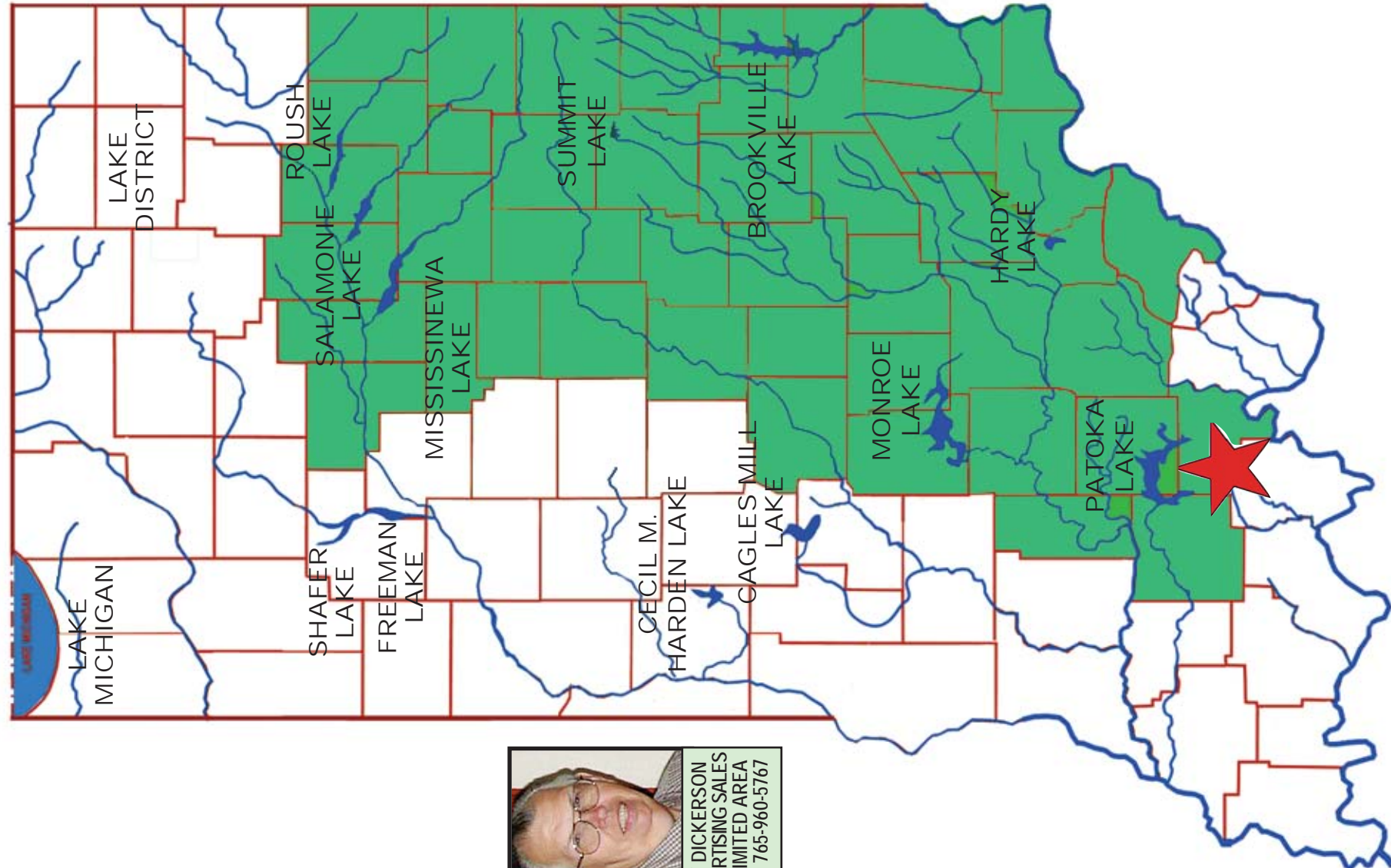


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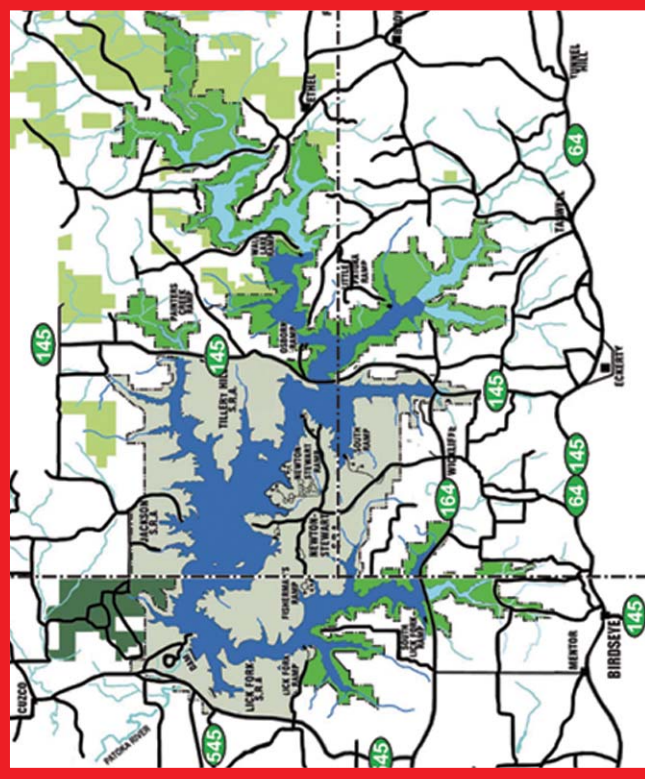
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Top Right: Patoka Lake Location Map drawn for the purpose of illustrating where the roads, facilities, towns, ramps, etc. You can access a larger map on my website www.thegadabout.com Click on Advertiser Location Maps and go to page 9. (Drawn by Ray Dickerson)
Bottom Left: This is one of the most fitting photos in my file to represent the Veterans of WWII on Memorial Day, May 25th this year. The raising of the American Flag on Iwo Jima by U.S. Marines.

I've visited this Memorial twice in my lifetime. The first time was on our Senior trip back in 1959. I had a Brownie movie camera and I also filmed the entire changing of the guard at the Unknown Soldier's grave at Arlington Cemetery and again in 1988 when Sherry, Amy and I visited Washington, with a video camera that time. I hope to get to visit Washington this fall, I want to see the World War II Memorial and revisit some other sites too. See Page 15 & 28 for my Veteran article this month.
Bottom Right: Ryan Pershing writes about his kids on their first mushroom hunt. Last year I got the privilege of taking my oldest two kids, (Hali (6) and Cade (4)), along with my wife and niece on a mushroom hunting adventure here on the Salamonie Reservoir. With this being the kid's first adventure hunting these delicate morels, I wasn't quite sure what to expect! After finding a few here and some there I decided to take them to a favorite spot of mine and it was the greatest decision I made that day as when we entered the "spot" there were literally mushrooms everywhere! See pages 20 & 21. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

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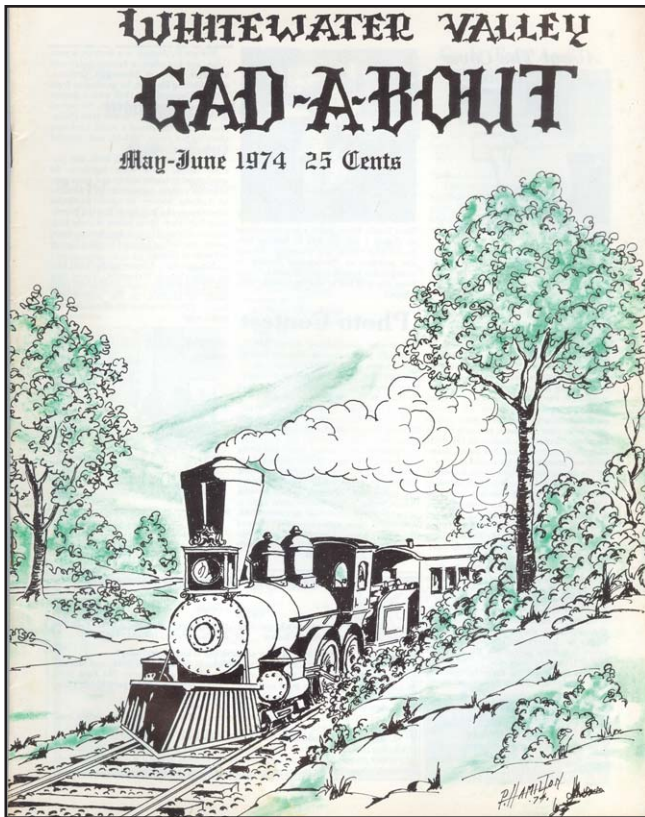
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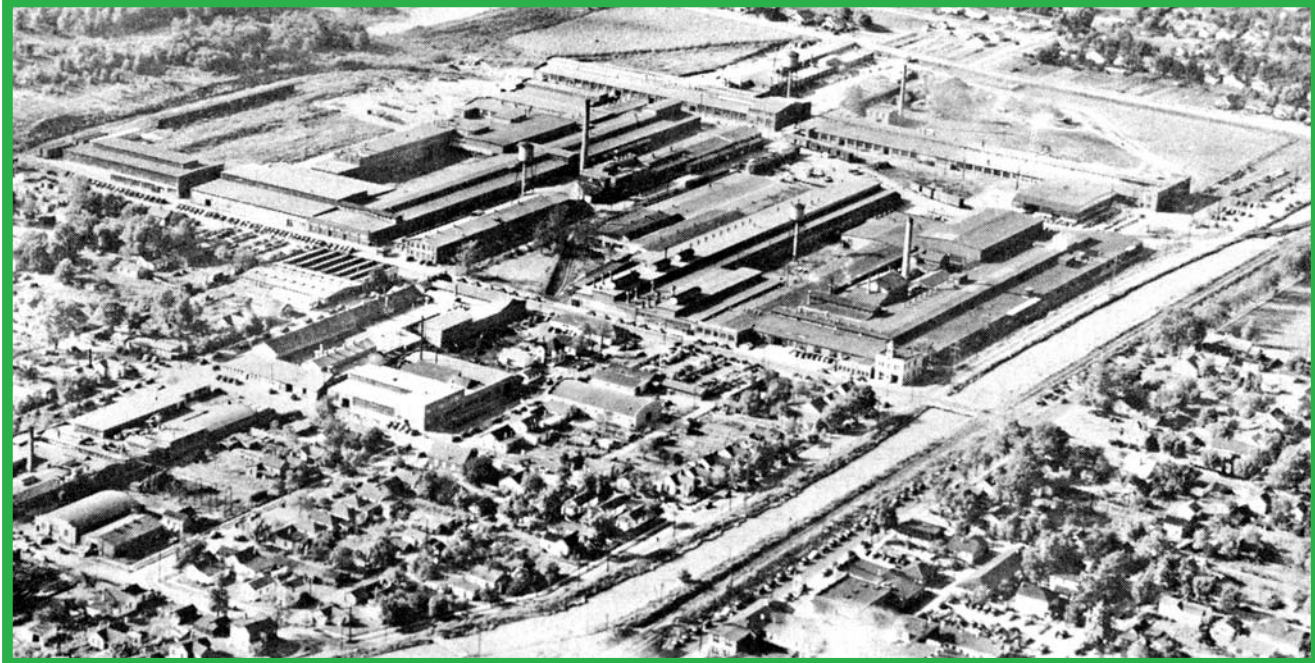
In the early 20th century, the town became known as "Little Detroit" because of its importance to the automobile industry. Automobiles manufactured in Connersville include Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg, Ansted, Empire, Lexington and McFarlan. The Willys MB Jeep body was manufactured in Connersville during the 1940s.

A few of the things to see and do in Connersville: Canal House, 111 East 4th Street, Connersville, IN 47331, Phone: 765-825-1523 or 765-825-0946; Elmhurst, State Road 121, Connersville, IN 47331, Phone: 765-825-5365; Fayette County Historical Museum, 103 Vine

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Top: Paul Hamilton, Centerville artist drew his rendition of a steam locomotive for my May-June 1974 Gad-a-bout. Bottom: Lt. Governor Robert Orr receives golden spike from Fred Bunzendahl, Chairman of the Board of the WVRR on May 19, 1974. This was the 2nd Official run along the Whitewater Canal Bed from Connersville to Brookville.



Aerial View of 1947 Connersville, (notice old Whitewater Valley Canal in lower right hand side of picture) this area was once called "John McFarlan's Corn Patch." The complex was built in 1886. This photo appeared in the Dec. 1975/Jan. 1976 Outdoor Gad-a-bout in an article written by Henry Blommel. (Photo from the Henry Blommel Collection)

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May is probably the best month to be fishing on Brookville Lake. The fish are coming out of a long cold winter there's no young of the year bait fish, the water is still cool and the fish are hungry.

If you like to cast your going to love the month of May. From the time you put your boat on the water the potential to catch a fish casting to the shore is very good. At this time of the year fish are spawning on the shore and feeding on the shore.

To catch large mouth bass you can fish with just about anything you have in your tackle box. Jigs,tubes,worms, crawls,cranks, spinner baits, top water it does not mater these fish are aggressive and



Nice walleye caught fishing the shore. (Author Photos)

hungry. What your looking for is some type of structure on the shore,it could be a fallen tree , a rock pile or an under water stump. Large mouth bass are typically ambush feeders so any of this structure has the potential to hold a large mouth bass. All you have to do is get your bait close to the structure and they will hit it.

The blue gill will be spawning on the shore in the month of May, if you find one you have found a hundred. One of the best ways to catch blue gill is under a float. Just use a very small hook a small piece of worm or a wax worm. When locate them on the shore dial in the right depth below a slip bobber and you will not be going home empty handed.

The walleye is one of those fish that spawns when the water is still cold. Their spawning cycle starts when the water temperature reaches about 46 to 47 degrees or around April 1st so in the month of May all their doing in eating. What are they eating you ask, eggs. Blue gill eggs, crappie eggs, bass eggs,any egg that is unattended will become food. The walleye is not the only one. The bass, catfish, blue gill, white bass all of them feed on each others eggs. Its just the way of life under the surface. When your walleye fishing you typically fish on the bottom or at least close to the bottom. What your looking for is spawning fish. If you find where the fish are spawning the walleye will be close. They can be caught casting

crank baits. Anything that looks like a small bait fish will work. A 1/16 ounce lead head jig is also a good choice. Just tip it with a night crawler and fish it slow and close to the bottom.

White bass are a schooling fish that also spawns in the month of May. To catch 50 fish a day is not uncommon. They are usually caught around rip rap just below the surface. Throw anything white at them and they will hit it.

A couple of things to remember in the spring is that thunder and lightening storms are common. Not only is it dangerous it scares the fish. Some times after a thunder storm fish will be tough to catch from 1 to 3 days depending on the severity of the storm. Also remember when the lake rises it will put fish on the shore,but when the lake is being drawn down it tends to pull fish of the shore. some times to the first drop off other times they will swim out and suspend over deep water.

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by **Sergeant John D. Bowling**
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Meth Lab Found in Walmart Restroom

Muncie – By now, I'm sure you all have seen the above headline, as the story went "coast to coast" back in mid March. The point of the story being, you can encounter a Meth Lab or dangerous Meth trash anywhere, whether outdoors or in a public place like the rest room at your favorite store or eatery.

Rather than the Meth cook blowing up or contaminating their house, they are now often leaving behind the deadly explosive chemicals in public places, returning later to get the finished product. A Meth lab can explode, causing a fire and chemical burns to your skin. The fumes are toxic and can damage internal organs.

