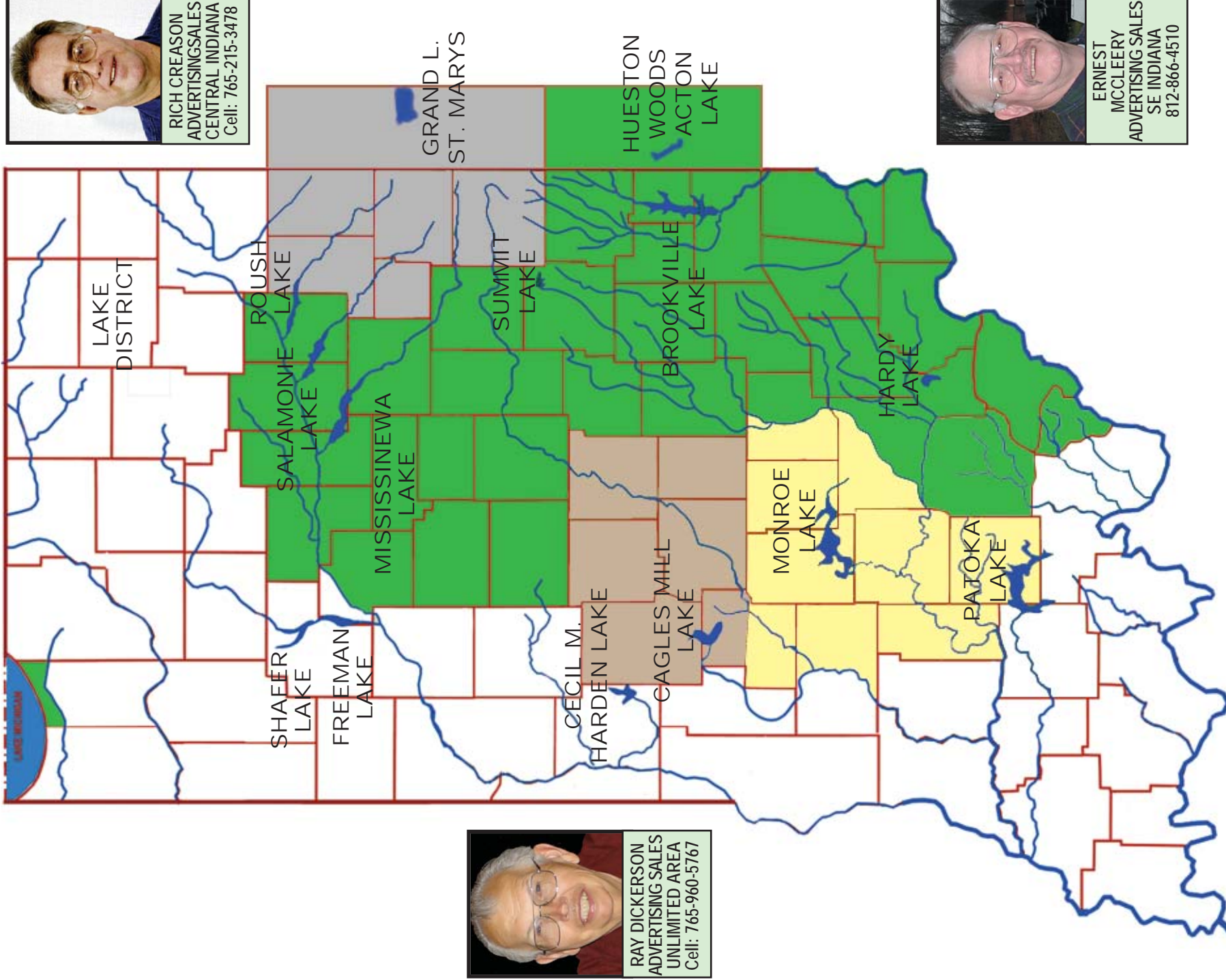


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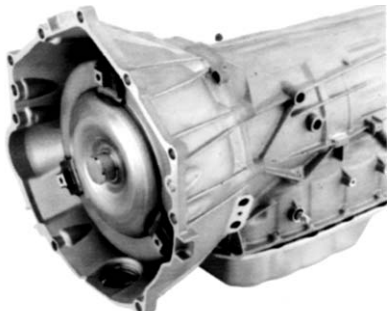
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Top Right: Captain Mike Schoonveld writes about Tyler Kreighbaum, owner of Tightline Fishing Charters in Michigan City, caught the new record trout on Saturday, June 11. It measured 44 inches long and weighed 37.55 pounds, beating the previous state record by about 8 pounds. See Page 13

(Photo Provided by Captain Mike Schoonveld)

Bottom Left: Jeremy Cranfill caught this 36-37" Muskie. In his own words, "I caught this Muskie on Sunday, June 12th around 8:45 a.m. out of my Jackson Coosa HD kayak. It was approximately 78° outside, partly cloudy, very light wind coming out of the north with water temps around 74°-75°." (Photo by Jeremy Cranfill)

Bottom Right: Centerville Archway Days Parade file photo. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 777 preparing to douse spectators with their water guns, I barely got out of the way in time. They were followed by Boy Scouts and the Blue Regiment Marching Band. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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The areas I'm interested in hiring a part-time advertising representative is illustrated in the colors Gray, Tan and Yellow on the map located at the bottom of the front cover.

The Gray area includes the counties of Wells, Adams, Blackford, Jay and Randolph in Indiana and Mercer and Darke in Ohio.

The Tan area includes the counties of Marion, Hendricks, Putnam, Johnson, Morgan and part of Owen in Indiana.

The Dark Yellow area includes the counties of Brown, Monroe, Lawrence, Orange and Part of Bartholomew, Jackson, Owen, Greene & Martin.

If anyone reading this is interested in talking to me about the possibility of selling advertising part time in one of the areas listed above for The Gad-a-bout please contact me by calling my cell 765-960-5767 or e-mail raythegadabout@gmail.com

Sales representatives can also write a column in The Gad-a-bout if they are interested in doing it.

Ad representatives are paid a commission on their sales, a gas allowance and paid for their column once they prove they can sell advertising.

It helps to have an interest in one or more of these outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, boating, guns, archery and other outdoor pursuits. The gift of gab also helps.

Currently I am printing 8,000 paper copies and it is posted on my website each month. People can pick it up for free at advertiser locations, some limited other sites and read it on line for free. A limited number of copies are sent to subscribers also.

See map of Indiana and a section of Ohio on the bottom of the front page. It shows where The Gad-a-bout is distributed in Green and the new areas I'm looking for ad reps. I have a couple advertisers already in Randolph and Jay counties. If someone takes those counties they will receive the commission on them immediately.

SEE CORRECTED MAP ON PAGES 8-9

Last month I didn't finish the cross reference map on Page 18 for five advertisers in Union County plus I

never double checked the pages prior to sending the layout to the printer. Cara Stallsmith who puts The Gad-a-bout online for me let me send her a corrected copy of that issue all the ad locations was correct on my website beginning Thursday, June 23, 2016.

In this issue on Pages 8-9 is a correct Cross-Reference map showing where the five effected advertisers are located in Union County near Brookville Lake and Whitewater Memorial State Park. I've also added the appropriate property names and road identification.

The idea of even doing the map was to give advertisers outside of Liberty the opportunity to have a cross reference location just like all the advertisers in town have been getting with me since I began doing 4-page pull-outs of the Liberty Festival. I guess I'm getting too old to cut the mustard anymore, as mom used to say.

THE 2016 FARMERS PIKE FESTIVAL IS RIGHT ON SCHEDULE AGAIN FOR THIS YEAR SEPTEMBER 2-5, 2016

The Land family has been advertising in The Gad-a-bout for a very long time. Last December we were saddened when we saw the announcement of Shawne E. Land had passed away at the young age of 51. At last years Festival I spent a good deal of time talking to Shawne and the rest of the family at their office on the grounds. We wondered about this years show. Recently Rich Creason who is my representative in Henry County talked to Delayne Land to see if he was going to have the Festival this year.

Yes, as you can see in the middle of this page is the 2016 Farmer's Pike Festival Flyer. I'm glad he is carrying on their family tradition. When I first talked to them about advertising in The Gad-a-bout, Dick and Rheta Land was at the reins of the festival. Dick left us and Rheta took over. I have several photos of Rheta sitting in her cart on the rise just to the west of the music tent with her friend and companion her little white dog at her side. She left us not so long ago, now Shawne. When you get acquainted with your advertisers like I do, we are all family and as all families do we hurt once in a while, but the smiles return and life returns to normal for awhile. In the September issue we will have a complete list of the music shows for this year and some photos of previous festivals.

I hope to run into some of you at this years Farmer's Pike Festival.

Sherry and I have met some really fine musicians and singers at this Festival,

A few years ago we had the pleasure of meeting a singer who used to sing with Elvis Presley back in Tennessee.

HOOSIER HUNTING & FIREARMS SHOW JOHNSON COUNTY FAIRGRDS FRANKLIN, IN AUGUST 6-7, 2016

The 1st Annual Hoosier Hunting and Firearms Show will debut at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on August 6-7, 2016. Ray Rigby contacted me back in May telling me about his show. It is going to be a humdinger, he has gobs of outdoor related booth attendees at this his first show. See page 7 for his advertisement. There is a list of all the businesses who will be there including The Gad-a-bout on Saturday August 6th. I hope to see a lot of you there supporting this all new sport show.

GUNS AND TACKLE IN GREENSBURG MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION JUST DOWN THE STREET

Go to pages 14 & 15 for photos and a article about Mike Mentz. Unlike an article a magazine wrote about him in March 2016 all the photos in this article are right side up.

Mike expects to be moving sometime in July. His new address will be 1510 North Lincoln Street. He gave me a tour of the new shop and he will have a lot more space for you and him. He's going to have some new opportunities for you that I know you will like. He will also have a spot for the

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2016 Farmer's Pike Festival

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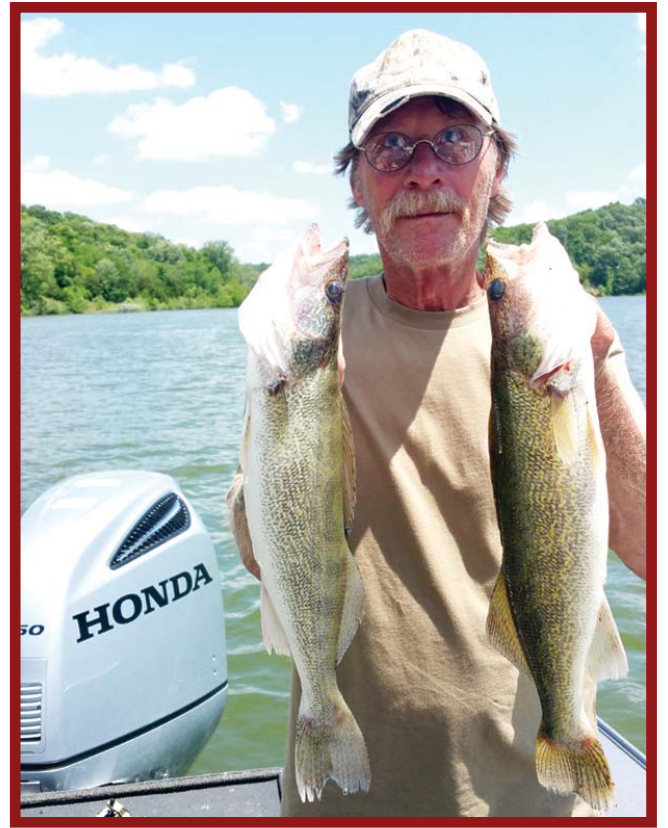
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Two nice walleye caught by Dave Butchie from Indianapolis while fishing on Brookville Lake with me. (Author Photo)

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Fishing Brookville Lake in Summer Time

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Well the first thing you should do is get yourself a good topo map of Brookville lake. You can pick these up at any bait shop around Brookville lake. If you can't find one stop in at 52 Pik-up we have them.

Open it up and get yourself familiar with it. What your looking for is off shore structure. Now this could be flats, humps, drop offs, ledges, rock piles, under water points. Just about any irregularity on the bottom has the potential to hold fish.

The dilemma fish are fighting in the summer time is hot water and low oxygen content. They have to breathe so they will be above the thermocline. I see fish on the fish finder a lot of times just above the thermocline, but they just won't bite. My thought is that this is where the water is the coolest, but the oxygen content is just so low that they won't exert the energy it takes to feed. This is where a little luck comes into play. At various times through out the day fish will move up around structure and feed. This could be caused by the wind, cloud cover, approaching storms, the sun, the moon or a combination of things.

The dilemma we're facing as fishermen is that when fish move up on this structure to feed there are thousands of little bait fish living on this structure. This makes for a very short feeding time. When the feeding trigger strikes, the predator fish will move up from the thermocline area into the shallow warm water around structure and gorge themselves. With the shallow water being so full of bait this feeding frenzy will not take long. When it's over the predator fish will move back to the deeper cool water to cool down and rejuvenate till the next feeding trigger.

There are a couple of ways to fish structure. You can anchor up and cast to it. You can troll over it or you can drift across it. A lot of this depends on how you like to fish. If it's me and it's windy I will drift across it, but if there is no wind at all I will troll over it or anchor up and cast to it.

A great jig to fish with is a whistler jig or a weed weasel made by Northland tackle. Just tip it with a

night crawler than cast and retrieve to the structure. Stick with light jigs to force yourself to retrieve slowly. The trick is to stay in contact with the bottom. When drift fishing do the same, stay light but have an array of colors. If the water is dark stick with colors like orange black chartreuse or green, but if the water is clear stay with white chrome, gold or blue.

