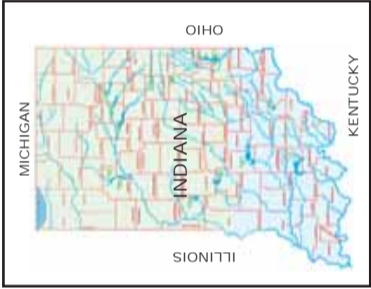


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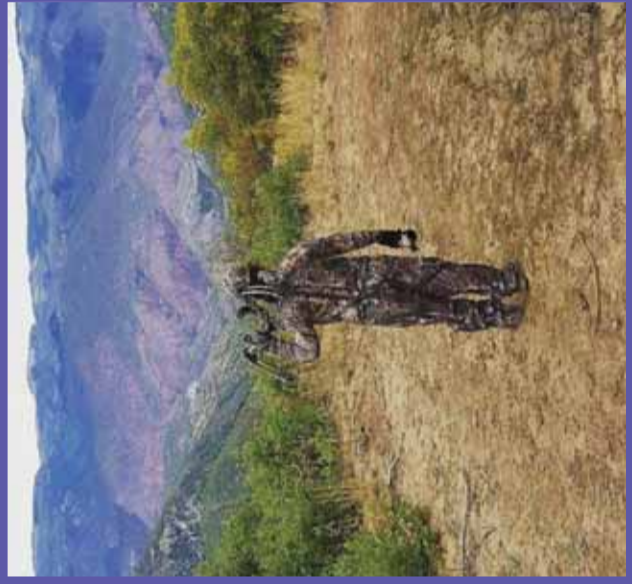
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Top Right: A U.S. Air Force B-47 is the backdrop for this group of people assembled to dedicate the newly installed Purple Heart Trail that you can now walk on to visit each aircraft on the field. From left to right, Jim Price, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Clem, Unknown person, Sandy Chittum, Unknown, Harley Engle, Larry Shaw, Janet Riggle, John Riggle Jr., Mike Taylor, David Bandelier and David Brooking. See Page 16 for a more detailed list of these people. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Left: Nick Martino takes a moment to enjoy the

splendor of the Colorado Rockies while bowhunting for elk. It is big country, and while it can seem intimidating as a bowhunter to try to get within spitting distance of an elk, one thing is for sure; it won't happen if you don't try! See Page 23 (Photo by Joe Martino)

Bottom Right: I was delivering Gad-a-bout on Pottawattamie Road just east and south of Logansport several years ago when up ahead I saw four deer playing in the roadway. I pulled over and off the roadway getting out to get a better photo when a car and motorcycle came toward me. I snapped off several photos quickly. This was one of those times when no one got hurt when meeting up with deer on a roadway. See Page 25, lower right side of page. This is a not so lucky person who ended up with a buck in his front seat. Jack Petruska an Air Force buddy from the early 60's, sent me the photo from Minnesota a few years ago. (Photo Jack Petruska)

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Since 2010 I have had numerous phone calls and e-mails from people who want it but don't live near one of our advertisers where they can pick it up for free. Up until now I have told them they can read it for free on line, but many want to hold it in their hand rather than read it on my website. I can understand that myself. Up until now I've had to tell them there is no way for them to get The Gad-a-bout. To the very few who had received it by mail from me for a year had been paying \$36.00 per year, none are receiving it now.

The new subscription will cost you \$28.00 to have it mailed first class in a white envelope I send it to you in. I figured a way to mail it for the lower rate by buying envelopes in larger quantities. I've had people tell me they drive a great distance each month to get a copy of The Gad-a-bout, I'm flattered, but the cost in gasoline for them to drive has to be expensive. Maybe having it mailed will save them money in the long run.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR UC MIDDLE SCHOOL SATURDAY, NOV 21, 2015

Union County Extension Homemakers Holiday Bazaar to be held at the U.C. Middle School Saturday Nov. 21, 2015 at 488 E. SR 44 in Liberty, IN. 100 Booth Spaces everything for the upcoming holidays. Free Admission, Handicap Accessible. Come early, steaming coffee and donuts late, steaming coffee, cold drinks, pie.

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READ LT. BILL BROWN EXPLANATION OF CHANGES IN DEER TAGS, ETC

If you have any questions relating to the recent changes in the DNR's handling of the Deer Tag, Check In, Licensing and other concerns during the recent changes, be sure to read page 7 in this issue.

AVIAN INFLUENZA SAMPLING TO OCCUR AT SEVERAL STATE PROPTYS

This fall and winter, the Indiana DNR will be testing hunter-harvested wild ducks for avian influenza as part of a national surveillance effort.

Duck hunters at eight properties will be asked to help by returning to the check station after a successful hunt to allow their birds to be tested. Birds will be tested as quickly as possible. Birds are the hunter's to keep. The testing process is not invasive and does not damage meat.

The first round of testing will be conducted during opening weekend of duck season at the following properties:

Oct. 24-25: Willow Slough, Kankakee, Pigeon River and Tri-County fish & wildlife areas.

Oct. 31-Nov. 1: Goose Pond and Hovey Lake fish & wildlife areas; Brookville Lake (in the basement of the main office at Mounds State Recreation Area), and Monroe Lake, at the Stillwater Marsh check station on Kent Road.

Additional testing will occur throughout the fall and winter as large numbers of birds move through the various properties. Properties will post notices when they are taking samples.

To view all DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

THE GAD-A-BOUT USES A DEER WHISTLE TO AVOID DEER, RACCOON, FOX, COYOTE, SQUIRREL, ETC.

I've been using the deer whistle you can view on the front cover of this issue, for many years. The only place I know of that carries it and has it on hand right now is Mendenhall's Hardware in Richmond, Indiana. See their ad on page 15 in this issue.

The thing I like about this deer whistle (actually wildlife whistle) the most is it is not only just a deer whistle it also causes squirrel, raccoon, skunk, groundhog, coyote, fox and opossum to leave the road or not come on the road. However, when I travel I drive on high beams at night as much as possible always looking for reflecting eyes, movement or other tale signs of wildlife ahead and slow down. That's just common sense in my book. I didn't realize how beautiful a skunk was leaving the roadway until I began using this deer whistle. They look like a piece of black and white

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Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



by Janice Hunsche

November 2015 Activities

Metamora, A Historical Canal Town

The year is starting to come to a close. If you don't care for the hustle and bustle of large crowds then a visit to Metamora is just the thing at the beginning of November. You can pick up a gift for that special person, take in a concert and enjoy the peace and quiet.

The month starts with two different shows on **November 7th**. The MPA Opry Barn on Pennington Street is hosting Lucky and the Kid and Donovan Harris. The doors open at 6pm, music begins at 6:30pm, and cost is \$6 at the door. The Cat and the Fiddle Event Center at the corner of Columbia St and Clayborn St is hosting an evening of Live Comedy starting at 6pm. For more information as well as reservations be sure to call Catrina at **513-403-0672**.

November 14th brings Girls Nite In at the Cat and the Fiddle Event Center from 7-9pm. This is a wonderful showcase of up and coming female talent. Reservations are suggested for all the shows at the Cat and Fiddle Event Center so be sure to call 513-403-0672. **Nov 21st** is bluegrass night at the MPA Opry Barn on Pennington Street. Mark Poe and the All American Bluegrass show will be performing their unique version of bluegrass. The doors open at 5:30pm, food and drink will be available for purchase, and cost is \$6 at the door. Finally on **November 27th** the Cat and the Fiddle Event Center will be hosting Brian Keith Wallen. The show starts at 7pm. Reservations are suggested **513-403-0672**.

Mosaic on Main Street has several different groups meeting in November. On **November 8**, the Metamora Photography Club will meet from 2-3pm. This is a free club open to all levels of experience. **November 15th** is the Songwriter's Roundtable from 2-3pm. This is a chance to join fellow songwriters and share finished work as well as work in progress. **November 20th** is the Mosaic Breakfast Jam starting at 10am. This is a free community jam. All you need is your instrument, a breakfast item and some songs to share.

One of the fun holiday traditions in the Whitewater Valley is the Polar Express. It runs Friday - Sunday, **November 20th through December 20th**. This is a very popular train that usually sells out. The train departs the Connersville station for a trip through the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 13**



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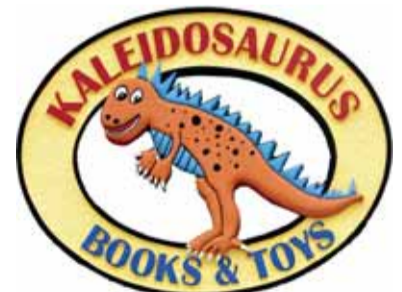


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by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

November Walleye Fishing

Finding and catching walleye in Brookville lake through out the year can be a difficult task.

In the spring they are going to be shallow and on the banks, that's a given. In the summer they are going to be 8 to 12 feet deep in the the middle of the lake living on flats this is also a given. But in the fall it can be tricky. At this time of year the fish can be deep or shallow. This is all due to fall turn over.

In the summer the lake stratifies. This is were the upper warm water meets the lower cold water.

The area were the two meet is called a thermocline. Down below the thermocline there is not a sufficient amount of oxygen to sustain life. So all the fish are forced to live above the thermocline through



Left Photo: 4 lb. Small mouth bass I caught on a hopkins spoon. Right Photo: 5 lb. walleye I caught on a hopkins spoon. (Author Photos)



out the summer.

Most years this is not really a problem. With the rain, wind and cool nights the thermocline will stay deep, usually in Brookville about 35 feet. But as the summer months take its toll on the upper layer off water the fish can be put between a rock and a hard place. For the last couple of years Brookville lakes surface temperature has reached 85 degrees in August. Not a big deal as long as you have a deep thermocline. In the fall things start to change. The days get shorter the nights get longer, and the surface temperature of the lake starts to cool. This is the first sign to all the fish in the lake that winter is on its way.

What happens next is a lot of the fish that have been holding on deep drop off edges or holding just above the thermocline will move closer to the surface as the water temperature continues to get colder. The next thing to happen is fall turn over. This is mother natures way of helping the fish survive the cold water of the winter season. In the summer the water is warmer on the surface around 80 degree and the water down below the thermocline is around 65 degrees. As the upper layer of water cools it gets heavier then the lower layer of water and the water swaps places. Now the upper layer of water is colder and the lower layer is warmer. This is called fall turn over. What this doe's is re oxygenates the deep water all the way to the bottom. This enables the fish to go as deep as they need, to survive the cold water of winter

At this the time of the year the fish can be deep or shallow. I have caught walleye 55 feet deep on a jig-

ging spoon, then turned around and catch them casting the bank using a count down rapala.

Places to look shallow: Any place you see bait fish on the surface. Look around fallen timber or rocky shore lines where the sun hits the bank all day. Main lake points are always a good bet

This pattern will last till the surface temperature gets down in the mid forty's. After this the fish will only be deep.

Places to look deep: Steep drop ledges or deep water with slow current next to a main channel.

When fishing shallow a 6 foot 6 inch medium action bait caster or a 6 foot medium spinning pole is a good choice. But when your fishing deep you need to use Medium heavy rods and switch to braided line. I like to use 15 lb. Text Calcutta line that I buy from 52 Pik-up. When the water is cold the fish are kind of in a slow motion mode. Some of the bites are nothing more then a peck. The braided line will let you feel even the smallest of hits.

When fishing shallow choose baits that look like bait fish that you can fish very slow. When fishing deep choose baits that look like bait fish that can be fished straight up and down. Remember you are trying to imitate what the fish are feeding on at this par-

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by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Liberty Couple Arrested for Possession of Meth

Liberty – Late during the evening of 09/24 an ongoing investigation by the Indiana State Police led to a search warrant and the arrest of a Liberty couple for possessing Methamphetamine. Members of the Pendleton District Meth Suppression Team served a search warrant on 9/24 around 11 p.m. on Apartment #7 at 300 Meadow Lane in Liberty.

As a result of the search warrant Darin Deilks, age 48, and Erica Deilks, age 30, were arrested by the State Police and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Level 6 Felony; Possessing a Hypodermic Needle, Level 6 Felony and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Level 6 Felony. Both were transported and lodged in the Union County Jail by Pendleton Trooper Stephen Tipton.

The Liberty Police Department and the Union County Sheriff's Department provided two officers for security at the scene as ISP personnel collected evidence. In addition the Pendleton District Meth Suppression team was assisted in their investigation by the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Indiana continues to lead the nation in meth labs, and Delaware County, which is in the Pendleton District, continues to lead the state in meth labs. The above release shows that the Pendleton District Meth Suppression Team not only goes after labs, but also those that possess Methamphetamine and those "smurfs," (people who work for a meth cook) going out and buying the ingredients used in the making of Meth.

Meth cooks are dumping their toxic chemicals and trash outdoors, often in pull offs for fields, boat ramps and paths around state parks. 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're out hunting this fall and encounter trash piles that look suspi-



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icious, please call the number below to let us check it out.

Anyone with information about illegal drug use is encouraged to call the Pendleton Post at **1-800-527-4752**, or the Indiana State Police Drug Tip Line at **1-800-453-4756**. Tips can be made and kept anonymous.

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. While on the site make sure to check out information about meth addiction, statistics, meth lab clean up and meth lab addresses from around the state.

Indiana State Police Employees Receive Awards

Indianapolis – A first sergeant, a sergeant, five troopers and a civilian employee were honored in a ceremony on 10/9 for their work with the Task Force Connersville. The multi-agency task force started with officers from the Indiana State Police, State Parole, State Excise, Fayette County Probation, Fayette County Sheriff's Department and Connersville Police Department last November, after the Connersville community had 20 overdoses and 5 drug related deaths between September 6th and September 26th in 2014.

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter contacted Connersville Police Chief David Counciller after hearing about the overdoses last fall, to offer assistance. With Superintendent Carter's help the multi-agency Task Force Connersville was operational by November 4th, 2014. To date the task force has made over 210 drug related arrests

First Sergeant Todd Fields received an award for Meritorious Service, while Sergeant Brian Metcalfe and Troopers Chris Yeend, Aaron Edwards, Bryan Rumble, Andrew Taylor and Stephen Tipton, along with civilian employee Ramona Newton, received a Commendation award for their work with the task force.

The employees were recognized by Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter at a ceremony held at the Indiana Government Center South Auditorium Friday, 10/9. Most of the employees involved with the task force were employees of the former Connersville State Police Post, and have intimate knowledge of the people and community there.

Sergeant Brian Metcalfe said "The knowledge we all had of the community helped in our investigations.

Also working hand in hand with the local law enforcement agencies has been the true success of the taskforce. With the department refocusing their efforts towards a community policing organization, and helping to rebuild the relationships that have suffered in years past, it has help make the community a safer place."

In most cases Indiana State Troopers live in the communities in which they work and serve, which helps them take ownership in that community and its problems.