With warm weather approaching and outside activities increasing, so does the potential for people to encounter toxic and hazardous Meth trash or an explosive working Meth lab left unattended. Read the story below and take notice of what to look for, and what to do if you encounter an unattended Meth lab or Meth trash.

On 3/12, just after 11:30 p.m., members of the Pendleton District Meth Suppression Team were contacted by employees of the Walmart-Mart located at 1501 E. 29th. St. in Muncie reference a suspicious backpack left unattended in the men's rest room.

When troopers entered the rest room located at the front of the store, they found a backpack with a Meth lab. The chemicals were mixed in a single plastic bottle. Members of the team dismantled the lab and removed the chemicals from the premises.

The health department was called in for an inspection as is required by law. They deemed that both the men's and women's restrooms would have to remain closed until they could be professionally decontaminated by a company specializing in Meth decontamination.

A few days later, on 3/16 around 8:30 p.m., Meth Suppression Troopers located and arrested Tyler Armstrong, age 25 of Muncie, at a Taco Bell in Muncie. Armstrong was charged with several felonies in conjunction with the Meth lab found in the Walmart-Mart restroom. The ongoing investigation had led troopers to the south side Muncie neighborhood, and they had spotted Armstrong as he

walked into the restaurant.

The Meth addict will often dump their lab trash in public places with no regard to who may find it. The trash may include Sudafed blister packs; drain cleaner bottles, battery casings, and plastic drink bottles filled with explosive chemicals with a white residue in the bottom.

The Indiana State Police Meth Suppression Section wants to remind citizens that these labs and meth lab trash contains chemicals that are toxic, flammable, corrosive, and acidic. The combination of these chemicals could cause an explosion, fire or burns if they come into direct contact with the skin. The chemical fumes can cause permanent damage to organs and the nervous system.

If you encounter an unattended back pack or gym bag, or any of the trash items listed above, don't disturb or move them. Please contact your local Indiana State Police Post or call the Drug Tip Line at **1-800-453-4756**. The Indiana Meth Investigation System or IMIS, can also take tips on meth labs. Just go to www.meth.in.gov and click on the "Report Suspected Meth Activity" Link.

Methamphetamine is a highly addictive and destructive drug. Information regarding Meth statistics, meth lab cleanup, educational videos and materials about meth manufacturing and addiction, can be found on the Meth Investigation System, or IMIS, at www.meth.in.gov

ISP Summer Youth Camp Dates

The Indiana Troopers Youth Services schedule for the 45th year of summer camp programs is complete. Coordinated by the Indiana Troopers Youth Services organization, the camps will be staffed by Indiana State Police officers and officers from other law enforcement organizations.

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Vincennes University	June 17-20
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Saint Joseph College	July 5-10 (Rensselaer)
Trine University	July 12-17 (Angola)
Vincennes University	July 19-24

The 2015 camp application is now online at www.trooper.org and will also be posted on the Indiana State Police website at www.isp.IN.gov. Payment can be made via PayPal if desired or the application can be printed and mailed to our office with your check or money order. Applications should be received at our office at least 10 days prior to the start date of the camp you wish to attend. We

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My modest little jug rig; simple and effective. (Author Photo)



Jeremiah with a fun-size jug caught channel catfish. (Author Photo)

Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



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

Hitting the jug a bit

Finally, with waters back in their liquid form, fishing can commence. Sure I could have ice fished this past winter, but I didn't. My own particular strain of cabin fever produced images of fish being caught in a variety of manners. Some were a recall of images past, some of optimistic future encounters. For whatever reason I'll find some enjoyment in nearly every type of fishing that I've tried, some more than others. I've reeled in grouper from over 100' deep, sat through the night on muddy river banks waiting for a heavy catfish, caught my share of crappie, and had many a blast catching spring bluegill with a fly rod. While not a technically sound fly-caster, it is probably my favorite way to fish. Believe me; the fly rods I own aren't too familiar with finesse, but I don't let that stop me. Once in awhile, while not tangled in a tree branch or hooked on the back of my shirt, I'll get it just right where the fly line lays out flat and the fly lands lightly on the

water and I actually catch a fish. Fishing isn't always associated with relaxation.

When possible, I like to hit the jug a bit while fishing. I find that a good way to relax. Loading up the canoe with just a bit of fishing gear and hitting a few favored stretches of water can be a real de-stressor. Sometimes my favorite fishing buddy is able to join me and I'll make sure I load a few more jugs before departing. "Did you remember to bring the jugs?" he'll ask. He's kind of my walking post-it note.

When preparing to hit a few jugs the first order of business is to catch some bait. Wait, I may have not so far been too terribly clear. The jugs we use are devices we use to fish; a free-floating giant bobber of sorts with a large hook suspended from it attached with heavy cordage. My favorite fishing buddy is, by the way, my son, Jeremiah. When our respective work schedules allow a free weekend and the weather allows there may not be anything I'd rather do than to take him fishing. Back to catching bait. Since catfish are the targeted species when we jug fish, we elect to use live fish or fresh large chunks of cut bait. After catching several sunfish or medium-large sized chubs we're in business. We'll keep the bait whole and alive if it's the right size. If it's too big the knife comes out to cut it. We want bait large enough that smaller fish won't be as likely to mess with it; eye-appealing to a catfish with a waistline.

I've seen jugs of varying size and design used both in person as well as on outdoor fishing shows.



Jeremiah with a well fed victim of the jug channel catfish. (Author Photo)

Some designs allow for a moderate amount of line to be stored in a manner that permits its user to set the desired depth for the bait. Mine are of the simplistic homemade design. Since I usually fish only a few favored stretches of water where I am familiar with the depths, I only need about 6'-8' of cord and I can easily adjust to shallower depths by looping some of the cord into a rubber band stretched around my jug. Those who jug fish big rivers will probably opt for a slightly different design. My choice jugs are plastic bottles about 24 oz. in size. I've used 32 oz. bottles and find them a bit larger than my needs and I've used 16 oz. bottles and while I like that size I get a little nervous when they disappear from sight. I've never lost a hooked fish by the cord and jug becoming tangled in underwater rocks, roots or other unseen snag, but I've held my breath, for longer than is comfortable, when fearing this to have been the

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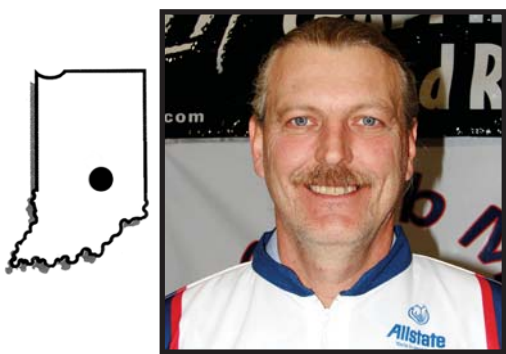
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Left: Four of our tournament fish caught on Washington Lake at the Crappie Masters Tournament. Right: Washington Lake crappie Masters Tournament weigh in downtown Greenville, MS. (Photos reprinted here with permission per Author)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Crappie Fishing from Mississippi to Patoka Lake and First Tournament of 2015

We arrived in Greenville Mississippi on March 11th with high expectations for the upcoming days, the 11 hour drive left us wore out and not to anxious

to get on the water. We only planned to fish Lake Washington unless water conditions mandated differently, we had other choices with five bodies of water to choose from for the tournament. We launched around 9am and quickly learned we were on a different type of lake. After about an hour of looking for underwater structure with no success we followed the crowd and started trolling the northern end of the oxbow lake, once we learned the depth fish were holding and the speed which produced fish it didn't take long to land our first Mississippi crappie a nice 2.2lb female that looked swollen and full of eggs we quickly followed her up with a 1.5lb female. By noon we had put a pretty good pattern on the fish and headed down the 5000 acre lake looking for the 3lb fish we heard were plentiful in the lake. Although we did not find the 3lb fish I did manage to catch my personal best a 2.62lb female caught about mid lake in 9 feet of water 3 feet deep on a double minnow rig. Friday morning the weather set in with a slow front moving thru the area leaving plenty of rainfall over the next 24 hours and shutting off the bite. With all the fresh water flowing into the lake it only seemed to muddy the water in a couple areas one of those being the mouth of the slough we planned to fish. We marked plenty of fish but never got the bite we needed and ended the trip weighing in only 8.5 lbs. We look forward to our next Crappie Masters tournament on Kentucky Lake the first weekend of May.



Washington Lake 2.62lb crappie I caught on a double minnow rig. (Photo by Damon Phillips)

weather temperatures being a bit chilly. The 2014 points champions' team of Yates and Allen started the year right where they left off in 2014. The team brought in a stringer of 7 fish weighing 7.33 lbs to dominate the tournament, winning by over 2lbs. Yates and Allen used Night Prowler jigs with Bobby Garland and Southern Pro plastics on BnM rods swimming them back to the boat 6-8 feet deep to catch their stringer. The second place team of Milsaps and Quinn slow trolled Arkie Jigs on Roadrunner glow heads tipped with big shiners 4' -6' foot deep in 10 feet of water to catch their 7 fish stringer weighing 5.21lbs. Rounding out the top three was the team of Grater and Grater with 4.71 lbs. Congratulations to Jim Raymer for catching big Fish of the tournament with a 1.70 lb crappie.

With the warm weather finally starting to arrive here in Indiana the crappie fishing only looks to get



Larry Yates and Doug Allen with their Patoka fish caught swimming jigs in 6-8 feet of water. (Photo by James Laswell)

Back in Indiana the Indiana Slab Masters held their first tournament of 2015 on a cold Patoka Lake in Jasper Indiana. With Ice out only the weekend before and water temperatures still in the 40's to low 50's the main lake and coves were stained to muddy and produced a very slow bite. The turnout of 40 boats was exceptional for the first tournament of 2015 and

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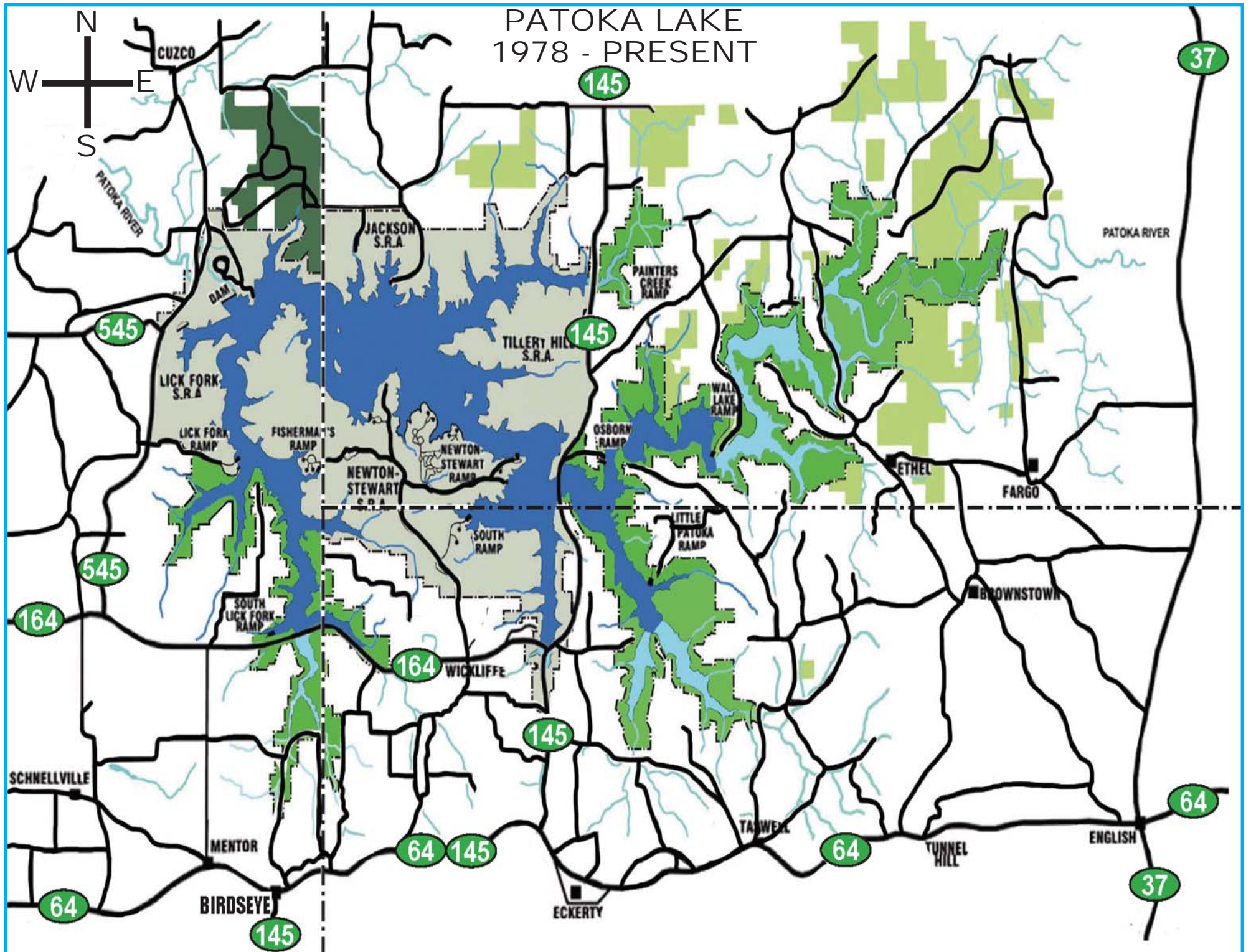
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better over the upcoming weeks. Once the water temperature holds for a few days at around 55 degrees it will start the march towards shallow water spawning grounds for the big females. If you plan to get out and try a little spring fishing just visit some of the websites for vital information on conditions. There are plenty of information based websites like www.crappiecrazy.com that will post water temperatures and clarity to help you decide when and where to go. Most of these sites won't give you specifics like what lake to fish or what part of the lake but will give you the basics like what depth the fish are in or what colors work best. If you like visit one of the Indiana Slab Masters tournament weigh in almost always the top finishing teams will give information on how they caught their fish that day.

When the water temperatures hit that desired mark and the males move up into the shallows they

will turn black the darker they get the closer to spawning these fish become, typically once the males move into the shallows the females are not far behind. We refer to this stage as pres pawn and the crappie are usually schooled up and easy to catch. Please remember the Indiana DNR puts a creel limit and a possession limit on these fish for a reason. It is very easy to go out and catch a limit in a few hours when the fish are pre spawn they are very vulnerable at this stage as they are feeding vigorously to gain strength for the upcoming task. A lake can really be hurt if conditions are right and fisherman take more than they can use, I have seen this on lakes I normally fish and it can take up to 5 years to get a healthy population of crappie back in the lake. Be a conservationist and throw back what you won't eat. I prefer to only keep crappie between 10" and 12" I like to release the big females back into the lake to drop their eggs and keep the population healthy, The Indiana slab Masters practice catch and release at all tournaments releasing all healthy fish back into the

lake they were taken from. For full tournament results of Patoka Lake visit the Indiana Slab Masters website www.indianaslabmasters.com.

