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Top Right: Noah Pavey introduced his dad, Joe Pavey to Blind Mississippi Morris (wearing sun glasses) and his wife. Mississippi, as he was called, told me that he loves talking to young blues musicians and their passion about it, because they are the future. Something he feels strongly about that should continue forever. He asked my son if he had ever played LIVE... Mississippi looked at Noah and asked if he had his guitar with him. Noah said, "at our hotel". Mississippi swung his attention to me and said, "Dad..... Both Joe & Noah are avid "Blues" lovers.

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Bottom Left: This tragedy may have been avoided if the driver used the deer whistle I have on all of my vehicles. Locally you can buy the "Save-A-Deer whistle at Mendenhalls Hardware located at 125 S.W. 5th in Richmond, IN. 765-962-4842 or at Living Products, LLC, P.O. Box 2357, Platte City, MO 64079. Phone # 303-838-4083 or Online at their website: www.deer-whistle.com . The whistle also protects other wild animals too. Regardless, stay alert while driving - no texting! (Photo by Jack Petruska, Iron, MN.)
Bottom Right: Amy Dickerson and Shannon Thomas Wagner graduated from Centerville High School in 1997, they were reunited at Clara's Pizza King located at 1224 N.W. 5th St., Richmond, IN 47374 (765) 966-8302, the evening of October 21, 2016. They visited CHS after leaving Clara's. See Page 22-23. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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I CAN'T HELP MYSELF I HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT PRESIDENT-ELECT DONALD TRUMP & POLITICS

I voted for Donald Trump, not because I didn't want to see the first woman to be elected as the American President, but because I didn't want to see Hillary Clinton become the first American President. I voted for Donald Trump because I wanted to. Hillary Clinton proved beyond a shadow of a doubt she wasn't trustworthy enough for the position and I had had enough of President Obama's leading from behind to want four more years of his agenda, with her.

On November 8th when I got home for supper I told Sherry I wasn't going to watch anything about the election until it was all over. I had a sick feeling in my mind that since FBI Director Comey dropped the investigation of Hillary E-mails a second time, she was going to win the election, hands down.

So I turned on the television and listened to Solid Gold music through supper, later watching old western movies on encore, then went back to the office and worked on this issue. Returned home in the wee hours of Wednesday and went straight to bed. I tossed and turned all night. Wednesday morning I didn't get up too early, as I was getting ready to eat breakfast (lunch) I turned on the tv to Fox News and about fainted when they were talking about President-Elect Donald Trump. I couldn't believe it. I don't know what got hold of me but I yelled loudly, laughed and jumped up and down. If any of my neighbors had heard me they probably would have had me committed. I still couldn't believe it.

All of a sudden a sigh of relief settled over me, the election was over, we had a Republican back in the White House and life could return to normal again.

Prior to voting last Tuesday I made a short trip to one of my advertisers in Milroy, Indiana and counted all the Trump/Pence signs along the way. I counted 73 signs,

mostly in rural areas. I got a gut feeling that maybe Trump could win, but allayed that thought when realizing all the polls favored her and the pundits said she had won all 3 debates. Was that ever wrong, thank God.

Speaking about the debates, I don't think it is fair to any of those seeking the office of the President to allow the liberal biased main stream media to have control of the debates. The liberal biased main stream media has made a mockery of these very important debates. MSNBC, CNBC, CNN and FOX news television channels had their own agenda's, not based on what is good for our country, but what would affect their ratings, purse strings and furthering the careers of television news personalities. Twenty-four hours news channels is not news, it's more gossip, commentary and creating stories to fill the time slots, plus selling all the books the hosts and guests write.

The debates should have been moderated by unbiased individuals picked by an independent group of individuals with the sole purpose of asking timely questions that would reveal who would be the best person to elect to the highest office of America, the President of the United States, not furthering the careers of television news personalities.

One last thing, my most fervent wish is that President-Elect Donald Trump would follow thru on his statement that All political government office holders should only be allowed to serve two terms and then leave.

Career politicians aren't what America needs in political offices in Washington D. C. nor anywhere in the country. The candidates running for political offices should have a job back home to return to after serving two terms for their country in whatever political office they might hold.