If your going to troll you have to have an arsenal of crank baits. Good colors are black and chrome, black and gold, blue and white or fire tiger, just to name a few. Look for baits that dive from 5 to 7 feet, 8 to 12 feet or 12 to 15 feet deep. You want the bait just ticking the bottom. Your speed should be between 1/2 and 2 mile an hour. Try stopping and starting, zigzagging or speeding up and slowing down. When you catch one make a mental note on your speed, depth and position, put a mark on your GPS or throw out a marker buoy and simply repeat.

What your going to have to do is find some good looking places on your topo map. Motor out on the lake and find them, mark them on a GPS or simply find land marks that you can see that will help you relocate your spots. Try to have about five or six spots all over the lake and keep moving from spot to spot till you connect with the feeding fish


Tag Nobbe
 Brookville Lake guide

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News from the Indiana State Police



by **Sergeant John D. Bowling**
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Motor Carrier Inspector Retires After 28 years of Service

Pendleton – Motor Carrier Inspector Fred Bunzendahl recently retired from the Indiana State Police Motor Carrier Division after 28 years of service. Bunzendahl, a 1970 graduate of Connersville High School, was a Connersville Firefighter prior to joining the Indiana State Police Motor Carrier Division in 1988.

After graduating from a seven week course for federal trucking and safety regulations, Bunzendahl was assigned to the Connersville District to work at the I-70 Scales at the 148 mile marker in Wayne County. While there his duties included safety inspections on school buses and commercial motor vehicles.

Fred said that back when he started there were 167 Motor Carrier Inspectors around the state. Currently there are only 42. MCI's also drove their own vehicles to work at the scales back then. Eventually they were issued vehicles.

His career highlights included receiving a Life Saving Award in 1993, after he performed the Heimlich maneuver on a female who was in distress inside the Fayette County Courthouse. In 1994 Bunzendahl was awarded as the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division Motor Carrier Inspector of the Year.

In 1997 Bunzendahl was named an MCI Supervisor, supervising as many as ten employees. The biggest changes he has seen over the years relates to how technology is now used to find and report the violations of commercial motor vehicle rules and laws.

In 2007 Fred was given additional duties as a Liaison with the Indiana Department of Transportation in which he was responsible for all facility maintenance of the seven (7) MCI Weigh stations located throughout the state. He has also participated in the design stage of the new weigh station being constructed on I65 near Seymour, Indiana.

According to Bunzendahl, his greatest joy as a member of the ISP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division was the opportunity he had to help make Indiana roadways safer, by enforcing the rules and laws applying to commercial vehicles. Over his career Fred accumulated 600,000 safe driving miles, and was involved in the inspection of commercial vehicles involved in 143 fatal crashes.

Bunzendahl and his wife of 42 years reside in Connersville. If you run into Fred, make sure to shake his hand and congratulate him, on a "job well done." The attached picture is of Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter, Fred Bunzendahl and Fred's grandson, Nolan, at the reception held on 6/17 at the INDOT facility at SR1 and US 40 in Wayne County.



Left to right, Indiana State Police Supt. Doug Carter, Fred Bunzendahl and Fred's grandson, Nolan at reception held 6/17/16 at the INDOT facility at SR 1 and US 40 in Wayne Co. (Author Photo)

Cops Cycling For Survivors

Indianapolis, IN –Monday, July 11, 2016, marks the departure of the 15th annual Cops Cycling for Survivors bicycle ride around Indiana. 2016's ride celebrates 15 years of Gary Dudley's vision of a ride to support law enforcement survivors. For the first time in 30 years, Indiana lost no officers to line of duty death in 2015.

2016 also honors ten years since Lt. Gary Dudley, Indiana State Police, and Deputy Chief Gary Martin, Lake County Sheriff's Dept., were killed participating in the ride on August 22, 2006. The cyclists' journey will last 13 days and cover nearly 1,000 miles bicycling the perimeter of Indiana honoring fallen police officers and their families.

On July 11th, the police escorted cyclists will be riding from Indianapolis along U.S. 40 to Richmond, with stops at Knightstown and Cambridge City. After an overnight stay in Richmond, the cyclists will head up the Cardinal Greenway to Muncie. From Muncie they will take SR 67 to Redkey, in Jay County. Please watch for the cyclists and their escort vehicles if driving in those areas.

Cops Cycling for Survivors Foundation, Inc. annual bike ride consists of active and retired police officers,

law enforcement survivors, law enforcement family members and friends of law enforcement. The group rides their bicycles around the perimeter of Indiana to raise funds and awareness of the sacrifices made by Hoosier law enforcement families across Indiana.

Funds raised from this event are used to perpetuate the memories of officers killed in the line-of-duty and to aid surviving family members and co-workers of officers killed in the line-of-duty. Previously raised funds have been directly donated to foundations, scholarships and camps that have been started in memory of fallen officers or by Indiana survivors in honor of their fallen heroes. In addition, funding has been donated to Concerns of Police Survivors, the Indiana Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors and Project Blue Light at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

The ride is scheduled to conclude on the afternoon of Saturday, July 23, 2016, at Crown Hill Cemetery, Heroes of Public Safety Section. The closing ceremony will begin at 2:00pm EDT. Indianapolis Colts long snapper Matt Overton will provide the closing message. All are welcome to attend.

Additional information on specific locations of meals and overnights can be found by clicking on the Calendar tab of the website. Click view calendar and the month of July. <http://www.copscycling4survivors.org/events.php>


To track the rides progress, stops, and activities, please like and follow them on the Cops Cycling for Survivors Foundation Facebook page (Cops Cycling for Survivors).

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Following in the Footsteps of his Father

by Ray Dickerson

Following in the footsteps of his father, Joshua K. Millsaps will graduate from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on June 24, 2016. Joshua's father, Gerald L. Millsaps graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on

June 24, 1983. Adding to the coincidence of graduating on the same date 33 years apart, both attained very good test grades while attending the Academy.

The Indiana Law Enforcement Academy Basic course for new police officers consists of over 600 hours of training in a variety of areas. Criminal and traffic law, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, physical tactics, EMS awareness and human behavior are some of the major areas of instruction during this course. A variety of other police related subjects such as accident investigation, criminal investigation, domestic violence and sexual assault, water rescue training, Standardized Field Sobriety Test, crime prevention and drug and narcotics are included in the areas an officer must study before graduating. The course of study is designed to incorporate practical as well as classroom exercises so the officers have a better idea of how they will react to situations they will encounter when they return to their departments.

Gerald Millsaps joined the Centerville Police Department as a Reserve Officer in 1980 and went full-time in 1982. He attained the rank of Deputy Marshall. He retired from the Centerville Police Department in 2003. Since retiring he's working full time at his business, Richmond Complete Home Improvement and Overhead Door Company located at 3920 National Road West, Richmond, IN 47374.

Joshua became a Reserve Police Officer for the Centerville Police Department

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— Photo At Left —

Left to right, Centerville Police Officer Josh K. Millsaps and his father former Centerville Police Officer Gerald L. Millsaps. Both attended the Law Enforcement Academy and graduated on the same day 33 years apart. Gerald June 24, 1983 and Josh June 24, 2016. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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This 7 lb. 6 oz. bass was caught by 12 year old Hunter Sturgeon in Brookville Lake using a popper. He was fishing with his papaw, Richard Sturgeon on 7-2-16. (Submitted by Papaw)



Ray Garrett, caught on July 4, 2016, 42", 20 lb. muskie, caught and released back into Brookville Lake. (Submitted by Teresa Garrett on July 5th)



Jeremy Cranfill caught a 36" Muskie. In his own words, "I caught this Muskie on Sunday, June 12th around 8:45 a.m. out of my Jackson Coosa HD kayak. It was approximately 78° outside, partly cloudy, very light wind coming out of the north with water temps around 74°-75°. The muskie was approximately 36-37" in length, and I'm unsure about the weight or girth. I ended up releasing it back into the water since I did not have any way of keeping it with me on the kayak with hopes to catch another day. I caught this on the northern end of Brookville Lake using a 7' medium power, fast action rod with 10lb. test line casting a crank bait. It fought for a good 10 minutes before I could actually get it up into the kayak. It was by far, a catch of a lifetime for me especially being by myself, catching it and actually getting it into the kayak to take pics. I will never forget this experience!



Two young boys with 2 nice looking Turkeys taken on 4-23-16. No names came with the photo.

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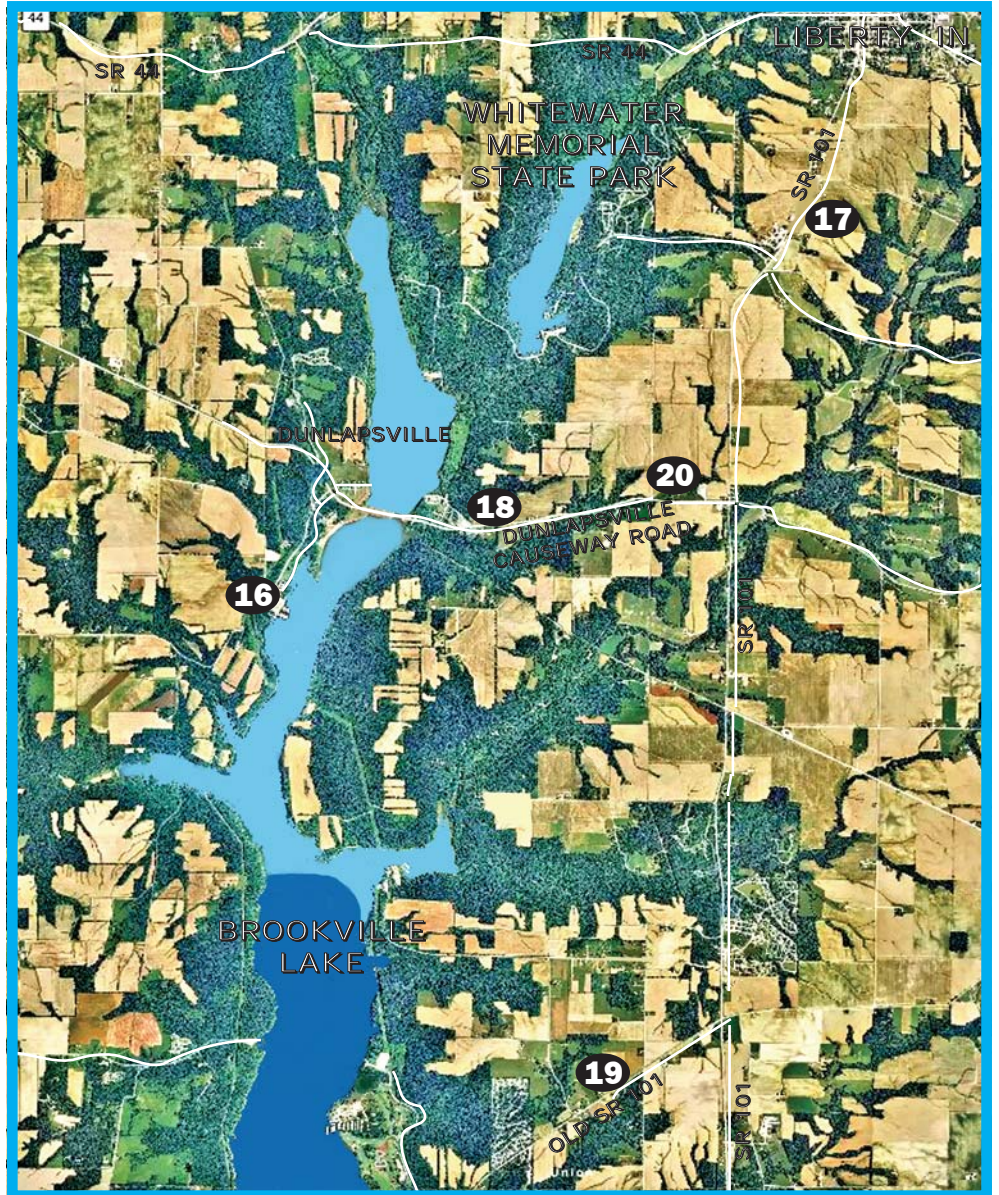


Frank Schocke took this 10 point, 215 pound Buck Deer on 11-21-15. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



David Jenkins took his 21 lb. Turkey, it had a 10" beard and 1 3/16" spurs. Hunter Thompson took his 18 lb. Turkey, it had a 9 1/2" beard and 1 3/16" spurs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)

AERIAL MAP OF WHITEWATER MEMORIAL STATE PARK & BROOKVILLE LAKE IN U.C.



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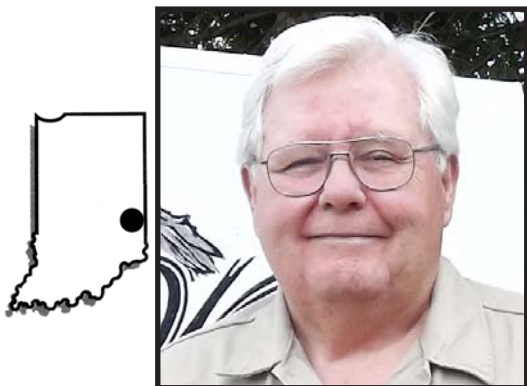
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Left Photo: This is a view of the chamber on a 1906 Winchester .22 short. This one is in good condition for its age and years of use. Rust has pitted the barrel face but the chamber had not suffered any pitting. The chamber still required reaming with a special tool as the mouth had some denting from the firing pin been released on an empty chamber. It's safe to shoot. Right Photo: This is the chamber on a Stevens Crack Shot - 26. If you see a chamber in this good of condition it's a keeper as long as the rifling is not damaged. It was n't. (Author Photos)

**Random Notes from:
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair**



by Marshall Smith

Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

GUNSMITHING

The fall hunting season is approaching and I'm sure you have your favorite hunting gun or bow ready to go. Some will have bought a used gun at one of the many gun shows over the spring and summer this year. In the years past, when a gun was purchased used the buyer and seller often knew each other or were introduced by a mutual friend. Today, the gunshot allows the sellers to sell their guns to dealers or to individuals they don't know at the show. The buyer only has a few minutes to inspect the gun and if it looks to be in descent shape and the price agreeable, the deal is made. It's only after the buyer gets the gun home that a more detailed inspection is made. Then questions arise which can only be answered by accurate measurements. Most important of those is the condition and wear of the gun's chamber, bore, and head space.