Two Troopers Honored for Twenty Years of Service

Pendleton – Two Pendleton District Troopers were recently honored for achieving twenty years of service with the Indiana State Police. Master Trooper Chris Noone, and Master Trooper Dave Preston, were both awarded certificates and a pin to be worn on their uniforms.

Master Trooper Chris Noone graduated from Elwood High School in 1989 and Indiana State University in 1993 with a degree in Criminal Justice. He graduated from the Indiana State Police Academy on June 4th, 1995 and was assigned to the Pendleton District as a road trooper.

Master Trooper Dave Preston graduated from Southwood High School in Wabash County in 1990, and Anderson University in 1994 with a double major in Criminal Justice and Physical Education. Preston also graduated from the Indiana State Police Academy on June 4th, 1995, and was assigned to the Pendleton District where he has spent his entire career. Preston is currently serving the district as a K-9 Officer.

If you or someone you know is interested in a career with the Indiana State Police, you can visit our web site at <http://www.in.gov/isp/> and click on job opportunities. To fill out a pre application, to be notified of the next selection process, visit the link at <https://myweb.in.gov/ISP/Recruitment/>. Basic requirements are being a United States citizen; must be at least 21 years of age and less than 40 years old when graduating from the academy; must possess a valid driver's license and possess a high school diploma or an equivalency.



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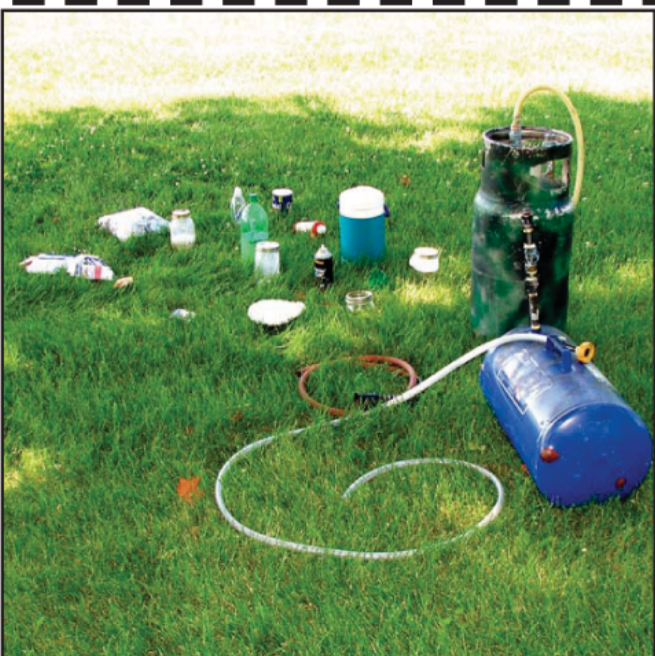
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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by Lt. Bill Browne Explaining The Changes

Hello again from the DNR Law Enforcement Division. The changing of our Indiana weather pattern brings our hunting seasons to full swing and I hope that everyone is enjoying the outdoors to its fullest. There is something about the smell of the fall woods that causes me to breathe a bit deeper and admire the beauty that nature brings this time of year.

We have been taking a large amount of questions about our on-line deer and turkey check in opportunities. I would like to address a couple of the "reasons why" in this article and hopefully bring everyone to a common understanding.

As we grow more and more into the age of electronic technology to handle our day to day business, so too has the DNR check stations. A few years back, I was privileged to be a part of the early conversations that considered creating an electronic deer and turkey check-in opportunity for sportsmen. In that early meeting someone stated, "a poacher/unethical hunter may use this as a way to circumvent the system to hide an illegally taken animal or conceal a legally taken animal so it would not count against their bag limit." The

response that was given in return will always direct the way that I approach my understanding of law enforcement and the laws that are written for the protection of our natural resources, I hope that it will also have that effect on you.

The response.....we [DNR] will cater to the legal and ethical sportsmen. We shall no longer create avenues that punish the lawful hunter because of an unethical person's behavior. Our ethical hunters deserve the opportunity to be treated with respect and dignity and we should create an avenue of trust with them. It is our job, as Conservation Officers, to diligently seek out those who violate the system and hold them accountable. It is also our job to build strong relationships with our ethical hunters that encourages them to call us when they have witnessed a violation and hold people accountable who try to discredit their love for the outdoors.

With that response I felt rejuvenated as a hunter and I hope that each of you can lift your chin with pride and realize that this system was built by our Fish and Wildlife Division for every ethical hunter. The "poacher" or unethical hunter will continue to seek ways to circumvent the system and we will certainly have to deal with them. For an ethical hunter to have the option to check in their legally taken game with convenience will reduce their personal out of pocket costs and give them the opportunity to experience the outdoors more fully which in turn reaches our goal.

With new technology there have been a few changes to our point of sale license vendors. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) is in the process of updating the system used to issue hunting and fishing licenses, known as the Indiana point of sale (ipos) system, that was launched in 2004. Several updates have been conducted over the last 10 years to improve the system. However, ipos can no longer meet current demands, and a new system is being developed. The new ipos system is anticipated to be deployed in early 2016, which will provide an improved customer experi-

ence.

In preparation for the new ipos system, some changes will need to occur immediately to ensure data security.

The Wyse terminals (computer systems) that have been issued to current retailers are operating on systems that are obsolete. DFW and its contractors will no longer be able to support this hardware as of August 31, 2015. Due to this, DFW also will no longer issue Wyse terminals to new retailers effective immediately.

In order to sell licenses at retail locations after August 31, each current and new retailer will be required to supply equipment and internet service. Retailers will need an internet connected device, a secure internet connection, and a printer. Due to the decline in availability of dial-up internet and the cost of broadband internet, DFW will no longer be able to provide internet connectivity for retailers.

With all this being said, the season is upon us and we should all get outside, take a deep breath of our great Indiana Fall and take in the sights and sounds of nature. Good hunting everyone, be safe, be patient and may your harvest be plentiful.

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Top Left Photo: L to R, Gary Stapleton, Gordon Juhasz and Wendi Stapleton standing in the main showroom of Vintage Karting Specialty. Top Right Photo: Gordon Juhasz and his daughter Wendi standing behind their parts counter. Bottom Left Photo: Gordon Juhasz in the Go Kart restoration shop, note the three work stations with a full machine shop area behind him. Bottom Right Photo: Wendy Stapleton is standing next to the dragster she helped build for her son, Sean. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Vintage Karting Specialty

by Ray Dickerson

Gordon Juhasz has fulfilled a life long dream. In May 2015 he opened his own Karting restoration business in Centerville, Indiana. His Vintage Karting Specialty business is located at 411 Water Street. His main activities is restoration, buying, selling and trading Karts, Mini Bikes and Junior Dragsters. See photos above, his shop has everything needed and room to spare.

Gordon's daughter Wendi Stapleton and her husband, Gary are also involved with Karting and work in the new business. Gary and Wendi have a daughter (Casey) and a son (Sean).

Gordon's mom and dad, John and Doris Juhasz supported Gordon in his racing career.

Wendi and her son build and race dragster's, see photo on page 16.

David Breeden also works part-time at the shop.

James Clark who owns Think Screen Printing is also located in Gordon's building. His contact information is 765-220-1711 or e-mail thinkinkscreenprint@gmail.com.

Gordon began advertising in The Gad-a-bout wanting to reach karting enthusiasts beyond the local area.

It is best to call before coming due to his being very active with the New Castle Motorsports Park located just off I-70 at SR 3 (see aerial map on this page). Gordon's phone number is 765-969-7756 or e-

mail to GordonJuhasz@gmail.com.

His business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. when he is in the shop.

As you can see in the above photos he is well equipped for doing business with all those interested in karting.

Gordon began racing Sprint Karts at Palestine, Camden and Eaton, Ohio in 1962. Enthusiasts involved in Karting are mainly located in Ohio, Indiana and California. California is where the sport originated.

Centerville, Indiana is very easy to get to, take I-70 past Richmond (from East) or Cambridge City (from west) at Exit 145 take Centerville Road south, Centerville is just 3 miles south of I-70, once in town you will be on North Morton Ave., watch for Crown Creek Blvd on your left (just before town park) turn left go two blocks (east) and turn right (south) onto 4th Street, then turn right (west) on Water Street. Vintage Karting Specialty will be on your left.

If you are coming on U.S. 40 (National Road) from the east or west turn north on 4th Street (east side of town), go past UPS on your right, turn left onto Water Street, Vintage Karting Specialty will be on your left.

The New Castle Motorsports Park is open mid March thru mid November from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Gordon spends a great deal of his time at that track. The track has been there for 12 years and is managed by Mike Adams. Mark Dismore owns New Castle Motorsports Park and Comet Kart Sales located in Greenfield, IN.



New Castle Motorsports Park located at right. (Map Quest Aerial Satellite View)

Gordon gave me a flyer for the track, for you readers who might be interested in visiting and possibly becoming involved in Karting at the New Castle Motorsports Park read on.

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

RE-BUILDING GOAT POWERED WHEELS

It's odd that someone can live in the same area for most of their lives and never be aware of what's on the other side of the fence. Recently, a friend of mine who happens to be an excellent wood worker asked if me and my wife would accompany him and his wife on a little excursion. He had been contracted to restore a goat cart for a client, the wheels of which were in sorry shape and were beyond the abilities of his tools and machinery. They needed to be completely restored by someone familiar with wooden spoked wheel construction.

The destination was southwestern Indiana to the Amish community at Montgomery, a small town about fifty miles from my hometown of Bedford. I'm familiar with our local Amish community but was totally unaware of others throughout the state. I agreed to go on the trip only to enjoy time with friends and didn't expect to get the education we experienced that day. My first thought was, who, back in the good old days, would trust a goat hooked up to a small cart to do anything other than go where the goat wanted to go in spite of any coaxing by the passenger(s). I envisioned a child armed with a whip, snapping it over the goats head while yelling "HYAA, HYAA" while the goat, totally ignoring all commands, would wander into the nearest briar patch or into the neighbors garden. My past experiences with goats showed that they are about as trustworthy and susceptible to commands as teaching a junk yard dog to roll over. From personal experience, I never succeeded at anything other than getting one of dad's goats to stop climbing onto the hood of his car. The idea of hooking one up to a dinky little two wheeled cart and expecting a casual ride down a picturesque country lane would have been like training a duck to walk a tight rope. Nonetheless, this cart, once re-built, would make an attractive porch decoration.

Following directions he had been given, Bob turned off the highway onto a paved county road which soon turned to gravel. Directions scratched on a piece of paper had to be replaced with GPS after a few false turns left us confused to the whereabouts of our destination. Through the wonders of modern technology we wound around from one road to the next through Amish farmland enjoying the serenity of a less complex lifestyle. Amish schools with children playing ball, horses grazing in pens and fields, and country stores serving the needs of the surrounding farms left a feeling of having stepped out of a frenzied, hurried world into an

oasis of calm. I had thoughts of selling my two wheeled motorized transportation and investing in a horse and saddle.

Then we reached our destination. Our jaws dropped open as we pulled into the drive of what looked like a multi building industrial complex, which in a sense, it is. Workers wearing their traditional Amish dress hustled about as the sounds of high speed air grinders and hammering rang out. Beautifully crafted spoked wooden wheels of various sizes stood around, ready for installation on their respective carriages of which a few examples waited outside the buildings and other inside in various stages of construction. Raber's Wheel Works advertises their "Hand Crafted Fine Carriages and Wagons Since 1979" and from what we saw, "Fine Handcrafted" is an apt description. One example caught my eye. Elegant open air coach work surrounded an interior of plush tufted and pleated seats, all carried on delicate looking multi-spoked wheels. All this sat on a sturdy but non-intrusive undercarriage, itself an example of meticulous craftsmanship.

After completing their transaction, Paul offered to take Bob and I on a guided tour of the operation. Inside the main fabrication building I removed my belt and used it to strap my jaw up to keep from dragging it on the floor as Paul explained how they use their facilities to create the metal works to construct complete carriages, surreys, and even sleighs. Large, mostly manually operated machines perform some of the bending and cutting operations necessary to complete parts required for undercarriage and coach work parts. I spent nearly a half century designing automated machines using CNC (computerized numerical control) and PLC's (programmable logic control) that performed some of the basic functions that these highly skilled artisans do mostly by hand with tools that were considered high tech in the first half of the last century. By comparison, modern high speed automated machinery, at the touch of a button, whirs, shoves, spins, rotates, shuttles, cuts, hammers, and spits out a finished product. Hopefully. Not to mention the cost of a machine to produce your average toaster housing reaching well into seven figures. Where did we go wrong?

Not here. Metal is coaxed into various shapes and joined before being painted and finally assembled into finished products. Sheet metal is formed into sweeping shapes for coach panels while an expert upholsterer covers seats in intricate patterns of pleats and tuftings. Wood is worked into intricate spoke patterns and wheel rims join it all together into round artwork. Paul showed us some of the wheel work they do, including some awaiting shipment for cannons.

Cannons? I thought the "waw" had been over for a while. Since Paul was assuming a rather casual attitude about supplying war material, I decided it would be best not to pursue the subject for fear of arousing some opposing opinions. I have mixed emotions about the outcome of that conflict since I personally know some "Johnny Rebs" and they really are "good 'ol boys".

I'm grateful for having had the opportunity to take a step, not back in time, but into a culture that has continued with the tradition that skills rest as much in the hands as in our modern high tech world. I'll never look at another horse drawn vehicle again without seeing the artisans it took to create it.

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SWATting

Have you heard of SWATting? Swatting is the act of tricking an emergency service provider into dispatching an emergency response based on an exaggerated and false report of a critical but fake incident. The FBI says that swatting incidents all too often result in the "deployment of SWAT units, bomb squads and other police units, as well as the evacuations of schools, businesses and residences."

Some gun control groups, such as Michael Bloomberg's Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and the Coalition To Stop Gun Violence, have also advocated the dangerous practice of calling 911 whenever one of their members sees or believes that a person is carrying a gun openly or concealed. The act is dangerous and what they are advocating is illegal. SWATting, due to the potential for it to cause panic, waste the resources of emergency services diverted from real emergencies and possibly cause injuries and psychological harm to the person or persons targeted, has been characterized as terrorism.

It is dangerous in that emergency responders may be injured racing to the area, or the person legally carrying may be injured or even killed in the melee that can follow. They, the gun control groups, go to on to explain that when a person calls in this SWAT that the person leave the area immediately. They can be arrested and charges of false reporting and Federal charges can be brought against them. Should anyone be falsely arrested, injured, or killed because of swatting, the caller/complainant could end up in prison for a long, long time. Should you know of or witness this happening please inform the police of the person making the SWATting report. Not only your safety and others is at stake but that of our emergency responders. Remember in 2014 the news report of the man shot and killed in the Beavercreek, Ohio, Walmart? He was car-

rying a BB gun around the store. Only one (1) person called 911 and exaggerated the situation to the extent that the officers responding thought an armed man was waving and pointing a gun at people in the store. If that were the case why did everyone else disregard him? He wasn't, he was talking on his cell phone. The officer's have been cleared of wrong doing. But what about the complainant? Was he responding to one of the Facebook posts like the one pictured here. The case is still being investigated by the U.S. Attorney's office. I truly believe the man who made the report should be charged for making a false report and manslaughter for causing the death of another person.

