature article and photos is on page 8, 9 and 28. I know you will enjoy reading about Joe and Catherine.

Joe was employed by the former Jeannette Glass Corp. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Church, a member of the Manor American Legion for more than 50 years, Pony League Baseball, an avid bowler, hunter and fisherman. He is survived by his loving wife, Catherine S. Exton Rudy; a son, Joseph E. Rudy; a daughter, Sheree Evans and husband, Preston; 8 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; a brother, Daniel Rudy.

A blessing service was held in the funeral home chapel and entombment followed with military honors accorded by the Jeannette Combined Veterans in the Westmoreland Co. Memorial Park, Hempfield Twp. ■

Mark B. Wright

My friend Mark B. Wright, passed away on January 24, 2015 at the age of 76. He was born on February 7, 1938 in Richmond, Indiana. His mom and dad was Emmett J. and Roberta J. Wright.

The first time I remember seeing Mark was in school in Centerville. He was three years older than me, but he had a way of entertaining everyone in the school.

He had a fondness for all kinds of animals I remember seeing him one time when he had a snake hidden in his shirt, in school. Everyone was impressed except the teachers.

After graduating from Centerville High School, Mark joined the United States Marine Corps, he was stationed overseas in Okinawa and Puerto Rico. Following an honorable discharge from the Marines he worked for his father, Emmett, in their excavating business. They built many ponds in and around Wayne County.

He also worked at Eaton Gear Works, Farm Bureau and the Wayne County Highway Department as a heavy equipment operator.

I never really got to know Mark too well until after he worked for his father. He told me once, "a pond isn't a pond unless it has an island in it."

I remember him grading our gravel road in the 70's when we lived on West Grove road, just north of I-70.

Mark, wife Carolyn and daughter Aleesa at that time lived in "Mark's Ark," as we called it. They raised Rhea (looks like a ostrich) and had a ton of other wild animals, snakes, birds of all description, gold fish and domesticated breeds there with them.

You could get a real description of "Mark's Ark" by reading the story in my Sept/Oct 1973 Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout. My sister, Kathy, wrote it. It was a great story.

In that same issue was the first of a two part story of Mark taking me on my first and last canoe trip down the East Fork of the Whitewater river. The second part appeared in the Nov/Dec issue. It shouldn't have been an eventful trip because the water was low. But good ole' Mark made it as eventful as he could, like having us go under a tree lying across the river where the water wasn't deep enough for going under it. Yep we got wet several times that day.

In 1973 Mark and I traveled to Turkey Run State Park to attend the first meeting of the Hoosier Buffalo Riders. The photo above, Mark a board member of S.P.U.R. (Society for Preservation and Use of Resources), I took the photo at a later Buffalo Riders meeting. I had nominated S.P.U.R. for the Conservationist Organization of the year award, Mark and two other members accepted it.

Mark was truly a remarkable man and is missed greatly by all who knew him!

In 1974 Mark realized a boyhood dream to go on a African Safari and went twice more later.

Mark was on the boards of the Soil and Water Conservation District, the Society for Preservation and Use of Resources, a lifetime member of the North American Hunting Club, a long time member of American Pheasant & Waterfowl Society, the NRA, Safari Club, Centerville's Hiram No. 417 Masonic Lodge (53 years) and a member of Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren. ■



MARK B. WRIGHT
Feb. 7, 1938 — JAN 24, 2015

He leaves behind his wife Carolyn (Goar), a daughter, Aleesa (Greg) Drennen; a sister, Anne (Maurice) Baker; a brother-in-law, Bill Taylor and some special coffee-drinking buddies and some great neighbors.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Marcia Taylor and a close friend, Mark Carpenter.

Mark was laid to rest after a memorial service on January 30th in Hagerstown's Brick Church Cemetery. ■

Against All Odds

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MOTHER EARTH

If those who hold the purse strings would pick up on using 100% Cellulosic Ethanol which is produced from Biomass (naturally grown fuel source) we would be seeing an economic boom like no other. But alas, the oil, coal and natural gas barons still control and will likely do so until Mother Earth is so polluted we will either have to move to another planet or remain here and suffer the consequences.

As for the Keystone Pipeline, I am not in favor of it coming across America just so the Canadians can ship their oil from the Gulf to wherever they please. Where else would you expect the oil from the rich oil sands in Canada to go? Once they reach the Gulf of Mexico they can ship both east and west. Remember how the Alaskan pipeline was going to be our salvation, we don't get one drop of that oil in America.

Sure the pipeline will give jobs to thousands to build it, but what will happen to all those jobs when it is completed. I've never received an unemployment check, but I understand it is a great way to get money without working for it.

If we replace fossil fuel use with natural replaceable energy, including 100% cellulosic ethanol, water, wind, solar, waves, maybe we will be a lot better off and maybe we can continue living here instead of out there in space someplace.

I think it would be better if we learn from our mistakes and use good ole' common sense for a change.

Another thing about Mother Earth.....

I've always wondered when the fossil fuels - coal, oil and natural gas have been produced by Mother Earth since the beginning of time, do you suppose it was her plan for it to be used by humans or could it have been produced to help keep her cool?

What about the empty cavities in the earth that are left where the fossil fuels used to be?

I guess it would make sense that ground water would fill the cavities causing our water table to con-



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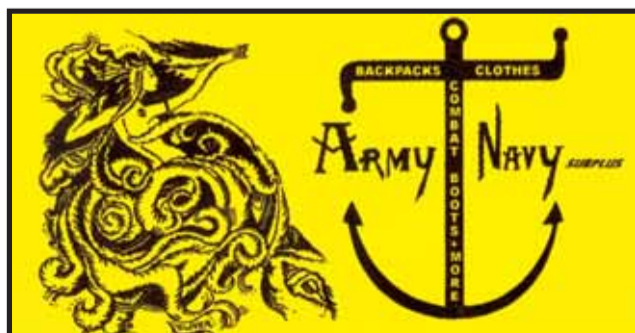
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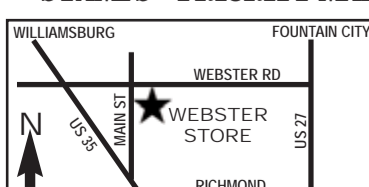
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tinue to decrease, which could cause more severe droughts throughout the world.

Of course if this causes the earth's temperature to rise then wouldn't that cause the ice to melt more rapidly at the north and south poles.

What about sink holes, which are becoming more and more of a hazard around the world, would it be a far gone conclusion to suspect that the cavities left by mining tons of coal, pumping billions of gallons

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Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

March 2015 Activities

Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

March is a very quiet month in Metamora. The state sites remained closed, as do many of the shops, but there are a few fun things happening. Mosaic has a full schedule of events, the Cat and the Fiddle Event Center is hosting a night of comedy and finally Metamora Performing Arts is hosting an all-day Mandolin workshop.

Starting with Mosaic located at 19054 Main St. in downtown Metamora. On **March 1** Jammin on the mill porch is from 1-4pm. Due to the weather it is currently meeting indoors at Mosaic. This is a free event for all interested in either playing or listening. **March 8th** the photography club meets at 2pm. This is a free club open to anyone interested in photography. **March 14th** Holly will be teaching her free Intro to Fiddle Class at 2pm. **March 15th** is the Songwriter's roundtable at 2pm. This is open to anyone interested in writing songs. Be sure to bring a work in progress. **March 21st** is the Breakfast Jam at 9am; bring a breakfast dish your instrument and come ready to jam. Continuing on the 21st, at 5pm it's game night. Bring a favorite game to share or just come and learn a new game. Finally on **March 29th** is Jammin 101 with Larry

Wayt at 1pm. There has been an interest in learning how to jam so Larry will be giving instructions on the what and how, followed by a jam. This is free and no registration is necessary. Remember all of these events are being held at Mosaic.