Chambers of the used gun can have issues. The chamber can be rough and gouged. A Chamber design has the mouth of the chamber larger than the throat. That is it is tapered to allow easier extraction of the fired round. I've found a couple of the very old (antique) .22 rimfire rifles originally chambered for the .22 short or .22 long, have had the chamber dimensions extended to accept the .22 long rifle cartridge. Both had apparently been home gunsmith'd using a drill bit that was close in size. That doesn't

work to well and ruins the rifle. Once done it can't be undone without installing a new barrel or chamber liner and using accurate chamber reamers to re-chamber the rifle. That is costly.

Many of the older model rifles and pistols which may have seen extensive use over the years should have the bore scoped and checked for pits and corrosion, the condition of the rifling, and the muzzle crown checked that it is round and perpendicular to the bore and not oval shaped or scarred into the bore. The crown is very important to the accuracy of the rifle or pistol. A damaged crown can drastically affect the accuracy of the weapon causing gas to escape around the bullet pushing it to one side or the other.

Head space can be an issue on older guns, particularly with surplus military rifles. The military rifles were all made with generous head space to accommodate the many variations of military ammo. Even today, the head space on the M-16 military surplus barrels may have more head space than found on the civilian AR-15 rifles. If you have an AR-15 rifle or obtain one that may have a surplus barrel don't be to alarmed if you have the head space checked and find that the NO GO gauge chambers. Have it checked again with the FIELD GAUGE and if it chambers the FIELD GAUGE, don't use that barrel for anything but a paper weight. Some will say that the FIELD gauge may still be OK but it has been my rule that if the head space is more than .003" greater than the NO GO gauge I look to re-chamber or replace the

barrel. For most centerfire rifle ammo the minimum to maximum is .010". It differs as some ammo is head spaced on the rim or other part of the chamber.

For information only: the different chamber gauges are GO, which indicates the chamber meets SAAMI (Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, Inc.) minimum chamber dimensions. If a rifle closes on a GO gage, the chamber will accept ammunition that is made to SAAMI's maximum specifications. NO GO, is the maximum head space recommended for gunsmiths chambering new firearms. FIELD, is the longest safe head space. If a rifle closes on a FIELD gage, its chamber is very close to, or longer than the specified maximum chamber size and should be removed from service until checked (or chucked) by a qualified gunsmith.

If you bought a prize at a gun show or otherwise this past year I hope you have checked it thoroughly and found it in good condition.

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These are .223 Rem/5.56 Nato chamber gauges. The top one is the GO gauge and bottom is the NO GO gauge. I don't have or own any FIELD gauges. If the gun closes on the NO GO gauge I use a small piece of Plastigauge green or red to measure the additional headspace. (Author Photo)



Again I apologize for the poor photography. I'm attempting to show the difference in the 2 gauges. The NO GO gauge is .006" longer than the GO gauge. Maximum SAAMI headspace dimensions is .010" over the minimum which the GO gauge measures. The gunsmith will try chamber the gun so that the GO gauge just fits. (Author Photo)

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Washington

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

Remember, Be Safe, (Be Aware, Be Respon-sible)

Marshall Smith
Owner/Gunsmith
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Following in the Footsteps

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on November 1, 2014. On July 20, 2015 he was made a full-time Police Officer. He began his assignment at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on March 14, 2016 graduating this Friday, June 24, 2016.

Prior to Joshua's leaving to attend the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy I had talked to him on several occasions. He left an impression on me of being very professional and friendly. I know he will also

follow in his father's footsteps in being the best he can be protecting the citizens of Centerville.

Joshua, thanks for your service to your community.

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<http://www.copscycling4survivors.org/>, or contact Rich Crawford, President of Cops Cycling for Survivors Foundation, Inc. at 317-650-8961.

This year marks my 25th year as an Indiana State Trooper. During my 25 years, I've gotten to meet some interesting people with interesting stories. I've decided to retell some of these stories here, with the hopes you'll find them interesting too.

On a cold spring day many years ago, I was sent to a home back a lane in a rural county, to take a report of possible threats and phone harassment. As I drove up, an older lady, in her 60's came out to meet me, along with a younger woman in her 30's. They were both church going ladies, with their hair up, wearing long sleeves and skirts.

The mother invited me into her daughter's home to take a report from her. We went in and sat around a long dining room table, and the older woman began telling me how she had started going to a new church about a year ago, and had met a younger man there.

She said she hadn't planned on meeting someone at this point in her life, as she had been divorced for years. But this man, who at 59 was 10 years younger than her, was everything she had ever hoped for. She said they had been dating for about a year, when she told the man it was finally time to tell his wife that the two of them were going to be together.

Now I looked at the daughter, who with a red face and sheepish grin, was looking down at the table. I picked my jaw up off the table, and asked the older woman "His wife?" She answered that yes, he had been married for years, and yes it was wrong, but they were meant to be together and it was time to tell his wife.

She said she was shocked when the man's wife promptly threw him out of the house when he told her. She went on to say she had attempted to call the wife for two weeks, so she could tell her that she knew how she felt, because her husband had left her the same way, years ago, for a younger woman he had met at church.

Well, the man's wife finally answered one of the phone calls, and the woman couldn't believe the wife told her she would like to hurt them (the husband and her) both, but the good Lord wouldn't let her. The woman went on to say the two women went on to talk for an hour, about cheating husbands of course, and the wife never threatened her again.

The woman said she wanted me to go talk to the wife, because she wasn't sure she was a "good Christian woman." She was afraid the wife may try to hurt her or the soon to be ex-husband, when the new couple started showing up at church together. I looked at her, and before I caught myself blurted out, "Let me get this straight, you've been dating HER husband for a year, and you're worried SHE might not be a good

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Archery Know How



by Tom Stricker

Some Do's and Don'ts

In this article we are going to discuss some do's and don'ts for a better archery experience. Some of us have been self-taught and only know what works for us. Another thing we have all been told is "if it's not broke don't fix it". In archery we can all get better or just make it easier to shoot and have fun,

One of the first things we need to discuss is, does the bow you have now fit you properly? By properly I mean draw length, draw weight, and peep height. Once these items are taken care of getting started is easy. If your bow is adjustable in draw length take it to an archery pro-shop and have them set the proper length. (See the picture attached for proper measuring) **FIGURE ONE.** After setting your draw length make sure the draw weight is proper for you as well. If you have to raise the bow above your head to draw it back, it's too heavy. You should be able to sit in a chair and draw your bow if it is set properly. After the bow is set for weight and length, set the peep height for you. The easiest way to set the peep height is to draw your bow back (with an arrow in the string or using a dummy release so you don't dry-fire the bow) with your eyes closed and once at full draw open your eyes and the peep should right there without you moving to look through.

Now that the bow fits you let's get started. One major rule for any archer is to not dry-fire your bow. Here are some very helpful ways to make sure this doesn't happen to you.

- Always have an arrow on the string when you draw the bow back.
- Check your nocks on the arrows. Just because the arrow is on the string doesn't mean it can't dry-fire. If the nock is cracked from shooting groups on the target the force of the string will break it and dry-fire the bow.
- Purchase a release dummy if you do a lot of testing and tuning on your bow.
- Please don't let your buddy draw your bow back with their fingers. Even though they say they won't let it go.

Ever wonder why your arrows with the practice tips and your broad heads fly differently?

Do you know what arrow spine is? Do you understand what the numbers on the arrows mean? Don't just assume that you can pick up arrows and shoot them and everything be perfect.

- Until you understand what the numbers mean don't just go to a box store or farm store and pick up arrows for your bow.
- Broad Head choice is very instrumental in accuracy. Know what practice tip weight you are shooting before



FIGURE 1

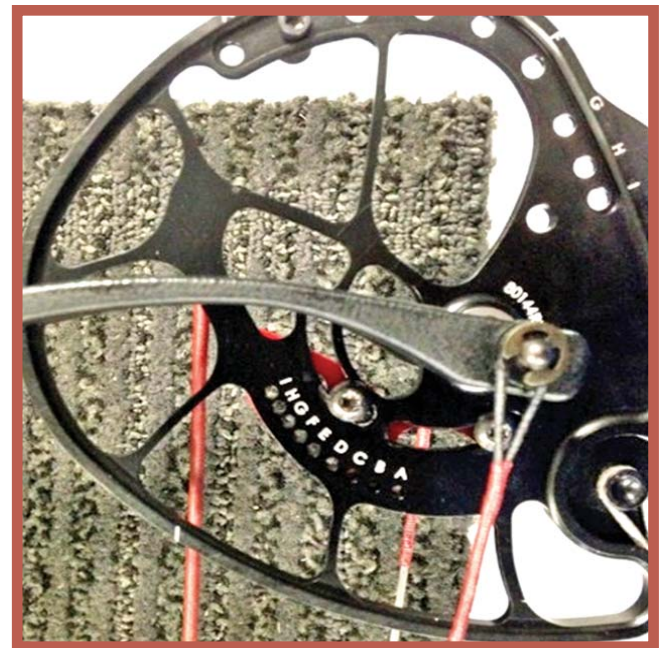


FIGURE 2

you pick up your broad heads. If you are shooting a light weight tip for speed in the summer for 3-D make sure your spine for your arrow is proper for the weight for your broad head and draw weight.

- 80lb bow = 300 spine arrow
- 70lb bow = 340 spine arrow
- 60lb bow = 400 spine arrow
- 50lb bow = 500 spine arrow
- 40lb bow = 600 spine arrow
- An archery pro-shop will make sure you have the proper arrow for the weight and draw length that you need. Please utilize your local pro-shop for their expertise.

During the summer a co-worker ask you if you want to go to his/ her house to shoot after work the next day. You of course say heck yeah! That night you shoot at home and put your bow away and put it in the car the next morning before work. All day the bow is in your trunk and its 90 degrees outside and 130 degrees in your trunk. OOPS!! Now you get off work and go to their house to shoot. You're so happy and you get your bow case out of the trunk and open it and guess what? It's in pieces in your case and now you're in tears....

Never put your bow in a hot car/truck or going to be hot car/truck.

- Your strings stretch
 - Limbs de-laminate on laminated limb bows
 - Riser could bend (if its aluminum).
 - Could blow apart on the first shot due to fatigue.
- Take the extra time and go home and get the bow, ask your work place if you can put it in the office, but please do you and your bow a favor and don't leave it out in a hot car.

Now a little about services that you should think about for your bow every year if not a couple times a year.

- Fresh D-Loop every year or twice a year depending on how often you shoot. When we put a D-Loop on your bow at the shop we always check your center shot to make sure that your arrow is in line.
- Peep Tubing, if you use this style of peep you should change the tube at least once a year. This will prevent it dry rotting and breaking in the middle of the draw cycle.
- Timing, have your timing checked to insure that your



FIGURE 3

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

A SAG-BELLIED RECORD

When I was a youngster I grew up with a fishing pole in my hand. And fishing rods, as well (there's a difference between a pole and a rod.) And I had dreams of catching a fish so big that it's belly sagged when I held it posing for a photo.

At the beginning of each month, I'd head to Gene Miller's barber shop to get my monthly haircut. In grade school I'd simply get a plain ol' buzz cut. Later on I graduated to a stylish flat top and longer styles were in vogue in my late high school years. But that's not why I did monthly trips to the barber.

Barber Miller had subscriptions to a half dozen



Tyler Kreighbaum dredged this "old timer" lake trout off the bottom of Lake Michigan to set a new state record (Author Photo)

outdoor magazines - Outdoor Life, Sports Afield, Fur Fish Game and others. Saturday mornings were busy and I always hoped for a crowd so I had plenty of time to go through the magazines. Occasionally, I'd hang around after being "barbed" to thumb through the remaining pages of the magazine I'd been reading.

While many of my friends dreamed of becoming a major leaguer, rock and roll star or top flight golfer, my dreams were spawned by the pages of those magazines.

So was my imagination. I may have been holding my cane pole down at Mert Harrington's pond catching six-inch bullheads; in my mind I was in Florida planning to catch a 10 pound or bigger largemouth bass. When I switched to a fly rod to angle up stunted bluegills or crappies at Mingle's pond, my mind was in the Rocky Mountains fishing for native cutthroat trout.

But of all the dreams I gleaned from all the flashy photos in the magazines, none fueled my imagination more than those depicting giant lake trout caught from huge lakes in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of Canada. These fish were so big that when the proud angler held them, their belly sagged! Oh, to catch a fish so big it had a saggy belly.

At the time I had no idea lake trout were once available in Lake Michigan, less than an hour's drive from my Newton County home. Once the apex predator in the Great Lakes, over harvest by commercial fishermen had collapsed the population by the mid-1950s, but stockings by Great Lakes states and the federal government were reinvigorating Great Lakes trout populations.

By the time I started fishing Lake Michigan,

lakers were fairly common catches, though few of them had saggy bellies. They certainly do these days and a recent catch of a new Indiana record lake trout emphasizes there are some great trophies available, still less than an hour from my home.

Tyler Kreighbaum, owner of Tightline Fishing Charters in Michigan City, caught the new record trout on Saturday, June 11. It measured 44 inches long and weighed 37.55 pounds, beating the previous state record by about 8 pounds.