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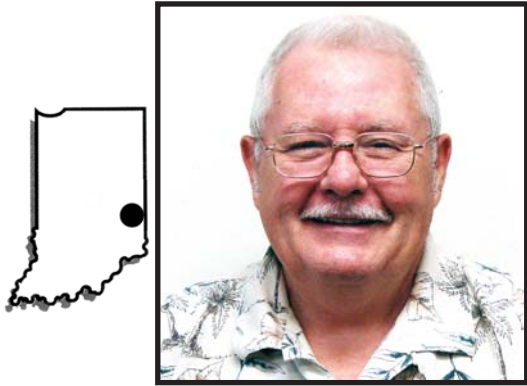


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by **Marshall Smith**
Owner/Gunsmith

Update on the M855 Ammo Ban Attempt

The BATFE (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives) has withdrawn for further reconsideration, its framework (proposal) to ban the M855 light armor piercing ammunition. This is by no interpretation an abandonment of the intention to ban the ammunition or other ammo in the future. The ATF's response to the 80,000 comments received was in part:

...Although ATF endeavored to create a proposal that reflected a good faith interpretation of the law and balanced the interests of law enforcement, industry, and sportsmen, the vast majority of the comments received to date are critical of the framework, and include issues that deserve further study. Accordingly, ATF will not at this time seek to issue a final framework. After the close of the comment period, ATF will process the comments received, further evaluate the issues raised therein, and provide additional open and transparent process (for example, through additional proposals and opportunities for comment) before proceeding with any framework.

Notice the comment "through additional proposals". The Administration has no intent to drop the attempt but will hope to gain more support from the gun-ban community. Already a bill, H.R. 1454 titled "Modernize Law Enforcement Protection Act of 2015" introduced by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA), has been introduced in the House of Representatives to require the Attorney General's office (and not the ATF) to modify the definition of armor-piercing ammunition to conform to the performance of the bullet. The bill has the probability of giving the Attorney General's office, a political appointee, the power to decide what ammunition is armor piercing ammo therefore banned. Commonly available steel shot shotgun ammo used to hunt water fowl would be banned as steel is commonly used in armor piercing ammo. How far can this go? The fight is not over.

Good News for Resident Indiana Licensed to Carry permit holders.
Beginning March 23, 2015 Indiana residents



Saved for the moment, but still endangered. (Author Photo)

who hold a valid Indiana License to Carry a Handgun can carry in Ohio. Ohio's law was changed to recognize all other state's resident handgun carry permits "Temporarily" while visiting or passing through Ohio. This does not allow carrying a handgun within 1000 feet of a school in Ohio. Other restrictions apply so be sure to check out the new law and its restrictions and allowances at <http://www.handgunlaw.us/states/ohio.pdf>. Of important note Ohio is a "MUST INFORM" state. That is if you are approached by a law enforcement officer you must inform the officer that you are a Indiana Licensed to Carry a Handgun permit holder and that you are presently carrying a handgun. At that point you must follow the officer's instructions and keep your hands in plain sight. Gun owners must comply with the laws of the state in which they are living or visiting. As always, it is your responsibility as an Indiana permit holder to know, understand and follow all applicable laws relating to the ownership, transportation, and use of firearms. The above listed website is a good place to start to familiarize yourself on the gun laws of the states you plan on visiting.

Kansas Governor signed Bill for Permitless Carry

Governor Sam Brownback signed into law a bill removing the requirement to obtain a concealed carry permit from the state beginning July 1, 2015. Kansas does not require any type of training to carry a concealed handgun in the state. However, if a Kansas resident plans to carry in another state they will have to have completed a gun training course for other states to recognize their permitless carry in Kansas. It seems to me that this is going to create havoc in other states and many Kansans may end up in jail until the court clearly set guidelines for other states to follow in recognizing Kansas' new law.

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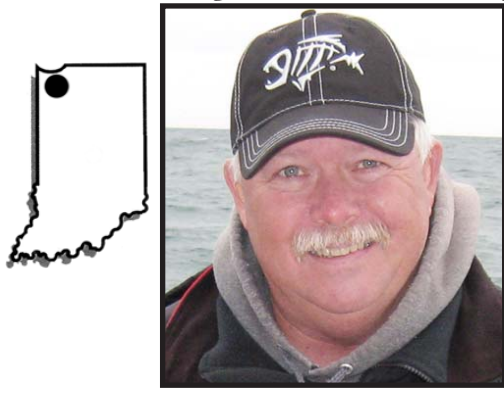
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

MONO IS NOT MONOTONOUS

In an after-trip bull session with some other fishermen, one of the more seasoned in the group spouted, "Other than on my copper and lead core reels, every reel I own is spooled with 20-pound test, clear Ande line."

Every reel? Wow.

Not that I have anything against 20-pound test line, or the line made by Ande. It's good stuff. But if there are dozens of brands of lines available, types of lines available and colors of lines available, picking one while shunning all the rest doesn't make sense. It's like having a smart phone that you only use to make telephone calls.

I may be a line geek when it comes to the types, strengths, brands and colors of monofilament line I use; but each one I do use, is spooled for a specific reason. None of them put dozens of more fish in my cooler on any given day, but most add a fish or two now and then. A fish or two now, a fish or two then, another few tomorrow and the next day and in the end, using a variety of fishing lines leads to dozens more fish by the end of the season. Do you want

dozens more fish or the simplicity of buying a bulk spool of 20-pound Ande (or Suffix or Trilene or....).

Regular monofilament line made from nylon polymers tweaked this way and that by fishing line chemists has been the staple of the industry for over 50 years. It's available in everything from crystal clear to bright fluorescent colors and most brands carry strengths barely strong enough to pull a bluegill from a pond to thick stuff you could put on a weed-eater.

Though makers of fluorocarbon line start with a different raw ingredient, the line is extruded much like nylon fishing line and is technically a mono (single) filament. I think of it as monofilament, one with its own special attributes.

The most important special feature of fluorocarbon, is it's much less visible to fish underwater. Think of it this way. Sometimes, when you are looking out a clear glass window, it's easy to see the glass. Sometimes it's hard to tell if the window is open or closed. In some water and light conditions, it's easy for fish to see conventional monofilament. In the same conditions, fluorocarbon mono can be nearly invisible.

Sometimes when the fish see the line connecting to the bait or lure, they shun the offering. Most of the time, the difference is slight. But if adding a fish or two today, tomorrow or the next day is important to you, shouldn't you be using fluorocarbon line or leaders?

Almost as important as "hiding" your fishing line from the fish, is making it easy to see for you and your fishing partners. That's why most line manufacturers offer hi-visibility line in bright, sometimes fluorescent colors.

The use of hi-vis line is commonplace in salt water, not so much in the Great Lakes. But the advantage to anglers is the same. Salt water specialists often troll with multiple lines. So do Great Lakes fishermen. Trolling with multiple lines ups the chances for tangles. The sooner a tangle is discovered, the quicker it can be untangled and the less "damage" it creates. If you can't easily see the line, you can't quickly respond. A tangled line unnoticed soon becomes a disaster.

I use several colors of hi-vis lines on my boat. I use bright red, fluorescent green and brilliant blue line on planer board sets. I use a color I call "antifreeze" on my downriggers. I can see these lines better than clear lines. I often "color" coordinate line and lure color. A green lure goes on the green line, a bright yellow or chartreuse goes on the yellow line. When it dawns on me we aren't getting bites on a particular color of lure, I know which one to pull and switch.

So if the fish are sometimes off-put by clear mono, won't they be even more-
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Monofilament is still the most important kind of line being used by Great Lakes fishermen. (Author Photo)

CAPTAIN MIKE SCHOONVELD

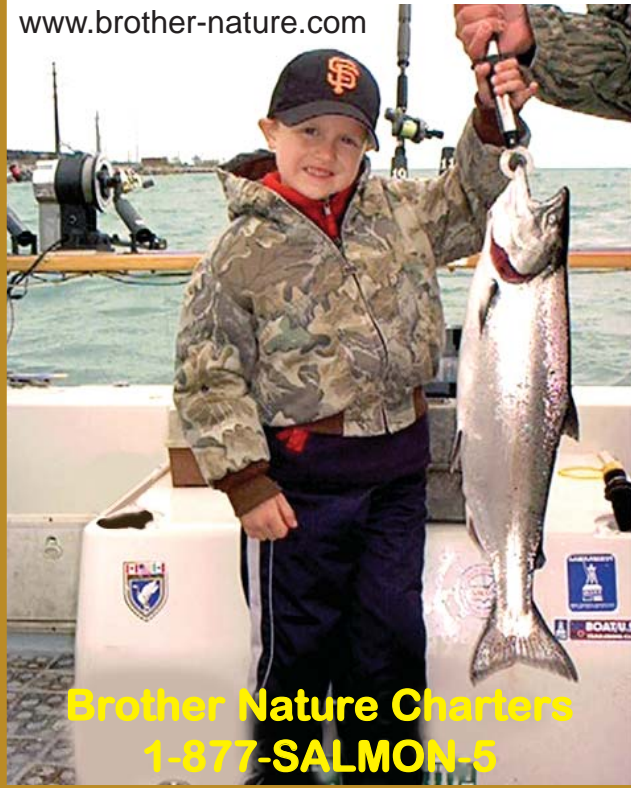
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Evolution At Its Finest

With spring temperatures finally reaching levels about equal to those in northern Minnesota in January, I unlimbered my fly rod and visited Rays pond for a little relaxation while resting my head on Mother Natures bosom.

Ha! Mother nature must have been watching too many Ma Kettle movies. A small flock of woods ducks were cruising around and occasionally getting into what appeared to be domestic squabbles, beating the water into a froth with their wings and sounding like New York cabbies fighting over a fare. After a few well placed clods solved that problem, two Canadian geese, honking and chattering, flared gracefully over the surface and landed right in the middle of a school of bluegills I was courting. Then, two cows began chasing the ducks who had simply circled the pond and returned. I'd brought the wrong instrument with me. "Next time I'll leave the fly rod and bring a shotgun" I growled.

Enough was enough. I began removing my shoes and socks and emptying my pockets while calling them every derogatory name I had for inconsiderate wildlife. I had my shirt off and was loosening my belt in preparation for joining them in a little game called water fowl flogging when I realized that here was nature at its finest. The geese, obviously life mates, were no doubt looking for a suitable apartment to raise this years brood. Chortling and honking, they swam in lazy circles, looking over the territory and scattering the fish into more manageable groups. What the heck, I thought. If I had placed a fly into the former assemblage of fish, the ensuing scramble to get it could have resulted in some badly trampled bluegill. This way I could pick them off one by one.

Deciding on a peaceful co-existence, I watched as the cows and ducks played their game of tag and thought of the wonders of nature and of the various courses she has taken with her creatures over the eons. Through natural evolution, a seemingly endless variety of creatures inhabit the planet. Feathered, finned, furred and pimply skinned species walk, crawl, fly and swim, while one species, the mole, burrows underground, tearing up your lawn while driving the dog crazy.

Numerous other species no longer exist, either by the careless of man or the occurrence of natural catastrophic phenomenon. Take dinosaurs for instance. Paleontologists speculate that most forms of life were eradicated at some time in the distant past by a major event such as increased volcanic activity or the impact of a giant asteroid. In either case, vast amounts of dust, smoke and fried dinosaur filled the atmosphere, blocking out the sun and and upsetting

the natural food chain. Vegetation went first (with the exception of dandelions which can survive anything), followed by the herbivores and then the carnivores, leaving only rats, cock roaches, and the first descendants of telephone solicitors in charge. Eons passed as nature and the Creator worked their wonders. Rats evolved into terriers, cock roaches stayed cock roaches, and telephone solicitors—well, no more need be said. Various other species began to reappear with some still experiencing evolutionary changes today. As I watched the ducks turn on the cows, I wondered what the result would have been if such ancient happenings had not occurred.

It's 70 million years ago and the Cretaceous period is in full swing. Suddenly, a second sun forms in the sky as a giant asteroid heats up on entering the atmosphere. With a tremendous roar it skims by the surface and shoots off into space, its passage marked by only a few fried lizards and smoking bears. Life goes on. Millions of years later it's a typical day on the farm in mid-western America.

"Son, hook up those tricerotops an' git out there an' start plowing the south field."

"Aw, pa, do I have to? Yesterday, those darn things drug me half way to town before I could turn 'em."

"Well, then, hook up the megalasaurus an' git to work. He's dumb but at least he goes where you aim him."

"Yeh, but his head's so far in front of his rump I can't see which way he's lookin'."

"Just git out there and git to work. Hook up whatever you can find in the barn. When you're done with that, milk the dromaesaurus." Grumbling, the youngster leaves only to run back shouting, "Paw, there's a Tyrannosaurus-Rex in the garden again."

"Dad-gum those things. If they're not stealing chickens, they're rootin' around in the carrot patch. Sic the velociraptors on him."

"But paw, the last time I did that they treed me instead. Why can't I turn the oviraptors on him instead?"

"Alright, alright, go ahead. Just git him outta there before he steps on the outhouse again."

The scene is the Los Angeles International airport and flight 433 is preparing to leave. Generations of selective breeding has produced the gigantic flying creature now shuffling around on the ramp re-fueling on a truck load of holsteins.

"Welcome to TWA flight 433 possibly for Kansas City and maybe on to New York. We will now board all first class passengers." As they take their seats, one travel weary passenger grumbles to another.

"Here we go again. Seating us according to the pecking order. Heh, heh, get it? Pecking order?"

"Yeh, I get it" the other answers. "You'd think they would learn how to control these things. The last flight I took we headed for Memphis and ended up sitting on a mountain peak in Colorado."

"That's nothing" replied the first passenger. "I had to change flights one time when our megapterodactyl decided it was nesting time and started collecting small trees to build one. I wonder where we'll end up this time?"

Mother Nature can be compared to the big retail chains. Keep the high rolling items in stock and change the inventory on the slow movers. The big problem is when she sweeps out the entire store. Maybe in the distant future, a new species of anthropologist and paleontologist will try to determine what drove homo sapien into extinction. Maybe the piles of Big Mac wrappers might offer a clue. ■

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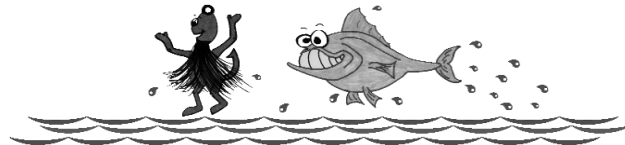
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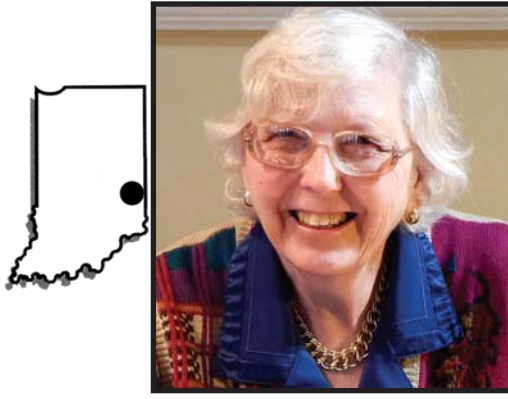
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Shawneecreek Ramblings



by Vivian Sanders-Himelick

Horse Care

Greetings from East/Central Indiana ! The grass is greening up, and we have had a few gorgeous riding days as I write this article. Several things to remember in the spring are your worming schedule and vaccinations.

First of all, worming your horse. Remember the day when your vet came out and tube wormed your horse? Very expensive, time consuming, and possibly dangerous. More than once I heard of horses that died when the wormer was tubed into a lung rather than the gut. Somewhere in the 80's, along came the "home use" tube wormer's to make it so easy, now many are apple flavored, for that picky equine.

There have been some new studies on worming compounds, their effectiveness, and when to treat. In the 90's we were advised to rotate compounds to avoid resistance in the parasites, and treat every other month. Some studies that I have recently read, concluded that it is best to worm when the parasites are active, specifically April/May/June and Sept/Oct/ Nov. Everything I have read indicates that in the spring and fall, parasites are most active when the environment is wetter.