The Cat and the Fiddle Event Center at the Blacksmith shop, 10104 Columbia St, tries to have at least one act per month. This month it's Corned Beef and Comedy featuring Little Davey Dugan and Rick O'Garrett. There will be two shows, one at 6pm and one at 8:30pm. According to the ad "you will be laughing in your cabbage. Call Catrina at (513) 403-0672 for reservations.

Also moving to the Cat and the Fiddle Event Center is Acoustic Final Friday. It's **March 27th** with sign up at 6:30pm and music starting at 7pm.

Finally the last Saturday of March, **March 28th**, Metamora Performing Arts is sponsoring an all-day Mandolin workshop. It will be held at the MPA barn on Pennington St. This is being billed as a gathering of mandolin builders and players for a day of learning and networking. Registration for the workshops and concert is \$80 in advance and \$100 the day of the event. There is a food ticket available for the day at \$15 or you can buy ala carte. For those who don't wish to attend the workshops, general admission is \$5 and includes the builder area, jamming, food area, and the evening concert.

Currently there are 4 workshops scheduled each 90 minutes long. They are Chords, Scales and Such by Scott Carnder, Fiddle Tunes and Improvising by John Bowyer and "Picker Dan" Bilger, Bluegrass & Celtic Mandolin: Compare and Contrast by Dave Bagdade, and Blues Mandolin by Andra Faye and Scott Ballantine.

The evening concert will start at 6:30pm and feature Andra Faye and Scott Ballantine.

This is a short overview of the Mandolin workshop. For more information the website is <http://www.metamorampa.org/#!/metamora-mandolin-gathering/cx38>

While it may be quiet in Metamora at this time of year, there are still a few things happening. So if you're looking for a day trip stop by and see us in scenic Metamora.



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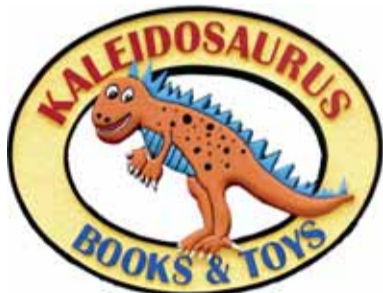
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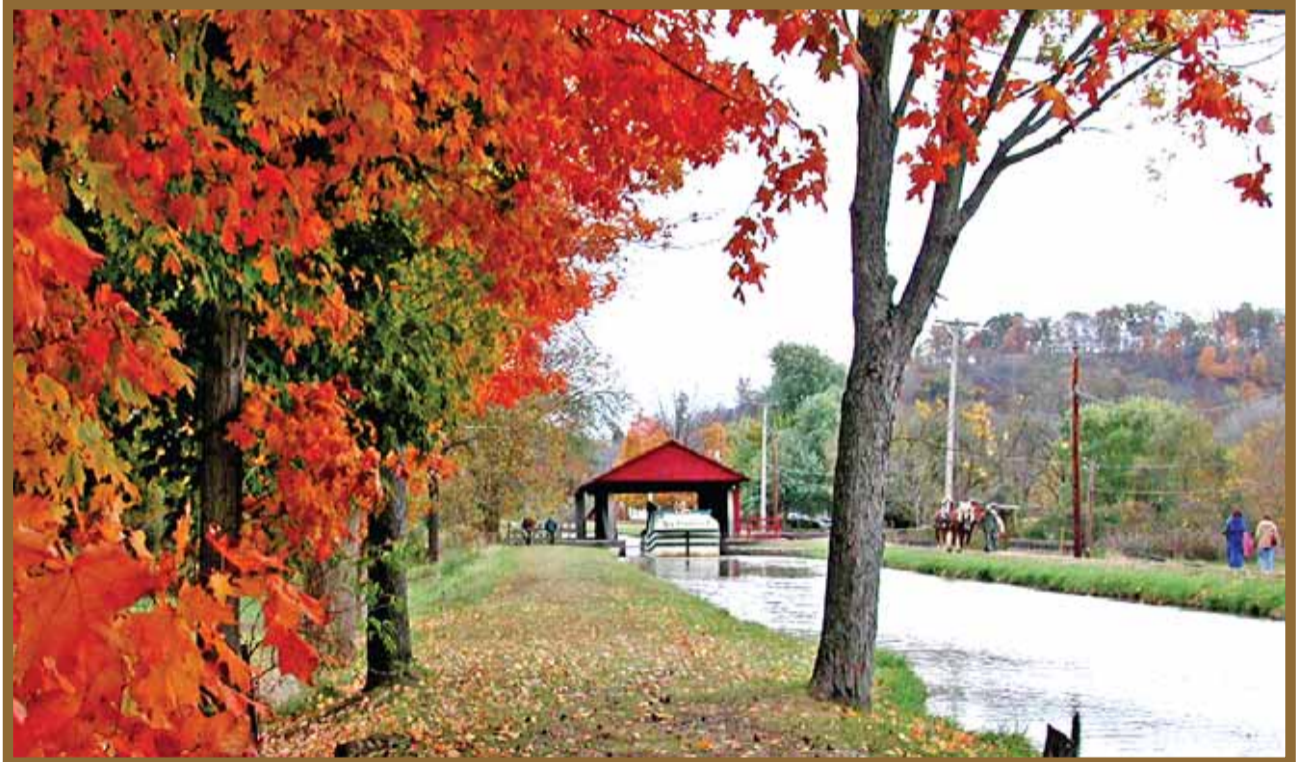


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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCory

The Tampa Show

Every time we work the Tampa RV show (now recognized as the largest in the country), we not only see people from our part of the Midwest but also a few we have met on camping trips all over the country and beyond, and being close to some of the same exhibitors from past years (and some new) we meet very interesting people.

This year the Indiana Campground Owners' Booth had moved down a few spaces in to a more RV resort exhibit area. We had good conversations with our booth neighbors during the few slow times we had from the multitudes of people and dogs walking by or stopping at our booth. We estimate that about 70% of the people were visiting from Indiana, had lived here in our state, had camped Indiana, or had been through the state on one or more of their trips. If we had conversation with them, they most always had a positive story about us in our part of the world OR (frequently said) "it's too cold up there."

One such interesting couple next to the ICOA booth, Don and Barb Humes of Rapid City, South Dakota, had researched mail forwarding (and other closely related business ventures having to do with camping and travel), and had, for several years served the travel industry with those things needed, especially for full time campers or people camping and on the go for long periods of time throughout the world but especially on the North American continent. Their Americus Mailbox (the name of their business) services people gone from home or traveling in their RV for long periods of time. I asked Don his permission for us to tell others by means of the Gad-A-Bout about their endeavors and he said "go for it." Not only do they have mail forwarding in Rapid City but a used camper lot, 19 full hookup camping sites which are open all year, three cabins, RV service that they claim they can get parts for your unit from the United States suppliers overnight 98% of the time and from Canada suppliers overnight 90% of the time within 1-3 days, parts and supplies, vehicle titling, vehicle registration, in house independent insurance agents, private mailbox rentals, U.S. Postal service, Fed Ex-Air/Ground pick up handling, COD acceptance, junk mail disposal, emergency locator's, Fax sending and receiving, Notary Service, voter registration, and recommendation for many other services.