The fish was older than Tyler! All the lake trout stocked in Lake Michigan are marked in some way to differentiate them from naturally spawned fish. Back in the day, this was accomplished by clipping one or more fins from the fingerling trout before they were stocked. The fish quickly adapt to a missing pectoral fin or clipped-off adipose fin and by looking for missing fins when they are caught or captured, biologists can tell when and where the fish were planted.

The fin-clip pattern for this trout showed it was stocked in the late 1970s meaning the fish was well into it's late 30s when caught. Kreighbaum is only 25!

Most lake trout caught in Lake Michigan are caught, kept and eaten. They are usually caught near the lake's bottom in water 70 feet or more deep. The stress of being caught and hauled up from that deep makes it hard to release them successfully.

Most Lake Michigan lake trout are caught at age eight or 10 and weigh eight or 10 pounds. Those are still nice sized fish and fun to catch.

But their bellies don't sag.

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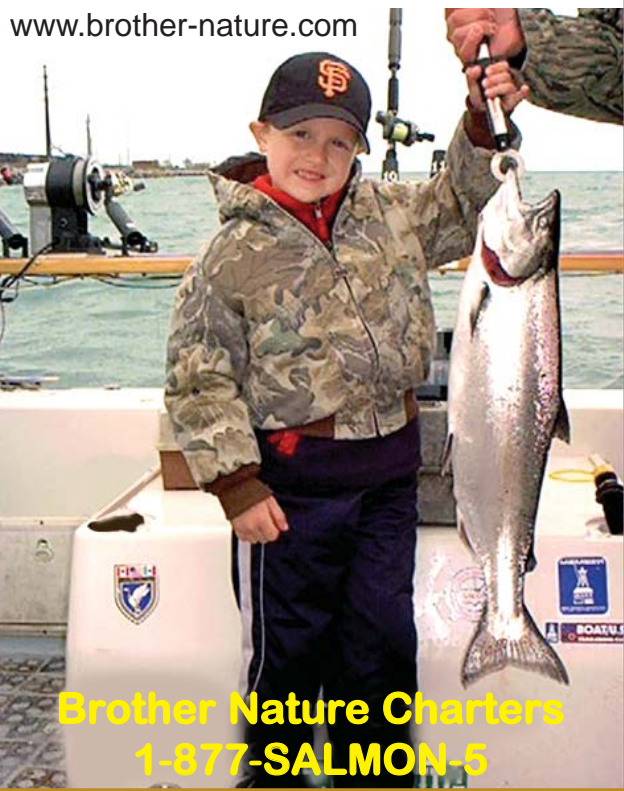
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Left Photo: Left to right, Mike Mentz, Ashley Mentz and Jim Jones standing in front of Guns and Tackle shop next to CVS. Will soon be moving to 1207 North Lincoln St. in Greensburg. (Photo by Ray Dickerson) Right Photo: Just a sampling of all the rifles you will find in Mike's shop. Lower (Mentz Photo)



Marvin L. Cole at left, former owner of Guns & Tackle located at 1510 North Lincoln St., Greensburg, IN. At right, Mike Mentz new owner of Guns & Tackle. This photo appeared in the September Gad-a-bout after Mike Mentz took over.

GUNS & FREEDOM A PERFECT MATCH

A native of Greensburg served his country in the United States Marines, carrying on his tradition is his son also a United States Marine serving his country as a USMC Sniper on active duty.

The father, Mike Mentz, owns Guns & Tackle a local gun and tackle shop, currently located at 1510 North Lincoln Street in Greensburg, Indiana. Sometime this month Mike will be moving into his new location just down the street at 1207 North Lincoln Street in Greensburg, Indiana.

Mike and his wife, Julie have two sons, Aaron and Tylor and one daughter, Ashley.

Tylor is the oldest, he lives and works in Florida.

Aaron following in his fathers footsteps is currently in the United States Marine Corps serving in the Middle East, he is a Marine Sniper. He enlisted in 2014 and he too is a Corporal, just like his father. After he returns home he looks forward to working side by side with his dad at the gun shop.

Julie works at the high school and has worked there for 21 years.

Ashley works with her dad in the gun shop.

I made a special visit to Guns and Tackle to talk to Mike about his upcoming move to a new location not too far south of his present location. The new address is 1207 North Lincoln Street. The

move was due to CVS, next door to the gun shop is expanding.

Also working at the gun shop is Jim Jones. The first time I met Jim he treated me like a celebrity. We had a nice long chat. I told him on that occasion that I was friends with the other Jim Jones who attended our church many years ago in Centerville. He just chuckled about that.

Mike got busy with a customer so I took advantage of his absence to wander over to what they call the "Loafer's Corner." Two grand looking ole' fellers was sitting in the two chairs talking. I sidled up to them and listened for a while. Then one of the fella's said, "your the gad-a-bout guy." I said, "yep." They continued talking, so I asked who they were. The guy on the left said he was Larry Linville from Greensburg and the one on the right said he was Dave York. Someone nearby said he was a kin to Alvin York. I asked him if he was really related to Alvin and he replied, "Probably, his people came to Indiana from Tennessee where Alvin was reared and lived.

I had to cut my loafin' as Mike was finished with the customer and asked me if I would like to go see the new store location. I told him, yes.

So we left separately meeting at 1207 Lincoln St. It is a very nice building, it used to be a grill. It has plenty of parking space and rest rooms too. Mike is doing most of the work himself. He showed me where the showroom was located,



One of several one-of-a-kind engraved firearm stock created by a local engraver commissioned by Mike for a customer. A majority of these customized treasures contain a military subject. (Mentz Photo)



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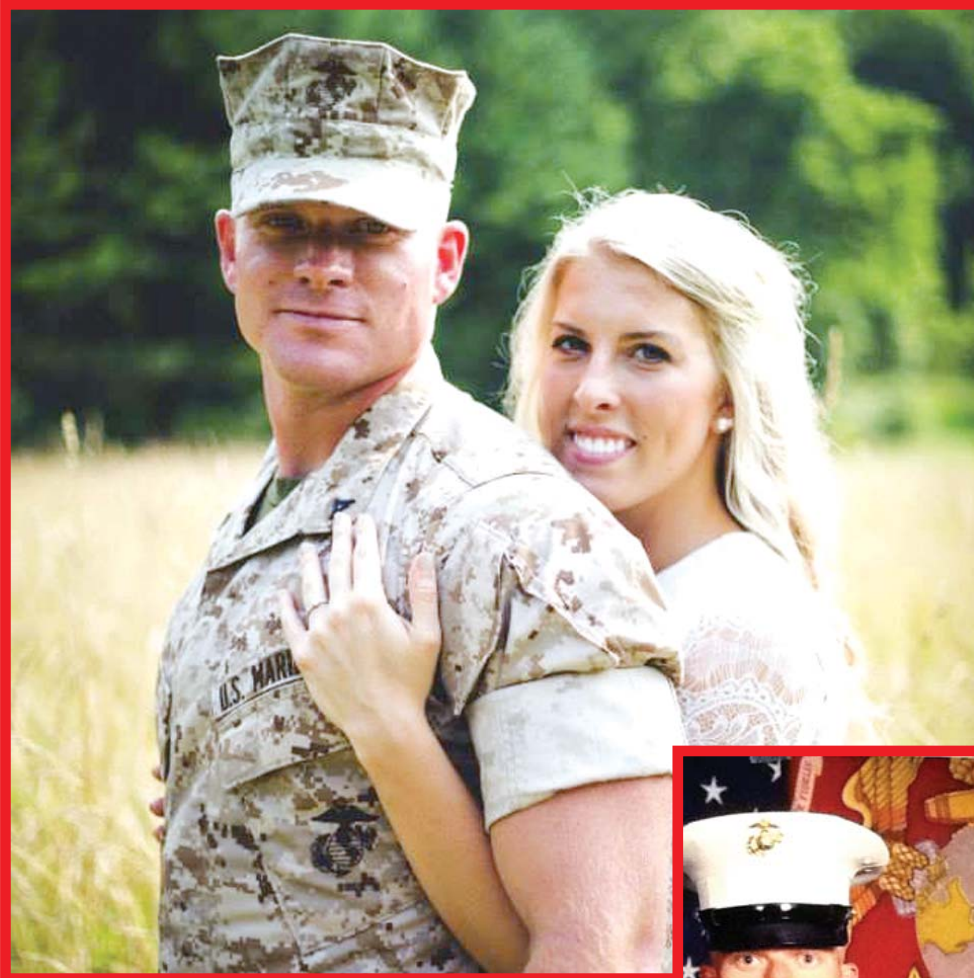


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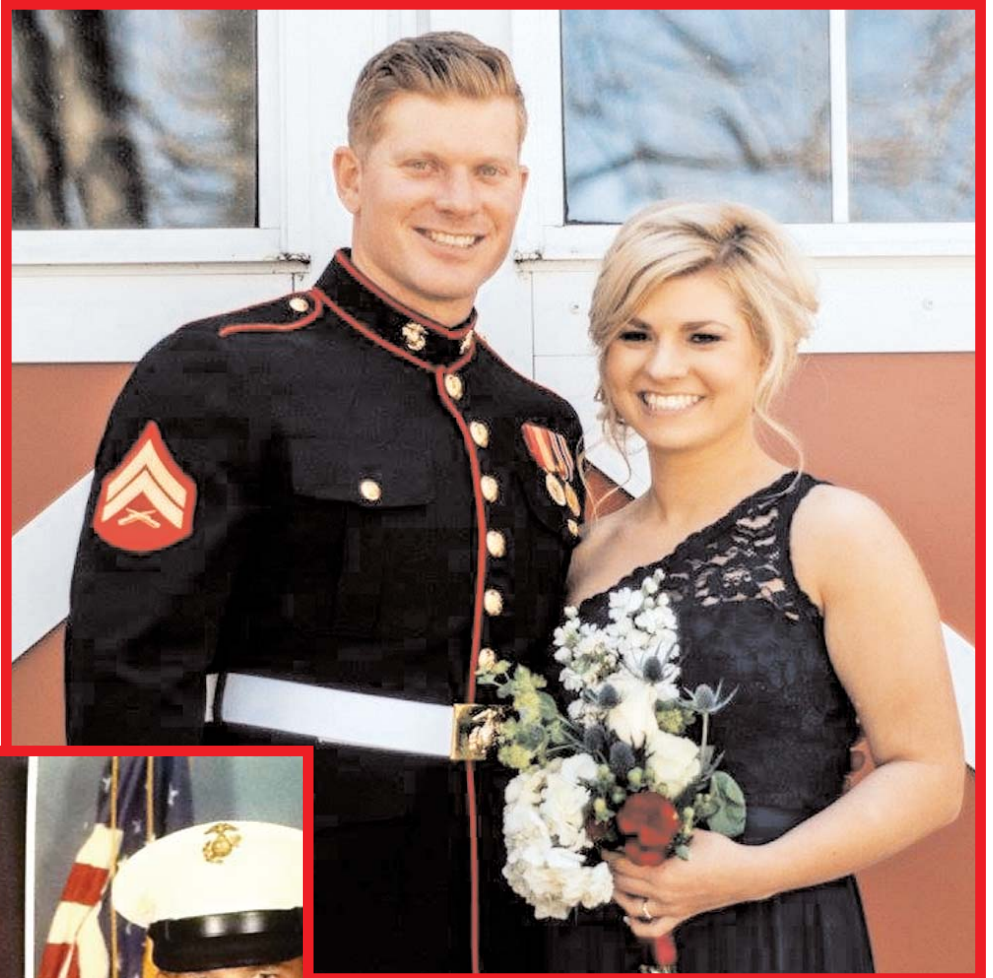
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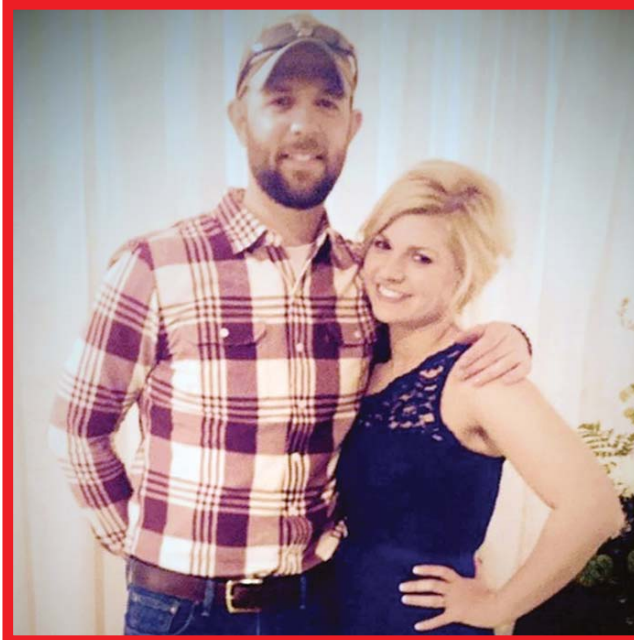
Marine Aaron Mentz with his wife, Emily. (Mentz Photo)



Corporal Aaron Mentz and his sister, Ashley. (Mentz Photo)



Son on the left and Father on the right
Two proud members of the United States Marine Corps, at left Corporal Aaron Mentz and at right Corporal Mike Mentz. Aaron joined in 2014 and is still on active duty as a USMC Sniper. Mike served six years and was discharged in 1990.



Ashley Mentz and boy friend Jamie. (Mentz Photo)

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space for a new concept in purchasing firearms and adding parts and pieces right there. He's got enough space for two offices and room for setting and adjusting firearms.

I asked him when he expected to be ready to move. He told me hopefully by July 15th.

Following is some information Mike made to another publication about his taking over Guns and Tackle from long time owner, Marvin Cole, who still frequents the shop on occasion.

"Talking with Mike Mentz, proprietor of Greensburg's own Guns and Tackle, is like talking with an old friend. Mike compares his establishment to an old general store with many interesting stories associated with the merchandise throughout the store. We like to think we have replaced the pickle barrel with a powder keg, said Mentz. Our regulars have dubbed it "Loafer's Corner" and have been lobbying for recliners and a big screen TV!"