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Professional Fishing Guide

Spoon Fishing in December

Spoon fishing can be one of the best ways to catch every species of fish in the lake, especially in the winter time. I have to tell you that most of the time when you catch a walleye on a spoon it usually is a little bigger than average. But on the other hand I have caught plenty of crappie and bluegill on the same spoons. There are three different types of spoons - casting, trolling, and jigging spoons. The ones I am talking about here are jigging spoons. There are a couple of different ways to fish them. The first is to drop the spoon straight over the side of the boat all the way to the bottom. The other is to under hand pitch it at a 45 degree angle and let it fall all the way to the bottom, then frog hop it back to the boat. If your fishing in the summer the under hand pitch is



5 pound small mouth bass caught on a jigging rapala fishing straight up and down in the winter.

usually best because the fish are shallower. But in the winter time straight over the side of the boat is best because the fish are deep.

In the late summer to early fall the lake is full of young of the year shad swimming in large schools all over the surface. This is a prime time to be fishing with a spoon. What you look for are these large schools of shad spread out over the flats not over deep water. If they are spread out over deep water they are prime food for white bass, but that's a whole other story. If you don't see large schools of shad spread out over the flats stick with trolling or jig fishing. The key to spoon fishing in the summer to late fall is the shad being on the flats.

What you look for on the flats are high places inside or outside turns, drop offs or ledges. These are places where walleye like to feed. On Brookville Lake the flats run between 8 to 12 feet deep. When choosing a spoon, I like to fish a spoon that is as light as possible but still heavy enough that I can feel the spoon. For instance if I was fishing 30 feet deep in the winter I would fish a 1/2 to 3/4 ounce spoon, but if



This is actually the bottom of a shoe that we caught while fishing with a jigging Rapala deep in the winter time. The guy that caught it said it was a filet of sole. (Author Photo)

I was fishing 8 to 12 feet deep in the summer I would fish a 1/8 to a 1/4 ounce spoon.

Fishing a spoon is all about the reaction. The way I like to fish a flat with a spoon is to stand on the front of the boat watch my bow mounted depth finder with my foot on my electric trolling motor looking for any irregularities on the flat. At the same time looking for fish on the bottom and clouds of shad moving around on the flat. Just give the spoon a simple under hand pitch at about a 45 degree angle out in front of you. As soon as you feel the spoon hit the bottom give it a short quick hop up and reel up your slack and repeat this as soon as you feel the spoon hit the bottom again. Do this till your spoon is back to the boat, or a fish grabs it. Then under hand pitch it somewhere else and catch another one. What your doing is trying to make the spoon look like a dying shad. Usually the fish will hit it on the flutter down so when you go to hop it up again it will just be there, so pay attention.

Winter fishing is a little different do to where the fish are. In the winter the surface temperature gets colder then the deep water which in turn makes it heavier and causes the fall turn over. This action re oxygenates the deep water and allows the fish to go as deep as they want to escape the colder water on the surface.

When fishing a spoon in the winter you still need to be watching your depth finder. With your foot on the electric trolling motor your trying to hold yourself in one spot so you can fish straight up and down. What your looking for is steep drop off ledges deep under water humps or sticky places on the bottom. At the same time looking for fish and clouds of shad close to the bottom. What you do is let the spoon free fall all the way to the bottom. Once there reel up about a crank off the bottom and give the spoon a simple hop up and flutter down. Trying to vary the movement till you key in on what triggers a bite. The only difference in the winter spoon bite is that some times they will hit the spoon on the hop up or if you just hold it motionless. I believe just the shaking of your hand is enough to trigger a strike.

For more information and the spoons I talk about in this article stop in at 52 Pik-up in Brookville we have a full line of spoons, blade baits, and jigging raps.

Good Luck
Tag Nobbe

I guide fish for walleye, and crappie starting mid April till the mid December, 7 days a week on Brookville Lake. We fish out of a 2015 Lund Pro V

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Ohio Trooper Steve Ilo hands Indiana State Trooper Eric Fields Trooper Greg Walkers' OSP challenge coin at I-70 Indiana-Ohio border on Sunday, October 16, 2016. (Author Photo)

News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Oregon Trooper Greg Walker's Challenge comes to Indiana-Ohio Border

Trooper Greg Walker was an Oregon State Police Trooper who lost his battle with cancer on July 22, 2016. The Greg Walker Challenge is to have his OSP challenge coin photographed in the hands of troopers in all 49 state agencies. On Sunday October 16th that challenge coin made its way to the Indiana-Ohio border, where Indiana State Trooper Eric Fields and Ohio Trooper Steve Ilo were photographed with the coin at the Indiana-Ohio border on I-70.