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We hear about interesting individuals (maybe characters) people meet while camping almost every day. If you have such an individual(s) in mind write us about him, her or them and e-mail it to us with your name and permit to publish it and we'll get the word out. We've all met them and they may still be out there among us. We suggest you change their names to protect the innocent. We'd invite any other topic about camping that we can research and about which we can write. Our e-mail is: jmacnut@yahoo.com and cell phone, 260-637-3524. We hope we have an early spring so make plans and reservations at your favorite camping grounds. Keep warm, healthy and safe on the wintry roads. If you're traveling throughout the U.S.A., be sure to check the most recent information on line as we hear almost daily of campgrounds that are closing because of regulations, family doesn't want to inherit or even condos or villas are replacing them. We can't just show up anymore some places and expect a campground to be advertised in OLD camping guidebooks to still be there. Check in the new Woodalls, Trailer Life, AAA campbook and/or Andersons Guide and even on the internet by state, federal and private camping grounds. We'll talk with you in April.

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Whitetails Unlimited West Fork Banquet Committee who put on this epic event at Frame'a Outdoor from L to R: Oscar Abner, Cameron Masters, Joel Biltz, Jon Stollings Jeff Harmeyer, Nancy Harmeyer, Travis T-Bone Turner, Aaron Harvey, Bobby Revalee, Keith Huber, Travis Wooley and Rick Frame. Not in photo Ryan Skinner and Phil Hunt. (Author Photo)

Big Game Hunting



by Joel Biltz

West Fork Chapter Whitetails Unlimited Banquet a Huge Success

On Saturday January 17, 2015 the West Fork Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited and Frames Outdoors hosted a very successful banquet in Liberty Indiana. The host of the evening was the famous Travis "T-Bone" Turner of the Bone Collector show.

The sold out event was to raise money to put back into local conservation programs and programs involving youth such as the NASP National Archery in Schools Program. The event hosted approximately 240 people all enjoying the same passion for deer hunting and the great outdoors.

There were silent auctions, live auctions, raffles, prizes, and give a ways that included prints, guns, bows, and numerous items for hunting. There were also two special gun raffles, one was for Veterans a free drawing for a nice gun that Mr. Gary Riester won. Thank you for your service Gary and the rest of the veterans that attended the banquet. The other was a youth only raffle for a nice gun that Tony Barnard walked away with.



Author Joel Biltz talking with Rick's brother Jeff Frame.



At left WTU Representative Brandon Showen and at right WTU Committee member Travis Wooley.

That little guy was grinning from ear to ear when his number was drawn. Bert Vanfleet a local taxidermist was even on sight giving a demonstration on how to mount a deer head.

There was also a special presentation for a local Gentleman by the name of Norman Mustin.

Norman's family was invited to attend the banquet and presented with an engraved plaque in memory of Norman. Norman has been involved in the community for years as a deer processor and was one of the pioneers in the area for the hunting community.

The wonderful food was catered by Liberty Bell restaurant and consisted of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and a dinner roll. The facility was provided by Rick, Jeff, Tyler, and Wesley Frame of Frames Outdoors in Liberty Indiana. Rick, Jeff, Tyler, and Wesley have worked very hard making a very nice place for events to take place like this. When not using the building for receptions and banquets Frames has a very nice indoor 3D archery range and archery shop for people to take advantage of any time of the year. The atmosphere for this event was second to none. With all kinds of taxidermy work inside to gaze at



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The sold out event raised money with silent auctions, live auctions, raffles, prizes, and give a ways to provide funds for conservation programs. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Here Travis T-Bone Turner (holding microphone) and Brandon Showen (WTU Rep) drawing for a 1 in 55 chance at a gun. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



The Mustin family holding the plaque that was engraved for Norman Mustin, honored for doing so much in the community towards hunting. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



From L to R: Rick Frame (owner of Frame's Outdoor), Host of the evening Travis T-Bone Turner (The Bone Collector Show) and Oscar Abner. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Travis T-Bone Turner shaking Gary Reisters hand after winning the Veterans drawing for a gun.



Bert Van Fleet a local taxidermist standing next to one of his creations, two turkeys in a confrontation.



Liberty Bell catered the event serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and a dinner roll.

from Lions, bears, whitetail deer and even a life size elk. It is a true hunter's paradise inside. The committee worked very hard on this, putting in a lot of effort securing some great donations for the silent auctions and raffles. Also for the first time ever we were able to sell out the banquet. Most of the committee members were at Frames at 7 am to

start setting up and did not get home until 1:30 that night. We were very happy with the turnout of the event and have already started planning and preparing for next years banquet to make it even bigger and better. The West Fork Chapter Whittails Unlimited would like to thank all of those people who put in

the time and effort to make this banquet a huge success. A special thanks to Rick Frame, Jeff Frame, Wesley Frame, Tyler Frame and Oscar Abner. Also to all of the companies that donated great gift's for the auctions and raffle. We hope everyone had a great time and can't wait to see you all next year.

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Left Photo: Last years crappie discussion panel from left to right: Phil Rambo, Kyle Schoenherr, Ronnie Capps and Russ Bailey. Right Photo: Four of the top crappie fishermen after the 2014 crappie discussion panel look for these guys at the weekend seminars. (Photos by Ron Bilbrey)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

2015 Seminars & Schedules

Since the start of the Indiana Slab Masters I have watched as Indiana tournament fishermen have moved up thru the ranks of national crappie fisherman. Only a few short years ago there were almost no seminars given at the boat show by fellow crappie fishermen, in only a few short years tournament crappie fishing as grown bringing forth the need and appeal for crappie seminars. 2015 will mark the first year at the boat show that there will be a crappie seminar at least once a day for the duration of the show. For the second straight year BnM Rods will sponsor weekend crappie seminars given by BnM pro staff members; including Ronnie Capps, Russ Bailey and Kyle Schoenherr. The Indiana Slab Masters will sponsor seminars thru the week with local anglers speaking daily on a variety of topics. The Slab Masters will provide some of the best information for Indiana crappie fishermen; these guys know Indiana lakes and the techniques to catch crappie in these lakes. The credentials of the speakers this year are outstanding with two past national champions Ronnie Capps and Matt Morgan along with three Indiana Classic champions Tom Hankins, Doug Sikora and Damon Phillips.

The following is a schedule of events and topics for Crappie seminars at this year's Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel show.
 Friday February 20th at 3pm - ISM's - Damon Phillips - How to Beat Crappie.
 Saturday February 21st at 1pm - BnM's Russ Bailey - Dock Shooting/Fishing during a cold front
 Saturday February 21st at 4pm - BnM's Ronnie Capps- Ask Ronnie how to catch Crappie
 Sunday February 22nd at 11am - BnM's Russ Bailey Dock Shooting/ Fishing during a cold front

Sunday February 22nd at 3pm - BnM's Ronnie Capps- Ask Ronnie how to catch Crappie
 Monday February 23rd at 5pm - ISM's Damon Phillips- How to beat Crappie
 Tuesday February 24th at 5pm - ISM's Doug Sikora - Ice fishing/ Vertical Jigging
 Wednesday February 25th at 5pm - ISM's Matt Morgan- River fishing /Spider rigging
 Thursday February 26th at 5pm - ISM's Tommy Thorton- Fishing Patoka Lake/ Transition fishing
 Friday February 27 at 5pm - ISM's Tom Hankins- Spider rigging and trolling for catfish
 Saturday February 28th at 11am - BnM's Kyle Schoenherr - Crappie
 Saturday February 28th at 4pm - BnM's Kyle Schoenherr- Crappie
 Sunday March 1st at 11am - BnM's Kyle Schoenherr- Crappie

Along with the seminars the Indiana Slab Masters will have a booth set up to promote sponsors products and anyone that signs up for their 2015 membership will be registered to win prizes given by club sponsors.