So lets take a look at what these compounds treat:

Macrocylic Lactones including Avermectin and Moxidectin / Brand names are Ivermectin/ Quest, and 8 other names. This compound kills internal parasites and external. They will kill encrusted larvae, as well as thread, pin & round worms, ascarids, including bots. Highly recommended for yearlings and other horses with chronically high fecal egg counts. Ivermectin Gold compound also kills tape worms. Should be rotated with

other wormer categories to prevent parasite resistance. This is a good fall wormer when bot flies lay their eggs on your outdoor horse.

Benzimidazoles including Fenbendazole/ Brand name Panacur and SafeGuard ; Oxibendazole/ Anthelcide . Effective against several varieties of worms including round ,pin & thread worms. Will not treat bots , tape worms or encrusted strongyles.

Pyrantel Salts including Pyrantel Pamoate and Pyrantel Tartrate/Brand name Strongoid C for top dressing over feed. This drug kills large & small strongyles, pin worms, ascarids, but will not kill bots, or encrusted small strongyles. A double dose Pyrantel Pamoate has been found to kill tape worms.

One article advised using a Ivermectin wormer to remove the parasite load before starting the pelleted feed wormer.

Vaccinations – Several vaccines are recommended for your Equine friend. Generally, vaccines are administered in the spring . Check with your veterinarian on which to administer.

These could include Eastern, Western, Venezuelan and West Nile Encephalitis vaccines; Encephalitis is a viral infectious disease that causes paralysis due to the degeneration of the central nervous system. All transmitted by mosquito bites.

Equine Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis; Equine Flu is a respiratory infection that effects the very young and older equine. Vaccine recommended for show horses as well. Rhino-Flu is an acute viral infection that can cause abortion in pregnant mares, and young foals at weaning. It produces fever, reduces the white cell count, and inflames the mucus membranes in the respiratory tract.

Potomac Horse Fever (PHF); Found in 1970's in the Potomac River Valley in Maryland, the disease produces fever, depression and diarrhea . Fatal if not treated. A similar fever was found in a river valley in south central California. Possibly transmitted by moths.

Strangles; Streptococcus Equi –(think Strep throat) also known as Distemper, a highly contagious virus that effects the upper respiratory tract and forms pus in the lymph nodes of the jaw bone. Usually seen in young horses, but any age can be effected.(Note: I experienced one strain that was difficult to treat with current antibiotics).

Rabies; A viral infection of the nervous system. Causes mania, difficulty swallowing. It is highly fatal and transmittable to humans by a bite. Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas have the highest incidence of Equine Rabies.

Tetanus; The tetanus bacterium is one of the oldest known diseases. The bacteria lives in the soil and can contaminate any small wound. Tetanus effects the normal nerve muscle interaction. Death is by respiratory paralysis and complications from the inability to eat. Extremely important to vaccinate for this one, and inexpensive too.

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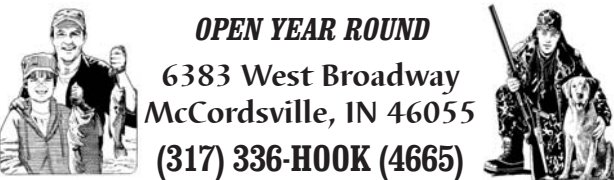
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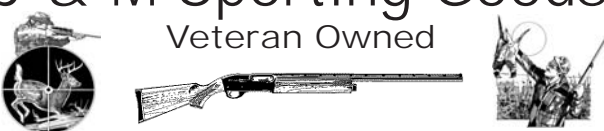
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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Mathews NO CAM HTR: Not your Daddy's dual-wheeled bow

Author feels that new bow brings cutting-edge technology to a proven platform

I know it's spring and fishing, mushroom hunting and the like are on most peoples' minds right now, but if you are a bowhunter, this is also a great time to think about looking at your next bow. This is because if you start looking now, you will have all summer to shoot it and become familiar with it before hunting season arrives.

The new NO CAM HTR by Mathews demonstrates a new era in technology for the bowhunting world. Just as Mathews set the bowhunting/archery world on its head with the introduction of the Solocam back in 1992, they are now doing so with the introduction of the NO CAM HTR for 2015.

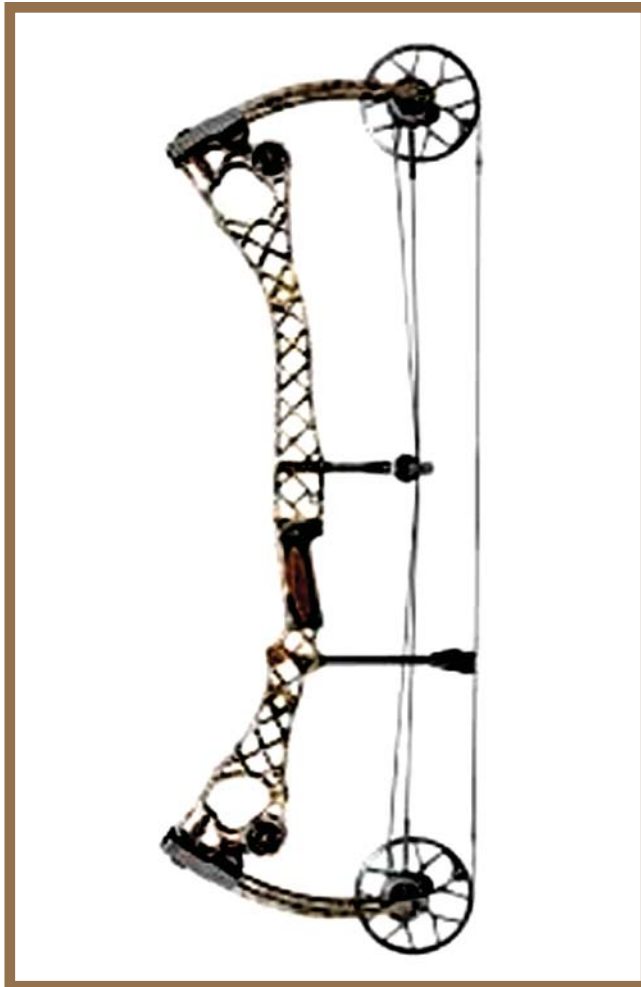
Some might believe that a bow that utilizes two round wheels is old technology, but it is not old technology when you take a look at what Mathews has done with the NO CAM HTR. What they have done is taken the future of bowhunting to the next level.

While the bows of yesteryear did in fact use round wheels on each end of the limbs, that is pretty much where the similarities end.

The advantage that dual round wheels gives is the smoothest draw possible on a bow. The problem with the round wheel bows from decades ago is that they were slow. Back in the day, the two-wheeled bows were shooting somewhere in the low 200's fps, which is why twin cam bows emerged on the market – to allow bows to shoot faster and with flatter trajectory. The twin cam bows served this purpose well.

But what the dual cam bows brought with them besides speed were a harsh draw cycle and less shootability. They were not as forgiving as their predecessors, the two-wheeled bows.

So when Mathews first introduced the Solocam, it was a real game-changer for sure. The Solocam offered an incredibly smooth draw cycle with increased shootability in a much more forgiving bow than the twin cams, while obtaining speeds that were close to the twin cams.



Mathews NO CAM HTR1

Just as the first Solocams were a revolutionary game-changer in the 90's, so too is the new NO CAM HTR. Mathews has found a way to bring back the extreme smoothness and forgiveness of a round wheel bow wheel maintaining the speed of most Solocams.

The last decade or more has found bow manufacturers struggling to make big gains in performance and speed due to the fact that given the available resources and technology at the moment, top speeds have pretty much been maxed out for a while now. However, each year Mathews has found a way to improve the shooting experience by making their bows smoother, quieter and more forgiving while not sacrificing speed – something that gets overlooked by some of their competition.

If speed is your thing though, Mathews' line of Monster bows will surely not disappoint either. The new Mathews Monster Wake boasts IBO speeds of up to 352 fps yet still retains the smoothness that Mathews is known for.

So, in my opinion, the new NO CAM HTR by Mathews, with an IBO rating of up to 330 fps, is the perfect answer for an industry that was nearly maxed out on improvements. It is the perfect answer for those looking for the utmost in a smooth shooting compound bow that still retains the speed of a Solocam bow.

And seeing how this new introduction is one of the biggest changes to hit the industry since Mathews first introduced the Solocam, I would say that it just may be the perfect answer for the archery industry as a whole.

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Searching for former Air Force buddies and a call from my sister Wilma took me from finding former Air Force buddies to finding Navy Seabees who served with my Dad who was a Seabee in WWII in Alaska and the South Pacific. All of this has been documented in The Gad-a-bout since 2006. I attended my first 79th Naval Construction Battalion (NCB) reunion in Lancaster, PA back on October 9, 2007. I first learned about the Navy Seabees of America (NSVA) in 2012 when I hosted the 79th NCB 67th Reunion in Richmond, IN on September 23-27, 2012. After the reunion I got a communication from Carl Barrett, National Commander of the NSVA who sent me an article which I published about his Navy Seabee service and information about their organization. On June 24, 2012 Commander Barrett sent me a letter asking me to accept the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary annual membership in appreciation for my support of the Seabees. He said my being a son of a Seabee made me eligible for membership in the Auxiliary. I have plans of attending the Seabee Veterans of America Indiana and Ohio Joint Convention & Reunion May 1-3, 2015 near Toledo, OH.

SEARCH FOR FORMER AIR FORCE BUDDIES LEADS TO SEABEE SEARCH

by Ray Dickerson U.S.A.F. 1959-1963
 Son of Seabee MMS 1/c Raymond E. Dickerson
 July 1942 - October 1945 (June 1913- July 1992)

In 2006 I wrote in The Gad-a-bout about finding information about RAF Chelveston and RAF Alconbury, bases I was stationed at in England from 1960 through early 1963. The website I found to be most helpful was Rushden.org which I posted a small paragraph about my being at the two bases and a little bit about what I did there. I then waited to see if I would get any messages from other Air Force guys who posted messages to the website.

On July 18, 2006 I was reading my e-mails I opened one I didn't recognize and it was from a Henry (Hank) Howard, it contained a slide show of photos of RAF Chelveston he took while stationed there. He had hundreds of photos. Hank was a member of the RAF Chelveston Fire Department from 1960-64. I didn't recognize his name, but we were there at the same time. We have corresponded off and on since. I use another website now that is just for guys and gals who were stationed at RAF Alconbury, it is <http://spokt.com/>.

Then on December 12, 2006 I got an e-mail from Msgt Robert "Bob" DeCesare, retired who lives in Austin, Texas. (Sherry and I visited Bob and his wife Cathy in April 2014). Bob read my message on Rushden.org. He was stationed at RAF Chelveston

also from 1960 to 1964, he was an Air Policeman. He told me he had visited England several times, the last time he visited he went by the location where RAF Chelveston was and there was nothing left of it. Bob is an avid gun enthusiast and hunter.

I was saddened by his message that RAF Chelveston was no longer there. Someone sent me a photo of where the front gate had been, all that was there was a For Sale sign. I logged onto one of the satellite websites and brought up where Chelveston was and you can still see the cement floor of big hangar near the runway and the cement floor of warehouse 104 and base supply where I worked and a few former bomb dump buildings a ways back.

Then about the middle of December I was viewing the list on Rushden.org of new entries and came across the name, James D. Eubank, part of his note read, "I was stationed at Chelveston from 1958 to 1961 and worked in Base supply.." and he listed some names..."Freddie Hankins, Jim Hall, etc."

I thought for a minute, I know that guy he worked in the same warehouse that I did, so I sent him an e-mail with some of my own recollections and told him I worked with a Sergeant Barnard and was good buddies with Fred Hankins. On December 27th I got an e-mail from Jim, he said, "I was on RAF Chelveston from July 58 until July 61, worked most of the time in warehouse 104, receiving, warehousing and inventory.....Sgt. Jimmie Barnard was my boss.....Freddy Hankins and I were buddies, along with Burl Diggs, Jimmy Christmas, Bill Hefner and many others."

Jim lives in Richmond, Kentucky, not that far away. I hope that this year we will be able to meet and talk about England and old friends. Since 2006 Sherry and I have visited with Jim and his wife Brenda on several occasions.

Jim gave me the e-mail address for Jack and Patty Petruska. Jack and I worked in Base Supply and were at both RAF Chelveston and Alconbury at the same time. Sherry and I hope to finally get to visit him in person in 2015, he lives in Minnesota.

There is something really good about finding, years later, friends you knew back when. One favorite saying in the military when you were leaving some place was, "be seeing you," or "bye, see you later," and you know when you say it you will probably never see that person again. But the internet has changed all that, the information is there if you look hard enough and long enough.

On another note, delivering The Gad-a-bout further north took me right by the former Grissom AFB, now it's Grissom Air Museum, near Kokomo on US 31.

I stopped to look at some of the WWII airplanes in a fenced in area there, then went inside the small museum. Off in a corner I noticed a set up on a card table a replica of WWII RAF Chelveston with plastic planes (C-47's), quonset huts and vehicles. I didn't have my camera so I left vowing to bring my camera on the next trip.

I returned the following month, but the replica of Chelveston was gone. The guy working in the muse-

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1991 FRONTIER DAYS NARRATION
(Written by Ray Dickerson)
Part 3

America's
General Arthur St. Clair

Part 2 Recap

Last month we began with Day 1 when General Josiah Harmer was picked to lead the first American expeditionary force into Indian country. His army was defeated by the cunning displayed by Miami Chief Little Turtle in his first major battle with the American army

President Washington waited in anticipation of news of Harmer's victory, but learned of his defeat in late November, 1790.

At the beginning of Day 2 General Washington designated General Arthur St. Clair to lead the 2nd Expeditionary force to attack Kekionga.

General St. Clair recruited his army as he traveled west to Fort Washington (near where Cincinnati is now). As a diversion he sent Brigadier General Charles Scott and Colonel James Wilkinson to take their army up the Wabash and attack all the Indian villages beginning at Ouiatenon. They began their attack on May 23, 1791.

St. Clair was to leave Fort Washington on July 10th, but hadn't raised his army. On July 25th he ordered Brigadier General James Wilkinson to attack Kenapocomoco as a diversionary tactic they headed directly for Kekionga then changed direction attacking Kenapocomoco instead. It worked catching the Indians off guard and causing some confusion amongst them.

Happening at the same time in July 1791 the British held a Grand Council at the Maumee Rapids with all the Indian tribes organizing a confederacy to drive the white settlers from the northern side of the Ohio River.

St. Clair finally headed for Kekionga on September 6, 1791 with a rag-tag force beset by countless problems. To make matters worse on November 3rd he set up camp 50 miles south of Kekionga, mistakenly thinking he was only 15 miles from there.

The Indians routed St. Clair's survivors who retreated as best they could. Since the Indians couldn't move the cannon they buried them planning on retrieving them later on.

General Arthur St. Clair's attack remains the greatest defeat of the United States Army by

American Indians.

For a time the Indians had accomplished what the British wanted, settlers slowed in their traveling west.

President George Washington began searching for the right man to send against the Indians.

In February 1792 Congress of the United States passed legislation to create a Legion consisting of 291 officers and 4,272 enlisted men to take care of the Indian problem.