The challenge was started by Trooper Walker's good friend, Colorado State Trooper Jeremiah Sharp, prior to Walker succumbing to cancer. According to a post on the Facebook page entitled Trooper Walker's Challenge, "When the coin has completed the journey, another recipient will follow. Trooper Walker's Challenge will remain a movement in Greg's honor, to recognize the challenge of other Law Enforcement Professionals who are fighting for their lives." The next recipient will have a coin circulated all over the U.S. on their behalf, just like we



PENDLETON MASTER TROOPER SHAWN COSGROVE Promoted to First Sergeant he will serve in Logistics Div.

are doing for Trooper Walker. To learn more about Trooper Walker, and the Trooper Greg Walker Challenge, you can visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Trooper-Walkers-Challenge-101072013644306/>

Pendleton Trooper Promoted to First Sergeant

On October 24th it was announced that Pendleton Master Trooper Shawn Cosgrove had been promoted to the rank of First Sergeant, to serve in the Logistics Division. Cosgrove, an 18 year veteran of the Indiana State Police, was chosen for his new position based upon a competitive selection process that included written testing, oral interview, seniority, education, and past job performance.

First Sergeant Cosgrove graduated from Mitchell High School in 1991 and graduated from Ball State

in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He started his career with the State Police in 1998 at the Lowell District then transferred to the Indianapolis District, and later to the Redkey District. In 2010, when the Redkey District was closed, he became part of the Pendleton District.

Cosgrove was named Pendleton District Trooper of the Year in 2012. That year his accomplishments included 49 criminal arrests, 24 operating while intoxicated arrests and 210 police services (assisting stranded motorists.) During his career Cosgrove has served as a K-9 Officer and has completed duty assignments in Investigations and in the Drug Enforcement Division. Cosgrove's new assignment will be in Indianapolis at the Logistics Division in Quartermaster.

How to Survive a Car Crash in Water

The holidays are here, and we're all rushing around shopping, visiting family and going to social events. Cold weather, snow and ice covered roads are in our immediate future as well as more traffic, which means more crashes. Read and share the following information -it will keep you and your family alive.

In America over the last ten years less than one percent of all fatal car crashes involve water. But it seems like we're hearing about crashes into water more and more. Part of the reason could be more retention ponds being built around apartment complexes and urban areas. If your car goes into water, what's the best way to survive?

There are numerous scenarios, but I am going to describe the most likely where the vehicle has just entered the water and is not completely submerged. The car will float from two to ten minutes if doors have not been opened, so know that you have time to

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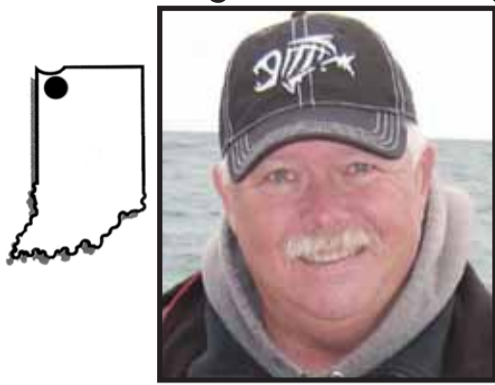
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

GREAT LAKE PLASTICS

When was the last time you bought a Coke or other soft drink packaged in a glass container? How many things do you purchase these days that don't come in some sort of plastic wrapper? Probably the best advice ever given on screen came in the 1967 film entitled "The Graduate." At the graduation party, a man whispered into the graduate's ear one word - plastics.

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No one knows the impact of untold trillions of microplastic particles floating in the Great Lakes. (Author Photo)

When "The Graduate" was filmed plastic was a 60 year old material and widely used in a variety of applications. But the advice-giver in the movie was right. Plastics were the future and for every pound of plastic produced in 1967, there is nearly a ton of plastic produced these days.

Plastic is a miracle product and affects nearly every human on the earth. But with worldwide plastic production now approaching 400 million tons annually, the problem has now become how to cope with too much of this miracle.

One of the good things about plastic is, depending on the exact nature of the polymer, it lasts anywhere from a long, long time to almost forever. Couple the above two facts - 400 million tons more plastic annually and lasting a long, long time or longer. Eventually, it would seem, the Earth will become a plastic coated planet.

Some plastic products are designed to be used for decades, centuries or longer. Other products are designed to be used once and only for a short time, though they may persist in the environment for long periods of time. What happens to all this plastic?

Much of it is recycled, that's good. Much of it winds up in landfills, that's not so good, but at least it's all piled and confined in one location. Too much of it just lands on the ground or in the world's waters. Which brings me to the point of this essay.