The 2015 Indiana Slab Masters tournament schedule has been posted on their website and is set to kick off on March 21st at Patoka reservoir in Jasper Indiana. The Kids tournament as well as an open tournament will be held on Monroe Reservoir this year with the Open tournament being held on May 30th and the kid's tournament on June 27th anyone interested in fishing these tournaments can visit the website for details or contact an officer of the club if you have questions.

The 2015 season schedule is as follows:

Patoka Reservoir - Jasper, IN. Saturday March 21st - Members event
 Brookville Reservoir - Brookville, IN. Saturday April 4th - Members event
 Prairie Creek Reservoir - Muncie, IN. Saturday April 11th - Members event
 Monroe Reservoir - Bloomington, IN. Saturday April 25th - Members event
 Freeman/Shafer - Monticello, IN. Saturday May 2nd - Members Event
 Salamonie Reservoir - Huntington, IN. Saturday May 16th - Members Event
 Monroe Reservoir - Bloomington, IN. Saturday

May 30th - Open event
 Monroe Reservoir - Bloomington, IN. Saturday June 27th - Kids event
 Mississinewa Reservoir - Wabash, IN Saturday September 12th - Members event
 Morse reservoir - Noblesville, IN. Saturday September 26th - Members event
 2015 Two Day Classic
 Day 1 Cataract Reservoir- Saturday October 17th - Qualified Members
 Day 2 Raccoon Reservoir. Sunday October 18th - Qualified members

The Indiana Slab Masters website has been updated with a new look and an updated tournament schedule as well as new sponsors and contacts for 2015, you can visit the website at www.indianaslabmasters.com. Remember to click on the sponsors logos to visit their website and view their products.

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Left Photo: Tom Setser in orange hat helps to direct the fur up the row for auction. Right Photo: Piles of Fur on the tables awaiting their turn in front of the Buyers. (Author Photos)

Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

ISTA Fur Sale Results Trappers Education

The January 10, 2015 ISTA Fur Sale was a downer. Thirty (30) Trappers offered 1690 furs to nine (9) fur buyers on a very cold January day. The doors opened at 8 am and the Graders, Ron Elliott and John Allen, Jr., were busy at it just a few minutes later. With the new format, Corbin Bultemeier was able to get the sale started at 9:30 am, while the graders continued to grade and furs continued to come in. Doug Morton and Noah Wilson held the graders as clerks.



The auction is just getting going. My picture of the room is a little fuzzy as my camera was very cold, and did not want to work. As tables were sold, they were taken back to the end and refilled with more furs. (Author Photo)

Our auction clerk was Avery Setser and she did a tremendous job keeping up with Corbin. We had several runners whose names I neglected to get. Wanda and Fred Philips handled and totaled the tickets and ALMOST kept up with the auction. Stu Grell and Melissa Mansfield wrote the Checks and Georgia Gifford handled the books and verified the tickets. Stu and Melissa also dealt with merchandise and Gun Tickets for the .357 Magnum Henry Lever Action Rifle. Watching over all of us was Deric Beroshok who kept everything in its place and recruited help as needed for moving the tables and preparing the food.

The final results of the auction see below.

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Events for the coming year are being planned as I write this. Those that I know of follow here:

March 7, 2015 ISTA Spring Fling: South, Salem Conservation Club, 597 W. Becks Mill Rd., Salem, IN 47167. Begin 10 am EST. Lunch Noon. There is a lot going on this weekend, so what happens after noon will depend on the attendance. Questions: Fred Philips < DVM Pres. ISTA 765.938.1806 or fpp@juno.com

April 4 & 5, 2015 Bloomington Trappers Education Class, www.inhea.com/PassItOnIndiana/, North Fork Service Areas, Beginning near Bloomington, IN, at the intersection to Hwy 46 and 446, go east to Kent Rd. Turn south onto Kent Road, go over bridge, continue on till the pave-

ment becomes gravel, Turn right onto McGowan Road, and follow McGowan road 3.5 miles to the North Fork Service Area. (ALL THE WAY TO THE END / WATCH FOR THE SIGNS) Questions: Rex Watters 812.837.9546 or Fred Philips 765.938.1806 or fpp@juno.com

April 18, 2015 Union Mills Conservation Club, ISTA North Spring Fling, 100 Mill Pond Rd., Union Mills, IN Begin 10 am EST. Lunch Noon. What happens after noon will depend on the attendance. Questions: Fred Philips 765.938.1806 or fpp@juno.com

May 30 & 31, 2015 Carthage Trappers Education Class, see IHYC Campground, 8577 E. 300 S. (Hancock County), Carthage, IN. 46115. www.inhea.com/PassItOnIndiana/ Camping available Thursday night. For more information: CO Scott Johnson 317.694.3113 or Fred Philips 765.938.1806 or fpp@juno.com

July 25 & 26, 2015 ISTA / IDNR Kokomo Trappers Education Class, see Ivy Tech, Kokomo, IN 46902 www.inhea.com/PassItOnIndiana/ Questions: Deric Beroshok 765.860.7499 or trapperfur@aol.com or go to www.indianatrappers.org/Calendar.

August 29 & 30, 2015: ISTA / IDNR Danville
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ISTA Fur Sale Results Jan 10, 2015

Specie	#Sold	Value	Mean	High
Muskrat - Grease/Damaged/Med	205	\$ 794.25	\$ 2.87	\$ 5.00
Muskrat - Med+/XL/XXL Dried	666	\$3,952.75	\$ 5.94	\$ 7.00
Mink - Grease / Med	9	\$ 66.50	\$ 7.28	\$ 11.00
Mink - Lg / XL Dried	7	\$ 78.50	\$ 11.21	\$ 13.00
Raccoon - Grease	127	\$ 786.75	\$ 6.18	\$ 6.25
Raccoon - Damage/Sm/Med/LG	44	\$ 89.00	\$ 2.02	\$ 3.50
Raccoon - XL Dried	80	\$ 393.00	\$ 4.91	\$ 8.25
Raccoon - XXL Dried	103	\$1,025.25	\$ 9.95	\$10.75
Raccoon - XXXL Dried	133	\$1,690.35	\$ 12.71	\$16.00
Raccoon - XXXXL Dried	11	\$ 131.00	\$ 11.91	\$14.00
Coyote - Grease	18	\$ 131.00	\$ 5.97	\$13.00
Coyote - #1 & #2 Dried	49	\$ 161.25	\$ 8.09	\$23.00
Red Fox - All	11	\$ 226.00	\$ 20.55	\$30.00
Grey Fox - All	32	\$ 504.00	\$ 15.75	\$15.75
Beaver - Grease	31	\$ 299.00	\$ 9.65	\$14.00
Beaver - Lg / XL / XXL / XXXL Dried	12	\$ 132.00	\$ 11.00	\$13.00
Bobcat (Southern) Dried	13	\$ 227.50	\$ 17.50	\$17.50
Skunk - All	2	\$.50	\$.25	\$.25
Opossum - All	12	\$ 7.00	\$.58	\$ 1.00
TOTALS	1574	\$10,950.85		



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Two photos of Mike McCabe with his deer "Stickers". Mike hunts from a wheelchair after suffering a treestand accident while filming a bear hunt in Canada. (Photos provided by CA)

CONNECTED AFIELD



by Glenn Kelsey

Physically Challenged Bowhunters of America

The Average Joe Staff at Team "ConnectedAfield" the Free Hunting & Fishing mobile app are constantly reaching out to meet people involved in our industry. In addition to the "ConnectedAfield" mobile app exclusively offering a (Eight Feature Bundled Sportsman Mobile App) available thru Google Play and The App Store, we at Team CA gather information and resources that may assist our C.A. users to help keep them informed. To name a few of our services, we search out news on related organizations, state proposal of regulations, new product information and outdoor functions. Get Connected try it today search and download ConnectedAfield

While participating and working in our booth at the Field & Stream Deer & Turkey Show in Louisville Kentucky last Spring 2014. Team ConnectedAfield had the opportunity to meet some of the members and staff from the *Physically Challenged Bowhunters of America* group and they helped us understand the great works of their organization. I would like to express some information to all of you as follows.