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

Day 2 - September 6, 1992

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

America's
General "Mad" Anthony Wayne
Part 3

Opening Scene

Apekonit (Wells) and The Porcupine travel to Ft. Knox seeking to get back captured Indians


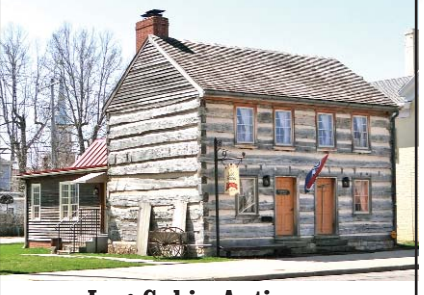



At the same time Wayne was being given command of the Legion of the United States, across the country in the Indian Territory, Apekonit and The Porcupine were enroute to Vincennes to negotiate the trade of the Indians captured at Kenapocomoco by General James Wilkinson in August of 1791. Negotiations was held at Ft. Knox which was located a short distance north of Vincennes, The Porcupine and several other chiefs from nearby villages signed a declaration of friendship with

the United States, all were wanting to get back captives from the Scott and Wilkinson raids.

While negotiations was taking place with the Indians Col. Hamtramck notified Samuel Wells that his brother William was at Fort Knox with the Indians. Samuel went to Ft. Knox to see his brother and try to convince him to visit him in Louisville. As it turned out the captives were at Fort Washington and they would have to talk to General Rufus Putnam, who was the head of the peace commission, about r release. The Indian chiefs decided to let William travel to Fort Washington and negotiate for the captive's release.

Samuel convinced William to visit him in Louisville while he waited for General Putnam to arrive at Fort Washington from his headquarters in Marietta, Ohio. William accepted the invitation. While at Louisville William underwent a change, he began to see that living with the Indians didn't hold much of a future for him, while if he returned to the whites he may be able to prosper like Samuel had done. William stayed for almost a month before Putnam arrived at Fort Washington (Cincinnati).

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Left Photo: Two of the most authentic re-enactors at Frontier Days, at left Golden Eagle (Hank Stock) and at right French Trader (Roger Endress). Both have passed on but live on in our memories. Right Photo: A memorable moment, a shotgun wedding for this unsuspecting young man, Paul Dane, picked from the crowd as the no-good-for-nothing-varmint who took advantage of this young lady (Amy Dickerson) who is ready and willing to get hitched. Her four armed brothers stand ready to make sure he says, Yes! From left to right: Unseen at left Russell Tarter, Eugene Fannin, Paul Dane, Missy Endress, Amy Dickerson, Don Rice and at right Rev. Malcolm Greene, performing shotgun wedding (dressed as Indian). Over the course of the 3 day event we did 6-8 shotgun weddings. (Author Photo)

When Putnam arrived he found William Wells waiting for him. The two men talked about the captives and also about Wells thoughts about coming over to the white side. As it turned out, Putnam needed an interpreter and hired Wells for that duty.

On July 13, 1792 at Fort Washington William was reunited with his Miami family. Great tears of joy welled up inside of Wells as he and his first family were united again, he felt the tugs of loyalty pulling



Before entering Frontier Days Rendezvous visitors must pass these two lovely ladies, Vicki Greene and Sherry Dickerson who were in the gate house. (Author Photo)

on him from the Indian side.

On July 26, 1792, Putnam informed the secretary of war that Wells had revealed the whereabouts of the ten pieces of artillery which the Indians had buried at the site of St. Clair's defeat. This piece of information gave evidence to Putnam that Wells could be trusted by the United States. Wells, who knew that Little Turtle to be favorable to peace negotiations urged that peace negotiations be opened with the Miami at the earliest opportunity.

On August 16, 1792 five barges left Fort Washington for Vincennes. They carried the Indian captives with an escort of 60 soldiers, General Putnam, William Wells and the Moravian Missionary John Heckewelder. Heckewelder kept an account of the journey. Wells did most of the hunting to supply meat for the large party. Heckewelder recorded a remarkable incident when Wells had wounded a large bear. The Miami had perfected a method by which they would wound a bear and drive it to their village before killing it, thereby saving themselves the trouble of carrying the animal back. Wells struck the animal with the ramrod of his gun and spoke earnestly to it in the Miami language. He explained to Heckewelder what he had said, "I told him that he knew the fortune of war, that one or the other of us must have fallen; that it was his fate to be conquered, and he ought to die like a man, like a hero, and not like an old woman; that if the case had been reversed, and I had fallen into the power of my enemy, I would not have disgraced my nation as he did, but would have died with firmness and courage, as becomes a true warrior. Then Wells finished the bear off and prepared the meat for consuming.

When they reached Vincennes, Putnam released the prisoners and negotiated a peace treaty with some of the Wabash Indians, including the Eel River Miami. Even though the Indians still refused to recognize any white settlements north of the Ohio River they signed the treaty in good faith. The U.S. Senate failed to ever ratify the treaty. Many of the Western Indians continued to live by the treaty thinking it was bona fide and had meaning. When war came to their area they lived up to the treaty.

In April 1792 prior to Wells peace overtures on behalf of Little Turtle, two Americans were sent into Indian territory bearing a flag of truce. Two went to Kekionga, they were Freeman and Gerrard. In May, two more were sent, one was Capt. Alexander

Trueman and the other was Col. John Hardin. Truman went to Auglaize while Hardin traveled to the Upper Sandusky. All four were captured and put to death.

Before Putnam left Vincennes he persuaded William Wells to accept a peace mission, despite the fact that the fate of the previous four was well established. Putnam offered him \$300 to take the mission and if he was successful he would receive an additional \$200, if not he was expected to provide the government with good information on the morale and position of the Indians.

Wells left Vincennes on Oct. 7, 1792 and did not return for several months. Putnam in a letter to Wayne in January 1793 allayed his fears to him that he thought Wells had met a similar fate as his predecessors. In the mean time Wells traveled to the Auglaize to find Little Turtle and Sweet Breeze. He remained with them until January of 1793, at which time he presented his invitation to the American peace talks to a council meeting there on the Auglaize. Many chiefs were at the council including the British agents. The Indians gave Wells a negative reply. Wells stayed on with Little Turtle, he did not plan to return to Vincennes until later in the spring.

A grand council of Indians was planned to meet at the Auglaize in August 1793. Besides the Indians, also in attendance was to be three Americans, General Benjamin Lincoln, Beverly Randolph, and Timothy Picketing.

Wayne and Hamtramck sent William Wells to the meeting as a spy for the American army. The peace conference actually began in May with Mohawk Chief Joseph Brant being in favor of a boundary line along the Muskingum. The Delaware, Shawnee, and Miami was in favor of the Ohio River as being the boundary line between the Indians and the Whites. John Graves Simcoe, governor general of the newly created province of upper Canada was even willing to accept the possibility of gaining Kentucky from the United States.

The American commissioners were not prepared to make any concessions and rejected the Indian stand for the Ohio River boundary.

On Aug. 23, 1793, news reached General Wayne of the failed peace talks. Wells arrived at Fort Washington on Sept. 11th and Wayne interviewed him on Sept. 14-16. The General put Wells through a grueling interrogation, trying to be certain that his story was consistent. When the meetings were finished

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ished he felt Wells could be trusted and he made him the captain of his spies in October 1793.

Proceeding Wells crossover to the American side, General Wayne was involved with turning raw recruits into properly trained and disciplined fighting men. He could ill afford having troops of the caliber Harmer and St. Clair had. Much of the problem they had was the caliber of men in their ranks. Most of them threw down their weapons and ran for their lives at the first sign of hostilities. Wayne handled his men differently. Deserters were put to death, slackers were whipped, and officers who offered to resign found their resignations promptly accepted. He drilled his army day and night. He was known as the General who never sleeps. His recruits grew to respect him and his authority. Their pay came regularly too. On Nov 28, 1792 his legion moved from Pittsburgh to a camp known as Legionville, where he continued to drill his army. On April 20, 1793 he moved his army to a place near Fort Washington called Hobson's Choice, where drill was continued until mid-September.

After St. Clair's defeat and hearing of the new General, "who never sleeps." Little Turtle adopted a new strategy of fighting the Americans. He knew that Wayne's Army would depend heavily on his supply convoys which would be strung out the distance between Fort Washington and Kekionga. His war party's began to attack the supply convoys. He felt that was the only way to effectively hurt the army. He had already voiced his concerns to the other Indians that the Americans might prevail. There seemed to be no end of the white people, when one army was defeated they sent another and this new general was known as the general who never sleeps.

General Wayne left Hobson's Choice on Oct. 7, 1793, enroute he stopped at Fort Jefferson, finding supplies short there he had to wait for supplies to be brought to him. On Oct. 17, the convoy was attacked by Indians, Lt. Lowry, another officer and 12 men were killed in the action. The Indians captured 70 wagon horses and carried off what they could carry on horse back. Wayne was able to retrieve much of the food from the convoy undamaged.

Since it was so late in the season to mount a major expedition. Wayne decided to winter at a spot just six miles north of Fort Jefferson. He built a fort there and called it Fort Greenville.

By December Wayne was able to detach eight companies of infantry and some artillery under Major Henry Burbeck to go to the scene of St. Clair's

defeat where they erected Fort Recovery. The army was able to recover the ten pieces of artillery buried by the Indians after William Wells showed them where they were buried. Wells supervised the recovery of the cannon. The artillery was used later to defend the fort, much to the Indians surprise.

On January 13, 1794, after Wells had previously released a Indian woman to go to the Delaware village with a message of peace, the son of Buckongahelas, the Delaware War Chief, and two other Delaware warriors arrived at Greenville to begin peace negotiations with Wayne. As a matter of faith the Indians were to gather up all of the white captives and return them to Wayne in 30 days. The negotiations failed when the project couldn't be completed in 30 days and Wayne wouldn't extend the truce. Wayne felt the truce was merely a ruse to gain more time to build up the Indian strength before he began his move on them.

The British maintained their support of the Indian cause and on Feb. 10, 1794, Lord Dorchester made a speech in Quebec where he flatly stated that there was no boundary between Great Britain and the United States in the Indian Country and predicted that Great Britain would go to war with the United States before the end of 1794 to force the Americans to agree on a boundary that would satisfy the Indians.

In Feb, Lord Dorchester ordered Simcoe to build a fort at the foot of the rapids of the Maumee River. He started building the fort in April, it was called Fort Miami and on April 14, 1794, Simcoe read Lord Dorchesters speech to the Indians.

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by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store



This is my son, Cade, showing off one of his many mushrooms he found in May of 2014. (Author Photo)



This is my daughter, Hali, proudly showing one of her mushrooms she found in May of 2014. (Author Photo)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River...Let the Adventures Begin!

When one begins hearing the words camping, fishing, boating, and hiking it must be an indicator warmer weather is on the way! After enduring an everlasting taste of old man winter it is about time we turn the page and start looking forward to the warm brighter days that are ahead of us. After hearing the nonstop phrase of "is springtime ever going to get here?" it is now that time to open up the garage and start unpacking all those essential necessities needed for the upcoming spring time season! And after getting all those "necessities" ready make sure to come visit us at the Great Lakes of the Wabash River as all three lake properties (Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Roush) are all awaiting you to help provide the fun you are seeking.

When the spring season arrives one of the first things that always gets me excited is when you

start seeing flocks of people beginning to line the banks of the Reservoir searching for those "honey hole's" to catch their mess of fish. My excitement began towards the end of March as word began to spread that many fishermen had started catching crappie and thus the search for the "hole" was on! After talking to a few of the local fishermen and thus locating my spot here on the Salamonie Reservoir it was very refreshing not only catching a mess of crappie but doing so in the presence of a massive bald eagle soaring overhead. That's right, catching fish along with the pleasure of watching the meticulous bald eagle soar ever so effortlessly as we all were taking in that fine day here on the lake. I know many people travel long distances to be able to see these bald eagle, whose numbers have steadily increased over the last few years thanks to the investment in reintroducing these creatures into our habitat, and I have to remind myself how lucky I am to experience this right here in my "backyard"!

Whether you are busy catching fish or trying to capture an image of a bald eagle here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash River just remember these are just

a few of the many opportunities that exist here at these properties. Last year I got the privilege of taking my oldest two kids, (Hali (6) and Cade (4)), along with my wife and niece on a mushroom hunting adventure here on the Salamonie Reservoir. With this being the kid's first adventure hunting these delicate morels, I wasn't quite sure what to expect! After finding a few here and some there I decided to take them to a favorite spot of mine and it was the greatest decision I made that day as when we entered the "spot" there were literally mushrooms everywhere! The kid's



This is a photo of my daughter Hali and her cousin Alivia holding some crappie caught from the Salamonie Reservoir. (Author Photo)

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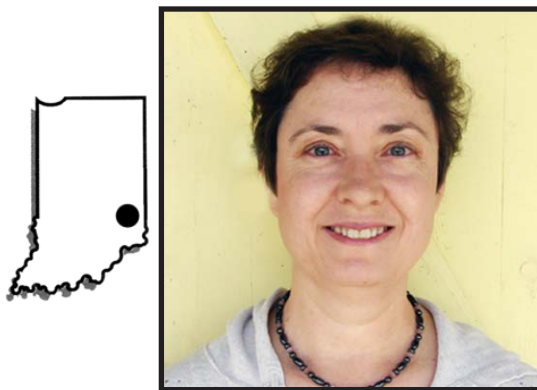
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eyes lit up and little feet were beginning to move everywhere so I had to instantly remind them to stop where they were and look all around before they started running in every which way to try and beat the other to pick the massive amounts of mushrooms! After scouring every inch of that area we ended up finding over five pounds of mushrooms and the smiles were plastered all over their little faces. The kids were so excited that all they wanted to do was go show and tell everyone, especially their 92 year old great-grandmother, Grandma Jo...I just had to remind them not to tell everyone where we found those mushrooms! That is still a moment I greatly treasure as we not only had a wonderful time together but we got to enjoy that evening outdoors as a family and still to this day my kids keep asking: "Dad, when can we go pick some more mushrooms?" and now I can finally tell them, "anytime now"!

These stories are just a few of the many experiences where I try to get my family involved in the outdoors which allows us to have an enjoyable family time together. Whether it's fishing, mushroom hunting, or swimming at the beach I find that these are the times that we really get to enjoy our time together and I also think you will find your kids will cherish these moments far greater than others and also give them memories that will last a lifetime. So as the spring season begins to embark on us I challenge you to put down all those electronic devices, get the kids off the gaming systems, and start making plans for this upcoming season. If you are looking for a place to visit consider the three properties located here on the Great Lakes of the Wabash. With the three combined properties totaling over 33,000 acres of land and close to 7,000 acres of water you are sure to find adventures awaiting you. Fishing, boating, hunting, swimming, hiking, canoeing, horseback

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Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

May 2015 Activities

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May is a very busy month this year in Metamora. The **Whitewater Valley Flyer** train starts running again with the Connersville train leaving the station at noon for the trip to Metamora. The local train runs on the hour starting at 11am - 4pm. This is always a fun short ride that originates in downtown Metamora. The canal boats start again. They run Wednesday - Saturday with rides on the hour from noon to 4pm.

Metamora is kicking off the season with a fun new festival this year. **Bibfest, May 1-3**. There will be a Hee Haw tribute show, artisans and crafts people around town, a Minnie Pearl and Grandpa Jones lookalike contest, tractor parade, banjo and fiddle contest, and more. It promises activities from morning to night. More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/bibfest/timeline>. If that isn't enough excitement for one weekend, the **Gristmill Jam** will be **May 3rd** from 1-4pm.

May 9th The **Cat and the Fiddle** Event Center at the Blacksmith Shop, 10104 Columbia St., will be hosting Cari Ray, a local singer and songwriter at 7pm. For more information and reservations call Catrina at 513-403-0672.

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May 16th is the **Overland Wild West Limited Train**. The Circle D Rangers are protecting the train while down the line the bandits lie in wait. The final shoot out occurs in the Duck Creek area of Metamora.