Adding, "Guns and Tackle offers a host of collectibles in both the fishing and firearms realm. Mentz commissions several local engravers to create one-of-a-kind firearms. A majority of these customized treasures, contain a military subject. If a new handgun or long gun is on your wish list, Guns and Tackle is renowned for the largest selection of guns in southeast Indiana."

"Among the many organizations Mentz humbly supports are: The Chris Kyle Foundation, Veterans, active duty military and military families as well as local firefighters, police department and community churches."

Be sure to stop and visit with Mike, Ashley and Jim. See their ad on page 14 for more details.

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Left to Right, Front Row: Camp Counselors Zach Burton, Charles Davis, Jeremy Landry, Allyn Bennett and Chris Syzmanowski. Left to Right, Middle Row: Shamus Brown, Bryon Shepherd, Quentin Shepherd, Shayla Wysong, Makalia Ponting and Cayleb Osha. Left to Right, Back Row: Riley Brown, Chase Walters, Christian Davis, Jacob Necessary, Jackson Maracle, Fiona Brown, Rown Aubre-Howard and Alicia Painter. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF WAYNE COUNTY SUMMER CAMP GUY

by Alicia Painter

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County offers a summer camp program for members' ages 6 to 18 years old. Camp Guy is located on 168 beautiful acres on the Whitewater River, near Connersville, Indiana. While attending Camp Guy, members have the opportunity to participate in creek walks, archery, arts and crafts, fishing, canoeing, swimming in the river and pond, hiking, knot tying, campfire cooking, and tree identification. Once a member properly completes each activity, demonstrating the necessary skills, they earn a badge to show their accomplishment. Every Thursday features an overnight at Camp Guy. Members are able to sleep in a cabin or a tent and participate in exciting activities all day long!

In June, members at Camp Guy experienced a presentation by Ray Dickerson. Ray discussed the history and culture in Indiana and the Indian heritage. Ray brought copies of the Gad-A-Bout newspaper and a map of Brookville Lake for each camper.

Any one who is interested in becoming a Boys & Girls Club member, please contact 765-962-6922.

Any information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County can be found at www.bgcrichmond.org.

TALKING ABOUT HISTORY AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS SUMMER CAMP GUY

by Ray Dickerson, The Gad-a-bout

Earlier in this past spring I got a call from Alicia Painter representing the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County, asking if I could give a talk about the history of the Whitewater Valley on June 23, 2016. I wasn't in my office so she left a voice message.

I called her back and we talked about her request. I told her that I wasn't very good at public speaking. She told me my audience would be young people age six to fifteen at their summer camp. I thought about it and finally said I would do it.

I have found it quite easy to write about all kinds of subjects since writing my first Graphic column in 1972. All I have to do is send them off.

It was crunch time, June 23, 2016. For several days I'd been reading, writing and printing out notes from books, internet and some writing I've done on the subject of the Whitewater Valley since 1972. I was hesitant about following through with my visit. I knew I was going to bore them to tears.

I left home in plenty of time to get there. I took my Indian outfit I wore for Frontier Days and all the paraphernalia that went with it, plus reference books. I also took information on the Whitewater

Canal

I became quite nervous and felt unprepared. It reminded me of a time long ago when Dovin Coffey and I was to do an Indian dance at one of our Explorer Scout Camps. It was my Indian dancing debut, I tripped over a light cord and put everyone in the dark.

Following Alicia's directions to the camp and the aid of my 1978 Tourism Map, which incidentally had their camp on it.

I was to be there at 12:30, as usual I arrived early. I found Boys Club Road, a narrow road winding up and down and crossed two cement slab bridges with water running over them. I wasn't sure how far it was back to the club. There was a van following me so I pulled over in a lane to let it come up beside me. It was Allyn Bennett a Camp Counselor. He told me I had arrived. Little did I know I had parked in a mud hole and was stuck pretty good. With Allyn's help I managed to free the van and followed him up the hill.

Several boys were there, they helped me carry my Indian outfit bag, reference books, 50 Gad-a-bouts and 50 Brookville Lake Maps down to a building where we would gather for my talk.

Soon the Boys and Girls Clubs school bus arrived and unloaded 35 or so children, ages six to thirteen.

At approximately 12:30 pm Alicia had all of the boys and girls sit at the three tables and chairs.

She introduced me and nervously I asked the children where they lived, their reply was Richmond, Centerville and Connersville, mostly Richmond.

I began by telling them how I learned I was part

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Indian some time ago. My daughter Amy had a school project and asked me about our ancestry. I told her we should ask my father about it.

As it turned out on Christmas Eve, 1991 we were at Dad's when I told him about Amy needing to know about our ancestry for school. Amy sat on the floor in front of Dad and he began talking about our family. I looked in disbelief when he talked about his great grandfather being married to a full blooded Cherokee Indian. He said they lived on a farm near the Wabash River between Logansport and Delphi, Indiana. Then he told her how we got to this area, his mom, dad, sisters, brothers etc.

I opened the bag with my Indian outfit in it and

explained it in detail and about Frontier Days Rendezvous where we told the life story of Miami Chief Little Turtle, William Wells and Frances Slocum. I had a copy of my Frontier Days Narration and talked about our history between 1780 and 1812.

I was asked a variety of questions especially about the Indian outfit, Miami Chief Little Turtle, General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, Kekionga, the "Gore" and more.

By that time I began to relax and became more at ease talking in front of the children and adults. It was easy for me to talk about Frontier Days.

Next I told them about how Franklin, Union, Fayette and Wayne counties became settled. How John Conner opened his first trading post near Cedar

Grove in 1803, then near Brookville in 1806 and finally near present day Connersville in 1808.

I then told them the history of the Whitewater Canal which began construction in 1836 in Lawrenceburg and reached Hagerstown by 1847. How the floods of 1847 and 1848 caused the canal to cease operations.

I told them about my May 19, 1974 Whitewater Valley Railroad's 2nd official trip from Connersville to Brookville and back with 173 passengers on board including Lt. Governor Robert Orr on the restored canal tow path.

I really enjoyed the time I spent with the boys, girls and adults at "Camp Guy."

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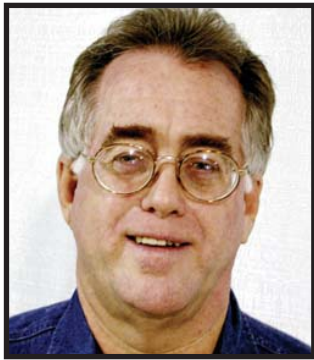
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Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Fishing in a Wyoming Quarry

Susie and I have fished from southern Florida to northern Canada, from eastern Virginia to Montana. We have caught fish in fresh and salt water. We have a 25 pound wahoo, a nine pound walleye, and a 30 pound salmon on the wall. (None of those are mine!) This year, we were going to a different location and try for 50 million year old fish in a dry lake bed.

In many rock shops or gem and mineral shows, we have observed almost perfect fish fossils preserved in limestone and cut into nice display size specimens. Many of these came from the south-west corner of Wyoming. Some are of museum quality and cost many hundreds or even thousands of dollars. There might be only one fish fossil displayed in the rock or a small school of fish on a big slab. We decided this would be our next "fishing trip".

My computer search for Wyoming fish fossils brought a lot of information about the location, how the fish got in the rocks, methods of extracting them from their many millions of years home, and how to find areas where hunting these fossils was allowed. Since much of the fossil rich area is government land, and we know the government will not let people pick anything off of "our" property, we had to find private locations to do our hunting.

During our research, we found there were several private quarries near the town of Kemmerer, Wyoming, just north of I-80 in the south-western portion of the state. Of course, since these quarries are privately owned, there is a fee required to do any searching there. All necessary tools are supplied, along with instruction on proper retrieval of the fossils. We thought the fee was reasonable since we would be allowed to keep everything we found (as long as it wasn't something rare).

After about a 1400 mile drive from central Indiana, stopping in Grand Island, Nebraska the first night, then in Laramie, Wyoming the second, we arrived at Rock Springs, Wyoming, and checked into the Hampton Inn which was going to be our home for the next two days. As with every Hampton we have visited, this one was excellent. The room, breakfast, staff, service, and other amenities were excellent. They even had an ice cream machine in the lobby.

We had decided on Warfield Fossil Quarries on Muddy String Rd, (Road was a generous term!), north of Kemmerer. We left the main highway, got on a half gravel, half dirt road and followed a water tanker truck which was wetting the road for several miles. Then we came to our turnoff for the quarry. Another mile or two doing about 10 MPH (or less) brought us to the dig site. We checked in at the office, paid our fee, and received our hammer and chisel. Glen escorted us to the hunt area and gave us instructions on what to look for and how to find it.

Basically, we found a comfortable (?) rock to sit on and began splitting slabs of limestone into half inch or even thinner pieces. When we finished with one rock, we grabbed another and split it. Eventually, we found our first fish fossil. As with our dinosaur bones, it was exciting to find a piece of history 50 million years old which no one had ever seen before. Unlike the dinosaur bones, we would actually get to take this fossil home with us and display it somewhere or show in schools or nursing homes like we do with some of our other hobbies.

To avoid having to get up and down too many times, I pulled all the rocks within reach over close

to me, split them, then I tossed the blank pieces several feet away. When I cleared all I could reach, I got up, carried a bunch more slabs close to my seat. This gave me another half hour of splitting before doing it again. If I found a piece with a fossil, it went carefully into a stack close to me.

We continued splitting rocks, occasionally get-

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Left Photo: This is Susie's pile of good stuff. I have a similar stack next to me. Right Photo: I am standing in quarry after our arrival. Where to start? Where to start? (Author Photos)



Left Photo: This is one of our nicer fossils. We were told it is an ancient relative of the piranha. He said this species got to be three or four feet long. Don't want to swim with him! Right Photo: A fish fossil with the tail and head covered by limestone. I was shown how to take dental picks and clean the limestone so the entire fish will show. (Author Photos)

ting up to try to stand and walk around for a few minutes before resuming work. We looked around and saw about 15 other people doing the same as us. It was nice to know we weren't the only strange people out here. We thought the road was a little rough getting in, but there were two trucks with trailers and one large motorhome in the park-

ing area. We had signed up for the four hour dig, and our hands were tired from all the pounding, but we had a great time. We packed our finds in bubble wrap and carefully placed them in a box we had brought for the purpose. We didn't count how many fossils we found, but it was around eight or

nine complete fish, some partial specimens, and one neat looking fish scale about the size of a quarter. Glen showed us how to clean more of the limestone off to reveal more of the fossil so some of our partials may turn out to be complete specimens when we are done.

To check out more information on this quarry, go to www.fossilsafari.com. It has lots of details on the local area and how the fossils ended up here, identifies some of the species found in the rock, and gives the fees, hours, etc. needed to set up your own fish hunt.

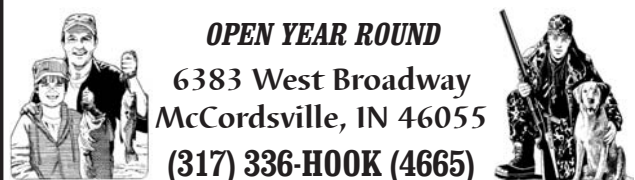
While I wouldn't drive the 3500 mile round trip just to look for these fossils, there are plenty of other things to see and do in this area. We spent most of our time in Sweetwater County, Wyoming and visited a lot of other attractions, had a great meal at the Coyote Creek Restaurant in Rock Springs, drove the 100 plus mile loop around Flaming Gorge and photographed lots of wildlife. If we return to Wyoming to see Yellowstone or something else, I would definitely like to go back to dig more fish fossils.

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Left Photo: Four of our fish from day one on Mississinewa 7 fish weighed 7.88 lbs. Right Photo: Our Day two fish total weight of 5.36lbs. (Author Photos)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

Indiana Crappie Fishing Indiana Slab Masters Super Event

On June 11th this year the Indiana Slab Masters held their first ever two day super event on Mississinewa and Salamonie, the agenda was to fish a lake on day one and the other lake on day two, a draw was held at the registration to determine which lake you fished first. The object was to have an equal number of boats fish each lake on each day. Not knowing which lake you would fish made it a challenge to come up with a game plan to fish the areas you wanted before someone else.

The weekend weather called for extremely warm temperatures, we were not disappointed. Day one saw temperatures in the low nineties and a stale wind almost nonexistent. Day two seemed a little better but still saw mid to high eighties. Water temperatures were in the mid-seventies producing a tough big crappie bite. The slight breeze on both days kept it bearable on the water but the number of pleasure boats made it almost impossible to fish the main lakes after 10:30am.

We started day one off drawing Mississinewa at the registration and got to start exactly where we had hoped to start, a familiar flat that we have fished in the past. This day saw us with a lot of company in the area which usually is not a concern but we knew the area only held a limited number of fish and with the number of boats there would not be enough big fish to get a good weight. We started off trolling in the 9'

to 11' range where we had caught a few fish the day before, with no success in the first fifteen minutes we scrambled to deeper water looking for a better bite and after another fifteen minutes and only one small fish in the live well we knew the fish were no longer in the area and made the decision to move to our second spot which we found the day before, knowing it held good fish made it an easy decision.

Upon arriving and setting up our trolling rods in the front rod holders we moved into the area and quickly found our fish. These fish, which we found the day before were still spawning, surprising this late in the year but males were still colored up and females were literally spewing eggs and had to be handled gently. Fifteen minutes on this spot and we had over six pounds in the live well, within an hour of arriving Tom landed a 1.45 lb. slab. We slow trolled the area for two hours than when pleasure boaters arrived we cast jigs over the area continuing to cull fish until 10:30am when the water got too rough by this time we had our weigh fish and decided to fish some backwater areas away from boat traffic, these areas only produced small fish and by 11:00am we were headed back to the weigh in site.