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- Bowhunting areas that are accessible.
- Opportunities to experience fellowship and camaraderie through archery & bowhunting.
- The opportunity for everyone to enjoy the great outdoors through archery & bowhunting.

"STICKERS"

by Glenn Kelsey

Mike McCabe PCBA Life-time member... Harvests a Deer of a life time

Back in May of 2008 Mike McCabe was involved in a treestand accident while filming a bear hunt in Canada. The unfortunate events that happened on that was the day was to change his life. His future from that time on leaned toward the fact that he was going to be wheel chair bound. Mike had a couple of tough decisions to think about and make regarding his future destiny.

The thought of just to sit around, go into depression and give up and quit was stirring around. (Which no matter how strong a person you are, you will go through some degree of that.)

Another was to try and work it out and deal with the total loss of functions from his arm pit down. You never know yourself, exactly how you will react to this catastrophic change until it hits you in the face.

Nearly four months went by and all Mike could do while lying in the hospital bed was think about how he was going to get back outdoors and what was it going to take to get back into bow hunting. With all the days and weeks of therapy and rehab sessions it was a long haul to get thru for anyone. The overpowering love of the outdoors gave Mike the light at the end of the tunnel drive he needed to move on.

Time passed so slow, the five weeks out of the hospital and with the help of his son Luke, He began to get back into the swing of things with some equipment modifications. After lots of practice, new routines and pure torture he was able to get out and harvest his first whitetail deer from a wheelchair. A fine buck 11 point buck scored at 156" what a trophy. Mike shot the deer with his compound bow set at 48# draw weight. With his medical set back it took a lot of training to achieve this goal.

Seasons passed and after harvesting some good animals from ground blinds and battery operated elevated stands, Mike went back to the drawing board with some help and ideas from his friends.

While the wonder of trail camera monitoring on several locations Mike had come across

some real nice bucks during the 2012 season. We know the deer are there, but as we always encounter things that happen to alter our plans, from the dogs running off our potential harvest, to notice a broken rack on the one in your sights and on, you know how things go in the wilderness. Always expect the unexpected. Some things we don't have control over. Mike did get a glimpse of a 160" with seven non-typical points pushing into the 180's. all at a distance. Truly a setting of high hopes for the future hunts. We all have those, that's what keeps us coming back to the woods.

Now we have come to the 2013 Deer Season things changed. Mike said he had to put a name of that buck monster buck from the year before calling him "STICKERS." The 2013 season after going through thousands of trail camera pics, you can imagine how he felt to finally lay eyes on "STICKERS" who had grown over 200 inches. Now the energy is coming back in full force.

Preparing and setting out to hunt Mike followed his usual pattern hooking up his safety-harness and pulling his Action Track Chair into position was first. When arriving at his tree above his special Timbertall Treestand design he then would begin to ascend into his perch 25' above the ground floor, a

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ings from the group made to the youth, the dogs were recast. Again, in short order, not so distant dog songs were heard. After arriving at the suspect tree the search was again on. This time nothing was found hidden in plain sight and believe me, we looked. Trees have a habit of providing shelter for many animals and a good number of holes and cavities were found above us in these trees. Most certainly the little furry critter had taken refuge in one of them and would not be coming out any time soon.

As the rain had now not only caught up with us it was increasing in intensity. There was only one thing to do; recast the dogs. And so they were. More conversations took place as we slow walked in the general direction the dogs had gone, giving opportunity to look around a bit to notice a few weathered deer scrapes and rubs as the rain began more forcibly pelting our faces. The dogs again spoke and we picked up our pace. With the steady rain we suspected the squirrels would not be venturing too far from their dens, so with luck we would be able to get on location before that could happen. But it did happen. No squirrel was to be located but several nests and holes for potential den sites were found nearby. The dogs had done their job but some hunts play out this way; advantage squirrel.

The green blob on the radar didn't dampen spirits but it did do a pretty thorough job dampening everything else. The young of our group were advised it was totally their call whether to continue trying to get a squirrel treed away from a nest or den or to call it for the day. The latter was chosen and we slogged our way back to the trucks, often through water half-foot high. Yes, it was wet, it was fun.

We regrouped back at our starting point at Crosley as other groups were also arriving after abbreviated hunts. The common topics of conversation: the kids got a few squirrels, it's very wet out there, and it was fun. As the warm lunch was being readied we took advantage of the opportunity to talk with others present and have a few laughs. Nobody seemed terribly disappointed about the rain. Mostly, we were just thankful that we were given a bit of a window of opportunity to help provide an enjoyable morning for the participating youths.

I offer my personal thanks to the supporters and participating members of the Hoosier Tree Dog Alliance, Clifty Creek Coonhunters, Crosley F&W area and other groups doing similar work for giving of your time and energies on behalf of our youth, to "pass it on".

It was wet, there were smiles, and it was fun. ■

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

MISFIRES & SNAGS

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stray cats and Pekingese dogs.

Embarrassed and humiliated, I returned the gear to its owner and related the story to him. "Oh, yeh, I forgot to warn you about something" he said. "You shouldn't be wading in the trough formed by waves just off the beach. Lots of sharks in there looking for food." It took two other guests to pull me off his back. They said I was shouting repeatedly, "SHARKS? Why didn't you tell me this yesterday? Whyyy, I OUGHTA-----."

With my luck some smart aleck will dump a few piranha in our lake. ■

So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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can find. Think shallow sun drenched areas. When the water in the lake warms in the spring the fish move up shallow looking for warmer water. A fish is a cold blooded animal, so when they move up from 50 foot of water they will have to adjust from that lethargic state they have been in all winter long. Look for rocky areas where the sun is beating directly down on it, or areas that have an influx of water coming in the lake. This can be a river or just a small creek. Use baits that you can be fished slow and shallow. Remember these fish have been living in cold dark waters all winter long and they have to get their body temperatures up before they can be lean mean fighting machines.

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Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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and can be removed by taking it off the post. I identify the post in the Picture Screw ID right. It can be removed but is not necessary. Push the bolt forward and move the carrier-lifter inward off of the post. Refer to the picture "Right Receiver". Move the bolt to the rear to expose the sliding breech stop screw. Remove the screw and the stop. Now hold the bolt slide to the rear and push the bolt and slide out the front of the receiver. In this model the cartridge stop is on the right side and is staked in. It is the larger screw marked "Do Not Remove". The smaller screw is also permanently install and cannot be removed. This disassembles the gun where a good cleaning can be accomplished. The magazine can be removed from the barrel along with the slide by removing one screw at the front of the magazine. Reassembly is just the reverse. I hope this may help. This model of the Stevens 520 and the later models were also sold by Montgomery Ward as their model 30.

I'm including a picture of the parts removed from the receiver. They are: 1) Bolt, 2) Sliding breech stop and screw, 3) bolt slide, 4) Inertia block, 5) rear trigger assembly screw, 6) stock screw, 7) Slide Lock button, 8 and 8A) is the Inertia Block spring and spacer, 10) two front trigger assembly screws, the trigger assembly and the carrier-lifter. I didn't remove the carrier-lifter post screw for this picture nor disassemble the trigger group.