Perhaps you've seen photos of the huge masses of garbage, mostly plastics, floating in the oceans. At least 100 studies have documented the amount and impacts of these materials in the ocean environment. In the world's seas plastics form huge "garbage patches" where plastic and other trash congregates. These natural gathering points appear where rotating currents, winds, and other ocean features converge to accumulate huge areas

of marine debris.

The Great Lakes are somewhat ocean-like in many ways. If huge, plastic islands form up in the world's seas, can the same thing happen in our freshwater seas? What do we know about plastics already in the Great Lakes and how do we prevent large quantities like those in the oceans from getting into the lakes?

The International Joint Commission (the semi-political entity established to regulate these waters shared by states in the US and provinces in Canada) hosted a binational workshop recently in

Windsor, Ontario, to answer these and other questions about plastic debris in general and microplastics, in particular in the Great Lakes.

Experts at the meeting reported that the largest percentage of plastics already in the Great Lakes - up to 80 percent- are tiny particles of 5 mm or less, compared with larger pieces that dominate in the oceans. These small particles have earned the name "microplastics."

These particles come from four main sources: pieces of plastic or foam from industrial production processes; microbeads used in exfoliants and toothpaste; microfibers in garments; and decaying plastic products from all sources.

Some of this material comes from plastic litter washing into the lakes or tributaries. Other amounts are particles washed down drains, into wastewater treatment plants and out the other end. Most of the region's wastewater treatment plants do not have the technology to remove them from the water they discharge.

Unlike pollution in the lakes from petrochemicals, sewage or toxic algae having immediate and far reaching affects on fish and other aquatic organisms, the affects of increasing amounts of plastics are mostly unknown. There is evidence of fish and other creatures ingesting plastics knowingly or inadvertently. How this affects these creatures is mostly unknown.

Federal bans in the United States and Canada to eliminate cleansing products containing microbeads will reduce their introduction into the Great Lakes. Just as helpful will be voluntary efforts from people insuring the plastics they use personally are disposed of properly and taking it one step further is participating in personal or organized clean-ups of beaches and shorelines.

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Left Photo: Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas winners of the 2016 Indiana Slab Masters Classic. Right Photo: Greg and Durel Nichols day one leaders and second place at the Slab Masters Classic. (Photos by Phil Grater)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

INDIANA SLAB MASTERS 2016 CLASSIC

In 2010 I began fishing competitively with my son, in 2011 I began fishing the Indiana Slab Masters inaugural season. It was at this time I began writing for the Gad-A-Bout covering the Indiana Slab Master tournament series. Along the way I fished a few National tournaments, mainly Crappie USA and a couple Crappie Masters tournaments. In 2016 I made the decision not to fish the Slab Masters series and began to dedicate more time to the Crappie USA trail. With this decision came setbacks in my articles for the Gad-A-Bout. Not fishing the series and getting only

second hand information at best has made it a struggle to send in quality articles for publication. For the 2017 season I will be fishing both CUSA tournaments and American Crappie Trail Tournaments. This schedule will leave very little time to fish Indiana Slab Master tournaments and provide quality articles therefore I have decided this will be my last article for the Gad-A-Bout. Thank you to all that have read and supported my monthly articles on Crappie fishing in Indiana.

The 2016 Indiana Slab Master Classic was a two day tournament held October 1st and 2nd on Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. Day one was on Salamonie and at days end saw the Ohio Team of Greg and Durel Nichols leading the 2nd place Indiana team of Gary Reed and Blake Morris by 1.56lbs. James Lasswell and Nathan Noblitt finished the first day in third with 4.99 lbs.

Day two on Mississinewa started out sunny with little wind but turned cloudy around midday changing up the bite for some teams. The team of Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas made the correct changes throughout the day and brought in 5.97lbs for day two matched with their 8th place day one weight of 4.49lbs enough to give them the Classic win with a total two day weight of 10.46lbs. Day one leaders Greg and Durel Nichols came to the scales with 3.72lbs. giving them a two day weight of 10.36lbs. enough to maintain second place. Eric Milsaps and Rick Hancock finished in third with a two

day weight of 9.35lbs. followed by Charlie Hildreath and Myron Etchison with 9.18lbs. rounding out the top five was the team of Marvin Yeakle and Jeff Duncan with 8.95lbs.