Day two on Salamonie started off better than day one with no teams in the area we planned to fish. We knew going in that this area would hold a lot of small fish and we would just sort through them to get our weigh fish. We did exactly that for about three hours and only had one tournament fish a 1.35 lb. female Tom caught off a brush pile in 8' of water the first hour. We caught well over a hundred small fish, with our shiners running low we decided to move to an area I had fished a couple weeks prior. We arrived at

our second spot and started slow trolling standing timber, as we made our way close to the area we wanted to fish the bite picked up and started producing better fish than the previous spot, although better it still wasn't the tournament fish we were looking for and quickly made another short move to a dead fall with

submerged stumps close by. We made about three more moves just looking for a big bite and had about exhausted our better spots when we decided to go back to the standing timber where we had started when moving to this area. As we moved back into the area I hooked a nice fish that got off as Tom was putting the net in the water. In a matter of seconds another rod went down and we boated a second fish over a pound. By the time day two ended we had landed a third fish over a pound and had 5.36 lbs. including the 1.35lb female caught earlier.

With a day one weight of 7.88 lbs. and 5.36 lbs. on day two we had a total two day weight of 13.24 lbs. for fourteen fish giving us our second win on these lakes this year. Our 1.45 lb. caught on day one

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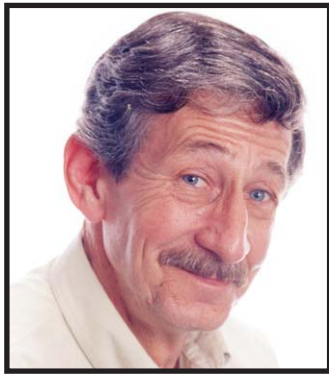
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

How To Protect Yourself

In today's society there seems to be a growing need to cover your assets when you're out and about in public places. A lot depends on where you are at any time as to the potential possibility of being accosted by shady characters. Hanging around in dark alleys in any large city poses a greater risk than sitting in a tree stand at 5:30 a.m. on a cold, snowy morning. However, it doesn't seem too far fetched to consider a slow witted thug wandering the woods looking for a victim even though the probability of collecting an arrow in the posterior for his trouble would be high. So, what are our options for protecting ourselves and others when in public places? Since firearms seem to be under fire (pun intended), what else is available to keep wallets from being heisted.

One distinct possibility is the above mentioned bow and arrow. What else could be more intimidating than the sight of a compound bow slung over the shoulder and a quiver of broadhead arrows swinging from the waist of a camo clad Walmart shopper. Judging from some of the sneak photo's taken of Walmart shoppers, the archer wouldn't necessarily feel out of place. He or she would blend in while feeling quite secure against any 300 pound, pink haired potential assailant wearing a thong and disco era high heeled shoes. Since most confrontations occur in parking lots, the archer should approach his or her car with the bow at ready and an arrow nocked. Personally, I would prefer trying to kiss a grizzly bear than try to steal the purse of an elderly lady so armed. She might not be able to pull a heavy weight bow, but even a twenty pound pull bow would make a crook wish he'd taken up a different profession.

The bull whip has been known to be a formidable weapon in the right hands. I remember the Saturday matinee and a character named Lash Larue. A swaggering cowboy, he could snap the gun out of the hand of a gunslinger then wrap it around his neck and jerk him forward to a waiting fist. However, unlike the bow and arrow, without proper training, using a whip can pose a real risk to the user. From personal experience I found that the untrained user stands a good chance of wearing it as a neck tie or nursing red welts on various parts of his or her body when failing to control the forward and retrieve motions. If the amateur finds it too difficult to master a nine foot leather bull whip, perhaps a riding crop may be a good substitute. Anyone swinging a riding crop like they're fighting off a swarm of bees would be a tough one to victimize.

I once visualized myself as a Samurai warrior. Dressed in the appropriate clothing wearing a mask that looked like a Japanese devil, I assumed the stance, samurai sword in hand and making the symbolic threatening guttural sounds, "OOOO-YA, EEEE-YA"! Obviously, the long, razor sharp blade with a tanto point commanded a lot of respect. In spite of the fear of large knives, there can be drawbacks to such theatrics. For instance, in the movie Raiders Of The Lost Ark, Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones was faced with a samurai swinging his deadly sword. Jones simply pulled his Model 10 Smith and Wesson and popped him. But, like all non-powder propelled devices as personal protection, there are risks. In the case of big knives, carrying one slung over your shoulder and down your back and requiring it be drawn from the sheath with the sharp edge toward your neck could be hazardous to your health. Also, trying to enter and exit your vehicle or get comfortable at your seat in a restaurant could be very entertaining. Nonetheless, when considering the various alternatives, I'm not sure which would be the most impressive. The aforementioned little lady armed with a twenty pound pull bow and broadhead arrows, or the same swinging a two handed grip, razor sharp sword while yelling "OOOO-YA, EEEE-YA".

For those less inclined to carrying large personal protection devices, a Wham-O Wrist Rocket sling shot might be the answer. When properly used and with a little practice the average user can bounce a 3/16 diameter steel ball off the forehead of any would-be attacker at the velocity of about 250 feet per second. With eyes watering and a lump the size of a golf ball, any assailant would decide to call it a day and move on to greener pastures. Easy to carry and readily available at hand, any user could safely walk through any parking lot at night while saying, "That's right. I'm bad".

Numerous other devices such as ball bats, saps, pepper spray and the high voltage shockers are available but require close personal contact with an aggressor. Better yet, wear a sign around your neck that says, "Supervisor - Radioactive Waste Disposal Team- Three Mile Island".



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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

New Mathews line-up is a home run for bowhunters/archers

The new Halon from Mathews Archery is a revolutionary new bow that is setting the archery world on its head; and for good reason. The new flagship bow from Mathews exemplifies what the bow company is all about; offering bows that are rugged, fast, accurate, as quiet as they come, and especially what Mathews is known for – extreme shoot ability.

The same could be said for any of the new Mathews models. The NO CAM HTX and the Z3 also proved to be as smooth and enjoyable to shoot.

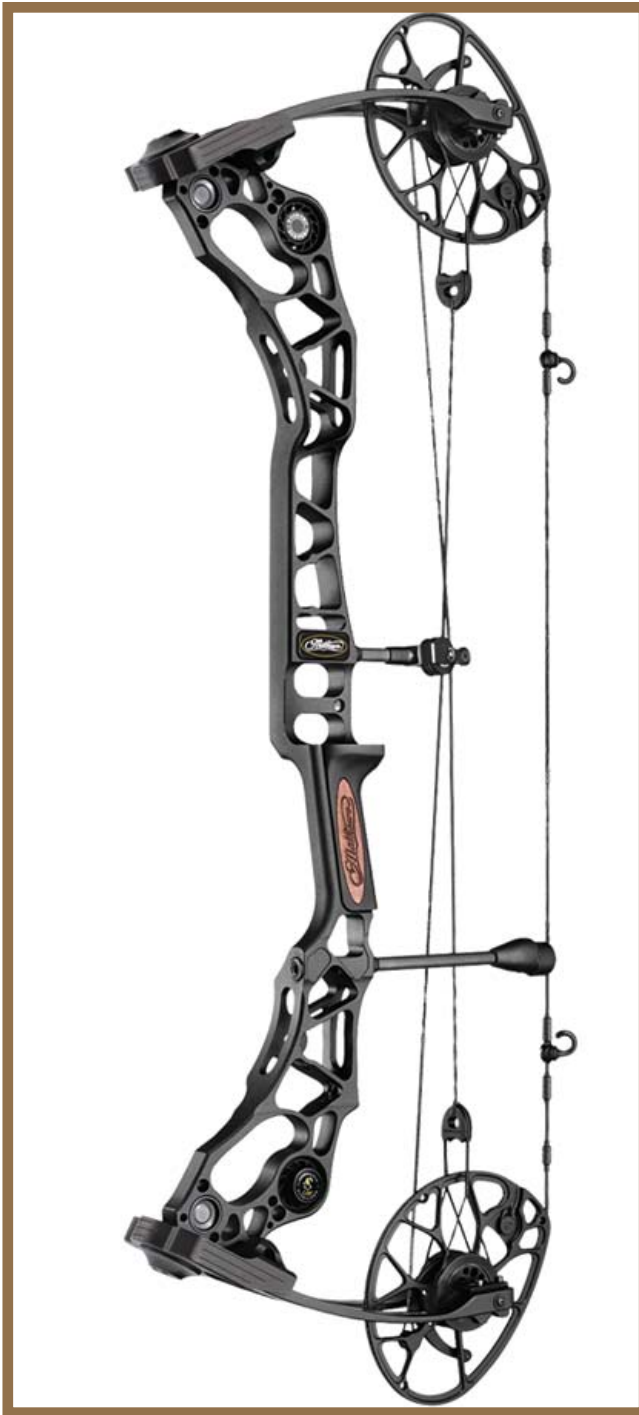
In fact, the Halon is the perfect blend of all of these things. For starters, consider the riser and limbs on the Halon. Mathews built an all-new riser for the Halon that is dual bridged. They also made the limbs stronger and more rigid. The reason that they built this bow stronger than ever was to handle the new, Crosscentric cam design that debuted in the Halon. I noticed it on the first shot. The Halon hits hard. Really hard, and is likely the strongest bow Mathews have ever introduced.

The draw cycle is fabulous, and one that I found to be just as smooth as that of the Mathew NO CAM HTX. But what I really liked was the back wall on this thing. It's solid. The halon feels great in your hand and has a new grip that is very comfortable.

And the bow is fast Jack! With three different brace height models to choose from on the Halon, 5", 6" and 7", the perfect fit is there. I chose the 6" brace-height model and am delighted with its 345 fps IBO rating. The 5" brace height model offers blistering speeds of up to 353 fps. When you think of a 5" brace-height bow you typically think of one that is not shooter friendly or forgiving. Not the case with the Halon. It's a Mathews.

This bow is just a tad heavier than some, weighing in at 4.55 pounds, but the thing is rock solid, making it a preferable trade-off and offering no detectable hand shock whatsoever at the shot. In fact, I remember saying to myself the first time I shot it, "Had my eyes been closed, I may not have known the thing went off."

It's funny, I have heard people say they would love to have a Mathews but they just cannot afford one. Well, the Z3 is one helluva great bow and retails in the neighborhood of \$749. I can't think of a comparable bow for the money. So if you need to



The new Mathews Halon is - without a doubt - not only the very best bow that Mathews has ever introduced, but also the best bow period that he has ever shot. (Author Photo)

shave a couple C-notes off your purchase, the Z3 may be for you.

The NO CAM HTX is equally impressive, and is supposed to have a smoother draw cycle than the Halon. For that reason, some may prefer it, but honestly, the Halon felt every bit as smooth to me. Given that, and since the Halon is faster, I went with the Halon.

I really feel that this year Mathews has delivered what they are known for, but I definitely feel that they delivered in a bigger way than usual. The new line-up has something offer for everyone, and as for the Halon: well, I believe that with it, Mathews has raised the bar again and has set the standard for others to aim for.

If a new bow is on your agenda this season, I encourage you to shoot as many as you can in order to find the one that is right for you. Just be sure to include Mathews in your comparisons to see what I am talking about.

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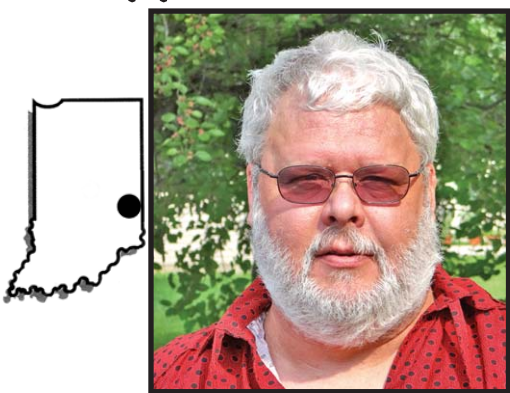
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Left Photo: CO Scott Johnson at the Carthage TE Class reviewing the Trapper's Education booklet. The young man in Red is from Canada. He was studying at IU Bloomington, IN. Right Photo: Dennis Cobb getting ready to start the skinning process on a raccoon. (Author Photos)

Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

ISTA 55th Convention & Rendezvous

The ISTA 55th CONVENTION AND RENDEZVOUS will be held September 16 & 17, 2016, at Mill Pond Park, 100 Mill Pond Rd., Union Mills, IN. 46382. Set up will begin Thursday, September 15th, at noon. On site primitive and electric hookup camping is available. There may be a small fee for overnight camping. There is a nice paved path for tailgater's to set up off of and a nice pond to watch the ducks and

demos on. Ron Elliott has once again "volunteered" to be the Boosway of this event. His contact information is (C) 219-241-1299 or the birdieman@hotmail.com. I cannot thank him enough for his help. Watch the Website and the Newsletters for more information as it develops. Trapping isn't just about profit, it is about communing with nature and interacting with people of a like mind. More information is traded and learned sitting around the campfires in the evenings than ever transpires during the day at the demos. Plan on coming out and staying till late in the evening, if not overnight. [FYI: The 2017 ISTA 56th Convention and Rendezvous looks like it will be at the Decatur County 4-H Fairgrounds and Exhibition Center, in Greensburg, IN., 545 S. Co. Rd. 200 W., Greensburg, IN 47240.]

This year the Vice-President (currently Tom Setser), Treasurer (currently Georgia Gifford), National Trapping Association (NTA) Director (currently Stu Grell) and one Director (Deric Beroshok) are up for election. We also have an open position with the Fur Takers of America (FTA) Director. If you wish to nominate someone, be sure that they are interested in taking on the responsibility of the position, and that they are an active member of the ISTA, before sending their name in. You are welcome to submit those names to any Officer or Director. We will verify their willingness to serve and then get their name onto the Ballot.