I found that the firing pin had broken and lodged itself in the fired position which locked the bolt in the firing position and couldn't be dislodged by operating the action slide. Once I had the Barrel removed and the trigger group is was obvious that the firing pin was the culprit. A new firing pin was located but was of the "new" style. It was a little different that the original but performed satisfactorily when installed. Parts for this model Stevens is becoming scarce and expensive when located.

JUST FOR FUN

On Friday, January 30th Richmond held its annual Ice Festival. I was unable to be there on Friday but stopped Saturday morning and was impressed, no, amazed at the quality of work done on some of the sculptures. So just for fun I'm including a few pictures of the really great ice sculptures. [Ice Sculpture pictures]

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

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

Marshall Smith
Gunsmith
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ShawneeCreek Ramblings

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knees) are common, and most resolve with stall rest, however, your vet may recommend splinting. Contracted tendons require medical attention, and possibly surgery.

I believe in imprinting during the few hours of life. We usually handle the foal, and pick up its feet. If you hold the foal, put one arm around the chest, under the neck, and the other around the rump. Do not pick it up under its fragile ribs. Most of our babies are friendly from birth and enjoy the handling. We usually put a foal halter on the baby, let him get used to it for a 1/2 hour, then remove it, and repeat several times in the first few days. Sure makes halter breaking easier.

If your mare did not receive a tetanus toxoid booster during the last month of gestation, have your vet administer tetanus antitoxin to your new foal.

In about 7 days your foal may experience heat scours or diarrhea. This usually coincides with the mares first heat cycle. We usually try to clean the area daily as it will burn the skin under the tail. If the diarrhea is severe, call your vet for advise.

Lastly, have your vet emergency phone number on your cell and house phone. You have invested a lot of time, energy and expense in this bundle of joy. Don't hesitate to call if you see any problems, or have any questions.

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Congratulations to Heather on her top 15 placing at the American Quarter Horse World Show in Ft Worth ,Texas.

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Trappers Education Class, see www.inhea.com/PassItOnIndiana/ Tom's Fur Shed, 2302 N. Washington St., Danville, IN 46122 Tom Setser 317.287.9027 or laureltom1985@yahoo.com For more information, go to www.indianatrappers.org/Calendar.

Sept. 18 & 19, 2015 ISTA 54th Rendezvous and Convention, Danville, IN . (Tom Setser Booshway) Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds, Danville, IN. 46122 See www.indianatrappers.org for more information.

November 7 & 8, 2015: ISTA / IDNR Raccoon Lake (Rockville) Trappers Education Class, see

www.inhea.com/PassItOnIndiana/ ,1588 S. Raccoon Parkway, Rockville, IN 47872 Stu Grell 765.572.2207 or sgrell@tds.net For more information, go to www.indianatrappers.org/Calendar.

Jan. 9, 2016 ISTA Fur Sale Peru, IN. For more information, see www.indianatrappers.org look in the Calendar section.

Hope to see you down the trail. Be sure to send in those catch photo's so that Ray can include them in the Gad-A-Bout picture section.

Till next time, Watch your top knot, keep your eyes upon the skyline.

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM
Pres. ISTA

Connected Afield

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routine that took nearly 20 minutes to complete, so then he could get ready to hunt. Opportunity knocks only every now and then. After spending lots of days and countless hours in the stand, Mike's pay day had finally come.

Mike was hunting on a food plot which was the perfect spot for a chance to see some critter action. Several grazing does come in on the arena. Mike being ready then he noticed some deer scurrying around as several smaller bucks appeared just before the trophy buck entered the playing field. It took several minutes, which seemed like forever but "STICKERS" made his way down the narrow Green Mile food plot to within what seemed to be 20 yards. Not having time to range the deer Mike said, "Only a few times in one's hunting career, and only if you are privileged, you will get to witness such a sight."

After gathering his composure and getting set, Mike drew his bow and placed his sight at the right spot and letting the arrow go hitting its mark. A bit low but he figured that he hit one of the lungs. He watched as the beast retreated to a wood thicket 70 yards away, towards a bedding ground and then disappeared. Waiting and watching he later called his buddy Nick at work. Then repelling himself down and waiting for his helper Nick arrived and they tracked to recovered his arrow to find evidence of a low but lethal strike on the deer, they retreated that day.

The next day "STICKERS" was recovered with the help of friends and neighboring property owner. Mike was thrilled and mentioned, that he would have loved to have had this hunt filmed or videoed, but is so thankful to have the memories in his head forever and with the help of good friends, family and the Man upstairs he was able to bring this story to all of us to share his experience.

1991 Frontier Days Narration

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Between the years of 1778 and 1847 the wilderness of the northwest territory was transformed into five new states. The occupants of the land prior to that period, the Indians, were vanquished to the west in mid-1800's along "The Trail of Death." Only a few remained, those who held onto their heritage desperately and the thousands who were buried along the trail as the white settlers advanced westward.

Frances Slocum was captured by Delaware Indians in 1778 near what is now Wilkes Barre,

Pennsylvania, she was traded to a Miami family and lived her life in northern Indiana as an Indian never wanting to return to the whites. She died in 1847 as an Indian, buried next to her husband, Chief She-poco-nah (or Deaf Man) near Peru, Indiana.

Chief Little Turtle, is the greatest Indian that ever lived, according to many historians of whom I have read this past year. His life is truly an interesting journey through our past. He proved to be a great strategist, outwitting America's greatest generals, he was an eloquent speaker, enjoyed by Gen. Anthony Wayne, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other leaders of the time and he was a humanitarian who excelled in his work on behalf of his beloved people. After the signing of the Greenville Treaty in 1795 he moved his activity from the battlefield to his home front.

Captain William Wells, brother-in-law of Chief Little Turtle, was one of the greatest American scouts and a hero at the Fort Dearborn massacre in 1812. Wells was captured by a Miami war party in 1784 and lived as an Indian until 1793 when he joined Gen. Anthony Wayne as an American Scout. After the Greenville Treaty, as Indian agent, he rejoined with Little Turtle and together they tried to make things better for the Miami Indians as America poised for the taking of all Indian lands through land cessions.

Over the next three days we will relive part of this remarkable time period as seen through the eyes of those who participated and we will recreate it here to the best of our abilities. What you will hear is my interpretation of what I have researched from some 20 books from local and statewide libraries. I have made it as accurate as possible.

In May of 1992 this narration was presented to the American Indian Council for their members to read at their Log Cabin in the city park of Lebanon at its regular meeting. I met with LeRoy Malaterre, Chairman of the Council and Bob Andrews, Co-Chairman. LeRoy told me they had no objections as long as it was historically correct. He said they couldn't endorse it, but they had no objections for my putting it on at my rendezvous. I left several copies of the narration for members to read over and told them to contact me if they saw something in it that needed changed.

The next day I met with members of the Miami Indian Nation of Indiana in Peru, Indiana. I spoke with Tribal Chairman, Ray White, Jay Hartleroad and Carol Mongosa concerning the narration. Basically Ray and Carol agreed that if it was historically correct, they had no objections.

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

(For Frances Slocum we had two narrators)

** (Ray - Narration) **

Little Turtle was born in 1752, his father was called the Turtle (Mishikinakwa), little is known about his mother, other than she was a Mohican Indian. From, his father came his name "Little Turtle."

Little Turtle's father had helped drive the fierce Iroquois from Indiana and Ohio, he was at the Treaty of Lancaster in 1748.