The Zombie's are Growing...

Have you been following all the Zombie shows on TV? Of course you have. I have laughed and cringed at the bloody gore presented in these "tongue in cheek" shows. Then, while I watched the pilot to the new show from AMC, "Fear The Walking Dead" I quit laughing. The program is the fictional prequel to the AMC show The Walking Dead. The son is a drug addict and they're living in a time of a virus turning everyone into zombies. Well, I'm not here to be a TV show reviewer but it struck me that the Walking Dead wasn't quite as fictional as I thought.

We are living in a society of "Walking Dead". Starting with all the people out there that don't pay attention or don't care what goes on outside their little make-believe world. They live in a cloud of imaginary beliefs that if they are good everyone else will be also. Tend to believe that if we take away all the guns people will stop killing each other. Criminals we become upstanding law abiding citizens. They live in a world of make believe and to many of them are in our legislatures around this great country. Then we have the zombies addicted to drugs.

Their only want or need is their next fix and it doesn't matter how they get it as long as they get it. As many are aware, Heroin has become the cheap drug of choice on the street. It has created a complete society of zombies who blindly go about doing anything they can to get the next meal of brains (heroin). They stick themselves with dirty needles and contract HIV or some other disease. Now we, the state or county, has to provide free needle exchanges to reduce the medical burden on the system from the increased medical needs caused by the use of the dirty needles. It really doesn't help though. They still share the needles. They're Zombies you know.

They overdose in their haste to get another, bigger high and now parents and emergency responders must carry the lifesaving opioid antidote Narcan™ (naloxone). States have had to pass good Samaritan laws to protect those administering the lifesaving drug. The State and Federal Government spend millions on warnings and drug programs trying to reduce the use

of drugs. But apparently to no avail. The Zombies keep growing. The so-call War On Drugs is being lost. The Government has won many battles but has lost the War. The Zombies are growing. Now the corner drug dealer is no more. Now they take the orders over the internet and social media and deliver to the Zombie's door like pizza. What can we do? I don't know. I'm just as frustrated as you. All I know is that if the Zombie's are attacking....

Quote of the Month

"Hoplophobia is a mental disturbance characterized by irrational aversion to weapons, as opposed to justified apprehension about those who may wield them." - Jeff Cooper

This month's "Quote" came from the mind and written word of the great firearms authority and writer, Jeff Cooper who explained: 'I coined the term "hoplophobia" in 1962 in response to a perceived need for a word to describe a mental aberration consisting of an unreasoning terror of gadgetry, specifically, weapons. The most common manifestation of hoplophobia is the idea that instruments possess a will of their own, apart from that of their user. This is not a reasoned position, but when you point this out to a hoplophobe he is not impressed because his is an unreasonable position. To convince a man that he is not making sense is not to change his viewpoint but rather to make an enemy. Thus hoplophobia is a useful word, but as with all words, it should be used correctly.'

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

Remember,
Be Safe, Be Aware, Be Responsible
Marshall Smith, Gunsmith
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Picture Comments: CAGVSwatting.jpg This photo was copied from the public Facebook page of the Coalition Against Gun Violence. I can't find the date when this was first posted but I believe it was sometime before 2013.



Zombies. (Author provided photo)

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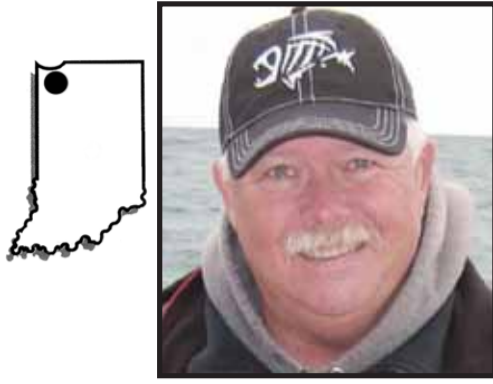
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

Great Lakes Gulps

There's a popular misconception that exceptionally thin people "eat like a bird." Actually, I eat like a bird. Actually, I'm not exceptionally thin. The point is, birds eat a lot!

Other than a few barnyard ganders I've seen, encountering an obese bird is rare. But that doesn't mean the skinny ones don't eat like hungry Boy Scouts. They do. Including Double Crested Cormorants.

The first DCC I ever saw was on a duck hunt. At first I thought a flock of geese was heading my way. By the time they got close, I knew they weren't geese but I wasn't sure just what they were. I looked them up in a bird book once I was back in civilization.

At the time, I thought I was lucky. DCCs were on the brink of being declared an endangered species. The usual suspects were blamed for their fall from abundance to near extermination - habitat destruction, over-hunting and petro-chemical contamination.

My guess is now-banned pesticides and other chemicals were the greatest factor in the historic decline of the cormorants. Once the contamination was relieved, DCCs proved to be an adaptable species. They were originally tree nesters and around the Great Lakes, they loved colonizing tree-covered islands. But when their population boomed they nested-to-congestion on these wooded isles, eventually depositing enough cormorant-guano over the sides of their nests to kill the trees. Eventually, the dead trees toppled but the DCCs came back to produce future generations on what had become rocky outcrops instead of forested isles.

Over-hunting? DCCs have always been protected. Other than a few fledgling waterfowlers banging down a DCC or two mistaking them for geese there's no reason to hunt for them. They aren't pretty and I doubt an Iron Chef could make them palatable. Over hunting couldn't have been a significant factor in their decline.

Regardless, instead of being a rare sighting on a long ago duck hunt, around the Great Lakes spotting a cormorant; more likely, spotting hundreds of corms



Once endangered, the Great Lakes is now over run with double crested cormorants. (Author Photo)

every day you go fishing is an everyday occurrence.

The problem with this abundance, or more to the point, over-abundance of DCCs is they eat like a bird. In the real sense of the term, not the imaginary sense. No wonder a flock of cormorants is properly called a "gulp."

A full grown cormorant eats a pound or two of fish each day. Let's just peg it at one and a half pounds. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, charged with management of these migratory birds, estimates there are 50,000 DCC nests in the Great Lakes area alone. That equates to 100,000 adults, and once the babies are born, at an average of four fledglings per nest, plus as many as 200K immature cormorants from the previous year, by mid-summer the Great Lakes are supporting well over a quarter million DCCs, down a half million pounds, give or take a ton, of fish - every day. A half-mil today, another half-mil tomorrow, a half-mil that you and I aren't going to catch. A half-mil of missing bait fish the predator fish we like to catch can't use as forage. A half-million pounds of Great Lakes fish that's been turned into DCC-poo.

Early on, when the cormorant population first started booming around the Great Lakes, fishermen added two and two and came up with the answer, their declining catches were directly proportional to the number of cormorants they were seeing. "Balderdash," said the DCC-hugging feds. "Cormorants only eat shad, alewives and other minnows at the low end of the food chain."

Studies proved this to be only partially true. Studies proved cormorants are indiscriminant eaters. They are as happy slurping perch, walleye or salmon smolts as snarfing down shad or alewives. The bottom line is when you see a gulp of DCCs you are looking at a group of birds that took thousands of pounds of fish to produce and thousands of pounds of fish to fuel.

Management efforts have proven effective. No one knows how many cormorants were nesting in the

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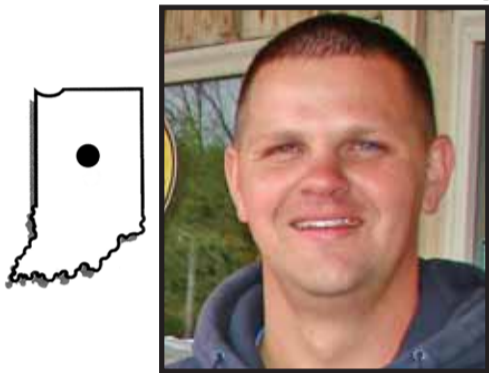


This is Steve Pershing and Tom Curtis showing their first place crappie. Their total weight was 5.82 pounds and big fish was a 13 inch 1.21 pound crappie. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)



This is Ed Sexton and Mark Jacob with their second place crappie. Their total weight was 5.31 pounds and big fish weighed 1.09 pounds. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Bozarth Crappie Tournament Classic

The 2015 Bozarth Crappie Tournament season came to a close on Saturday, September 26th as we hosted the last of four tournaments for the year. There were a total of ten teams entered to battle and for this last tournament they were allowed to fish either the Salamonie or Mississinewa

Reservoirs. With both lakes still being held at summer pool levels and the friendly cooperation of the weather this truly made for a great day to be on the lake. As our previous tournament held on August 29th failed to produce many of the "big" crappie we have become accustom to catching in this area, we were hoping this time around the results would be different. And different they were as our anglers managed to bring multiple "big" slabs to the weigh in station and confirm the multiple good fishing reports we were receiving leading up to tournament day.

One team that ended up having a very good day on the lake and thus resulted in taking first place honors for both big fish and total weight was the duo of Steve Pershing and Tom Curtis. Their top seven crappies had a combined weight of 5.82 pounds and their big fish was a 13 inch, 1.21 pound crappie. Fishing on the Salamonie Reservoir, their most success was found by fishing the points in deeper waters. Another team having a good day on the Salamonie was Ed Sexton and Mark Jacob. With a total of 5.31 pounds and a big fish weighing 1.09 pounds they were able to claim second place for both total weight and big fish. Rounding out the top three was Jeff Yeakle and grandson John Brumley, the defending champs of our previous tournament, with a total weight of 4.6 pounds.

As you can tell the weights were much higher than our previous tournament and this trend has continued even after this tournament. Five of the ten tournament teams

were able to net a big fish weighing over a pound which helps illustrate the fact that the arrow is pointing up for fishing here at the "Great Lakes of the Wabash"! We would like to take a moment and say thanks to all the fishermen who showed up and fished in our tournaments this year. Even though we went through a tough stretch with the high waters in the middle of summer things have rebounded and the property is getting back to its normal self. I would also like to invite you or anyone you know who may be interested in fishing our tournaments next year to stop in and see us for more information. These tournaments are lot of fun and allow fishermen to share different stories and techniques amongst each other. Our **2016 tournament schedule** will be available the weekend of our **Annual Fishing Tackle Sale** which begins the **first Saturday in March** and runs through the following Sunday. For more information call Bozarth's Country Store at **(765) 981-4522**.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone there is still time left to enjoy the last few weeks of camping as we close in on the 2015 season. This is a great time of the year to take the family and get away from the everyday hustle and bustle in your life and enjoy one of the best times of the year to enjoy some of the beauties of nature. Opportunities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and horseback riding are all available here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash and we would enjoy having you for a visit. For more information on the properties you can contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at **(260) 468-2127**.



Jeff Yeakle and John Brumley came back from winning our previous tournament to take third place overall with 4.6 pounds (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

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Metamora Happenings

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quiet countryside, a stop at the "North Pole" to pick up Santa Claus and a reading of the Polar Express story. For more information, schedule and reservations please visit <http://www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions/> or call (765) 825-2054. Tickets are limited. The holiday season begins on **November 21st** with the 32nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Gazebo from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. There will be music by Metamora's own Catrina and the Baggy Bottom Boys, sing-alongs, a reading of the Christmas story and free hot chocolate, coffee and cookies.

This year Christmas Walk is **November 27 - 29, December 4-6, 11-13, 18-20**. The stores will be open until 10pm Friday and Saturday and 5pm on Sunday. The Grist Mill will be open Friday and Saturday noon - 9pm and Sunday noon to 5pm. Christmas Walk is magical with the stores decorated for the holidays, luminaries placed along the pathways, carolers strolling around town, and more.

In conjunction with Christmas Walk the Whitewater Valley Railroad will be running the Metamora Holiday Special train. The train will be running **November 27, 28, December 5, 12, and 19**. The train leaves the Connersville station at 4pm and has a 3 1/2 hour layover in Metamora. Reservations are required. For more information and reservations please visit <http://www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions/xmas.php> or call 765-825-2054. If you're interested in renting a Caboose, you can do so by calling the station at 765-825-2054.

November 28th the Whitewater Valley Railroad will be running the Santa Claus Limited. Children and their families will board the train at the Connersville and pick up Santa Claus along the way. The train departures are 9:30am, 11:45am and 2pm. Tickets are \$10 ages 2 and up. Purchase Santa Claus Limited Tickets at <http://www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions/> or call 765-825-2054.

The season comes to a close on December 20th with the closing of the Grist Mill at 5pm. Most of the shops will be closing as well, but if you like the quiet of winter you might stop by, and visit the shops that are open. **Have a happy holiday season.**



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The 2015 Canal Days Youth Fishing Tournament winners are: 1st Mason Shank, 2nd Allison Clayton, Big Fish Jacob Payne & Little Fish Des Ervin.

Canal Days Youth Fishing Tournament

It was a cold day to be sure and after some really hot weather, it really made it seem even colder, which also makes it tougher to catch fish.

We started out in the morning with all the kids getting a grab bag that contained lots of candy and fishing lures to help them on their next fishing endeavor.

The question that everyone was wondering, was Allison Clayton going to be the first to win it all three years in a row, but it wasn't meant to be.

Little Mason Shank said it's my turn, and with three lurkers he brought to the scales, he took the lead with 25.68 lbs. Great job, Mason!

Allison did not make it easy though; she came in second with nearly 19 lbs of fish. Congratulations!

Third place and Big Fish of the tournament was owned by Jacob Payne who had over 17 lbs total and with a 10.5 lb whopper, he got big fish honors. Good job!

The Little Fish of the day award went to Des Ervin; this is the second year in a row he has won this award. He brought a monster to the scales that weighed less than one ounce. He's hard to beat when it comes to catching the little ones. Again, good job!

All of the winners got to be in the Canal Day's Parade showing off their plaques and trophies, throwing out candy to all the kids along the parade route.

All of our winners received trophies, plaques, fishing equipment, gift cards and candy.

So the question is ... who will win next year?

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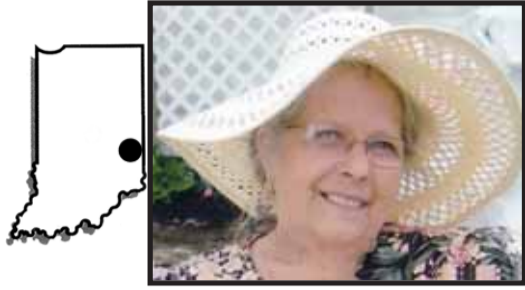
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by Donna Schroeder

President of Fayette County Tourism Bureau

The Cord Comes Home!

According to Car and Driver Magazine, it's the "Coolest Car You Never Knew Existed". It was built in Connersville, Indiana, and one example has now come home!