One of the best things about going to Conventions is getting to speak to other trappers and finding out what works for them. You can find out about everything from getting permission from the place that has the "NO HUNTING" signs to making sets that the general public would walk right past even if an animal was in the trap. (Hint: you use a heavy slide wire to allow the catch to get out of sight and hide.) Of course, there are the vendors and the tailgater's. Almost any kind of used traps may be found in this area. The games and demonstrations help to fill out the days. Nights are spent around the campfire, exchanging more information and telling tales of traplines and hunting expeditions. Often exotic foods are available around these same campfires, not to mention the drink.

Mini-Conventions are called Trapper Education (TE) Classes.



Here is CO Johnson with a Greenhorn hauling out the catch. I heard that pre-baiting with watermelon is a good way to insure catches. (Author Photo)

All of the two-day classes allow for camping somewhere in the near vicinity. It can be a very nice family event to spend the day learning about trapping and then spending the evening learning even more. I have included several pictures from the recently past Carthage TE Class that CO Scott Johnson heads up in Hancock County.


Be sure to watch the ISTA Website and the ISTA Newsletters, which are mailed to members and posted online, for more information about the Convention and TEs as they develop. Find us online at www.indianatrappers.org and on Facebook under Indiana State Trappers Association. Last January's Fur sale results are still posted on Facebook for those of you who missed it in the various magazines. Finally, don't forget to PassItOnIndiana.com, to learn more about the TEs going on around the State.

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


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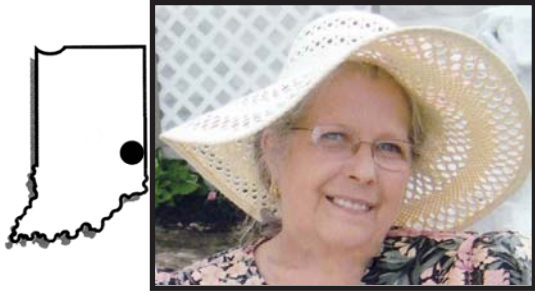


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So, what do you do when your boots are not tall enough for the river? (Author Photo)

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by **Donna Schroeder**

President of Fayette County Tourism Bureau

Meet Me at the Fair

When I was young, fair time for country kids was the highlight of summer. Almost every youngster I knew was either a member of FFA or 4-H, and some were both.

I remember the seemingly endless preparation required for 4-H projects. Those were the days before air conditioning, and I spent many sweaty, frustrating hours sewing my clothing projects in front of a fan. My mother, a perfectionist and talented seamstress, would observe and bark orders like a drill sergeant, or so it felt to me. "Rip out that seam. It isn't straight". "Take smaller hemstitches. That will look sloppy". She was a seamstress, and I suffered from seam stress.

Then there were the embroidery projects! Those lessons were left to my grandmother. I remember sitting in her prickly overstuffed living room chair, working feverishly to master a presentable French knot. Fancy needlework came easily to her, but it took a lot for me to pass muster.

While picking raspberries this week, I remembered the one time my mother didn't demand perfection. The food preservation manual instructed the student to wash the berries, drain them, and roll each one individually in sugar, followed by gently placing them in a jar before freezing. I think I probably repeated the process a dozen times before my mother said, "Oh, for Pete sake! Put 'em in a bowl and dump the sugar on them. This will take all day". I was happy to comply. We went to the judging, certain that our blatant disregard for the rules would be disqualify me. My berries received a champion ribbon and went to the state fair! Mom and I smiled knowingly at each other, co-conspirators in the Great Berry Caper.

4-H projects were displayed in the Roberts Building back then. Like the amphitheater and the rest of the stonework in the park, it was constructed during the Great Depression by the WPA. It has been refurbished and now offers a beautiful setting for social gatherings.

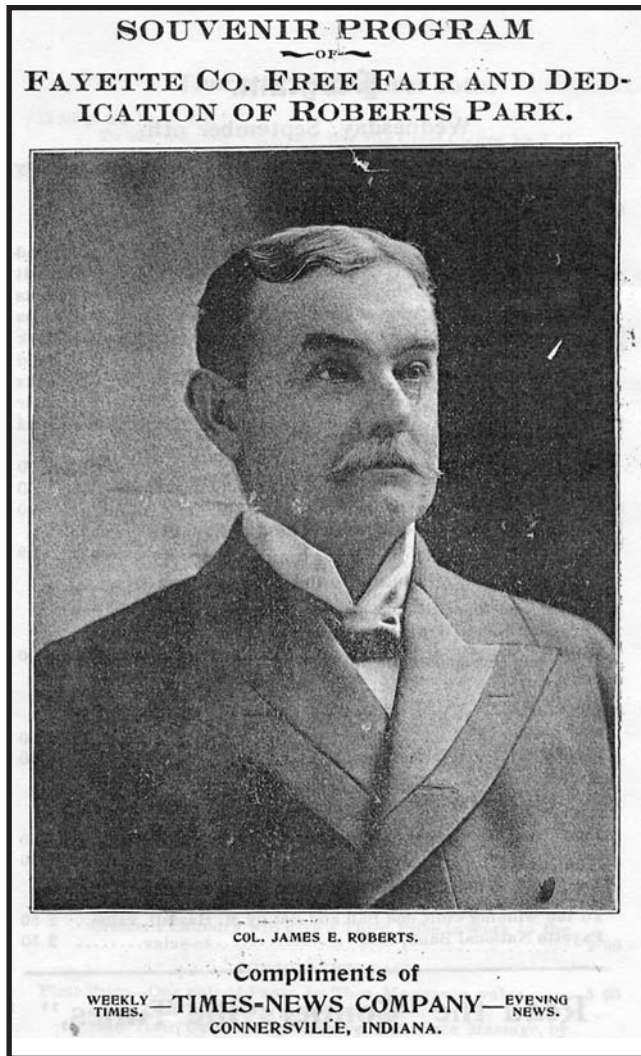
Fair week was more than 4-H. It was the time when my friends and I went to town every day. We wandered up and down the midway, giggling and eating sno-cones and cotton candy. We rode the Ferris wheel and, when we were older, flirted with boys. The local garage bands took turns playing for dances at the fair, and we were there every night.

Back then, the midway always included what my dad called the "girly show". Scantly clothed women with high heels and too much rouge would come out on a stage and half heartedly dance and wave scarves while a barker encouraged the gents in the crowd to come in the tent. I never knew what went on in there, but I remember some of the boys trying to look through the back of the tent to catch a glimpse. In those days, a lot of my black and white TV watching was limited to movies starring Betty Grable and Katharine Hepburn. I vividly remember dressing up and pretending that I was one of those classy ladies. I never felt the urge to emulate the gals from the girly show.

Down the way, you were encouraged to view the 'freak show'. One of the attractions was always the Bearded Lady. I recall wondering why she didn't just buy an electric Norelco like my dad's and live in a house instead of spending her time on display in a sweltering tent. We never went to that exhibition, either.

My favorite event at the fair was harness racing, and I'm happy that it didn't disappear with the girly and freak shows. It's been around since the beginning of county fairs, and it's still going strong.

Fayette County's first fairs took place "north of



the city". That area is now approximately north of 12th Street, west of Central Avenue. At the 1852 event, A.G. Saxon was awarded first premium for the best cultivated farm. In 1853, Rozie, the daughter of Caleb Blood Smith received the award of "best female equestrienne" for grace and ease in riding and was given a splendid hand-tooled side saddle as her prize. The 1858 fair was notable due to an address given by Horace Greeley, editor of *The New York Tribune*. These fairs were known by several different names and were owned by stockholders. In 1884, it was decided to dissolve the concern, and the fairground was offered for sale.

From 1884 until 1903, Fayette County was without a fair of any kind. In 1902, Colonel James Roberts gifted the city with land we now know as Roberts Park.

The program from the 1903 *Fayette County Free Fair and Dedication of Roberts Park* lists some interesting events and awards. The opening day, September 9th, began with the Grand Industrial and Agricultural Parade through the city to the fairgrounds. There was a basket lunch followed by speeches and the dedication of the park.

The celebration lasted for three days, and there were many contests involved:

Pacing Race for Roadsters – First Prize – One set of Single Track Harness by Mart Meyer – Value \$25.00

Green Roadster Trot – First Prize – One suit of Clothes – M. Holberg and Co. – and Jap Kennedy will shoe the winner with four new shoes.

Green Running Race – First Prize – One gold filled Watch, Chain and Charm, by F. Kehl – Value \$5.00

Fox Drive – First Prize – Charles Myers, Undertaker – \$5.00 Cash

Baseball – To the winning club, one Ball and Bat by M. Haskett – value \$2.50

The fun continued into the next day, Thursday, September 10th.

Baseball – Winning Team – One Box Big Chief Cigars – J.C. Turkenkoph (Losing team received a box of cigars by Fred Volkert)

Fastest Walking Horse (Horse to go in harness) - \$5.00

Fox Drive – First Prize – Hair Cut and Shave by Model Barber Shop and One Sugar Cured Ham, McKenna Bros.

Automobile Race - 5 Mile Dash – One Cap by E. Manlove & Son and \$1.00 from George McCombs Underneath is noted : Contest Open to the World

One Half Mile Running Race - First Prize – One pair of Shoes by Wm. Luking – value \$5.00

2 Year Old Trot – First Prize – Beck's Sons, one Suit Clothes

Pulling Contest – One Pair Blind Bridles, under conditions announced by judges at time of contest, by Mart Meyer, value \$5.00

Pony Race – Pony under 12 hands high, boy under 14 years of age - \$5.00

Boy Foot Race – 1/8 Mile for Boys Under 14 yrs. Of age - \$2.50

Consolation Trot – 1st and 2nd place to be announced, but 3rd prize was work of the Crescent Laundry in the amount of \$2.00

Consolation Race – First Prize – One Pair of Pants by Thos. Mungavin, Five Meal Tickets by Jack

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Free For All County Pace – First Prize – Road Wagon by McFarlan Carriage Company, Chas. Loper will shoe the winner of the race.
Motor Cycle Contest – 5 Mile Dash – Box of El Pippo Cigars by F. O. Fiegert
Auto, 2 Mile Dash – One Pair Hanan Shoes by Harry Bileden, value \$5.00
Fox Drive – Special Prize – One Leather Gun Case to owner of dog making best score in all fox drives.
Base Ball – "Smoke House" Box of Cigars for winning team. One Sugar Cured Ham to batsman making the longest hit to right field.

One hundred and thirteen years later, the fair is still going strong. The area has increased since the Fayette County Free Fair Association added 14 acres south of Roberts Park, and the 4-H projects, etc. are displayed there. The city and the fair board work together to offer fun for all. Experience the entertainment, food, and exhibits at Indiana's oldest free fair! To find out what's happening, you can pick up a fair book or visit www.fayettecountyfreefair.com or Fayette County Free Fair on Facebook. Phone: (765) 825-1894. This year's dates are **July 30 – August 6th**. Camping is available, too!

Fayette County Tourism will have a booth next to the Pavilion. We'll be there with info on everything to see and do in Fabulous Fayette County. Meet me at the fair!

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Christian woman?"
Seemingly oblivious to my point, she said "yes, I'm afraid she may shoot us." I was able to convince the lady that she and her new man would be wise to find a new church, and that she should not be making contact with her new man's wife in the future, as HER calls could be deemed as harassing.
After some thought she reluctantly agreed. I told her if she had any further problems to call us. I drove out of the lane shaking my head, with a story I'll never forget. Yep, often times real life is better than fiction. Thanks for reading, and for allowing all of us to serve all of you. Stay safe, and we'll talk again next month.

ARCHERY KNOW HOW

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strings haven't stretched enough to make your arrows not perform like they should. This is for both single and dual cam bows. I know some have been told that a single cam bow can't come out of time. Included is a picture of timing marks both dual and single cams. FIGURE TWO, FIGURE THREE
• With the talk of arrow spine in the article, having your bow paper tuned will help decide what spine works better for your bow. Most pro-shops offer this service.
Another reason you should utilize your pro shop to purchase a new or used bow would be what they offer you as services for purchasing from them. We (Cutting Edge Sporting Goods) offer free set up with the purchase of the bow. This includes Peep, Loop, all accessories installed, arrow service, and tuned on the draw board and paper tuning if you wish. Also as long as you own the bow its free tune ups every year. Other shops probably offer similar services for you being a loyal customer. If you have any questions about tuning or need tuned please don't hesitate to contact us at Cutting Edge Sporting Goods. E-Mail tom.cuttingedge@etczone.com Phone 812-560-4208. Also follow us on Facebook

Indiana Slab Masters

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was good for big fish of the tournament as well. Second place went to Jason Burnette and Bob Bales with 4.93 lbs. on day1 and 6.03 lbs. day two for a

total fourteen fish weight of 10.96 lbs. Jeff Yeakle and Jonathan Brumley finished in a close third with a two day weight of 10.45lbs. The team of Charlie Hildreath and Myron Etchison finished fourth with 10.35lbs and rounding out the top five with 9.95lbs was Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas.

Congratulations to the top placing teams on a good finish under the conditions. Sunny skies and high temperatures made for a tough bite and rough conditions.

Tight Lines
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Roaming The Outdoors

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"Liars Corner" too.
WHITEWATER MEMORIAL STATE PARK HAVING SPECIAL EVENT SEPT. 25, 2016

Whitewater Memorial State Park will be having a special event on Sunday, September 25, 2016. Part of the celebration will be connected to the 100 year anniversary for state parks. We are going to have the Mobile Vet Center in the parking lot at the Whitewater Office parking lot. This is an awesome motor home type vehicle. It is an outreach program for small rural communities like ours. The program is reaching out to Veterans that haven't been to a VA clinic or has questions about the VA.