The 2016 Classic Champions began their two day tournament fishing Salamonie dead falls in 5'-12' of water. They vertical jigged 1/16 and 1/8 oz. Nothead feather jigs, in blue / chartreuse and orange / chartreuse. The fish were holding just off the bottom. Using the 1/8oz Nothead jigs was key to getting baits down faster. There was not much pattern to the bite as some fish wanted the baits still while others needed it twitched slightly to



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Left Photo: Eric Milsaps and Rick Hancock third place at the Classic. Right Photo: Greg and Durel also had big fish of the tournament at the Classic. (Photos by Phil Grater)

entice a bite. Day two on Mississinewa saw Bret and Lucas start the day out spider rigging with double minnow rigs and Nothead strollers in 7'-13' of water. They covered a lot of spots looking

for quality fish, and around midday, they landed a couple good fish including big fish of day two. Midday also brought wind and cloud cover, the changing conditions required different tactics to fish wide open spots on the main lake. The team brought out the jig poles again and within minutes it paid off, with another big fish caught on a feather jig. The team covered all their spots repeatedly throughout the day to catch their tournament fish.

Congratulations to the Indiana Slab Masters officers for putting on their sixth successful Classic and another great tournament season. This year's Classic had 34 teams entered and was preceded by a banquet and awards ceremony. The team of Larry Yates and Rick Daniels were awarded the 2016 point championship. This is Larry's third point's championship with two different partners and Ricks first. Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas were 2nd in the point's race followed closely by Jason Shingler and Mike Arnold, rounding out the top five was Jim and Rob Raymer.

Though I won't be covering the Indiana Slab Masters tournament trail or submitting monthly articles to the Gad-a-bout I do look forward to future endeavors in tournament fishing and possibly submitting a few articles covering some of the National events, I will also be writing a few articles for my sponsor Crappie Crazy. Com. Thank you all for the support I have received for the past six years.

TIGHT LINES!

Ray, Thank you for giving me the opportunity to write for the Gad-a-bout over the last 6 years

It has helped me immensely in my pursuit of tournament crappie fishing. I hope all goes well for you and the Gad-a-bout in the future I know a lot of people that look forward to each issue. Attached is my last monthly article and the pictures sent to me by the slab masters. Again thank you and I will still try to send you an occasional article on National tournaments in Indiana.

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Top Photo: U.S. Navy Veteran Don Heiber served aboard the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVA-42) from 1960 - 1966. (Angie "Heiber" Girof photo) Bottom Left Photo: Left to right, Jim Girof, Don Heiber and Angie "Heiber" Girof on 8-20-2016 standing on public dock near Quakertown Ramp. Don had just landed on Brookville Lake after flying in a seaplane over and around the lake (See October Gad-a-bout for story). Bottom Right Photo: Don earned five Medals while serving in the U.S. Navy, but never received them while still in the Navy. He told me he had been wanting them ever since, but figured he would never get them now. I was very happy when I visited him on 9-29-2016 to learn that he had received two medals and four service ribbons. See article below. (Bottom Two Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Don Lee Heiber 1943 - 2016

by Ray Dickerson

Don Heiber had a bucket list of things he wanted to do before his life ended. You can read about his bucket list in the October 2016 Gad-a-bout for free, it is available at www.thegadabout.com.

I learned in August 2016 from his daughter, Angie Girof who co-owns Quakertown Marina that Don's health had taken a dramatic turn for the worse.

One thing on his bucket list was to fly in a seaplane over Brookville Lake. On August 20, 2016

seaplane pilot Troy Macvey from Aurora, IN flew his seaplane to Brookville Lake. Troy took off the lake with Don and Conrad Tanksley aboard for a seaplane ride over Brookville Lake. Another item on his bucket list was to receive the five medals awarded to him while he was on active duty with the U.S. Navy 1960 - 1966. Don served aboard the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVA-42). He was deployed to the Caribbean in March 1962 and participated in the Cuban Missile Blockade through April 1963. During his U.S. Navy tour of duty he earned five medals but never received the medals while on active duty.

On September 29, 2016 I was driving from Connersville to Houston Woods State Park in Ohio and for some unknown reason decided to turn south

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on Mt. Pleasant road and stop at Quakertown Marina to see how Don was doing. It was a good decision, Don's health had worsened. Something good had happened though concerning his U.S. Navy medals, Angie got some help from a Veteran Affairs officer in Connersville and another in New Castle who somehow obtained two medals of the five awarded Don and four service ribbons. I took this photo of him with the medals and ribbons. If I hadn't decided on the spur of the moment to stop there that day I wouldn't have been able to get this photo or see Don again.