The story of the Cord Automobile is fascinating to car buffs for several reasons. The Cord was perhaps the most innovative automobile ever built, and the story of its creator is a rags to riches story.

For me, a Baby Boomer who loves digging up the stories associated with historical events, it's a wealth of fascinating sidebars.

We will begin this story with the history of vehicles in Connersville, Indiana. First came the horse drawn Rex Buggy and the McFarlan Carriage. Soon, the horseless carriage came into fashion, and manufacturers in our city immediately followed suit.

Several automobiles were made in Connersville, among them were the Lexington. A company that began, of course, in Lexington, Kentucky, but later came to Connersville. The Empire was also built here, as was the McFarlan. Examples of all of these are on display at the Fayette County Historical Museum.

Among the other autos made here were the Ansted; Auburn; Central; Connersville or Van Auburn Electric Car; Kelsey Cycle Car; and Lexington Howard. Connersville also supplied the government with hundreds of thousands of Jeep bodies, and the Packard Darrin was built here in 1940. Connersville was once known as "Little Detroit" due to its extensive automotive manufacturing.

But, let's talk about the Cord, its creator, and its owners!

Errett Lobban Cord was born in Missouri in 1894 to a middle class family. Curious name, I thought, so research was in order. His first name was the surname of the pastor who married his parents, and his middle name was the maiden name of his mother. The son of a grocer, E. L. wasn't a college graduate. In fact, he didn't finish high school, but his mind was sharp, and his personality was that of an excellent salesman. Obsessed with cars, he was able to build them, race them, and design them.

By the time Cord was 28 years old, he had become the top salesman at the Quinlan Moon Automotive Agency in Chicago. His ambition and



The Cord was built in Connersville, IN and now it has come home, to stay in our Museum. (Author Photo)

talent caught the notice of a group of financiers, and he was asked to take the position of Vice President of the failing Auburn Motor Company in Auburn, Indiana. In lieu of payment, Cord wisely took stock options and profit percentages. In time, this allowed him to gain control of the company.

He lowered prices and added new features, and sales at Auburn soared! He added more powerful engines and more colorful paint choices. He became President of Auburn when he purchased bankrupt Duesenberg, Inc. of Indianapolis.

In short order, he also bought the Lycoming Engine Company of Pennsylvania, as well as the Central Manufacturing Company and the idle Ansted Engine and Lexington properties in Connersville.

The first Auburn car made in Connersville rolled off the assembly line in January of 1929, a fact that the folks in Auburn, Indiana, often conveniently omit. Also, in 1929, Cord produced the Cord L-29, the first American made front wheel drive automobile, along with the Duesenberg Model "J", which was arguably the most luxurious and best-engineered motor car of the day.

Cord then announced that he had purchased several hundred acres of land north of Connersville with the intent of manufacturing airplanes. This announcement came weeks before "Black Friday", putting an end to the plans. However, in the depression that followed, Cord opened the land for public gardens, allowing those affected by hard times to grow food for their families.

In 1936, Cord introduced his Cord 810, a car with front wheel drive, retractable headlights, and the forerunner of the automatic transmission. His announcement that the plant had two months to produce the prototypes for the November 1935 auto shows was a shock! Each was hand crafted in the Connersville plant. The transmissions didn't arrive in time, so false transmissions were fashioned from wood, and the cars had to be pushed into the exhibit halls. In spite of this, the car was an immediate sensation, and over 7600 requests for information were

received by mail within three weeks.

The following year brought in introduction of the Cord 812. Some of the new models were super charged with chrome pipes extending from the engine. These cars set records for speed and performance that held well into the 1950's.

Cord sold his holdings in the company in 1937. He had created a financial empire with holding in airlines, shipyards, and automobiles, but the depression had taken its toll. He later went on to become a member of the state senate of Nevada. He was approached to become a candidate for governor of that state, but declined. In the west, he again built considerable holdings in broadcasting, real estate, and other interests. He died in Nevada in 1974, a leader in innovation in the auto industry.

I promised you a few notes about the owners of the Cords. (Some of you youngsters will have to Google these names, but we old folks recognize them!)

Actress Jean Harlow ordered a 1936 Cord with the interior and paint job to match her platinum hair.

Sonja Henie, a native of Norway, won three Olympic gold medals in figure skating. She made movies in the 1930's and 1940's which featured her skating skills. She owned a Cord.

Amelia Earhart and Clark Gable are pictured in various places, posing in front of Cords.

The most interesting story is that of Tom Mix, a rodeo and film performer, said to be the original "rhinestone cowboy" because he was the first star of western movies who insisted on tailored clothing in place of denim attire. Mix was a colorful character who feuded with John Wayne, allegedly because of professional jealousy. He served as pall bearer at the funeral of Wyatt Earp. His photo appeared on the sleeve of The Beatles' "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" album. You might remember him as J.D.

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Sole Scraper placed next to your tree stand ladder, clean your boots before climbing it. (Junior Davis Photo)

Sole Scraper Leaves the Mess Outside

Junior and Rhonda Davis
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Often, the best ideas come from passion and pure necessity. That is exactly how the original Sole Scraper™ was created. As an avid outdoorsman, Junior Davis spends his time in the woods or tracking through fields on to his next pursuit. Whether he uses a bow, muzzleloader or rifle, he enjoys hunting. If he isn't hunting for game, he hunts for mushrooms, berries or spends time in the woods enjoying nature's beauty. Muddy boots are a given with this hobby.

"After spending hours the woods, the long hike back to my truck would leave my boots covered in mud and debris. I would drag my boots across the grass or use a stick to clean them, with little success," said Junior Davis, creator of Sole Scraper. "I thought 'there has to be a way to clean the mess before getting into my vehicle.' I went home one day, and along with my wife Rhonda, built what is now Sole Scraper™."

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When the first version of Sole Scraper™ was made, it was offered to a test market for feedback. "We made some changes to the design based on the feedback from our test market. We completely changed the brush and modified the frame," said Rhonda Davis. The test market revealed that other sectors had use for Sole Scraper including hunters, farmers, construction workers, outdoor enthusiasts, boaters and campers. "I had no idea that it would be used by so many different groups of people, but it makes me happy to know that we

are helping people with an ongoing challenge," said Rhonda Davis.

Shortly after, the Outdoor Model was created to promote safety while using a tree stand. Many accidents occur each year from slipping and falling from tree stands. This has become an issue close to Junior's heart, since two of his friends fell from their tree stands and suffered serious injuries. Junior designed the Outdoor Model to help protect hunters from unnecessary accidents. "It's the same concept, except you place it at the base of the tree and clean your boots before you climb to the tree stand," said Junior Davis. "Not only is it another safety measure for hunters to use, but it also helps prevent mud from falling from the tree stand, which scares-off deer."

Junior and his wife, Rhonda, worked together to create the product and bring it to market. Both are natives of Randolph County and now live in Noblesville, along with their children and first grandchild, Zeke. Junior and Rhonda never tire of seeing their Sole Scraper™ on the back of vehicles and being used by consumers who enjoy the benefits and convenience.

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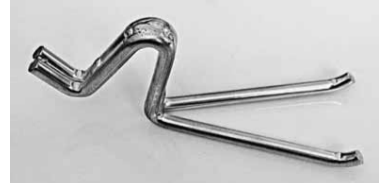
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A U.S. Air Force B-47 is the backdrop for this group of people assembled to dedicate the newly installed Purple Heart Trail that you can now walk on to visit each aircraft on the field. From left to right, Jim Price (Executive Director of the Grissom Air Museum), Mr. & Mrs. Jack Clem (Members of Miami Co. Master Gardeners who made benches and landscaped the Trail), Unknown, Sandy Chittum (President of Miami County Chamber of Commerce), Unknown, Harley Engle-WWII Veteran, Larry Shaw (Indiana State Commander of Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 736), Janet Riggle, John Riggle Jr. (Former Indiana Commander now Vice Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 736, He has 3 Purple Heart Medals), Mike Taylor-101st Airborne in Vietnam (Finance Officer of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 736), David Bandelier-101st Airborne in Vietnam (President of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 736 See separate photo & article at right) and David Brooking-Marine in Vietnam (Chapter 736 Adjutant). (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Part 1 by Ray Dickerson

Assisted by Jim Price
Executive Director of Grissom Air Museum

The Brotherhood of Courage, a book written by Walther W. Thom was about the 305th Bombardment Group (H) in World War II who was stationed at RAF Chelveston in England. A prominent General nursed the fledgling 305th from infancy as a Lt. Col. when he took command on June 4, 1942 to an effective fighting machine using daylight bombing and guts, his name was General Curtis LeMay, he relinquished command on May 15, 1943. After World War II ended the 305th Bombardment Group joined SAC in a number of roles.

I have visited the Grissom Air Museum countless times, the first time I remember very well.

I walked all around the outside grounds marveling at the sight of all the Air Force, Navy and Army aircraft. Then I visited inside the Museum. I noticed a

card table with model planes, jeeps, hangars, quonset huts and plastic military figures. The aircraft was B-17's and a C-47. Then I noticed a sign that read, RAF Chelveston, 305th Bombardment Group (H). How I wanted to take a photo of that table, but I didn't have my camera with me.

I returned to Grissom Air Museum the next month when I was delivering Gad-a-bouts in that area, with my camera, but the card table was gone and the person working in the Museum didn't have a clue as to what I was asking about. It's still in my memory, though.

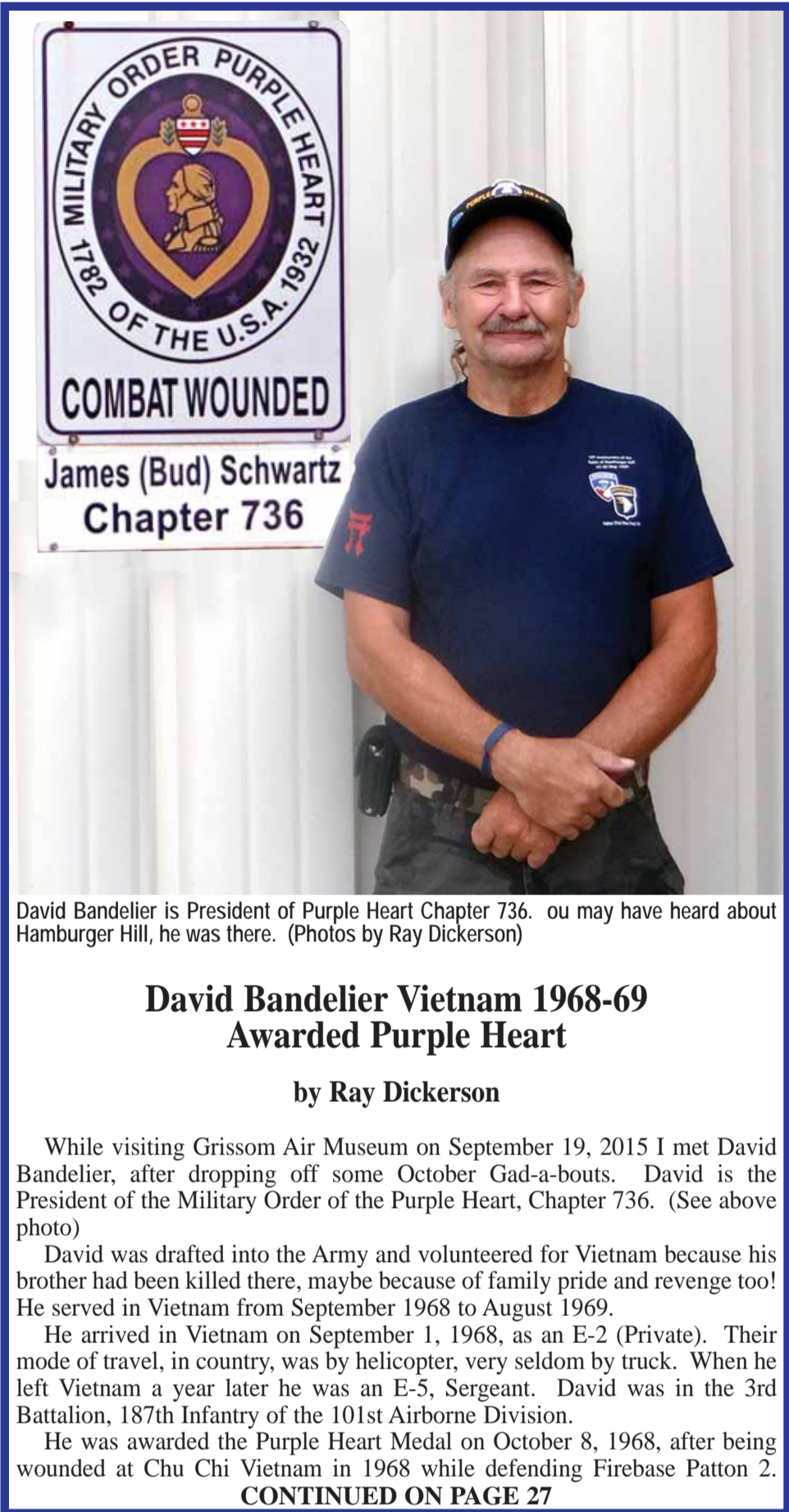
Here is some history of the former Grissom Air Force Base that you can find at their website: www.grissomairmuseum.com.

The Grissom Air Museum, near Peru, Indiana and

named for astronaut Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, was founded in 1981 by seven prior service military personnel who lived in the area including John Crume, their first Chairman. The Heritage Museum Foundation (HMF) wanted to preserve aircraft that were currently located at Grissom Air Reserve Base, formerly Grissom Air Force Base. The HMF started the Grissom Air Museum in 1982 outside of what then was the main gate of Grissom Air Reserve Base.

The former Grissom Air Force Base is also the home of the 319th Fighter Interceptor Squadron (1955-63), 305th Bomb Wing (1959-94), and the 434th Air Refueling Wing (1970-Present).

Before I get into the history of Grissom AFB, first I need to give you information on your visiting it in the near future.



David Bandelier is President of Purple Heart Chapter 736. You may have heard about Hamburger Hill, he was there. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

David Bandelier Vietnam 1968-69 Awarded Purple Heart

by Ray Dickerson

While visiting Grissom Air Museum on September 19, 2015 I met David Bandelier, after dropping off some October Gad-a-bouts. David is the President of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 736. (See above photo)

David was drafted into the Army and volunteered for Vietnam because his brother had been killed there, maybe because of family pride and revenge too! He served in Vietnam from September 1968 to August 1969.

He arrived in Vietnam on September 1, 1968, as an E-2 (Private). Their mode of travel, in country, was by helicopter, very seldom by truck. When he left Vietnam a year later he was an E-5, Sergeant. David was in the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry of the 101st Airborne Division.

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal on October 8, 1968, after being wounded at Chu Chi Vietnam in 1968 while defending Firebase Patton 2.