Finally on **May 16th** is **Bluegrass Night** at the **Opry Barn**. The featured band will be the Patricks. Doors open at 5:30pm, opening act at 6pm, with the featured band starting at 7pm. Food is available for purchase. There is a suggested donation to help defray costs.

May 24th starting at 2pm is the **Memorial Day Service**. This solemn ceremony has been happening at the Columbia Street bridge (car bridge) for over 100 years. There will be music, speeches and culminating with throwing flowers in the canal.

Acoustical Final Friday is **May 29th** with sign up at 6:30pm and performances starting at 7pm. Please note that the new location is at the Opry Barn on Pennington St.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the many classes that **Mosaic**, 19054 Main St, has during May. **May 9th** is a Free Intro to Fiddle class at 2pm. **May 10th** is the Photography Club. This is a fun club that's always looking for new members. **May 16th** is the Breakfast Jam at 10am; just bring yourself, your instrument and a favorite breakfast dish. Finally, **May 17th** at 2pm is the Songwriter's Roundtable.

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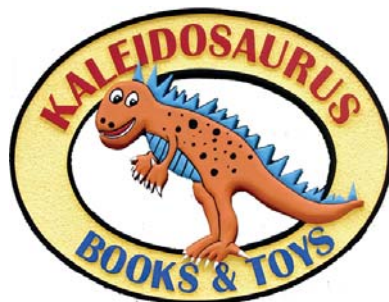
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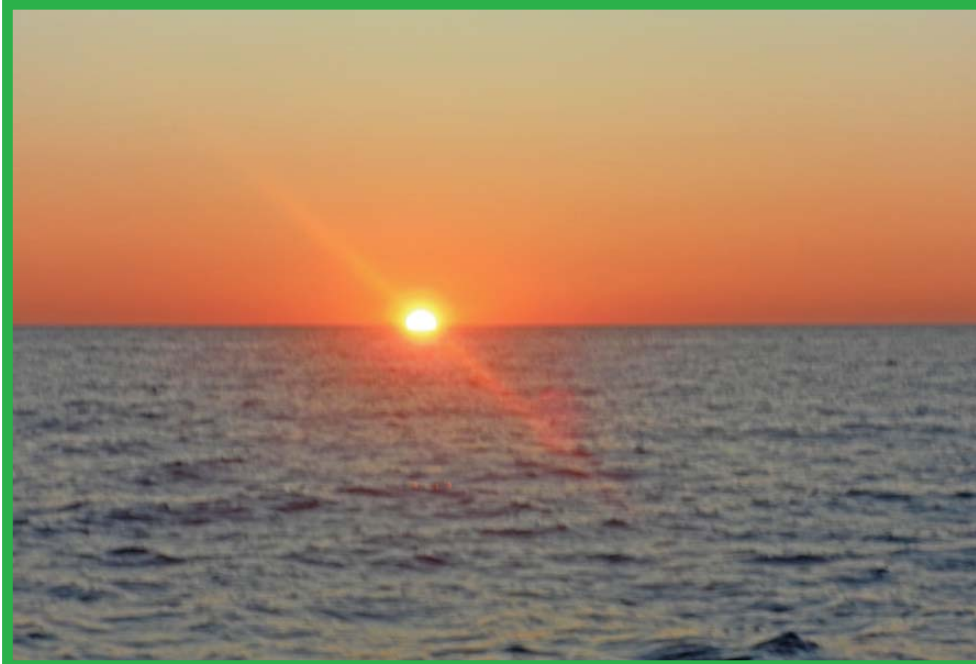
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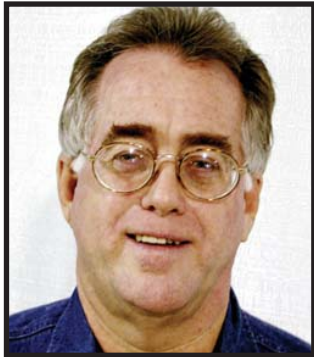


This gorgeous sunrise greeted us at the start of our fishing trip with Captain Kalmerton. (Author Photo)



Me and Captain Pat Kalmerton on the dock discussing the day's outing. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Fishing with Wolf Pack Adventures

I met Pat Kalmerton some years ago. It was at an Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers (AGLOW) conference. I have attended many AGLOW functions with him since then. We have enjoyed all the activities built into those events including hunting and fishing. But, I had never fished with Pat on his own boat in his home setting—the Wisconsin side of Lake Michigan. That changed last summer.

Late August found us with Captain Kalmerton on the Wolf Pack II, once again looking forward to what Lake Michigan was going to offer us. This boat is one of three in the Wolf Pack fleet. It is a 28 foot Baha Cruiser, 10.5 feet wide, with twin Ford V8 engines. It has 16 mile radar and GPS, Lowrance fish locator's, Cannon downriggers and 20 plus rod holders

The other two boats they have are the Wolf Pack I and the Wolf Pack III. The largest craft is a 38 foot long, 13.6 foot wide twin 454 Mercrusier. It is equipped basically with the

same equipment as the smaller Baha Cruiser. It was originally designed for luxury ocean cruising. Wolf Pack III is a 21 foot Lund Pro V with a 250 HP Mercury Pro XS and a 9.9 HP Merc kicker and Minn Kota trolling motor with autopilot.

But before we boarded the boat and caught the first fish, we had to get to Sheboygan, Wisconsin. We booked a night at the Harbor Winds Hotel at 905 S. 8th Street in Sheboygan. This well-appointed hotel offers great rooms with all the amenities plus direct access to the nearby boardwalk with local shops and restaurants or just an evening walk along the river. We checked into our room with a view of the Wolf Pack fleet outside our window.

I called Pat and verified our starting time of 4:30 the next morning, then Susie and I took a walk to the nearby Duke of Devon English Pub & Eatery. This establishment was as close to a genuine English pub as you can get on this side of the "pond", or at least we were told. The atmosphere, the fixtures, and the menu all appeared authentic. Check out the menu, photos, and more online at www.dukeofdevonpub.com.

As we boarded our transportation tied up to the dock, it was still dark outside. We slowly motored out the river to the opening to Lake Michigan. We could just see the sun starting to peek over the horizon. It would turn into a glorious sunrise. The lake was almost smooth and several other boats were getting an early start also.

Captain Kalmerton and his first mate, Jake Schultz, began setting the lines out. They had only three rods in the holders, with lines trolling behind, when the first fish attacked the lure. Susie grabbed the pole and began bringing the unknown fish toward the net. When it got close to the boat, we saw it. Our first fish of the day was a nice rainbow trout. The guys resumed putting out lines and we waited for the next

strike.

The action continued, although slowly. We knew fishing would be tough today. The air temperature had dropped 20 degrees in the last three days and water temp went down accordingly. This always causes lockjaw in the fish. The captain and his mate were constantly changing lures, boat speed, depth of the baits, and anything else they could do to persuade the fish to cooperate. We would have slow periods, then a trout or coho salmon would bend the rod and bring us out of our reverie. All too soon, our scheduled five hours were over and we headed back for the dock. A beautiful day on the water and enough fish to make us happy made it a great trip.

Wolf Pack Adventures, owned by Roy, Jerrad, and Pat Kalmerton, fishes for brown, rainbow, and lake trout, and coho and chinook salmon on the big lake. They also pursue other fish on nearby lakes and rivers. The three Kalmertons are all USCG certified captains. Besides fishing trips, Wolf Pack Adventures also conduct guided turkey and waterfowl hunts and ice fishing outings. To schedule your own adventure with Wolf Pack, check out their site at www.wolfpackadventures.com or call 920-918-9653.

Before coming home, we visited another central Wisconsin town. We had a scheduled metal detector hunt at Wisconsin Rapids. In this area, we stopped at a huge cheese shop and watched cheese being made. We bought local products from several downtown shops, then we took a drive through the countryside.

Fields on both sides of the road had foot tall plants growing. These were cranberry plants. There was a small dam around all sides of the fields. When the berries are ripe, the fields are flooded and the process of picking the small fruit begins. We plan on returning to this area in September to observe this and spend another day on the water with Wolf Pack Adventures.

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Captain Pat Kalmerton and First Mate Jake Schultz setting lines as the sun rises over Lake Michigan. (Author Photo)



This is the scene looking out the back of Wolf Pack II. Rods ready for action and Susie and I waiting for a big strike. (Author Photo)



A fine catch of assorted trout and salmon after a Wolf Pack trip. They look good here. They taste great at home. (Author Photo)




You can hang your catch here for bragging photos after your trip with Wolf Pack. (Author Photo)

Susie and I have fished Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Illinois waters of Lake

Michigan many times over the last four decades. We tried for salmon and trout in spring, summer, and fall. Occasionally, we came home skunked. On other trips, we had our limit in just an hour or two. We had days when the lake was smooth as glass and others when we could barely stand up because the water was

so rough. Susie once caught a 30 inch brown trout when the waves were so bad we had to fish inside the breakwater and still had trouble standing. But, every day on the water is a great day. Some are just better than others.

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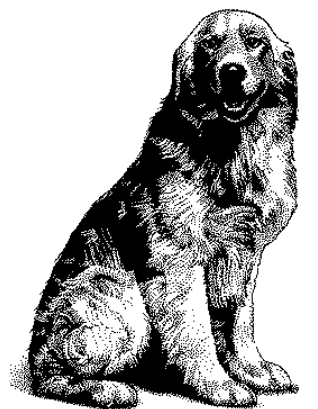
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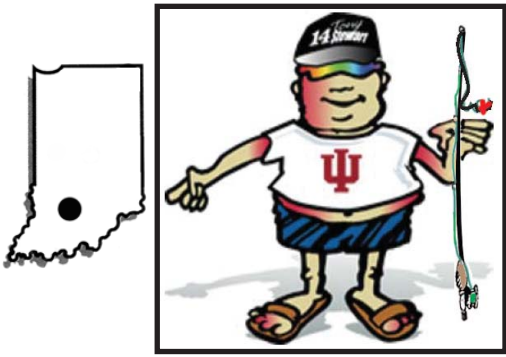


Ft. Myers Beach from the patio. (Author Photo)



Ft. Myers Beach sunset from our patio. (Author Photo)

Vacationing In Southwest Indiana



by Jim Behrman

CABIN FEVER

This old man has had a terrible winter and from looking around Indiana on the National news it looks as if I am not alone. We see Lake Erie frozen over, the percentage of great lakes frozen over is highest it has been in years, and snow fall amounts to the South of us at way over average. Large snowfalls and freezing temperatures in Nashville Tn., Atlanta Ga., Charlotte NC., and the total snow fall in the Northeast was horrible. I was feeling sorry for us Hoosiers until I watch the news and see snow over car roofs deep and sidewalks head deep in snow in Boston. We had a very difficult winter but compared to the extremes suffered by others our winter doesn't seem so nasty but my symptoms of cabin fever are as severe as anyone's, anywhere.

The weather we had in December and early January was mild and I was feeling pretty good about the up coming year. I had gotten all my Christmas fishing presents sorted and in tackle boxes or the rods rigged with reels or the reels rigged with new rods. People buying Christmas presents can't be expected to match and balance those two items as I feel

they should be. (Explanation to my wife for buying the new rods and new reels when I have one or two of each). The new purchases had arrived from Bass Pro or been selected from Walmart and packed and ready to relocate to the houseboat for the spring crappie and walleye fishing seasons. Had to rush this because I had a trip to Ft. Myers Beach for a few weeks to eat up the end of January and part of February and then when I got home there would be unpack and repack to head to the Houseboat in mid March.

We eased our way down to Florida by stopping in Kodak, Tn. to visit Bass Pro (much to my wife's chagrin), North Carolina and Bradenton, Florida to visit family and then on to Ft. Myers Beach for a few weeks. (see pic 1 and pic 2) The trip down South was awesome. We got to see some family and we had gorgeous weather and great seafood while we were there. It was really nice that while there we got to see other friends that were in Florida and we got to talk boating, fishing, family and grandkids, with these other snowbirds we hadn't seen since late October. We asked another retired couple to come down and spend a week with us. They flew down for a week and we had a fishing trip planned for crappie and a trout fishing trip but they both fell thru at the last minute. They did get to participate in a fish fry, where we had walleye, crappie and trout. We also went to several local eateries and had awesome flounder, oysters, grouper, oysters, shark, oysters, crabs, oysters and oysters. After many hugs and handshakes and promises to meet as soon as possible on the dock and planning the return next year they flew back to Indiana. We left Florida in early February all tanned and oystered out to return to our

home.

Home was a two day drive and when we pulled in the driveway it was cloudy and there was snow flurries forecast and it was 35 degrees. Things have went down hill since that day. Before we left there were days when the sun was shining and if it would not have been for family happenings and grandkids I could have been wetting a line and enjoying the calmness of the lake. Since returning most of my days have been glaring out the window and on social media griping about the amount of snow that has fallen, snow that is forecast, and the sympathy for those poor people in Boston and other sites where



The depth of the snow on our deck. (Author Photo)

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they have suffered thru extreme weather. (see pic 3) I have had to brave the ice/snow covered roads to get bird food because the robins, cardinals, blue jays, doves and woodpeckers have set on my patio with those forlorn looks and tweets seemingly cursing me for allowing my bird feeders to empty and causing them hardship. Normally this time of the year the doves are cooing from roof tops all over the neighborhood and this year the flock is on my patio cooing sadly with wet eyes looking to the empty feeders. Ok okay I will brave the subfreezing temps and the dangerous roads to fill those feeders all the time wondering if the people that estimated the costs

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Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

POST - SEASON

As I sat here thinking about the past Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing seasons, I realized that it was time to get my new Indiana Licenses. That used to mean that I needed to make a trip to the local sporting goods store or Department, but not anymore. I just jumped online, there is a computer on my desk, and went to www.in.gov/dnr and selected "Buy your License". They have saved most of my information from last year, so once I started the application, it all but filled itself out. I did have to add a few pounds to my description, but that was about it. I used my Bass Pro Mastercard and walla, I am printing out my licenses and earning points toward my Bass Pro purchases. That seems like a complete win-win for me, though my wife will ask why I needed the migratory water fowl stamp when I do not hunt ducks. No need to really answer that, I got more points.

Next I need to get all of that dirty equipment cleaned up and prepped for next year. Fishing rods need an oiling and to have their line checked. A couple of them need to be replaced. Hooks and lures need to be checked and if more are needed, as they always are, then a shopping list needs to be prepared. (I am thinking a trip to you know where.)

Traps need a thorough cleaning, boiling, dyeing, and waxing. If there are any repairs that need to be done, now is the time to get the needed parts. Coyotes can really do a number on a trap, so making sure that it still works correctly is very important. I always enjoy that first camp fire of the year and boiling a pot of traps just goes along with it.

I am getting a little low on my cable restraints (snares) so while the traps boil I can be making snares. I use 3/16 7x7 aircraft cable of various lengths and bent washer locks. Deer stops and breakaway "S" hooks are also incorporated into the design that generally uses about 40" or wire. I try to make a "one size fits all" occasions, but basically these snares are for coyote, fox, raccoon, and beaver. I have a few for mink, but have never caught one in Rush County. I also recycle used and damage snares into snare extensions or cable stakes. You just cut away any truly damaged sec-

tion of wire and then see what you got left. If it is too, too short, you pitch it. If it is a little short, then cable stake comes to mind or anchoring attachment for a body-gripping trap. If it is mid-length, then cable extension is good use for the wire. Sometimes I can remake the snare with one piece, and then add an extension with another piece. Trappers are good at recycling bits and pieces.