Don passed away October 9, 2016.
 His obituary follows:
 Don Lee Heiber, 73, of Connersville, IN went home to be with our Lord Sunday afternoon, October 9, 2016. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at the home of his companion, Darlene Linne.

He was born May 23, 1943 in Richmond, Indiana, one of four children of William and Charlotte Heiber. He was married on February 27, 1965 to Charlotte Caudill and they raised four children, Donna Wiltiamson, Kim Bowling, Angie Girot and Eddie Heiber.

Don served aboard the CVA42 Franklin D. Roosevelt from 1960 until 1966 during his service in the United States Navy, where he participated in the Cuban Missile Blockade through April 1963. While serving aboard the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Don earned several medals and certificates.

He was a highly respected member of several esteemed associations including the local Warren

Lodge #15 F & A. M, of Connersville and the Order of the Eastern Star, a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a member of the Indianapolis Murat Shrine and Scottish Rite Connersville Commandry, Knights Templar Ancient Masonic degree and was bestowed the honorary title of Kentucky Colonel by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Don enjoyed boating and fishing at Quakertown Marina with his family and many friends. His call-name was "River Rat" and he was always quick to help anyone - whether it was sharing his knowledge about boats or just a good place to fish. After retirement, Don and Darlene stayed on their houseboat during boating season where he continued to help out whenever he was needed.

Besides his wife of 45 years, Charlotte, he is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard Heiber.

Funeral services was conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 14, 2016 at Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home. Rev. James Earlywine officiated. Burial was with military honors provided by the Fayette County Veterans Council followed at Dale Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2016 with Masonic Memorial Service provided by the Warren Lodge was held at 6:00 p.m. (End)

I was able to attend Don's calling, but couldn't stay for the funeral service. I am proud to call Don a good friend. I got to know him with my frequent visits to Quakertown Marina and through my friendship with Jim Sr., Dan, Jim Jr and Angie Girot. ■



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by Joe Martino

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Income generated by hunters via taxes on firearms, ammunition and the like are vital to the preservation of the sport as these funds help states purchase land available for public use and towards wildlife conservation programs. Wildlife is a renewable resource and hunters replace what they use. Without hunters, there would not be an abundance of wildlife.

With access to private hunting land becoming tougher to gain each year, the reasons for recruiting new hunters can get muddled. More hunters mean less chance of accessibility, but in the end, it would also mean the eventual end of hunting.

Besides the frightening information I just mentioned, there is another benefit to introducing newbies to hunting. It is fun. True, it can also put meat on the table, which is even another added benefit, but all in all, it is an enjoyable, necessary thing to do. The look on someone's face when they see their first deer, turkey or pheasant in the wild is priceless.

To have the opportunity to share all of the experiences that we as hunters have the opportunity to have - experiences and emotions that non-hunters will never get - is truly rewarding. They cannot be done proper justice unless they are experienced first-hand.

Hunting also teaches morals, ethics and values. As humans we have the right, and are expected to, take the lives of animals for our own benefit. But, that does not mean to do so without respect, honor and compassion for the animals we pursue. Fred Bear said it best. "Go afield with a good attitude, with respect for the wildlife you hunt and for the forest and fields in which you walk. Immerse yourself in the outdoor experience. It will cleanse your soul and make you a better person."

I am sure you have heard hunters claim that hunting kept them out of trouble when they were



Without experienced hunters to take them under their wings, youngsters or newbies will never get involved in the outdoors. Brayden Maple hunted with the author to take this nice buck a few years ago. Brayden's father does not hunt, so it was up to the author to introduce him to hunting. (Author Photo)

growing up. Well, it's true. I began hunting as a child and from that point on, I was never tempted by the myriad of other things to do for teenagers that can lead to trouble. Sure, I was ornery and got caught up in some of the typical wrong-doing that teenagers sometimes get into, but when it came down to it, I simply was not interested in a lot of the raucous that went on. I wasn't about to stay up late on a Friday or Saturday night during deer or turkey season. To point to Fred Bear again, he summed it up pretty well when he said, "If some of our teenage thrill seekers really want to go out and get a thrill, let them go up into the Northwest and tangle with the Grizzly Bear, the Polar Bear, and the Brown Bear. They will get their kicks, and it will cleanse their souls." He is right. And it does not have to be a bear. A close encounter with a whitetail deer, wild turkey or pheasant will do it.