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The photos above are just a few of the aircraft on display at the Grissom Air Museum. This story will continue for a couple of issues. A couple of these aircraft I have some history with. The C119, lower right photo, I flew aboard in 1958 at Bakalar AFB near Columbus, IN when I was in the Troop 16 Explorer Scouts. The C-47 or Gooney Bird as we called it in the the US Air Force, left middle photo (WWII colors) I flew in 1955 at the Boston Airport near Richmond, IN and again at RAF Chelveston and RAF Alconbury in England. It's a mighty fine plane. Very dependable. At the very top was the B-17 at Grissom Air Museum, it has since been moved to an indoor museum. Middle Right is the B-25 in desert colors. The photo in the lower left corner is my Gad-a-bout Van facing off with the B-47B Strato-Jet. There is an interesting story about how it got placed at the museum. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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ion, which seats 80-100 people, electrical and water hook ups, and a gas/charcoal grill. Please call **574-398-1451** to schedule your event.

Location

Grissom Air Museum, 1000 W. Hoosier Blvd.
Peru, Indiana 46970
US Highway 31, at Grissom Air Reserve Base
Approx. 10 miles south of Peru, Indiana; approx. 15 miles north of Kokomo.

Membership Information

A membership to the Grissom Air Museum helps fulfill our mission of preserving the military aviation history of the Bunker Hill/Grissom Air Force Base as well as the United States Naval Training Station at Bunker Hill. Your contribution supports our efforts to increase public comprehension of this base history while honoring those brave men and women who serve her.

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Grissom Air Museum has many annual events year around plus opportunities for you to become active in as a supporting member. Just to name a few, Armed Forces Day, War Bird Outing (Golf Classic), Guided Tours, P.R.O.P. helping maintain planes, Annual Gus Fly In, Warbird Cruise In, and Duty-Honor-Country.

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Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox outfielder, enlists in the U.S. Navy and reenacts the oath-taking ceremony with Lt. Frank S. Donahue at Boston, Mass. May 22, 1942

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Preparing to check out the hunting fields from left to right, Greg Raider, Annie-Ryans' 7 month old Golden Retriever, Ryan "Spanky" Fields and Nick Ooley.



Greg Raider at left preparing for the hunt, Annie picking up the scent and Ryan Fields talking to her. At right is Nick Ooley ready to begin the hunt.

Fields Outdoor Adventure's Licensed Shooting Preserve

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

I got a call from Jason Fields, owner of Fields Outdoor Adventures, last week wanting to know if it was too late to get something put in my November Gad-a-bout about their new Licensed Shooting Preserve.

I told him no it wasn't, I asked if we could get together on Thursday, October 8th. He said that would be okay. He said his brother, Ryan, known to most friends and acquaintances as "Spanky" would be taking care of the shooting preserve.

So he put Ryan on the phone and we agreed that I should be there early on Thursday between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and he would show me their preserve.

Thursday morning I left early enough to get there on time. When I arrived Ryan was returning from the fields with Greg Raider. Ryan's 7 month old golden retriever wanted to meet me real bad as she jumped up and about knocked me down. I think Ryan said something like, no don't eat the photographer's camera! You talk about being eager for the hunt, Annie was prepared. Ryan quieted her down, he told me another fellow was coming with us, Nick Ooley.

Shortly Nick arrived and we all got into an off road vehicle for my tour of the Licensed Shooting Preserve. Greg and Nick took along shotguns, but they were just for my taking photos of what you will find when you go on your hunt at their shooting preserve.

The preserve is beautiful, I don't know if that is the right terminology or not, but all the cover colors just looked like a good place to hunt in.

Here is some information on the Brochure they



This is what it is all about. (Fields Outdoors Photo)

sent me on line.

The preserve has been managed to provide food, cover and challenging shots for your hunt.

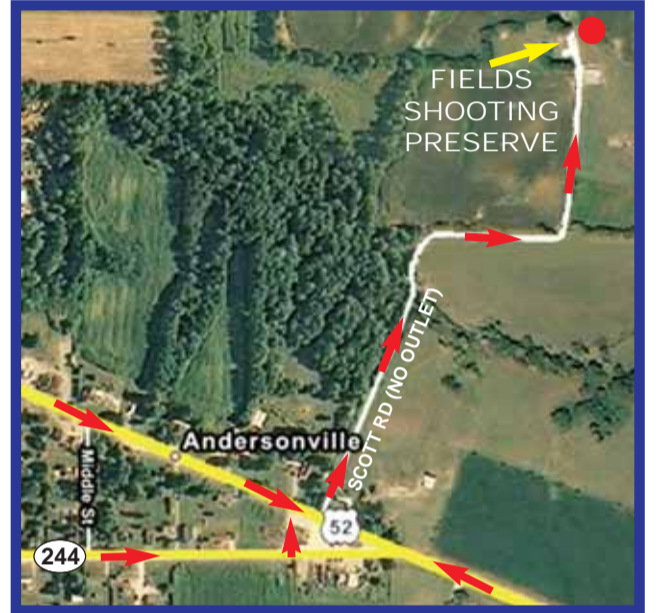
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Their Licensed Shooting Preserve is owned and operated by Fields Outdoor Adventures, LLP. Ryan Fields is the manager, Mark and Jason are



Aerial view of Andersonville, IN. Follow the red arrows to Fields Shooting Preserve. See Page 19 for detailed driving instructions from Cincinnati, OH; Louisville, KY; Fort Wayne, IN and Indianapolis, IN.

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This time at left is Nick Ooley and at right is Greg Raider, note the dense cover. A mixture of corn, sunflowers, sorghum and food plots abound on the 50 acre shooting preserve.



A photo op for Ray Dickerson (me). Nick Ooley at left, Ryan "Spanky" Fields, Annie and Greg Raider at right. This was a dry run to show you Fields Licensed Shooting Preserve.



A Ringneck Pheasant. (Fields Outdoor Adventures Photo)



Fields Outdoor Adventures Shooting Preserve bird pen.

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All three, Ryan, Mark and Jason are equally

excited to offer this opportunity to harvest put-and-take Ringneck Pheasant and Bobwhite Quail at reasonable rates.

To hunt at their Licensed Shooting Preserve you must make a reservation with them at Fields Outdoor Adventures. Payment may be made with cash, check or pre-payment through Fields Outdoors. Following are their rates and contact information.

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(Alternate route if U.S. 52 still under construction between Indianapolis and Rushville) Off I-465 take Exit 49 onto I-74 go past Shelbyville to Exit 119 turn onto SR 244 go east to Andersonville. See map on Page 18.

From Louisville, KY take I-65 north to Exit 50 turn east on U.S. 50, take North Vernon Bypass, go left onto SR 3, go north stay on SR 3 past Greensburg then north to SR 244, turn right onto SR 244 go east to Andersonville. See map on page 18.

From Fort Wayne, IN take I-69 to Exit 286, go east on SR 224 to Markle, turn right onto SR 3, go through Hartford City, bypass Muncie, go through New Castle, at Rushville, turn onto U.S. 52 south-east to Andersonville. See map on Page 18.

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Top Left Photo: The three main components of the Work Sharp Guided Sharpening System with several different knives I am sharpening. Top Middle Photo: This is the Work Sharp Guided Sharpening System with the Upgrade Kit. Top Right Photo: This included poster shows many types of blades you can sharpen with details on grit to use, how many strokes per side, and other sharpening instructions. Bottom Left Photo: Here I am sharpening a fillet knife on the Work Sharp Guided Sharpening System. Bottom Middle Photo: My picnic table makes a good bench for using the Work Sharp Knife & Tool Sharpener. Bottom Right Photo: Close up of the Work Sharp Knife & Tool Sharpener. (Author Photos)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Keeping Them Sharp

Like most young boys back in the '50's, I liked to play with knives. I got in trouble several times for taking my mother's kitchen knives out to the back step to whittle sticks into piles of shavings. As I got a little older, somehow I acquired a pocketknife. I think it might have been my older brother's Scout knife. I thought it was cool to clean my fingernails with the blade. (I had seen my uncle do that.) Luckily, I still have all my fingers. Then, I learned to play that old game where boys threw a knife, sticking it into the ground as close as possible to another ones shoe.

Finally, I don't recall when, I learned knives were not toys. I started hunting, fishing, and camping and I had to have an assortment of different blades for a variety of outdoor uses. I found out that fillet knives are razor sharp straight from the package. (Blood is red!) Hunting knives are fairly sharp when new, although some you can shave with. Most pocket knives right out of the box will cut you if you try hard. (There are many exceptions, so be careful.)

As I got more use with assorted blades, I found that sharp is usually better than dull. So, I began trying to sharpen mine. I bought about every cheap sharpener or stone I saw, with poor results. I never

got the knack of proper sharpening. One of the guys I worked with would sharpen all my knives for a few dollars. I took him my fishing knives in the spring and hunting knives in the fall. I learned he would trade his services for Canadian jam I brought home from up north. After I brought him a large moose roast from a successful hunt, I never had to pay him again.

Several years ago, I was introduced to Work Sharp brand knife sharpeners. The first product I acquired from this company was their Knife & Tool Sharpener. This item is like a miniature belt sander. It comes with three assorted belts for coarse, medium, and fine grit. It has guides to set the proper angle for different blades. You can put a fine edge on kitchen knives, outdoor knives (even those with gut hook and deep concave curves), serrated knives, plus scissors, pruners and other tools. The only downfall I have found with this machine is it requires electricity. That's no big problem since I sharpen my knives on the picnic table in the backyard or on the tailgate of my truck. Both have extension cords within easy reach.

A few years later, I received a press release saying Work Sharp was coming out with a Guided Field Sharpener. I had to have one. This little gem is about six inches long and will fit in my pocket. It also has built in angle guides. It comes with five stages, a coarse and fine diamond plate, two ceramic rods, coarse and fine grit, (plus a fish hook hone) and a leather strop conditioned with micro abrasive for a super fine finishing touch.

This tiny tool will also sharpen axes and machetes, garden tools, and has a built in broadhead wrench. It is ready for use right out of the package, requires no set up, and doesn't take electricity. There is no reason for your blades to be dull with this item included with your gear. Now, all my blades are sharp, all of the time.

I thought I was set for life. Then, another press release comes across my computer screen. Work Sharp has done it again. They were getting ready to release their new Guided Sharpening System. I read all of the new features, watched the video, and knew

I had to have it.

This latest addition to the Work Sharp line takes a lot of the features of the Guided Field Sharpener, improves them, and adds more. The platform is bigger, heavier, and more stable during use. The different grit plates are held in place magnetically and are easily removed for a different plate. The ceramic rod is just turned in place to get either the coarse or fine grit. It is also portable and doesn't require any power.

The instructions included with this system are very detailed, with numerous illustrations. There is a long list of helpful tips. Different type blades require specific techniques, and the instructions not only list various styles, but give the recommended number of strokes for each grit and blade. This guide covers sharpening, honing, and stropping, and when to use each. This system has a lot more features I didn't cover in this story which you will quickly discover when you get your own.

Naturally, I wanted the best of the best, so I also ordered the Upgrade Kit for the Guided Sharpening System. This includes an extra coarse plate, an extra fine plate, and a leather strop kit which contains the stropping plate, stropping guides, and honing compound.

For more information on this outstanding line of tools, visit www.worksharptools.com. Check out the various items they have to fill your sharpening needs. While there, you will find they also offer great tools for woodworkers. I am now looking at a machine which will sharpen all my wood lathe tools (Woodworking Tool Sharpener). If you do a lot of drilling, read about their drill sharpening machine called the Drill Doctor. .

Now, the only problem I have when sharpening my knives is deciding which Work Sharp tool to use.

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Jill Vance greets HOW member Don Cranfill and crew. (Photo by Kriste Lindberg)



Blue bags were filled with recyclables. (Photo by Jill Vance)

Monroe Lake Coastal Cleanup 2015

by Alan Garbers
Hoosier Outdoor Writer

We've all seen it. Tangles of old fishing line, plastic bottles, discarded tires, chunks of Styrofoam from who knows what, all littering the banks of our rivers and lakes. All of it is ugly and some of it even deadly to wildlife. In our minds we think, something should be done. Some of us even pick up a little of it and take it home for proper disposal, but there's so much that at times it would take an army to get it all. Let me introduce the army (and navy) of volunteers that converge on our public waters every year, specifically Monroe Lake.

For the third year in a row selfless folks from all walks of life came together and scoured the shores and waterways of our state's largest lake, as well as other locations. This is no small feat and takes careful and tireless co-ordination by a trio of women: Jill Vance, Teena Ligman, and Dana Wilkinson.

Jill Vance, C.I.G. Interpretive Naturalist for Lake Monroe came up with the idea. "I was approached by Monroe County Stormwater Services. They had money available in their education account and were looking for a water quality project to support; they were interested in doing something with Monroe Lake as we are the water supply for the city of Bloomington," Vance said. "I proposed doing a boat-based cleanup, so that we could start targeting the miles and miles of shoreline that get tons of trash (from waves and floodwater) but are harder to tackle via foot or vehicle."

Teena Ligman is the Public Affairs Specialist with the USFS. Like Vance, she's passionate about the outdoors and is glad to be doing something to make a difference. "My job is to find volunteer boat drivers (Usually USFS firefighters) and work with marinas to find boats. They've all been great to work with." Local marinas, such as Paradise Boat Rentals at Fourwinds Resort and Marina, support the effort by slashing the rentals of their pontoons used during the clean-up, by half.

This year there was a problem finding boat captains. Ligman's usual crew were working the massive wildfires in the western United States, so she called upon her fellow members of Hoosier Outdoor Writers. H.O.W. (hoosieroutdoorwriters.org) is made up of outdoor writers, editors, publishers, photographers, and other professional folks who are passionate about the outdoor opportunities Indiana has to offer. "We were glad to help Teena," HOW President Alan Garbers, said. "HOW members spend many hours enjoying Monroe Lake, so giving back was very rewarding."

Knowing that there should be a reward after trudging along the often muddy or ankle-twisting shores of Monroe Lake, Ligman organizes and helps prepare the huge cookout after the cleanup.

(Scoutmasters take note: Ligman is always looking for older Boy Scouts and leaders to help pick up trash during the event.)

The shoreline cleanup would never be completed, literally, if it weren't for the last of the trio. In her position with the Monroe County Stormwater Services, Dana Wilkinson coordinates the financial funding for the boat rentals, cleanup supplies, and the cookout. She also ties up some of the loose ends and makes sure that all the recyclables are picked up

as the volunteers drift over to Ligman's cookout.

Much of the trash, like beer cans and Styrofoam containers, are deposited by uncaring individuals that consider the lake, and the rivers and streams leading to the lake, a private landfill. Other wayward items, such as broken floating docks, are the result of wind, flooding, and waves destroying personnel property along the shoreline.

Some of the more unusual items include patio furniture, mattresses, appliances, propane tanks, and more. "Every year the boats have come back with odd items they've found," Ligman laughed. This year was no different. "Can you believe we found a vacuum cleaner? I want to start an odd-item prize for the boat that finds the most unusual piece of trash. Lamps, toasters—it's just crazy the assortment of appliances that they find. And, enough flip-flops to open a shoe store, if you could ever find two that matched."