** (Kathy - Begin Frances narration) **

When I was born in 1773, my family lived in Rhode Island. I was very young when one day a man came to our house and gave my father a great deal of money, we were told we were going to move to Pennsylvania near the town of Wilkes Barre. My father was a Quaker he wore a broad rimmed black hat, mother feared the move because of the talk about Indians in that area. Father quieted her fears by telling her that the Indians were friendly towards the

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Quakers, since William Penn became friends with them. Penn, who was a Quaker, was good to them and they knew the Quakers were concerned about the welfare of the Indians, unlike many others.

We moved late in 1774 and traveled over land for many days before arriving at the Wyoming Valley along the Susquehanna River. The Revolutionary War was raging, it was not a good time to travel.

We were barely settled in the valley when in July of 1778 the British aided by the Delaware Indians came to the Wyoming Valley and killed many settlers. My brother helped his white friends fight the Indians. Afterwards many of the settlers of the valley moved back to Connecticut, but we stayed. My father, Jonathon, convinced us that since we were Quakers we would be safe. *

On November 4, 1778, father was in the fields, three Delaware Indians came to our home, they shot and killed a neighbor boy who was dressed in a soldiers uniform, Nathan Kingsley, and scalped him. I hid in the house under the stairs, but was found by one of the Indians. He pulled me from my hiding place, the others ransacked the house as all my brothers and sisters watched in horror. Mother followed the Indians yelling for them to let me go. One of the other Indians picked up my brother, Ebenezer, who was lame. Mother convinced the Indian he would be of no use to them and he was dropped roughly to the ground. The third Indian picked up Wareham Kingsley and they carried us into the nearby woods. We didn't go too far, they took us into a cave and warned us not to make any noise or they would kill us right there. I cried for a long time.

** (Ray-Narration)**

Meanwhile a search was begun by all the neighbors and soldiers from a nearby fort, they searched until nightfall and resumed the next morning. It was reckoned that the Indians were avenging the Slocum's because their son had fought against the Indians earlier that year, against their wishes. The search was called off when they couldn't find Frances. In December the Indians returned and killed Frances's father, Jonathan and her grandfather Isaac Tripp. The Indians never returned after that.

** (Kathy - Narration)**

The next morning the Indians gave us food and we traveled most of the day northward. When I became tired one of them carried me. They were real kind to me. When we got far from the fort they built a fire at night and we would eat cooked food, we traveled for many days until we came to a large village. The Indians of the village seemed to like my long red hair. The women held me as a mother would, they made me some pretty moccasins. Before too long I was playing with the children of the village and beginning to understand part of what they were saying.

Then one morning two of the Indians who had taken us came and put me and Wareham on a horse and we rode for several days through the woods. We spent many nights in Indian villages until we came to a large village near a river that made a thundering sound in the distance.

The women of the village marveled at my red hair, they tried to communicate with me, eventually I began to understand them.

Then one morning the Indians came and took Wareham away and I never saw him again.

Shortly thereafter a great Delaware Chief came and got me, his name was Tuck Horse. He and his wife dressed me in Indian clothes, fixed my hair and painted my face and skin so I would look like the other Indians, they didn't want my pale skin to show.

We stayed at the village through the winter. The

British came to the village giving the Indians guns and knives so they could get more scalps, I hoped they didn't get my families scalps. In the spring we left the village, we traveled by foot and canoe. I liked the canoe ride. We came to a place called Sandusky. Tuck Horse explained to me that it was here that the whites had cruelly killed many good Indians, those who weren't warring against the whites, he said we had to fight the whites or they would drive us from our land. When winter came we went back to the village near the thundering water.

** (Ray - Narration)**

Little is known about Little Turtle until 1780 when he was about 30 years old.

On the 3rd of Nov 1780 news traveled up the Wabash that an army of rebels (Americans) was approaching rapidly from the southwest. Hurriedly the Indians abandoned their village including the traders Lasselie and Beaubien.

The invaders poured into the village of Kekionga plundering the dwellings and traders storehouses. The force was led by Colonel Augustin Mottin de La Balme, he was a French cavalry officer who served in Europe during the Seven Years' War and in the United States during the American Revolution. Colonel La Balme joined George Rogers Clark in his taking of Vincennes. It is said that La Balme was so inspired by Clark he wanted to carry on the battle to Detroit. So he announced he was going to Detroit and was able to raise a small force at Kaskaskia and Vincennes. His original plan called for an army of 400 volunteers and after making arrangements with friendly Indians was to meet with an additional force of Indians of 800 at Fort Ouiatenon on Oct 20th from Illinois and Wisconsin. They would then march on Detroit.

Of the 400 volunteers he was only able to raise about 200. At Ouiatenon none of the Indians came to his assistance so he took his small army up the Wabash. Between that time and the 3rd of Nov he lost most of his force due to desertions by the time he reached Kekionga he only had about 60 men left.

Instead of continuing on to Detroit he had decided to attack the known British sympathizer Charles Beaubien's Trading Post at Kekionga and others like him. Beaubien was well known as an anti-American agitator, as was the Girty brothers, Simon, James and George.

La Balme's force remained in Kekionga for 12 days and then moved up to near Turtletown, which was located approximately 18 miles northwest of Kekionga, where Columbia City stands today. He built a rude fortification outside the village. He was so confident of himself he neglected to post sentry's, the entire camp slept very soundly on the night of Nov. 4th, 1780.

In the meantime Charles Beaubien had called a council of the Indians together, he wanted vengeance on La Balme. The council picked Little Turtle to lead the force of heavily armed Indians in its attack of La Balme.

Early on Nov 5, 1780 Little Turtle led the attack on La Balme. The small army was only able to get off one volley of fire before most of them, including La Balme, was cut down by the deadly fire of the Indians. The Indians then rushed the remaining militiamen and finished them off with their tomahawks and scalping knives. A lone soldier escaped the camp and made it back to Fort Vincennes, where he told of the savage attack on their force by a Miami Chief Little Turtle.

Today a large stone stands as a monument with the inscription, "In memory of Col. Auguste de La Balme and his soldiers who were killed in battle with the Miami Indians under Little Turtle at this place, Nov. 5, 1780.

So began the written history of Little Turtle. His destruction of La Balme's army brought him into a

determined conflict with the white settlers. Little Turtle saw the influx of white settlers along the Ohio and into their hunting grounds as a threat to their future and very existence. From 1780 to 1790 Little Turtle led yearly raids against pioneer settlements, killing many people carrying away others for adoption or torture at the villages in the north. Besides the Miami, raids were carried on by the Shawnee, Cherokee, Delaware and others who frequented the Ohio River Valley for game.

So serious was these attacks that President George Washington began to receive reports of the bloody fighting and the need for protection for the settlers. In 1777 the entire Kentucky army amounted to 102 men, which were scattered very thinly at the small settlements along the river.

After the spring of 1779 when Clark had captured Vincennes and 1783 when the revolutionary war ended, an ever increasing stream of settlers moved down the Ohio River. Josiah Harmer noted at the mouth of the Muskingum in May of 1787 that 177 boats, 2,689 men, women & children, 1,333 horses, 766 cattle, and 102 wagons passed on their way to Limestone and the rapids at Louisville. In 1790 the first census showed a population of 73,667 in Kentucky .

** (Kathy-Narration)**

The following spring we traveled west along a big water until we came to a river that took us to another, big water. We lived along the river for 3 winters and summers. The British had a fort there and they were fighting the Americans who were seeking their independence from the British. The British tried to get the Indians to fight the Americans too.

Many of our villages were destroyed and our food stores too. We went hungry for some time. In the spring I learned how to plant corn and about their God, Manito. Manito made the world and all that was good.