Hunting is not easy. It can be intimidating for a newcomer to go it alone. They may not have a place to hunt, and they likely have little to no knowledge of where to begin. As hunters, most of us had a mentor who took us under their wing and showed us the ropes, something many people today don't have. Be that mentor. So, if you are able to take someone along where you hunt, be the one to make it a point to introduce a child or a newcomer to hunting. I have found that anymore, I get as much enjoyment out of introducing people to the outdoors as I do experiencing it for myself. I love it when they finally understand what I have been talking about all these years!

Even if they end up deciding that hunting is not for them, so what. You did your part. I firmly

believe that every person has the right to at least be introduced to hunting and the outdoor sports. If they choose not to continue pursuing the lifestyle, that is perfectly fine, but at least they had the opportunity to experience it and decide. It should be a choice decided by the individual, not one forced upon them because they had no other option. ■

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Traveling To Exotic Places

Every one enjoys traveling. Getting to see far off wonders you've only read about, the excitement of finding new adventures in strange places. In the past, Judy and I have visited foreign lands and covered most of this country, taking in the variety of scenery and attractions. However, for the past few years I've restricted our travels to this country and by automobile only after a security agent at a Florida airport refused to let me carry a dinky little pen knife on the flight. I was required to put it in a shoe box and check it into the luggage hold of the aircraft. After being groped, growled at, wand-ed and treated like a suspected terrorist I decided to keep our travels on the ground.

Recently, a few of our neighborhood friends who don't suffer this malady announced their travel plans. One couple left for Ireland, another to watch a Colts football game in London, England, while another left for a three week tour of a number of countries in Europe. Judy, even though she expressed her delight to these people for their coming adventures, began looking like the only frog in the lily pond. No one else to croak at. Feeling guilty and knowing that the only foreign country I could take her to, on the ground, was Tijuana, Mexico, I surprised her by announcing that plans were made to travel to WISCONSIN. We would visit my sister and her husband in Kiel, a small town a few miles south of Green Bay. We could brag and be a member of the jet set, even if we were seated in the economy section. Her face lit up as she smothered me with kisses and cried a little on my shoulder. Actually, she said "Thanks a lot, buck-o".

In order to avoid Chicago, our route took us through Bloomington, Illinois then north into Milwaukee, another city to be avoided if possible. Beyond the hustle and bustle of big city traffic, the countryside turned to typical farmland with numerous giant wind turbines swinging their massive blades while, according to the experts, slaughtering hoards of brown nosed bats. Why these wind mills pick on bats is confusing to me. If I were a bat, even though I were blind, I think I could stay out of the way of one of those things. More likely, they would be a hazard to student

pilots flying Cessna's.

Following secondary two lane roads we passed numerous ponds and small lakes and occasionally crossed over streams that looked like they would be dangerously overpopulated with game fish. I began suffering from dry mouth as I pictured my fly fishing equipment sitting in the closet at home. Later in Kiel, while discussing fishing with a young man, he showed me a picture of a coho he had "snagged" a few days before. The thing looked like it belonged on a leash, weighing in well over twenty pounds.

"Snagged?", I asked.

He explained that the fish, on their final spawning run upstream, aren't interested in feeding. The fisherman casts a line into the stream and waits for a salmon to become entangled in the line, then he retrieves it until the hook takes hold. When I remarked about the absence of bullet holes in the fish he said it took him almost half an hour to wear it down enough to drag ashore. I explained that in our area if you caught something that big, a healthy dose of 12 gage in double OO works wonders in convincing the fish to come aboard.

The day after our arrival our hosts took us on a sight seeing tour of an area called The Kettle Moraine. Unlike what I had envisioned for Wisconsin, the area was a vista of rolling hills covered with forests just beginning to change into their fall colors. Deep valleys and ravines coursed through the hills in which were numerous small and sometimes large lakes, some fed by streams no doubt teeming with fish. When I asked about the odd name for the area, my brother-in-law explained:

"Back when the glaciers stopped moving south, around 1938, they started melting and depositing the earth and silt they had carried from the north."

"Around 1938?", I asked.

"Yes. The geologists have it all wrong. You just ask any Wisconsinian when it finally started warming up around here and they'll tell you it happened around that date. Anyway, the hills you see are the result of that deposit and the valleys, called the Kettles, collected the water from the melting ice, forming the lakes. The fish are all descendants from the arctic char and other species carried here by the glaciers." By this time I wouldn't have given a plug nickel to bet he wouldn't pass his next test to renew his drivers license.

"Well, what does the "Moraine" mean?"

"After the ice melted, the temperatures went up causing a lot of rain to fall in the area. The local residents started moaning, "What, More Rain?" That did it! For the rest of our visit I kept my questions to nothing more complex than "what's for breakfast" or "how often do you have to mow your lawn?"