Sometimes the trash is less benign than wayward footwear. Volunteers are warned to be wary of what might be components used to make methamphetamines. Last year they found a grenade. Volunteers are directed to leave all suspect items where they lie and mark the location with surveyor's ribbon. Indiana Conservation Officers and other law enforcement personnel trained in the proper handling of such items return for the dangerous waste. If you're interested in joining the effort next year, it's easy to do. You can "like" them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/monroelake. You can sign up for the monthly program schedule: <http://bitly.com/monroepograms>. You can check out www.stateparks.in.gov/2954.htm

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Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Crappie Masters National Championship

Kentucky Lake has long been one of my favorite lakes to crappie fish even though I never finish well on the lake. It always draws a large field of competitors and this tournament was no exception. There were 174 boats registered for the 2015 Crappie Masters National Championship that was held September 25th-26th. Fishable waters included from I-40 North to the Dam.

I went down early to pre fish and spent five days on the lake looking for tournament quality fish. With bluebird skies and warm weather this was not an easy task. I caught fish daily; I just never found good fish until returning to one of my favorite spots, located on the North end of the lake. Upon pulling up to the first stake bed and just skirting the outside edge, it didn't take long to land a 13" fish. Moving about 100 yards to the second mat, I landed an 11" fish, not a tournament fish but enough to let me know fish were in the area. Damon arrived on Thursday morning and we headed back to the ledges in Blood River, looking for better fish. About ten minutes of trolling down the first ledge as we neared a submerged point, I landed another good fish and in minutes, Damon landed a keeper on the same point. We fished the area most of the day without another bite and decided tournament day would see us heading



Damon with some of our better fish at Kentucky Lake. (Author Photo)



Damon and Myself with our fish from day two of the National Championship at Paris Landing Tennessee. (Author Photo)

back to the North end of the lake, hoping we could get 7 good fish from the dozen or so brush piles and stake beds in the area.

The first day of the tournament was pretty rough for those who chose to fish the southern end of the lake; with some saying they had two foot rollers coming over the bow. Our choice to fish the north end looked pretty good as we fished in a little chop most of the day, but never anything like they experienced on the southern end. As 10:30 rolled around and we had been fishing roughly three and a half hours, we had five fish in the live well with two being pretty good fish. I'm not sure what happened for the next two hours, but we didn't even get a bite and knew we had to make a move to get a couple more fish. We decided to move North to the next creek where we had found a tree submerged in 20' of water. Although we had not caught any fish off it in the past it was the closest alternative and we quickly relocated and set up to move our baits into the tree top. Damon quickly landed a double on the same rod with a 12" on the top hook and bigger 14" fish on the bottom hook giving us our seven weigh fish. Unfortunately, we lost one of the smaller fish in the live well as we made the hour drive back to the weigh in site at, Paris Landing State Park. Our six fish put us in 52nd place for day one with 6.99lbs. Although we were not where we wanted to be, we knew a good second day could move us up considerably with such tough conditions.

Indeed the second day did find weights dropping and anglers having a tougher time finding good fish. The bluebird skies returned and found us back on the North end fishing the same structure as day one, with much the same results after catching a couple 12" fish. The bite slowed so we started moving looking for better fish. We returned to the submerged tree with little success, only pulling a couple smaller fish from it. We made our way back to the stake beds we started on when we marked a large brush pile on top of a ledge and decided to fish it. It turned out to be a good call with Damon landing a 1 3/4 lb fish, almost instantly, but it was the only fish we caught

from it. Needing one more fish, we returned back to the stake beds for the last half hour. We tried everything to coax a fish into biting, but had no success. We headed back to Paris landing for the weigh in, a little disappointed, with only six fish in the live well, but guessing we had about the same weight as day one. It turned out; we did have the exact same weight of 6.99 lbs, giving us a two day total of 13.98 lbs, which was good enough for only 50th place.

As the weigh in progressed and the top ten from day one finally came to the scales, I was able to get some really good pictures of the top ten finishers, especially of the winners: Kyle Schoenherr and Rodney Neuhaus. They had a two- day, 14 fish total weight of 23.68 lbs, giving them their first National Championship. About those pictures.....While pre-fishing on Patoka this past weekend for the Cabelas, 2015 Crappie USA classic, my camera went swimming again. That's twice this year I have ruined a camera, but this time it contained all the pictures I took from the National Championship and of my week on Kentucky Lake. Luckily my partner had two pictures I could share of us, from the second day of the weigh in.

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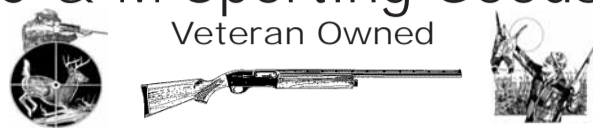
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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Colorado Elk Hunt Mesmerizes Author

You can chase your dream of a do it yourself hunt in the mountains

Monday, September 28, 2015

An elk hunt costs a pretty penny. There is no way around it. Hire an outfitter and the cost goes up. The advantage of an outfitter is that they hopefully know the area and know where the elk are and can get you in the hunt quickly. But going it alone is another option.

Last week, I took my son to Colorado for a do-it-yourself elk hunt. We were joined by some friends and spent the week in the mountains bowhunting for Rocky Mountain elk.

I was a bit apprehensive as this would be our first go at it on our own in the mountains, but the result could not have been better.

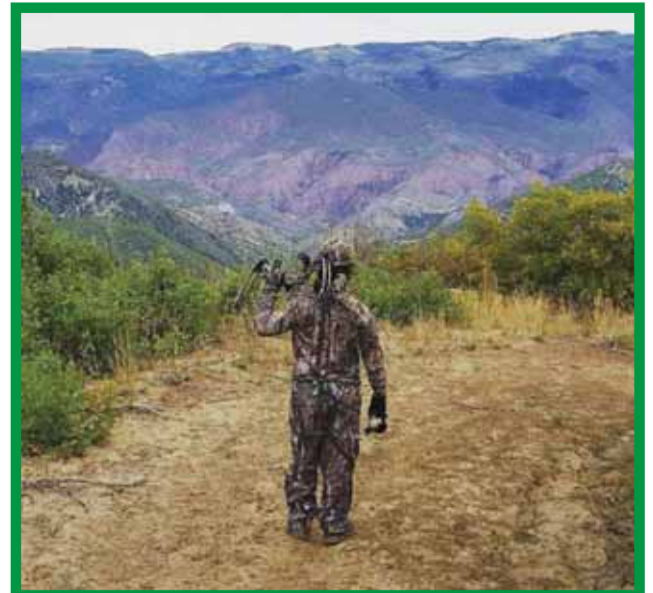
The first few days were slow for Nick and me, but others in our group found success early. One took a nice bull on the second day after risking it and passing a cow on the first. This fellow even had shots at other elk after filling his tag – and one bull was larger than the one he shot! But he only had a bear tag at that point, which he nearly filled as well.

Another member of our party had a bull elk right on top of him the first two days of the trip in a row. In each case, he just needed the elk to step out of the brush a few feet for a clear shot. One nearly did, until it spied his cow elk decoy and, for some reason, didn't like it. This hunter also had a couple encounters with black bears, but did not purchase a tag, so he was left to simply watch them.

As for my son and I, the last couple of days were when things heated up for us. We heard bulls bugling the first few days, but it took us those first few days to figure them out. But once we did, things got interesting.

Once we deciphered what a particular bull was up to, we honed in on him. He would walk the top of a ridge back and forth in the mornings and evenings, and I thought I knew how we could kill him. On our last evening's hunt, Nick and another member of our group hiked up the ridge towards the area where we thought the bull would be while I stayed down lower in a meadow and called. Our plan nearly worked. Well, actually, it did, we just did not get a shot.

After calling to the bull, I felt that I had figured out his personality a bit and adjusted my calling accord-



Nick Martino takes a moment to enjoy the splendor of the Colorado Rockies while bowhunting for elk. It is big country, and while it can seem intimidating as a bowhunter to try to get within spitting distance of an elk, one thing is for sure; it won't happen if you don't try! (Author Photo)

ingly. I got him fired up as he closed the distance with each bugle. As he worked his way down the ridge, shredding trees in the process, I knew he had to be close to either Nick or my buddy.

As daylight faded, I could hear the bull making his way down towards me in the meadow, and as shooting light gave way to darkness, I saw his silhouette up the hill some seventy-five yards away. Upon meeting up with my son and friend, I found out that Nick was actually at full-draw on the big bull as he stood a mere fifteen yards away waiting for the elk to take a few more steps before reaching an opening for him to shoot through. But as wild animals often do, the bull managed to stay in the brush, never offering Nick a clear shot.

Still, Nick had an incredible experience – for anybody, let alone a fourteen year-old!

Then, the next, and last, morning of our hunt, we again headed back to the same area for a last-minute effort to fill a tag. Our strategy would be the same as the night before.

The bulls were on fire! We had four different bulls bugling and coming to the calls. I was positioned on the West side of the meadow and as the sun rose, decided to move across to the East side. This would put the sun at my back and put me a lot closer to any elk that followed the same path as the bull the night before.

As luck would have it, as soon as I crossed the meadow, a lone bugle came from just behind the spot where I had just been set-up. I decided to stay where I was – both for fear of spooking the bull that just bugled and because I could easily shoot across the meadow anyway.

Moments later I heard brush breaking towards the North end of the meadow. The bull had partially circled from the West and he and two cows popped out into the meadow. They were in range. The problem was that there was brush in between me and them. Three more steps and I would have had a shot, but it never happened. They caught my scent, or did not see the elk that they thought they heard (me) and turned back and vanished into the timber.

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Tom Morelock presents his son, Ian Morelock, the ISTA Youth Trapper of the Year Award. (Author Photo)



Terry Manley, NAFA representative, presents Fred Philips with the 2015 NAFA share check. Thank you NAFA!!! (Author Photo)

Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

ISTA Convention Issue

The ISTA's 54th Annual Convention and Rendezvous was held Sept. 18th and 19th, 2015 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Convention Center. The indoor vendors had plenty of room to spread out as the Expo Building was about twice the size of last year's location. The outdoor tailgater's, who's numbers were markedly down, were just outside the northwest doors of the Expo building. Keeping with the other Trapping Conventions this year, there were heavy rains in the mornings followed by generally quiet, warm, humid, afternoons. Attendance was way down also, as has been seen at other Conventions, but a lot of those in attendance either joined or renewed their memberships. We even had a few Life Memberships taken out. There were no Trap setting contests, as at any one time we did not have enough kids or willing adults, to hold one. Maybe next year we will have to hold this contest all day long and just post the quickest six (6) times on a Board. If you beat a time, your name moves up the list. Demos were generally held just north of the Expo building and a more complete write up will be forthcoming in our Post-Convention Newsletter. The Hendrick's County Shooting Sports provided the meals. Biscuits and gravy were offered in the morning followed by Ham and Beans with cornbread for the afternoons. Hot dogs and hamburgers were added in later in the day. The Friday evening White Elephant auction was well attended and there were many deals to be had even though attendance here



Tom Morelock presents his wife, April Morelock, the ISTA Hall of Fame Award. (Author Photo)

was as good as it has been in recent past years. Corbin Bultimeier did his usual outstanding job as the auctioneer. Wilbur Cook, Paul Waldman and Tom Setser receive kudo's for gathering and collecting donations for the auction. A more complete list of Donors to the Auction will be forth coming in our Post-Convention Newsletter. The Saturday afternoon membership meeting was run with efficient precision and dignity. Officer' and Director' reports were preprinted and made available before the meeting was called to order. The Treasurer report was available as was a three (3) year Budget. The members present had no real concerns has there has been in the past. General discussion was held in a civil, friendly, manner. The ISTA was still awaiting its Qualified Organization status from the State of Indiana at this time. (NOTE: On September 23, 2015 I received notification that the ISTA was now an officially "Qualified Organization"

as determined by the rules of the Indiana Charity Organization department. What this means is that we are eligible to legally run a few small raffles a year without having to fill out volumes of paperwork. It also means that we are eligible to run a true raffle with a multi-thousand dollar prize with a little bit of paperwork. We will be looking into this for future fundraisers.)

At the membership meeting, a North American Fur Association (NAFA) share check just shy of \$1000 was presented by Terry Manley to President Fred. Earlier in the day, Pres. Fred had presented Tom Larson with the Trapper of the Year award after he had completed a muskrat skinning demonstration. Tom was not going to be able to stay around for the afternoon membership meeting. At the membership meeting, Pres. Fred presented Tom Setser with the Pioneer Award for his pioneering work of bringing trapping into the Hendrick's County 4-H programs. The sport of Trapping has been presented to many new non-trappers through this program. Pres. Fred then turned the floor over to Past-President Tom Morelock to present the next two (2)

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Tailgaters at the ISTA Convention had some decent weather. Wilbur Cook, on the right is one of the ISTA's biggest supporters. (Author Photo)



Tom Setser receiving the Pioneer's Award from Fred Philips and Amos Malstaff. (Author Photo)

awards. The first award Past-President Tom presented was the Youth Trapper of the Year to Ian Morelock, Tom's son. Ian has helped out at many trapping events, not all associated with the ISTA, and has been to every ISTA Convention since he was born. The second award Past-President Tom presented was the ISTA's top Award of Honor, the Hall of Fame, which went to April Morelock, Tom's wife. April has served the ISTA in many ways for many years and Past-President Tom made the members present aware of many of them. April truly deserved this Award, probably years ago. Toward the end of the Awards presentations, Pres. Fred passed out SWAT Medals for 2015. Swat stands for Special Workers Any Time. These are the members who make their time available to the ISTA to staff special events, work on projects, and help run the Association. SWAT medal recipients for 2015 include: Doug Morton, Keith Schlegal, Tom and April Morelock, Mark and Nick Gray, Dennis Cobb, Beaverfoot, Tom Geisler, Bard parsons, Kim Fulford, Baron Ryan, Reece Phillips, John Allen, Jr., Ron Elliott, John Allen, III, Tom Jackson, Seth Ackerson, Amos Malstaff, Bill Crum, and of course the Governing Board, Fred Philips, DVM, Pres.; Lonnie Phillips, Vice-Pres.; Melissa Mansfield, Secretary; Georgia Gifford, Treasurer; the Directors, Paul Waldman, Deric Beroshok, and Tom Setser; FTA Representative, Jesse Melton and the NTA representative, Stu Grell and lastly Shawn Rossler. There may be others that have worked covertly in the shadows. Everyone that puts that extra time out to help the ISTA accomplish its mission is appreciated. Thank you!!! If you are aware of someone doing something outstanding on behalf

of the ISTA, please send me a little note to make me aware of it. The last thing I want to do is leave anyone out of the recognition that they deserve.