Somewhere in this planning, I need to really give the garage a good cleaning this year. Trapping gear needs to find its way back down to the barns. Gardening equipment needs to find its way back to the backyard shed. Fishing gear just needs to find its way back to the shelves it came off of last year. Lastly all the various tools need to find their way back to a logical location so I will be able to find them again in the future, when I need them.

Another important part of the post-season is reconnecting with that significant other. Mine is called Wanda, and she is a real catch. She lets me have my fun outside, and puts very few demands on me through the hunting season. The week before last, we even wandered down to Florida to see the eldest child who has recently graduated college and gotten his first real job, and to visit with my side of the family in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida. On the way down, we stopped at Bardstown, Kentucky. It has a couple of very good Civil War Museums and a very old Tavern that serves very good food. We made a stop at the Perrysville Civil War Battle field and learned that the museum there did not open till after April 1st. Finally, we went by Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia. It is in this area that Sherman started his march to the sea, but only after securing his supply lines. We were there on a weekday, so we were able to drive ourselves up the mountain. On weekends, you have to take a tram. There were magnificent views as we drove to the top. The road was very narrow and full of braver people than me, walking it. I stopped and took a few pictures, before we got to the top. At the parking lot at the "top", you had to get out of your vehicle, and walk or climb 0.12 miles further up to be at the peak, the real top. Now Wanda doesn't care for heights and I really didn't think about that as we started up the mountain. Once I had started, there was really no way to reverse course. I got the definite impression, that she did not enjoy the views as much as I did. She refused to leave the truck at the "top", and never saw the peak. On the way back down, she became quite animated with me demanding that I put my phone down and forget the X#%& pictures and pay attention to the road. I cannot help it that we drive on the right hand side of the road and that the passenger seat is on the side looking straight down. I wonder if all of those walkers thought I was British driving on the left side as much as I was forced to drive. Next time I need a dash cam.

Your post - season activities will be similar to mine, I am sure. Whatever they are, be sure to include your significant other as much as possible and maybe even make some concessions and drive on the left hand side of the road. They will appreciate your efforts to include them in your fun. Wanda appreciated my efforts. Ha Ha snicker laugh. NOT.

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Spring Time Brings Increase in Rural Burglaries

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Remember these thieves are driving around the country side looking for things to steal. Not only are they out for your tools, equipment and belongings, but they are also looking to steal anhydrous. So protect yourself and help us out by making it as hard as possible. Install alarms, security systems and cameras when possible. But more importantly, take the extra time to lock everything up. If you see suspicious activity while out in the field, don't hesitate to call local law enforcement and have us check it out.

More Excuses

As you know, we hear all kind of excuses from people as to why they're speeding. Last fall I stopped a lady speeding on a two lane road. She explained that her van was low on fuel, so she had to speed to the gas station so she could "get there before the van runs out."

Then there was the guy just shy of 100 on the interstate who said he was headed to the hospital, as his daughter was in labor there and having trouble. I quickly called the hospital with my cell phone to find that the woman was indeed there, but not in labor.

In fact, a nurse confirmed that grandpa had been there the day before when the woman had delivered a healthy baby boy. As it turned out, grandpa was not only telling me a tall tale and speeding, but was also driving while suspended. His grandson was only a day old, and grandpa was already setting a bad example!

Lastly, a troop said he recently stopped a young woman for driving just under 100 M.P.H. on a two lane highway. Her excuse was she was speeding to a female friend's house, as the woman had just called saying that she might be pregnant. As the young troop pointed out to the driver, "I don't really see the need for the rush; doesn't your friend have nine months to figure that out?"

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

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case. In deep open waters this isn't as much of an issue but that doesn't describe my haunts. The screw-on cap must be solid. I'll drill a hole in the cap just large enough to thread the cord through then securely knot the cord to a hex nut, then with most of them, glue the cap into place with some type of construction adhesive. I do keep a few jugs with removable caps to facilitate a glow stick should I decide to use a few at night.

The cordage I use, which I've come to be a bit picky about, is a dark brown tarred nylon seine twine. It holds a knot really well and is easy to grip. I no longer experiment with hook types, it's now just a selection regarding size; sharp circle hooks rule.

After the jugs are baited and set adrift it can be a waiting game. During the slow times we might fish a bit while waiting for a jug to move. When the bite comes it'll manifest itself in a variety of ways. Sometimes it's a slow up and down bobbing, other times the jug will begin by swimming away in a non-chalant manner. From time to time it will simply be gone and then reappear a distance away. When it is obvious that a fish has committed itself to the bait it can become an exercise session paddling the canoe in position to either catch up with or intercept a jug. When the advantage is gained we will firmly grab the cord and give a sharp pull on it to set the hook in case the sharp point has not yet embedded itself into the fish. Rarely is there a miss. That's why, in my opinion, sharp circle hooks rule.

Jug fishing (also sometimes referred to as float fishing) isn't legal on all bodies of water. It is not allowed on lakes and reservoirs, for public safety reasons, which leaves flowing bodies of water (rivers and streams). The jugs must not be made of glass and users must keep them in constant visual contact while in use. As with limb lines and trot lines, each device must be marked with the user's name and address. Up to five jugs may be used at a time and each jug must have no more than one hook attached to each float line.

There will be several laborious things which need to get done before the jugs come out this year. Awful things like crappie, white bass, bluegill, mushrooms, turkey, and retirement. Yes, retirement! In two months from my typing of this I will have completed 30 years. It's been an honor. Now, if only I can find a kid to take me fishing... ■

Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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using the .45 Colt aka Long Colt round in his .454 Casull rifle for target practice. The Casull round was developed in the late 50s, that's 1950s for those who weren't born yet, by Dick Casull and Jack Fullmer. They were looking to make a powerful and heavy cartridge for hunting with a revolver. The case and bullet size specifications on the .454 Casull versus the .45 Colt and the .45 Schofield, aka .45 Smith & Wesson, are so similar that the .45LC and .45 Schofield can be shot in the .454 Casull chambered rifle or revolver but not the other was around. The length of the .454 case is 1/10 of an inch longer than the .45LC and the chamber pressure was set by SAAMI at 60,000 cup (copper pressure units) or more than 4 times the pressure of the .45LC. Those of you that have the .454 Casull in the revolver can save money and Kick by shooting the much lower powered Long Colt or Schofield rounds. I have a Smith and Wesson Model 586 .357 Magnum and a Ruger Security Six .38 Special. I save money by shooting .38 wad cutters for target practice and to just hone my shooting skills with a revolver. Keep in mind though that some lever action rifles are specifically chambered for a caliber and length of bullet much like the semi-auto .22LR rifles and the Henry .22LR lever action. Shooting in those rifles may prove to be somewhat tedious as the action will work great as a single shot but not in semi-auto mode or levering the next round into the chamber.

Quote of the month

"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreak-

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er. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."
Ronald Reagan

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 included in this column.

Remember, B SAR (Be Safe, Be Aware, Be Responsible)
Marshall Smith
Gunsmith
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

Fishing Lake Michigan
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spooked of hi-vis lines? Absolutely! That's where a clear or even fluorocarbon leader comes into play. Learn to tie a blood knot or double uni and put a low-vis leader, between the bright line and the lure. You get the advantage of being able to see the line and the fish get fooled by the low-vis fluorocarbon.

Is an extra fish or two per day worth the effort? It is to me.
THE END

Great Lakes Of The Wabash
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riding, eagle observing...and the list just keeps going! Get your plans booked now and start creating memories.

In closing, I would like to pass on some other important dates to remember. The month of May will be filled with many crappie tournament dates. We, Bozarth's Campground, will kick off our 2015 crappie tournament on Saturday, May 2nd. This will be followed on May 9th with the Crappie USA Tournament and then conclude with the last tournament of May with the Indiana Slab Masters on May 16. These all take place on the Salamonie Reservoir outside of the Crappie USA being on both the Salamonie and Mississinewa. Also, the Salamonie Reservoir will host the Wildflower Hike and Edible Plant Fest on May 2nd and this will be followed up by the annual Kids Fishing Derby on June 6 on both lake properties.

As always I would also like to invite you to come visit us here at Bozarth's Country Store. We are always a fun place to stop and visit and provide you with a store "full of everything" as well as a great place to fill your appetite. Feel free to contact us at (765) 981-4522 for more information.

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for retiring anticipated my lovely wife's soft heart for those cooing birds that I used to hunt.

Those cabin fever symptoms have Fed Ex and UPS stopping by to make deliveries from Bass Pro, Cabela's, and other fishing/hunting supply places almost daily. As I write this Bass Pro is announcing by email a "Cabin Fever Sale with free shipping" in the email announcing my last order has shipped and what the shipping charges are. I have restrung all my rods at least one time and organized my tackle box so often the hinges are wearing out. As I finish writing this it is pouring rain and the final bit of snow is finally off my patio and I can see my grill. I just fought back the cabin fever symptoms enough to start loading the truck when my lovely wife hands me the calendar showing some upcoming family outings and a "to do before going to lake" list that will keep me here thru August!!!! GGGGGGRRRRRRREEEEEEEEAATAATTTTTTT!!!!

Coming Events
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Union Union County High School Archery Team placed 3rd in the Indiana State NASP competition

Due to not having enough room to report on Union County's National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®) results from the Indiana State Archery competition March 14, 2015 it will appear in my **June Gad-a-bout**. I will be able to give them an article they so richly deserve.

Their official stats I found on the internet was **UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Team Score: 3292 Rank: 3** out of 39 in the State of Indiana.

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

Frame's Outdoor provides their Archery Shooting Range for the NASP® team to utilize. Oscar Abner is their shooting coach at Frame's.



C.O. Lt. Bill Browne hosting Seminar at Frame's Archery Range.

BEGINNING IN MY JUNE GAD-A-BOUT LT. BILL BROWNE WILL BE WRITING THE DNR COLUMN, GARY CATRON IS RETIRING FROM THE IDNR

Master Conservation Officer Gary Catron is retiring from the IDNR and appears in The Gad-a-bout this month for the last time in that column. However Gary will be sending articles to me in the future. He is an excellent outdoor writer as I have been told many times in the e-mails I have received about him from readers of The Gad-a-bout. I look forward to receiving his articles.

Conservation Officer Lt. Bill Browne whom I have known for many years, will begin writing the IDNR Column in the June Gad-a-bout. Bill is one of a kind. Check out the above photo I took at the NASP® Seminar at Frame's Archery Range - "look out Bill, corn hole bag, incoming!" Bill was trying to get the corn hole bag throwers to hit the hole. The bag didn't hit him, but it was close.

In all seriousness Lt. Bill Browne knows when it's time to be serious and when it's okay to have fun with people at public gatherings. I know you will enjoy his articles.

JIM STEVENSON PASSED AWAY 3-30-2015

I was shocked when Sherry showed me a print out telling that Jim Stevenson had died. I've known Jim for a very long time. Jim was a very talented man when it came to the fields of printing and photography.

Air Force & Seabee Search

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um knew nothing about the replica of Chelveston nor who to contact about it for me.

Since then I started trying to find the connection of RAF Chelveston and Grissom AFB.

On another visit to Grissom Air Museum I bought a book there entitled "The Brotherhood of Courage" written by Walter W. Thom. In it was the answer to my question. The 305th Bomb Group was stationed at RAF Chelveston during WWII. At the end of hostilities in Europe the 305th Bomb Group was reassigned at the then Grissom Air Force Base near Kokomo, Indiana.

I have read the book from cover to cover, the Introduction was written by General Curtis E. LeMay. Lt. Colonel Curtis E. LeMay took command of the 305th Bombardment Group (H) on June 4, 1942. He took it overseas and molded it into an effective fighting force during its first days at Grafton-Underwood and then to Chelveston, England. He relinquished command on May 15, 1943.

The future may hold more successes in rekindling old friendships lost when that four engine C-154 lifted off the runway at RAF Mildenhall in England and I landed in the United States in February 1963. I was reassigned to Stewart AFB, Newburgh, NY thru October 1963.

In the summer of 2007 I got a phone call from my sister, Wilma Woodford, who had a layover in Colorado while flying back from Washington state. She found a website for the 79th Navy Seabees on her laptop. She wanted me to verify that the 79th was Dad's former outfit. I told her it was, she asked if I would be interested in viewing it. I told her yes, so she gave me the site's website address.

I retrieved Dad's cruise book from Alaska to make sure his outfit was the 79th Construction Battalion.

I got on my computer and retrieved the website. There was gobs of information on the 79th. Through the help of Jeannie "Taake" Winters (webmaster) I was invited to send her something about Dad and she posted it on the website. Through the course of e-mailing back and forth she invited Wilma and I to the 79th's reunion to be held in Lancaster, PA on October 7-11, 2007.

It's strange, after Dad returned home from the South Pacific, the conversation didn't come up too many times about what he did in WWII. If Bob or I asked him, he would change the subject.

Due to Wilma and my schedules we couldn't attend the whole Seabee reunion, we arrived on the 9th and were able to stay through the 11th.

You would have thought we were family as we were treated so well by the Seabees and their wives. Little did we know we were very fortunate to be at that reunion, as time has passed since then, several of those attending have passed away or cannot travel to reunions any more. Publishing The Gad-a-bout has been a great help in conveying stories of some of their war experiences since 2007.

I always thought Dad was with the 79th NCB for his entire tour of duty with the Seabees. But at Lancaster after talking to Jeannie Winter who had muster lists for the LST's the 79th went to Saipan on, I couldn't find Dad's name on any of them.

Since that first Seabee Reunion with the help of Lenore Hummel's (Seabee Fred Hummel's wife) I was able to find out where Dad was after returning from Alaska. She had a high school friend, a Marine General, who put me in contact with the Marine Corps History Division, Annette Amerman Unit/Force Structure Historian in Quantico, VA September 20, 2010. She then contacted Port Hueneme, CA Archivist Gina Nichols at the USN Seabee Museum who sent me an e-mail on September 23, 2010 that said, "Mr. Dickerson, Your father served with MAG 33 on Okinawa at Kadena Airfields as well as ACORN 29 at Awase Airfield. I've attached a historical packet with the unit itinerary, photographs, and a few articles on CBMU 624. There was no mention in the logs, monthly reports, or other documents on the ship the unit utilized for transportation.

Not too long after receiving the above e-mail I learned from talking to a few former CBMU 624 Seabees, they left Port Hueneme January 1, 1945 on board the USS Thurston (AP-77) docking at Pearl

Harbor. From Pearl Harbor they formed up in Task Force 58 on board APA-203 Meriwether that took about 2 months to get to Okinawa with occasional stops at Christmas Island (part of Gilbert Islands), Marshall Islands, a 3-day rest stop at Eniwetok before arriving in time to land on Okinawa with the U.S. Marines who they were attached to, on April 1, 1945.

I was able to find out how Dad returned to the states from Okinawa by rummaging through documents I found after he passed away. He had enough points to return home. He and 527 other Veterans of Okinawa were picked up by the U.S.S. Topeka (CL-67), a Cruiser on October 4, 1945 and taken to Portland, OR. Fortunately for the U.S.S. Topeka, it's crew and the 528 Veterans picked up off Okinawa on October 9th (five days later) a typhoon hit Okinawa that wrecked havoc on the island. Many 79th NCB Seabees I have talked to tell about losing about everything they owned including their living quarters as a result of the October typhoon.

Early in 2011 I received an invitation to attend the 79th NCB's 66th Reunion to be held in Pekin, IL. It fell right with my Gad-a-bout print schedule, so I told them I could attend the reunion. Really enjoyed that one too, visited Springfield and the Lincoln Center, a vast historical life of Abraham Lincoln.