Rhonda Alvey is so proud to bring this to this area and offer help to all veterans. She wants to promote this opportunity to the veterans in this area. She's counting on me to help by doing what I do best by doing an article on it. I will be getting with Rhonda soon and you will be reading about this veterans opportunity in the September Gad-a-bout which will be available to the public on August 17-20th.

For more information you can contact Rhonda Alvey by e-mail: ralvey@dnr.in.gov or calling 765-647-2657, ext. 219, she also says, like us on Facebook.

HISTORIC CENTERVILLE QUILT AND NEEDLEWORK SHOW AUGUST 26-27, 2016 MANSION HOUSE

This year's Quilt and Needlework Show will be on Friday, August 26 from 10-4 and Saturday, August 27 from 10-4 in the Mansion House in Centerville at 214 East Main Street. Vintage items as well as new creations are welcome. Admission is \$3. Turn-in for items to be displayed as well as donations for the flea market will be on Wednesday, August 24 from 4-6 p.m. at the Mansion House. We appreciate donated items such as books, magazines, patterns, fabric, notions, etc., that are quilt/needlework related. Call Myra Baldwin at 765-977-5605 with any questions or if special arrangements need to be made for the submission of items for display or donations for the flea market. All money will be used for the maintenance and restoration of the Mansion House property which includes the Salisbury Court House.

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THE VIETNAM MOVING WALL IS RETURNING TO RICHMOND SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2016



Left Photo: Placement of the Visitor by a Vietnam Veteran Honor Guard led by Joe Goebel (carrying Rifle), followed by Ron Weadick (carrying Helmet) and Al Bledsoe (carrying Boots). Right Photo: The placing of the Helmet, Rifle and Boots represents all Vietnam Veterans Killed in Action (KIA) while serving their country. Vietnam Veteran & Vietnam Wall Sentry Mark Stover stands at his post between The Wall That Heals and the Visitor. (Aug 27, 2011 Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Left Photo: Vietnam Veteran Gary Franklin greets all the visitors on behalf of all the Veterans in Attendance. Middle Photo: A special music presentation, "Were You There" was sung by Cindy Moistner. Right Photo: Special music presentation of "God Bless America the USA" by renowned Richmond Police Officer, Aaron Stevens. (8-27-11 Photos by Ray Dickerson)

THE VIETNAM MOVING WALL WILL BE AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK SEPT 22-25, 2015

The Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park Committee and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 777 will bring The Wall to Richmond September 22-25, 2016.

In order to make this all possible the Vietnam Veterans are in need of donations. This is one cause that deserves to be supported by every Veteran and American in The United States.

The Wayne County Veterans Park Committee is a 501 (c) (3). Please help by donating today. As you can see by the photos I took on August 27, 2011 when I attended when the Vietnam Moving Wall was at the Veterans Memorial Park, it was one of the most awe inspiring memorial events I've ever attended.

Make your check payable to the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park Committee and send it as

soon as possible to P.O. Box 2401, Richmond, IN 47375.

Here is some information sent to me by Bill Engle that I want to share with you.

"The Vietnam moving wall is coming to Richmond in September.

The wall, whose official name is The Wall That

Heals, is a 250-foot-long replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The four-day visit will include special ceremonies for the opening on Sept. 22 and closing on Sept. 25, plus an evening ceremony Sept. 23 and the main ceremony Sept. 24 honoring the families of and the 40 service members from Wayne County who died in

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Left Photo: Welcome Home Roll Call for Wayne County's 40 KIA's. Vicki Meek, Gold Star Sister, reads the names of those killed in Vietnam as their family member (s) receives a yellow rose. Right Photo: Member of 38th Infantry Indiana National Guard Band member played Taps. (Aug 27, 2011 Photos by Ray Dickerson)

the Vietnam War.

Special guests include Medal of Honor recipient Sammy L. Davis, a U.S. Army veteran from Dayton, Ohio, who won the nation's highest military medal for valor during the Vietnam War; and Robert Doubek, who served in Vietnam as an U.S. Air Force intelligence officer, and later was in charge of build-

ing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

A special fly-in by a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter from American Huey 369 will take place on Sept. 23.

But donations are needed to help defray the cost of transportation, room and board for staff and special guests, for a visit by the Huey helicopter and for other incidentals involved.

Donations can be sent to the Wayne County Veterans Park Committee, PO Box 2401, Richmond, IN 47375.

Organizers estimate the cost of bringing the Wall to Richmond to be about \$20,000. Any donations will help.

All donors will be listed on a special banner in Veterans Park throughout the four-day event.

The Wall will be on display for 24 hours each day throughout its time in Richmond.

This marks the sixth visit by the Wall to Richmond. An estimated 10,000 people have visited the memorial during past visits to Richmond.

The Wayne County Veterans Park Committee is a 501 (c)(3).

For more information call Barbara Goebel at (765) 967-0330 or Ron Weadick at (765) 969-5767."

Editors Note: If you would like to view and read the above story in the November Gad-a-bout 2011 for free go to my website: www.thegadabout.com. Click on the heading Archives. The Archives has every issue of The Gad-a-bout from the present issue, July back to January 2010. There are two versions, Low Resolution and High Resolution depending on your speed of access on the internet. The on line version in high resolution has ve clear photos and stories.

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Friday August 26, 2016

- 5:00 PM Food & Craft Vendors Open
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Cruise In (Crown Creek & 1st Street)
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- 6:30 PM Cruise in cars tour town
- 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Outdoor viewing of "Hook" (provided by Muzic Mazterz)

Saturday August 27, 2016

- 9:00 AM Food & Craft Vendors Open
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Pedal Tractor Pull
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Centerville Police Dept. K-9 Demo & Tazer Demo
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Money Pit
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Performances by Wright Place Music
- 12:30 AM - 2:00 PM Puzzle building — Kids games
- 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Chalk Art (winners announced at 3:30 p.m.)
- 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Money Pit
- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Performances by Midway of Magic, Kevin Heller
- 4:00 PM Parade on Main Street
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Performances by The Backdraft Band
- 6:00 PM Golf-ball Drop Fundraiser
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A MURDER MYSTERY ON THE WHITEWATER CANAL!

by Phyllis Mattheis

Do you love solving mysteries? Then mark your calendar for the weekend of **September 16, 17 and 18**. A special bicentennial project when the torch is coming through Franklin County is this murder mystery weekend, which begins on Friday night in Metamora with wine tasting at the Historic Mill that grinds grain when open. Browse the exhibits and watch the canal water pour down into the lower canal. Stroll through the village at twilight.

Metamora is on US 52, eight miles west of Brookville in Franklin County. Both towns are historic and were located along the route of the mid-1800s Whitewater Canal. A section of the canal is watered and canal boat rides pulled by horses are offered at this state historic site. Watch for the torch bearers!

All day on **Saturday, Sept. 17**, clues to solving the murder will be offered all along the Whitewater Valley from Lawrenceburg in Dearborn County on the south to Cambridge City in Wayne County on the north. In the towns you will meet some of the participants in this drama as you travel our Scenic Byway through four of Indiana's southeastern counties, including Fayette.

At six p.m. Saturday evening all will gather at the **Depot in Gateway Park at Metamora** for a delicious banquet prepared by The Farmhouse Restaurant. A drama will reveal who was the victim and who is the perpetrator of this dastardly crime. An active auction will offer unusual items, including passes to Disney World. There will also be a silent auction.

Only 200 tickets at \$40 will be sold for this fun weekend through eventbrite. The Whitewater Canal Byway Association and the IN State Historic Site are jointly sponsoring this event. Check out their websites and facebook online!

Hang around on Sunday to take your canal boat ride and have a leisurely day shopping and seeing more of the scenic Whitewater Valley. Campsites are available at Gateway Park.

In cooperation with the **Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway**. For details and to reserve your spot, contact 812.273.4531 or afairchild@indianamuseum.org. This is an official Bicentennial Legacy Project. ■

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Jayne's Jones Barstow lives south of Centerville, IN in the country and has this really nice lake at the rear of her home. She has a time problem, she wants to be able to place rocks like the ones you see in this photo completely around the lake. The problem is she is afraid she will pass away before she gets enough rocks to place around the lake. Read below, maybe you can help her get the rocks she needs. (Inset Photo of type rocks she's wants) (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Rocks Needed, Read on....

I got an e-mail request for help, from Jayne Jones Barstow who lives south of Centerville with her husband Bill Barstow and their four dogs.

She wrote, *"For the last decade I have been collecting our field stones and stacking them around the rim of our lake. We bought my cousin's farm, when he unexpectedly passed away in 2005. I love this place and the land is so peaceful and beautiful. I grew up in Richmond (RHS class of 1967) moved to Houston in 1969 and did not have a clue how much I would love living out in the Indiana countryside."*

Every spring as soon as our fields are plowed, I walk our fields looking for newly exposed stones to use as a border around the lake. We are semi-retired now and every year it feels like those stones weigh more and more. I am beginning to think that I am going to pass away before I get this job done. In this economy I cannot afford to buy as many rocks as I need at IMI or elsewhere. I need stones of all sizes from small to basketball sized. If any of your readers have unwanted stones, I will gladly drive over and load them up."

The above photo I took is just a small portion of

her lake and as you can see on this shore line she has put rocks along it. But this is just a short stretch that has been done. What she is trying to avoid is erosion around the shoreline. It is a noble cause, but pales with the magnitude of her endeavor.

They still have a lot of shoreline to place rocks along. The inset photo is a sample of the rocks they have gathered since beginning this tremendous effort. Jayne is willing to pick up rocks that you have in your field or have gathered in a pile for that matter.

If you are plagued by fields being littered with rocks and would like to get rid of them, give Jayne or her husband Bill, a call, **765-855-3262** or send them an e-mail to lawqueenie@aol.com or fax to **765-855-3193**.

I've gotten lots of requests over the years while publishing The Gad-a-bout, but this one is a first, but a noble one.

I hope Jayne is successful in her effort to place rocks completely around their lake. I will check with her as time goes along to see how they are doing. In the meantime I'm going to look around my old home place and see if I have any rocks they can use.

Roaming The Outdoors

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Celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial and join us as we re-create the sights, sounds and smells of early life on La Petite Prairie in the years leading up to, and after 1816.

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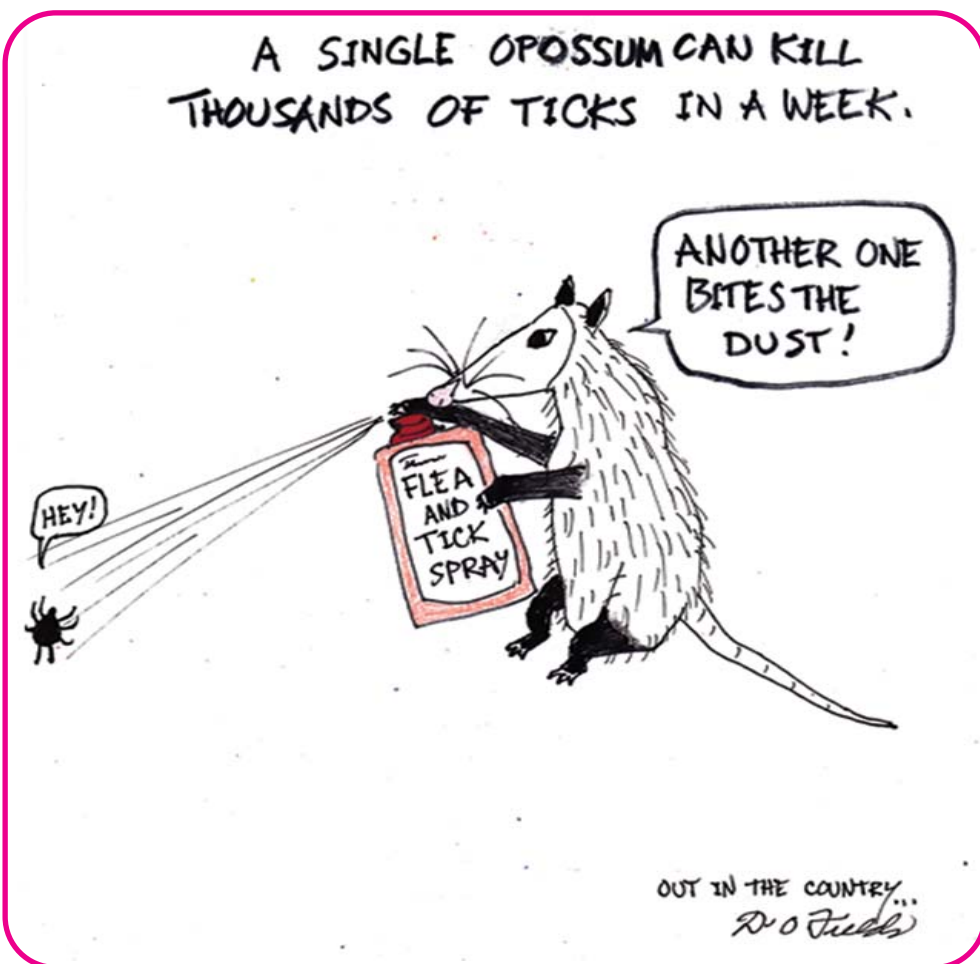
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GAD'S CORNER PIC'S



Daniel Collins took this 22 lb. Turkey on 5-4-16, it had a 10" beard and 1 1/16" spurs. His son Dylan at left. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



James Brown took this 18 lb. Turkey on 4-30-16, it had a 10" beard and 1 1/4" spurs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Robert Abner took this 10 point 185 pound Buck Deer on 11-28-2015 (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)

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spots, taller grass, and everything you would expect in a natural, undeveloped setting. Guests should exercise caution at all times. Please wear comfortable, sensible, sturdy shoes and long pants.

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