The winner of the Henry Rifle, .357 Magnum Caliber, Octagonal barrel was Cody Stark of Brownstown, IN. He purchased his ticket at the Deer and Turkey Show way back in February. Congratulations to you Cody. You just need to get with FFL holder Stu Grell and he will get that beautiful rifle transferred to you. Board members already have tickets for a FBU Ruger bolt action rifle in .223 and tickets for an FTA Beaver Blanket. If you be interested in buying a ticket for either raffle, just get in touch with any Board member.

Lastly, we have one member who really went above and beyond this year with his generosity, Bob Hast. Mr. Hast purchased several dozen Duke #1 coilsprings and a box of Lure from Hoosier Trappers Supply and instructed the ISTA to give every child under 15 years of age, who attended the ISTA 54th Convention and Rendezvous, one of each. There sure were a bunch of beaming faces as they left the ISTA booth with their new trap and bottle of lure. I personally cannot thank Mr. Hast enough for his underwriting of this project. Thank you Bob.

As for election results, the ISTA members had great representation with over 110 ballots coming back from the 301 that were sent out. That is an unheard of 37% return. Good job members. You made your voice heard. Fred "DR" Philips, DVM retained his position as President with a 2 to 1 majority vote. Melissa Mansfield was re-elected as Secretary, Paul Waldman was re-elected as a Director, and Jesse Melton was re-elected as the FTA representative. Unfortunately, Jesse's job duties have changed and he has resigned from his position at this time. Deric Beroshok, another of the Directors, has decided to take on the Trapping Education Coordinator's job also. These elections set the slate of Officers and Directors for the next year. The Board has decided to move our website, so you may need to search for the ISTA in the near future. Our current website will remain active till the end of the year, but be aware that change is coming.

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

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM
President ISTA

Fishing Lake Michigan

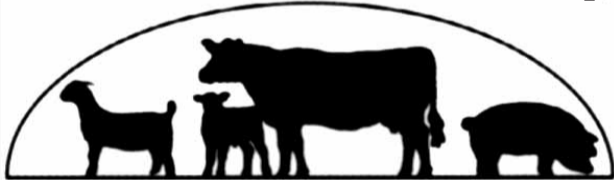
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Great Lakes area in 2003 when the USFWS succumbed to pressure and allowed states, tribes and the USDA to initiate DCC reduction projects. Surveys show the management efforts are working to a degree, but the numbers listed above still reflect an over-abundance. I don't want to see DCCs on the endangered species list, but I'd like spotting a "gulp" to be something special, not an everyday occurrence. THE END

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Top Photo: Approximately 100 students from Eastern, Northwestern and Western Schools from Howard County attended this Outdoor Experience along the Wildcat River. Bottom Photo: Deric Beroshok had tanned furs from all the wildlife in Howard County for them to see and touch. (Photos by Deric Beroshok)



Honors and AP high school students from Howard County, IN got their feet wet in the Wildcat Creek near Kokomo, IN. (Photo by Sarah Brichford)

Science Students Experience Wildcat Creek Feet First

by Sarah Brichford
Howard County Stormwater Technician

Honors and AP high school students from Howard County, Ind. got their feet really wet Thursday at the 2015 Wildcat Experience at Wildcat Creek near Kokomo.

The program was started by Howard County Stormwater Technician Sarah Brichford with important goals for these high achievers.

Wildcat Creek is 84 miles long and a major tributary of the Wabash River. In 2003, a study showed that most of its pollutants are from urban and rural run-off and wastewater discharge. Since then, state and local governments have taken steps to stem the flow of contaminants.

Plus, they decided to bring youth into the picture.

“We wanted to get high school students who are taking biology and environmental sciences out into the community so they could see some local natural resources, and more importantly, some of the services and infrastructure that depend on the natural environment like wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater treatment,” Brichford said.

“That’s why we created this, so they could experience it live and in person.”

Six years and hundreds of students later, Wildcat Experience is thriving and educating students with the help of volunteers and IISG specialists.

Jay Beugly, an IISG aquatic ecologist, shared his expertise on the region’s fish and aquatic insects. He was also hoping to change a few minds about the pollution stigma the Wildcat carries to this day.

“Typically students that come to this don’t get in the water initially because they think it’s so polluted,” Beugly said. “But I hope they go home and tell family that it has a lot of good fish and insects that don’t occur in terrible streams. I hope that they’ll decide that Wildcat Creek is a lot better than they initially thought.”

Howard Co. Storm Water District Wildcat Experience

by Deric Beroshok

Wildlife Station Instructor for Wildcat River Experience

On September 16-17, 2015 the Howard County Storm Water District put on a two day event called the Wildcat Experience. The topics were water, soil and wildlife. It was held at Camp Tycony in Kokomo, Indiana along the Wildcat River. Approximately 100 freshmen, sophomores and seniors from Eastern, Northwestern and Western Schools from Howard County attended the event.

Deric Beroshok ran the Wildlife Station at the event. He had tanned furs for all the wildlife in Howard County for the students to view and handle. He also demonstrated the different types of traps and taught a trapping demonstration.

Deric has been a member of the Kokomo Police for 25 years. Fifteen of those 25 years he has been a k-9 handler and has had 3 dogs in that time. He currently is on the day shift, but spent 20 years working the midnight shift. He owns Wildlife Control Services, LLC, it is a Nuisance animal control business. He's been trapping since he was 14 years old.

Deric is a life member, Director and Trappers Education Coordinator with the Indiana State Trapper's Association (ISTA). He is a Board Member with the Indiana Animal Damage Control Association, member of Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator Association (NWCOA), Life member of NTA and certified trapping instructor with the DNR.



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Mix loved his cars. At one point during the height of his career, he had all his cars fitted with custom-manufactured tires specially molded to leave tracks with his initials TM in the road.

On October 12, 1940, he was driving his 1937 Cord Sportsman through the Arizona desert. He took a turn too fast, and a suitcase broke loose, striking him in the head. His car plunged into a ravine, killing Mix. The spot was later named "The Tom Mix Wash" in his honor. A plaque there reads: "TOM MIX January 6, 1880 - October 12, 1940 Whose spirit left his body on this spot and whose characterization and portrayals in life served to better fix memories of the old west in the minds of living men."

The car that was recently acquired by Historic Connersville, Inc. is a 1937 Beverly 812. It is undeniably one of the most pristine examples of Cords now in existence. Gray in color with a navy interior, it is a four door model with a windshield that cranks out for ventilation. It is in drivable condition, and we hope to be able to use it for parades and other displays.

You are cordially invited to visit the museum Thursdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., early April through mid December. It is located at the junction of Highways 1 and 44 (5th and Vine Streets) in Connersville. Historic Connersville, Incorporated is a non profit organization supported solely by dues and donations. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted!

Grissom Air Museum Part 1

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On July 1, 1942, Bunker Hill Naval Air Station was opened by the U.S. Navy. At that time it served as a training base for naval pilots. During the four years of Bunker Hill NAS, thousands of pilots were trained for the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. One of its most famous alumni of Bunker Hill NAS is former major league baseball star Ted Williams.

After the war, the base was closed and it reverted to its former use as farmland.

Bunker Hill Air Force Base (BHAFB) 22 June 1954 – 11 May 1968

With the outbreak of the Korean War, the Air

Force needed a base where it could conduct nationwide and worldwide operations. Again, Bunker Hill become the logical choice. Negotiations were begun with the Navy (who still had the title to the site) to reopen the base as Bunker Hill Air Force Base. To simplify the legal aspects of construction, it was decided that the Navy would let all major contracts and supervise construction of the nearly \$25 million in new facilities. In 1982, the Air Force gained the title to the base from the Navy.

The base was reopened as a Tactical Air Command Base. The formal opening was June 22, 1954. That year, the 4433rd Air Base Squadron and the 323rd Fighter-Bomber Wing called Bunker Hill Air Force Base home. In 1955, the Air Defense Command's 319th Fighter Interceptor Squadron joined the forces at the base. The Strategic Air Command arrived on the scene in the mid-fifties and SAC's 8th Air Force assumed jurisdiction of the base on September 1, 1957.

In May 1959, the 305th Bomb Group and its B-47s arrived. Later that same year, the first KC-135 Stratotankers were assigned to the unit. Two years later, B-58s began replacing the B-47s. On 11 May 1968, after 26 years of bearing the name, Bunker Hill, the base was renamed Grissom Air Force Base (GAFB).

Grissom Air Force Base (GAFB) 12 May 1968 – 30 September 1994

The base was renamed on May 12, 1968 after Lieutenant Colonel Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, a native of Mitchell, Ind., who was one of the original seven astronauts. Colonel Grissom was killed during a fire in his Apollo capsule while still on the launching pad at Cape Kennedy, Fla.

On Jan. 1, 1970, the 305th Bomb Group was replaced by the 305th Air Refueling Wing and Grissom became one of the largest tanker bases in the country. The Air Force Reserve became part of the Grissom community in 1971 when the 434th Special Operations Wing and its A-37 aircraft moved to the base. For the next 23 years Grissom was home to both active duty and reserve personnel.

In 1978, a second Air Force Reserve unit joined the scene. At the height of its operations, the base was home to one active duty wing and two Air Force Reserve units. Due to changes in the Air Force mission, two units (one reserve, one active duty) were deactivated in 1994

Grissom Air Reserve Base (GARB) 1 October 1994 – Current

Grissom was realigned as an Air Force Reserve facility. Today, the base is home to the 434th Air Refueling Wing and is one of only four Air Reserve Command Bases in the nation.

Grissom Air Reserve Base plays an important role in the Indiana economy. It has a combined military-civilian work force and is the largest employer in Miami county and the third largest in north central Indiana. It is estimated the base has an annual economic impact of \$75 million.

Contact: Have questions?

Contact Jim Price, Executive Director of Grissom Air Museum today to learn more about all the exciting possibilities at Grissom Air Museum, just call us today at (765) 689-8011 or (574) 398-1451. Or email our director at director@grissomairmuseum.com.

DAVID BANDELIER

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David fought with a M60 machine gun. He and four others were hit by mortar fire, David had shrapnel from his waist down, hind end and both legs. He was medevaced by helicopter to a hospital in Japan where he stayed for two months.

By the time he returned to the 101st in December 1968 it had moved north into the mountains. Due to his injuries at Chu Chi he no longer carried the M60 machine gun, he used the M16 rifle instead.

Along the way to the A Shau Valley David was promoted to an E-5 (Sergeant) the day before May 10, 1969. He was put in charge of a eleven man squad in Company C.

From April 25th thru May 9th the U.S. Air Force C-130's prepared 30 landing sites in the A Shau Valley the precursor to the offensive on Hill 937 otherwise known as "Hamburger Hill". The North Vietnam Army (NVA) held the top of the hill and were dug in with a headquarters, hospital, tunnels and ready to defend their position.

May 10, 1969 the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry (3-187th) of the 101st Airborne Division arrived at the base of Hill 937 aboard helicopters.

Hill 937 was the tallest hill in the area. The weather wasn't the best, they had monsoon rains, for every step forward they slid back three. The whole hill was jungle terrain, classified as a triple canopy jungle. During the day it was 90 to 100 degrees and at night it could drop to freezing cold, further up the hill. The whole hill area had been treated with agent orange. Wearing the same clothes during the assault the infantrymen suffered from the rain, heat and cold conditions all in one day, their clothing was almost always wet with sweat or rain.

The hill was being assaulted by artillery from American firebases, air support bombing from the Air Force or rockets and machine gun fire from Army gun ships (Huey's). The 3-187th was hit by friendly fire three times, their commander, Lt. Col. Weldon Honeycutt ordered no more AR's until everyone knew where everyone else was located on the hill, before resuming.

May 14, 1969 was the worse day for Company C of the 3-187th. David told me their outfit was made up of 3 platoons and a headquarters unit for a total of 120 men. They originally had 130-135 men, but due to casualties going up the hill between May 10th and the 14th their numbers were down to 120. David said, "Making up our force was our 3-187th infantry. He added, "by the end of the 14th there was 31 men left of the original 120, the others were either killed or wounded.

David told me, "during the air strikes looking up it looked like the bomb was going to hit you, but it would go over our heads and hit their target, then the next one came over - it was pure hell on that hill!"

After Hamburger Hill was taken there was hardly a tree left on it. The total losses for taking Hill number 937 was 39 Americans killed and 330 wounded. The NVA reported the loss of 600 killed, but trail watchers said the count was more like a 1,000 or more. The NVA removed many of their dead from the battlefield at night burying them in mass graves.

David came off the hill in once piece, but contracted Malaria on the way down and was transported to Cam Ranh Bay. The doctors thinking he was cured released him from the hospital to go back to his unit. Then he came down with two other types of

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Malaria. He was cured of one of them, but retained the other which was the kind you get to keep for the rest of your life, he suffers from it now.

David is on 100% disability from his year in Vietnam 1968-69. ■

Indiana Outdoors

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The disappointing part was that where they were standing was no more than five yards from my original position!

That is bowhunting. While it can sometimes be hard to swallow to be so close, and yet so far, that is the very reason we as bowhunters love it so much.

For our first do-it-yourself elk bowhunt, I'd say we were very successful! It is vast country, and to pin-point elk and have them as close as we did, well, that is simply spectacular in my book.

What's more, the state of Colorado could not have been any more helpful. They were a wonderful asset in helping us prepare for our hunt of a lifetime experience. Except, God willing, this won't be a hunt of a lifetime for us. I plan on going back every year if possible.

While we hunted a mixture of both private and public ground, Colorado has tons of public ground for hunters to take advantage of, and is where much of the hunting is conducted, even by outfitters.

So, the bottom line is, don't be afraid to trek out to the Rocky Mountains for your very own hunt of a lifetime. Sure, it can be intimidating – until you actually just go out there and do it. The terrain is tough, and packing out an animal is grueling, but somehow there is nothing more satisfying.

Scour over your options and decide which is best for you in regards to an outfitted or do-it-yourself hunt. If deciding to give it a go on your own, contact the Colorado Parks and Wildlife office at <http://cpw.state.co.us> or give them a call at 303-866-3437 for more information. ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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ribbon flowing out of sight. I encounter deer along the roadways I travel year around.

I have noted though cats and dogs don't seem to be effected by the whistle.

DRIVERS WARNED TO BE AWARE OF DEER THIS FALL

As days shorten and the breeding season for deer approaches, the chance of encountering deer on roadways increases significantly.

Deer-vehicle accidents can be minimized by practicing defensive driving. Nearly 50 percent of all vehicle accidents involving white-tailed deer occur between October and December, according to Patrick Mayer of the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

Knowing the following information and practicing defensive driving will help reduce your chances of becoming a deer-vehicle collision statistic:

Deer are most active between sunset and sunrise.

Deer often travel in groups, so if you see one, another is likely nearby.

Be especially careful in areas where you have seen deer before.

Use high beams when there is no opposing traffic;

scan for deer's illuminated eyes or dark silhouettes along the side of the road.