Then in 1783 the British and Americans signed a peace treaty and we were left alone.

Shortly thereafter we moved up the Maumee to a place called Kekionga (Fort Wayne). We stayed at Kekionga for many years, it was a major trading place for the Indians, French and British. There were three great rivers there, we could travel by canoe in all directions from Kekionga. The St. Marys, St. Joseph and Maumee rivers met at Kekionga, it was known as Three Rivers. There was a short nine mile portage south of Kekionga to the Wabash River that led all the way to the Ohio River.

I first met Chief Little Turtle when my family traveled to his village on the Eel River, the Ke-napo-co-mo-co, called Turtletown. It was located about 5 miles east of present day Columbia City. It was the center of great events.

** (Ray-Narration)**

After the Revolutionary War ended the British hung onto three forts in America, Detroit, Michillimacinac, and Niagara. The newly formed United States of America was too small and had too many problems to drive them from the forts. Instead they were left alone. There was no army on the frontier so as to speak. But that didn't stop the settlers from moving west though, nor the profiteers.

The new American government sold large tracts of Indian land to land developers before negotiating any terms with the Indians. They had promised large and small land grants to Officers, Non-commissioned officers and privates as an inducement to serve in the Continental Army and Navy.

In 1784 while on a raid along the Ohio River a Miami war party came up on three boys just south of what is now Louisville Kentucky. Among them was

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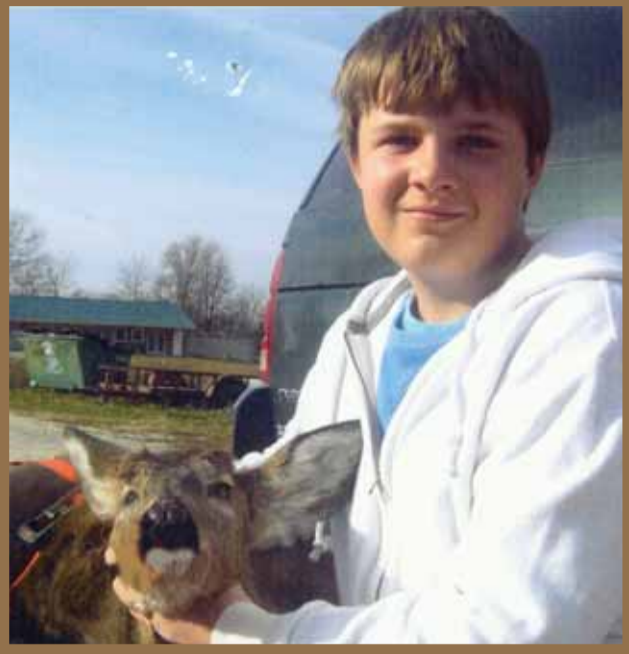
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fourteen year-old William Wells. The boys had been hunting and were about to carry the game home when they encountered the Indians. The boys put up a small fight, but were subdued quickly by the Indians. The war party was impressed by the boys courage and decided to take them captive rather than kill them.

The other 2 boys, Azael Linn and Nicholas Breshears were left at Muncee Town on the White River, William was taken on to Turtletown and adopted by Chief Porcupine. William adapted to Indian life quickly, he was a quick learner and eager. In Kentucky he had been living with a relative, his mom and dad were dead. He was unhappy there and he liked the male Indians role in life better, which included hunting and not much work.

** (Kathy - Narration) **

It was on one of our trips in 1785 to Turtletown that I first saw William Wells, who was called Apekonit. He had red hair too. We had both acquired names deriving from our red hair. His name, Apekonit, loosely translated as carrot top or red head, my name was Maconaquah or White Rose of the Miamis. Little Turtle liked both of us, as did most of the other Indians of the village. Our red hair was looked on as good medicine, an omen of good things to happen.

** (Ray - Narration) **

In 1787 the United States Congress passed a Land Ordinance that would forever change the Northwest Territory at least for the Indians. The Ordinance declared that no Indian lands would be taken without the Indians' consent, except in the event of a justified war. It was that year that Arthur St. Clair was made Governor of the Territory. One of his first duties was to settle the Indian problems. He set about to send emissaries to the different villages by way of Vincennes voicing strong peace overtures.

All the Indians of Northern Indiana Territory were attacking the settlers along the Ohio and those traveling on the river. There hope was to drive the whites back to where they came from. St. Clairs hope of finding a peaceful solution to the Indian problem faded by the beginning of 1790.

The British wanted the Ohio River to be the Canadian Border and there were those in the colonies who would have turned it over to them in the late 1780's had it not been for George Washington's strong stance to rid the Northwest Territory of the Indian problem.

The British wanted the Northwest Territory for its rich abundance of fur bearing animals, mainly beaver pelts. In deed the war that was to soon follow was brought on in part by the want of the fur trade. During the winter of 1789-90, a French Trader by the name of La Fontaine gathered 80 deer hides and 500 raccoon hides in less than 30 days from the Indiana of Northern Indiana Territory. In order for the British to keep their trading posts free of the Americans they paid the Indians handsomely for American scalps, they provided them with guns, tomahawks, and scalping knives. British Indian agents Alexander McKee and Mathew Elliott kept them supplied with other goods too.

In April of 1790, Josiah Harmer and a Vincennes Merchant named Antoine Gamelin counseled with the Indians at Kekionga to try to make a peace treaty, but made little if any progress towards a peaceful solution. Shawnee Chief Blue Jacket told them they couldn't give them a decision before hearing from their father, the British Commandant at Fort Detroit.

Governor St. Clair received their report while in Kaskaskia and upon his return to Fort Washington set about to organize a strong expedition, to be commanded by General Josiah Harmer to capture the Miami stronghold and erect a military fort which would command the St. Joseph, the St. Mary's and the Maumee at the point of meeting. He appointed Harmer as Commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army.

** (Kathy - Narration) **

In September of 1790 I had my first brush with the brutality of a white man. I had gone to a local trading post by myself and the man made rude advances towards me. He was about to have his way with me when someone grabbed him and knocked him across the room. My benefactor than picked me up and took me outside the trading post. When I turned, I saw it

was Apekonit. He chastised me for being there alone without my husband. I told him I wasn't married, he said it was about time I did. He then told me he had married a Wea Miami woman and they had a daughter. The three of them lived at Kenapecomquah, a Wea Miami village at the fork of the Wabash and Eel River.

A short time later I married a Delaware. He treated me harshly, so I returned to my fathers lodge. He came and got me again, he convinced Tuck Horse that he would be kind towards me. He did not treat me any better so I returned to my fathers lodge again. When he came after me the second time, Tuck Horse sent him away. Later he was killed in one of the battles with the Americans.

** (Ray-Narration) **

On the 19th of Sept 1790 in obedience to the instruction of President Washington, St. Clair sent a communication to the British Commandant at Detroit, telling him of the American Force that was preparing to attack the Miami Stronghold at Kekionga. The communication was to reassure them that they had no intentions of harming the British subjects and would appreciate their not assisting the Indians in any way.

** (Kathy-Narration) **

Shortly after receiving the communication from the American Governor, the British held a council with us telling of the impending attack and promised more arms and supplies.

As October neared, word of the American Army spread through our villages like wildfire. Little Turtle was picked by the council of chiefs to be the War Chief to defend them. He told all of the elders of the villages to take the women and children north into the lake country.

Before leaving we buried much of our harvested food and set fire to many of the dwellings. The purpose was so the invading army wouldn't be able to use them for their benefit. We, like the others moved north away from our beloved Kekionga.

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