The night of the banquet the host, Bob Huls asked who wanted to volunteer to host the 2012 Reunion. No one raised their hand. After a bit of silence I raised my hand and asked if I could host the 2012 Reunion in honor of my father, Seabee Raymond E. Dickerson in Richmond, IN. Bob told me they would have to discuss that and get back to me. After getting home from the reunion the next week I got a letter from Bob saying they accepted my offer, but was I sure I really wanted to do it. I sent him a quick reply telling him I would. I also asked him if I could invite CBMU 624 Seabees to the reunion since Dad served with both the 79th and CBMU 624. Bob checked with the others and the die was set.

I thought with my sources and use of the internet I would be able to get at least 15 new Seabees plus their wives to Richmond. I asked permission to invite Seabees from CBMU 624, Dad's other unit to the reunion, the 79th agreed. What I didn't think about was the age factor of WWII Seabees in 2012 and the age the Seabee was when he entered the Navy in 1942. Dad was 29 when he joined, had he lived to 2012 he would have been 99 years old.

I sent out 125 letters to Seabee addresses I got from many different sources including Seabee sources. Of those 125 I got back 22 replies from Seabees' wives, moms, dads, sons or daughters as to the reason their loved one couldn't attend the reunion.

When all was said and done from the 79th NCB we had 4 Seabees, 3 wives and 2 daughters; CBMU 624 we had 1 Seabee and his daughter; from the 123rd NCB we had 1 Seabee and his wife. To get the number up for the banquet I invited local Vietnam Seabee Veterans. Of those 3 Seabees and 1 wife attended and I invited 6 additional guests for a total of 23 at the banquet. Total Seabees was 9, I missed my prediction by 6.

The sad truth is our WWII Veterans are dwindling.

It wasn't until the 79th's 68th Reunion in 2013 that I was able to visit Joe Rudy, age 91, on my way back from Ephrata, PA. I finally found a Seabee who was with Dad in the Seabees, 1943-1944. Joe, his wife Catherine and I had a wonderful visit. Joe had sent me a letter in 2012 telling me about his knowing Dad, they were both in the 79th NCB, Company D, Platoon 2 in Alaska. Unfortunately my plan for stopping at Joe's this year on the way back from Ephrata, PA won't happen because Joe Rudy passed away January 16, 2015.

Dan Wells, who is Commander of Seabee Veterans of America New Castle's Island X-4 contacted me in September 2013 and invited me to the dedication of a Seabee Monument, Sat., October 2013 at the Marion National Cemetery in Marion, IN.

I attended that day and was awed by the reverence and appreciation these Veterans showed for all to see the love of their country and fellow Veterans.

Dan Wells has invited me to attend the NSVA Joint Convention and Reunion of Indiana and Ohio in Toledo, OH May 1-3 and I'm looking forward to being with these Seabee Veterans and learning the stories of their military experiences defending freedom. ■



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1991 Frontier Days Narration

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were killed in the action. The Indians captured 70 wagon horses and carried off what they could carry on horse back. Wayne was able to retrieve much of the food from the convoy undamaged.

Since it was so late in the season to mount a major expedition. Wayne decided to winter at a spot just six miles north of Fort Jefferson. He built a fort there and called it Fort Greenville.

By December Wayne was able to detach eight companies of infantry and some artillery under Major Henry Burbeck to go to the scene of St. Clair's defeat where they erected Fort Recovery. The army was able to recover the ten pieces of artillery buried by the Indians after William Wells showed them where they were buried. Wells supervised the recovery of the cannon. The artillery was used later to defend the fort, much to the Indians surprise.

On January 13, 1794, after Wells had previously released a Indian woman to go to the Delaware village with a message of peace, the son of Buckongahelas, the Delaware War Chief, and two other Delaware warriors arrived at Greenville to begin peace negotiations with Wayne. As a matter of faith the Indians were to gather up all of the white captives and return them to Wayne in 30 days. The negotiations failed when the project couldn't be completed in 30 days and Wayne wouldn't extend the truce. Wayne felt the truce was merely a ruse to gain more time to build up the Indian strength before he began his move on them.

The British maintained their support of the Indian cause and on Feb. 10, 1794, Lord Dorchester made a speech in Quebec where he flatly stated that there was no boundary between Great Britain and the United States in the Indian Country and predicted that Great Britain would go to war with the United States before the end of 1794 to force the Americans to agree on a boundary that would satisfy the Indians.

In Feb, Lord Dorchester ordered Simcoe to build a fort at the foot of the rapids of the Maumee River. He started building the fort in April, it was called Fort Miami and on April 14, 1794, Simcoe read Lord Dorchesters speech to the Indians.

General Wayne was one of the most informed generals of his time, thanks to William Wells. Wells had an elite group of spies he worked with, they had all been captives themselves. They fit in with the Indians and knew the territory better than most. The most celebrated of the band was William May, Robert McClellan, Nicholas and Christopher Miller.

The Indians asked the help of the British to deal with Wells and his band of spies. Wells used the same tactics he had learned during his life as a Miami warrior to aid in his tasks.

Little Turtle expected Wayne to attack by June and he had two plans considered. One was to let Wayne go by and cut his lifeline to the forts or attack him at some favorable location along the Auglaize River. If need be they could retire to the protection of the newly built British fort and possibly draw the British into the war.

Meanwhile Wayne couldn't move until General Scott arrived with his 1,500-2,000 mounted militia from Kentucky, which would double his strength. The Secretary of War wanted Wayne to be on the move no later than July 20, 1794. Scott was due by mid-July.

When Wayne did not move by June 15, Little Turtle considered going on the offensive himself, the large number of Indians gathered at Fort Miami had created a supply problem of their own which overtaxed the ability of the British traders. A war council was convened towards the middle of June. Between 1,500 and 2,000 Indians were in the area, Delaware, Miami, Shawnee, Ottawa, Chippewa, Potawatomi, Wyandot and other lake tribes.

Wells, May and one of the Miller brothers made it back to Wayne's Headquarters. Their information led Wayne to believe that the Indians was going to attack Greene Ville so he prepared for an attack. However the Indians veered from their course of march and attacked Fort Recovery. They were repulsed by the use of the artillery. The Indians spent a great deal of time searching for the artillery they thought to be buried near the fort. The artillery they were looking for was being used against them.

During the night a large number of Chippewa arrived at the battle sight and insisted on renewing

the attack on the fort. They too were repulsed by the cannon fire as on the previous day. The Indians chose to retire back to the Auglaize.

Following the Fort Recovery failure, Little Turtle went to Detroit to seek aid from the British. When they failed to offer assistance, they had confirmed what he had felt for some time, they only wanted to use the Indians for their own gain. From then on, he openly advocated peace with the Americans at all of the council meetings he attended, but unfortunately he could not sway the other chiefs.

On July 27 Scott arrived with half of his militia. Wayne immediately moved to the St. Marys where he spent three days building Fort Adams. In the mean time the remainder of the Kentucky volunteers arrived with heavy ordinance and rations for 30 days. On August 3rd a tree fell on Wayne's tent and knocked him out cold, he recovered in time to order his army on the move on Aug 4, 1794. On Aug. 9th Wayne's army camped at Blue Jacket's deserted village, where it remained for several days while the army constructed Fort Defiance.

Meanwhile William Wells was instructed to take his band of spies and scout the Indian villages and Fort Miami, to take an Indian captive and see what they could learn from him. He took Christopher Miller, Robert McClellan, William May and Dodson Thorp, dressed and painted as Indians. On Aug 11th they they captured a Shawnee and his wife. On their return trip they noticed a small Delaware village about 20 miles from Ft Defiance and decided to see what they could learn there.

While in the village, Wells, heard one Indian remark that he recognized May, the scouts had to shoot their way out of the village. They killed two Delawares and effected their escape, but not before McClellan was wounded in the shoulder and Wells was hit by a ball that smashed his wrist. Miller rode to Fort Defiance and a party of dragoons was sent to bring in the wounded scouts.

The Shawnee prisoner revealed that about 600 warriors were at McKee's store and that Elliott had gone to Detroit for reinforcements and would return on Aug 11th. Other Indians were to be coming to Fort Miami.

Wayne decided to make one more peace offering, he sent Christopher Miller with a white flag of truce to the Indians. Urging them not to be deceived by the British any longer and to make peace at once.

The Indians held a council with all the chiefs present representing the many tribes. It was at this council that Little Turtle made his strongest speech for peace. He said, We have beaten the enemy twice under different commanders. We cannot expect the same good fortune to attend us always. The Americans are now led by a chief who never sleeps. Like the blacksnake, the day and the night are alike to him or during all the time he has been marching on our villages, notwithstanding the watchfulness of our young men, we have not been able to surprise him. Think well of it. There is something whispers me, it would be prudent to listen to his offers of peace."

The other chiefs accused Little Turtle of cowardice and he responded by resigning as war chief, they picked Blue Jacket to take his place. Turtle placed himself in a position where he could become a leader after the battle.

The Indians reply was to ask for a ten day truce, during which time Wayne would remain at Fort Defiance. Wayne refused to wait the ten days, believing that the Indians wanted the time to reinforce their army.

Wayne moved his army to the Roche de Bout on August 18th where they built a temporary earthwork for their supplies, they named it Camp Deposit. Wells and his band of spies was sent to scout the Indian camp, they found the enemy in great numbers and had to flee for their lives. William May was captured. The next day he was tied to a tree and used for target practice, until about 40 bullets had struck him and he was dead.

The Indians had taken up there position in the tangled swath of fallen trees felled by a tornado some years before. They numbered between 1300 and 1400.

On August 20th, they were delayed by a sudden rain storm. Wells advised Wayne to continue the attack in the rain. He knew from his Indian experience that many of the Indians would leave their position to take advantage of the rain to get food. This was precisely what happened, when the battle began only 900 Indians were in position to repel Wayne's attack. The battle lasted for about one hour.

Major Price made the initial contact when the

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Jim graduated from Greens Fork High School in 1945 and had participated in Baseball, Basketball and Track. He joined the Navy and served during WWII, spending a year in Shanghai, China. After returning home he worked for Warfel and Paust printers in Richmond. In 1963 he opened his own printing shop, Stevenson Printing and Photography. He retired from his shop in 2009.



James Robert "Jim" Stevenson
July 11, 1927 - March 30, 2015

I first got to know Jim professionally when I began publishing my first publication, the Outdoor Gad-a-bout back in 1973. I took my black and white film to him and he made contact sheets for me to look at and select the photos I wanted him to print.

More recently when Sherry and I would go shopping at Walmart on Friday afternoons we have often saw Jim and his wife Dorothy there also. Jim and Dorothy had been married 65 years. I always stopped and we talked about back when and today's topics. Most of the time I would find Jim leaning up against one of the meat freezers, resting.

However the last few weeks we were wondering why we hadn't seen them.

When Sherry came home from work the other day she handed me the April 1, 2015 obituary page of the local daily and there was Jim's photo. It saddened me that he had passed away and I knew nothing about it.

DAVE WILCOX WHO OWNS TRIANGLE SENT ME SOME PHOTOS OF MUSHROOMS

I stopped by Dave's Triangle shop on Brookville Lake he showed me some mushrooms he had found last year. Dave seems to know just where the mushrooms are and when, he finds gobs of them every year. Here are a couple of his pics.



Good luck finding mushrooms this year. I hope to find a few, just enough for one good meal.



Alex Delaney took this his first deer, a spike buck on 11-15-2014. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Tyler Gilliatt took this 9 point, 160 lb. buck on 11-16-2014. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Josh Hodowal of Cambridge City enjoyed a successful trapping season this year. He dried muskrat, mink, raccoon, beaver, fox and coyote which was auctioned off at the Fur Harvesters Auction in North Bay, Canada in March. (Josh Hodowal Photo)

1991 Frontier Days Narration

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Indians fired on him from the tall grass. Price's men recoiled and fled back into the ranks of the advancing Legion. Some confusion prevailed for a brief

moment, but then General Wilkinson rallied the troops and kept up a steady advance of the Legion. Wayne's intensive training prevailed as each man held his ground, there was no panic and no retreat.

Wayne and Hamtramck's men continued to advance. Because of the fallen timbers, the mounted militia could not be used so Wayne had them circle the

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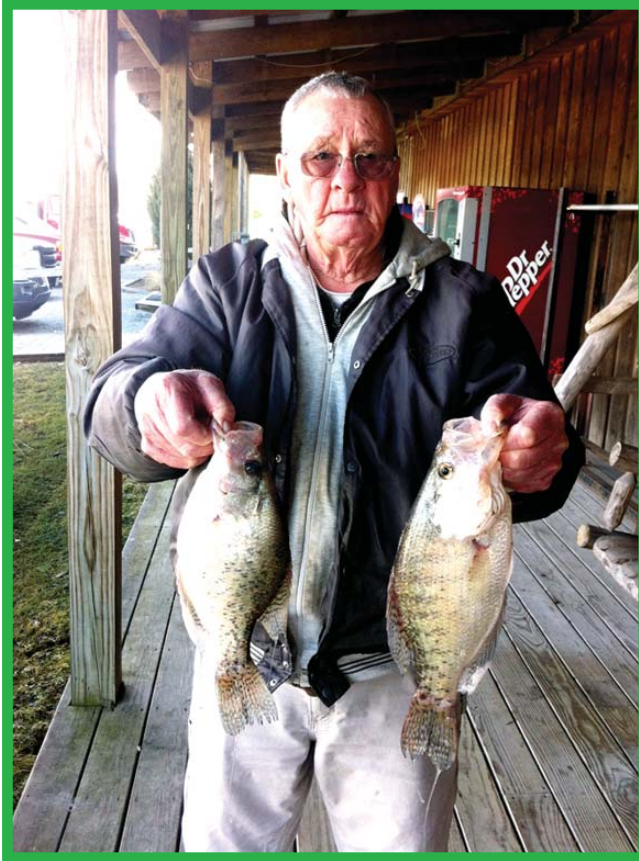
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Hagan Amburgey showing of a 13 and 14 inch crappie caught this spring from the Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Kevin Collard took this 10 point buck on 11-15-2014. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Casey Jenkins took this 8 point buck on 11-19-2014. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)

area and come in on the rear of the Indian location. Hamtramck on the American's left flank encountered stubborn resistance from the Wyandot and Caldwell's Rangers on the Indian right. Nine Wyandot chiefs and two Ottawa chiefs were killed, Tarhe (The Crane) was wounded before the Indians gave way.

Lt. Percy Pope attacked the Indian left, first he dropped some howitzer into the fallen timbers then followed that with a bayonet charge of the Legion. Scott's encircling move was not quick enough to stop the Indians retreat, which was made with great haste towards the direction of the British Fort Miami of the Lakes

When the defeated Indians reached the gates of the fort they expected to find a refuge, but instead found the gates locked. Chief Buckongahelas, a strong advocate for the British up to that moment was very enraged. He openly showed his contempt for the British then and for the rest of his life.

Wayne followed the Indians and set up a camp within eyesight of the British Fort. He had the

authority to attack the British Fort, but made no plans to do so. The Americans had 89 wounded and 44 dead, the Indians had approximately 50 dead. The Indians often carried their dead from the field before their loss was ever known.

Shortly after his camp was secured, Wayne received a communication from Maj. William Campbell from the British Fort

"Sir: An army of the U.S. of America, said to be under your command, having taken post on the banks of the Maumee for upwards of the last 24 hours, almost within reach of the guns of this fort, being a post belonging to His Majesty the King of Great Britain, occupied by His Majesty's troops, it becomes my duty to inform myself as speedily as possible in what light I am to view your making such near approaches to this garrison. I have no hesitation on my part to say that I know of no war existing between Great Britain and America."

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