If you see a deer, slow your speed drastically, even if it is far away.

Exercise extreme caution along woodlot edges, at hills, or blind turns.

Never swerve to avoid hitting a deer; most serious crashes occur when drivers try to miss a deer but hit something else.

According to Mayer, drivers should pay attention to traffic signs warning of deer crossings. Deer crossing signs have proven effective at notifying motorists of areas where caution should be exercised, but drivers tend to get accustomed to such signage, reducing their effectiveness over time.

If you hit a deer, remain calm.

"Although gentle in nature, deer that are injured or stressed can be extremely dangerous," Mayer said. "They have sharp hooves and a powerful kick. Do not approach the animal unless you are positive it has expired."

Mayer said that deer can be found anywhere in Indiana, including in urban settings, so drivers should be on the lookout no matter where they are. Motorist also should exercise increased vigilance between sunset and sunrise.

To view all DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

THREE OPTIONS TO CHECK YOUR GAME FOR 2015-16 HUNTING SEASON

Three options to check your game for 2015-16 hunting seasons

Hunters this fall can check their game online through the CheckIN Game system, at an on-site check station or by phone.

The online CheckIN Game system at checkingame.dnr.IN.gov can be used with any Internet-connected device. The website includes instructions on how to use the system. Users also can locate their customer ID and print temporary transportation tags.

The phone-in option, at 1-800-419-1326, carries a \$3 fee (Visa or Mastercard only).

Even at the on-site check stations, station managers now will enter information online through the CheckIN Game System. Stations will no longer be using paper log books or issuing metal tags.

A listing of on-site check stations is at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/6271.htm.

Note: A misprint in the 2015-16 hunting guide incorrectly lists the phone number for CheckIN Game. The correct number is: 1-800-419-1326.

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1991 FRONTIER DAYS NARRATION (Written by Ray Dickerson) Part 8

Little Turtle & William Wells vs William Henry Harrison

Part 7 Recap

Little Turtle and William Wells met with the Quakers of Baltimore to see if they could help the Miami learn to cultivate their land and live peaceably with the white man. Little Turtle told them that the white man's liquor was ruining the future prospects of his people becoming self supporting and living in peace with the white man. As a result of Little Turtle's emotional speech the 7th Congress of the United States passed legislation prohibiting liquor traffic to the Indians and the agriculture to the

Indians.

President Jefferson appointed William Wells as the official Indian Agent at Fort Wayne with an annual salary of \$600 per year. Little Turtle's request for a trading post at Fort Wayne was granted.

Back in the Northwest Territory William Henry Harrison became a stumbling block for both Little Turtle and William Wells in his grand plan to make all of it become under the United States control and reduce ownership of any of the land by Indians.

In 1804 the Quakers made good on their pledge to help the Indians, a Indian Council met at William Wells home on April 10, 1804. The Quakers sent Philip Dennis to work with the Indians by erecting a agriculture school at the Forks of the Wabash. The project was a success to one extent, only the Indian women kept the project going. At the end of summer the food and pigs was divided equally among the Indians. Dennis went back to Baltimore.

On August 18, 1804 Harrison acquired all the Ohio River hunting grounds from the Delaware who didn't own it.

Little Turtle through the help of William Wells learned the value of land and wanted to keep their Miami land intact. In the Spring of 1805 many members of the Eel River and Wea tribes of the Miami moved near the agriculture project and took up farming. The Society of Friends sent a small group to set up farming about 5 miles from the Indian project with the consent of the Miami. A working relationship developed between the two groups. The future looked bright for the Miami.

Governor Harrison's Indian treaties had netted the American Government nearly 30 million acres of land. In the background Tecumseh and his brother, The Prophet, who were landless waited for their time.

Day 3 - September 7, 1992

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

Opening Scene Wells and Little Turtle with Quakers

Tecumseh joined his brother in Greenville in the fall 1805, together they arranged a mass meeting of all tribes, excluding the Miami and the Delaware, at Wapakoneta, where the Prophet spoke. Wells heard about it and reported it to Harrison, Matthew Elliott also heard of it and re-established a British trader in the vicinity so he could keep abreast of The Prophets activities.

Harrison challenged the Prophet that if he was truly a prophet, then he should be able to cause the sun to stand still, or the moon to alter its course, or the streams to cease to flow, or the dead to rise from their graves. Unfortunately for Harrison, The Prophet new of an eclipse and predicted an eclipse of the sun in late 1806. When it came to pass, The Prophet scored a great triumph and his fame spread over the entire Northwest.

William Wells was much more disturbed by The Prophet's rise to power then were most white officials. The Indians numbers soared at Greenville until local residents petitioned Wells to move them away from Greenville. Wells contacted Dearborn for the authority to move them, but was ignored by him. Harrison also was disinterested in Greenville's problem.

In April 1807 Wells invited Tecumseh and his brother to visit Fort Wayne to hear news from the Secretary of War, Dearborn. Tecumseh refused and told Wells that he should travel to Greenville to give them the message. The message asked the brothers to move to an area out of white occupancy. Tecumseh took this opportunity to propose his doctrine that the

Indians did not recognize any of the treaty boundaries set by the U.S.

The governor of Ohio sent commissioners to Greenville to talk with Tecumseh, who declared to them that his intentions were entirely peaceable.

On July 14, 1807 Wells informed Dearborn that 2,000 Indians were expected to assemble at Greenville, again he volunteered to do something about it, but he received no reply from Dearborn.

Harrison sent a communication to the Shawnee and asked them to drive the Prophet out because he did not speak for the Great Spirit but for the devil and the British agents. The Prophet replied to Harrison that he was not in collusion with the British and that the Indians came of their own free will.

On Dec. 5, 1807, Wells informed Sec. Dearborn that speeches from British Agents had informed the Indians that King George had sent 7 large vessels to America loaded with soldiers to relieve his red children from oppression and restore their country to them again. Dearborn did reply to this information, he asked Wells to keep an eye on The Prophet and to arrest any British agents who might be found in American Territory.

Despite Dearborn's lack of appreciation of Wells efforts, Wells did as he requested. On Mar. 6, 1808 he afforded Dearborn the first news that The Prophet was moving his headquarters from Greenville to the Wabash 120 miles southwest of Fort Wayne. He also told him that the Prophet had sent for the sax-foxes-Iahowes-Winnebagoes and Malomenees to meet him there.

Little Turtle took 60 warriors and intercepted The Prophet sixty miles south of Fort Wayne and demanded he not move from Greenville to The Wabash, as that was Miami Land. The Prophet told them that he was invited by the Potawatomi to go there.

The Prophet moved in May of 1808 to his new headquarters on the Wabash. Tecumseh went to Canada with five other Shawnee to meet with the British and 1,000 Canadian Indians.

Wells proposed a visit to Washington, Jefferson approved of it. The group left for Washington on Nov. 5, 1808 and returned in January of 1809. Little Turtle, Richardville, Capt. Hendrick, Beaver, Black Hoof, Raven, and Marpock. Wells tried to get Dearborn to go along with some of his proposals for the Shawnee brothers, but was unsuccessful. Dearborn had already decided to replace Wells, but did not want to do it in person.

When Wells returned to Fort Wayne, John Johnston gave him the letter from Dearborn terminating his appointment as Indian Agent and naming Johnston his replacement. Wells was kept on as interpreter. The loss of the post was a bitter blow to Wells, especially since he was working so earnestly for the purpose of the United States government. Wells kept to his word though and continued to supply Harrison and Dearborn with information on the movements of The Prophet and Tecumseh. In late 1809 he reported that The Prophets gestures were more warlike, but the more warlike he got the less followers remained. Most of the Indians were not ready for another war. Towards the end of 1809 Tecumseh became more vocal and began to demonstrate his will. He declared to all that would listen the Indian tribes owned their lands in common and none could sell without the consent of all. Tecumseh believed in getting all of the Indians to form a confederacy, whereby they would rule jointly, drive the whites from the Indian land and go back to living the old way.

When Governor Harrison purchased more lands

at the Treaty of Fort Wayne in the fall of 1809, there was no white pressure for him to do so. The Indians didn't want to sell it, but were pressured into it by other tribes who didn't even own it. This latest effort by Harrison effectively brought Tecumseh to the fore-front of the issues of the day. With Wells out of the Indian Agency, British agents were able to exert more influence on the Indians than ever before and the anti-white movement was transferred from The Prophet to the warrior, Tecumseh.

In the early months of 1810 a war belt was sent by the British among the tribes of Wisconsin, Michigan and beyond the Mississippi. Delegations began to visit Prophetstown shortly thereafter. The Prophet still spoke to them, but Tecumseh became the chief speaker.

On August 12, 1810 Tecumseh met with Harrison at Vincennes to discuss the Fort Wayne Treaty. Tecumseh repudiated all treaties on the grounds that no single tribe could sell land that the Indians owned in common. He also accused the Americans of mistreating the Indians since the beginning of the American Revolution. He also told Harrison his followers intended to kill the chiefs who had signed the Fort Wayne Treaty.

Harrison defended the Treaty of Fort Wayne on the grounds that the land only belonged to the Miami alone, a fact that he finally recognized. He added that if the Great Spirit had intended the Indians to hold their lands in common, then he would have given them a common language.

At that response, Tecumseh became very excited and gave a violent speech towards Harrison. Harrison broke the meeting off in order to avoid an armed clash. Later Tecumseh sent a messenger to Harrison requesting another meeting so he could explain his conduct to him. They met again. Tecumseh made it plain that he would never accept the Treaty of Fort Wayne. Harrison told him that the Treaty would not be reversed. Other chiefs that were present from the Wyandot, Kickapoo, Potawatomi Ottawa, and Winnebago spoke in support of Tecumseh.

Following the council, Harrison visited Tecumseh at his camp where Tecumseh told him that if the Treaty of Fort Wayne wasn't reversed he would ally himself with the British, an action he would prefer not to take. In November of 1810 Tecumseh told Matthew Elliott that in one more year his confederacy would be completed and he would be ready to go to war.

Harrison began to make preparations for war, he didn't doubt Tecumseh threats.

Harrison beefed up his militia as he prepared for war. He discussed the building of a fort in the direction of Prophetstown in the newly purchased land with the Secretary of War and making a demonstration of strength in the direction of Prophetstown.

On July 27, 1811, Tecumseh visited Vincennes again, bringing with him 300 warriors. Harrison paraded his militia to impress the Indians and then met with Tecumseh. Tecumseh assured Harrison of his peaceful intentions, but warned him not to cross the border into Indian lands. He told Harrison he was going to visit with the Creek and Choctaw in the south; he expected them to join with him in an alliance to stop further land acquisition by the United States.

Once Tecumseh had departed for the south, Harrison doubled his activity. He directed William Wells to convene a council of the Miami Indians at Fort Wayne on Sept. 4, 1811. In attendance was the Wea, Eel and Miami proper. The head chief of the Wea Miami, Lapoussier, who owed his position to the British influence admitted while he held the hand of the President, he also held the hand of The

Prophet, the latter being slack. He indicated that the Wea would defend their land against whoever might invade them. He made a threatening gesture towards Little Turtle with his tomahawk. Little Turtle replied to Lapoussier, you might kill me if you wish, but you should know I will not die alone.

Turtle, who remained friendly towards the U.S. through it all, made a direct response to the message by which Harrison had convened the meeting. Harrison had told them that he would draw a line, "those that keep me by the hand must keep on one side of the line and those who adhere to The Prophet on the other." Turtle replied, "The land on the Wabash is ours we have not put the Prophet there, but on the contrary we have endeavored to stop his going there..... you say you will draw a line between your children and the Prophet we are not pleased at this because we think you have no reason to doubt our friendship."

Despite the Presidents quest for peace, Harrison decided to take an expedition north against Prophetstown. In Mid-July his force was increased by the addition of 500 troops from the Fourth United States Army Regiment at Pittsburgh under the leadership of Lt. Col. John Parker Boyd. Harrison's force numbered 1,000 when he left Vincennes and marched north on Sept. 27, 1811. At Terre Haute the army stopped and built Fort Harrison. He sent a message to Prophetstown for the Indians to disperse. Harrison left Ft. Harrison on Oct. 29th, prior to leaving he sent an urgent message to Louisville asking for Kentucky volunteers. In response Samuel Wells (William Wells brother) and Col. Frederick Geiger (Wells father-in-law) answered the call and took mounted riflemen with them and met Harrison enroute to Prophetstown.

Before leaving Terre Haute, Harrison had sent word to the Prophet to ask for a council, but received no answer due to his not meeting his scouts when they returned on the wrong side of the Wabash.

Harrison neared Prophetstown on Nov. 6, 1811 where he was met by an Indian delegation who agreed to a council meeting with him the next day. The army set up on a flat elevation overlooking Burnett's Creek about a mile from Prophetstown. Harrison didn't trust the Indians and instructed his soldiers to sleep in their uniforms and keep their guns handy.

At four-thirty in the morning of November 7, 1811 the Indians attacked Harrison's camp. They charged Capt. Barton's company and Geiger's riflemen. Harrison called for his horse, which broke loose from its handler and ran from the encampment, he grabbed a bay and rode to the first point of contact. Col. Abraham Owen who was at his side was killed. Harrison ordered Lt. Peters and Capt. Cook to reinforce Barton's line. The fierce Winnebagoes rushed upon the bayonets in an attempt to push them aside. The regulars held their position. Major Daviess asked the Governor twice for permission to charge the Indians, on his third request he was given the okay and charged the Indians. Daviess was mortally wounded in the charge. Spencer's Yellow Jackets fought courageously. Harrison rode to the position of the Harrison county Riflemen and called for the Captain, a slip of a boy answered, "He is dead, sir." He asked, "Where is your Lt?" The boy answered, "He is dead." He asked, "Where is your second Lt?" The boy replied, "He is dead." Where is your ensign?" The boy answered, "I am he." "The General compliments him and tells him to hold the line." ■

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Matthew Richardson took this 7 point buck in 2014. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



This doe was taken by Hayden Weaver in the youth deer season. It was taken with a .357 mag rifle on private property in Henry County. (Submitted by Teddy Criswell via e-mail)



This is Kallie Asher, our 11 year old daughter. She went with her Daddy to the Youth Deer Hunt this weekend, her first deer hunt ever. Kallie took this 80 lb. small doe with a .44 mag at about 50 yards in Fayette County, IN. We are so proud of her! I'm guessing we will have a sibling rivalry because Kallie has a twin brother who went with Dad on Saturday. Kallie is the first to get a deer! I am thankful

they will both have these memories of not only learning to hunt, but learning to hunt with Dad. (Submitted by a very proud mother Elizabeth Kennedy via e-mail)



Layla Shepherdson, 9 years old daughter of Anthony and Denise Shepherdson, killed two doe on 9/26/15 with a 44 mag. rifle. She was thrilled and loves hunting with her Grandpa, Randy Crain and Uncle Matt Crain. (Submitted by Layla's mother Denise Shepherdson via e-mail)

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