Altogether, northern Wisconsin is a great place with its scenery, small town atmospheres, laid back life styles and a sister and brother-in-law who know how to be the perfect hosts for a couple of gullible Hoosiers. Just wait until they visit us. As Jackie Gleason would say, "Revenge! How Sweet It Is."

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MILROY SHOES

Photos and Article by Ray Dickerson

The Keim's moved to the Milroy area from Ohio in 1985.

Jacob, Betty and son, Rob Keim opened the Milroy Shoe and Harness Shop in 1991 with two dozen shoes. Their first shop was 40'x60' a bit smaller than what you see in the photo at the top of this page. Jacob passed away in 2009. Rob had moved to Montana, but returned home to help his mom take care of the business. He has managed it ever since. They have one employee, Katrina.

The business began as a shoe and harness shop. Jacob ran the shoe business and Rob did the harness work. In 1999 the harness part of the business was sold and since then they continued to sell and repair shoes. In the years since they have added related products in the clothing line and have doubled the size of their building in 2013, adding an additional 40'x60'.

In the shoe and boot line they sell 300 plus styles in the following brands: Red Wing, (ladies Red Wing available too), Irish Setter and Worx Red Wing, Chippewa, Carolina, LaCrosse, Danner, Minnetonka, Dan Post, Wolverine, Sketchers, Muck, Treeds, Drew, Twisted X, SAS, Timberland Pro, Nothinz Cross, Double-H, Justin, LACER-R'S and Rocky. They sell shoes and boots for the whole family.

As you can see in the two photos at the bottom of page 15 they have a complete shoe repair where they can fix any shoe you buy from them and any other



Milroy Shoes located at 9214 South State Road 3 just south of Milroy, Indiana.

you may have at home. A good shoe can last a lot longer when it is kept in good repair.

They stock all the accessories you need to take care of your boots at home including polish, dye, laces, etc.

In the clothing line they sell Outback Trading Company Oil Skin clothing and Berne clothing for Adults.

They also sell Red Wing socks, men's hats, large assortment of gloves for all seasons, ladies hand bags, leather belts and wallets.

Rich Creason sold Milroy Shoes their first Gad-a-bout advertisement quite a long time ago. Up until March of this year I had only stopped in their shop a couple of times to drop off papers for Rich. This past March Rich and I traded this area after The Greenfield Reporter began printing The Gad-a-bout.

My second month delivering to them I noticed they had leather wallets on the counter next to where my papers were located. I had given up finding a 3 fold wallet that had several of the clear plastic sleeves for cards, photos and other documents. They had one and I'm very happily carrying it now. Next to the wallets hung some leather belts. My next trip I bought one of those belts, it's one of the best belts I've ever worn.

Rob, Betty and Katrina are very friendly and customer service is at the top of their list when it comes to pleasing their customers.

Their shop is very easy to find, it is just a short distance south of the intersection of SR 3 and SR 244 at the west edge of Milroy, Indiana. Drive south on SR 3 and watch for their large sign (pictured at top left of this page) it will be on the left side. They have customers that travel from a large area of Indiana, western Ohio and northern Kentucky.

You can contact them by calling 765-629-2109, faxing 765-629-2807 or visiting them at 9214 S. State Road 3, Milroy, IN 46156

From Cincinnati, OH take I-74 to Exit 134 at Greensburg go north on SR 3 thru Sandusky watch for the Flatrock River, Milroy Shoes entrance is a short distance north of the bridge.

From Louisville, KY take I-65 north to Scottsburg exit 29 go east on SR 56, take SR 3 north off SR 56 thru North Vernon to SR 46 Stay on SR 3 north thru Sandusky watch for Flatrock River, Milroy Shoes entrance is a short distance north of the bridge.

From Indianapolis, IN take I-74 southeast to Exit 119, SR 244 east to SR 3 turn right on SR 3, Drive south on SR 3 and watch for their large sign (pictured at top left of this page) it will be on the left side.



Top Photo: Inside front door to left, spacious shoe display and comfortable fitting area. Middle Photo: Shoe accessories. Bottom: Gloves, Ladies hand bags and clothing.

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Left Photo: Front entrance easy access to center of room shoe displays and clothing areas. Right Photo: Left side of room, a broader view of shoe display and comfortable fitting area. Left Photo: Center of room, large display aisle of shoes and boots. Right Photo: South side of room large display aisle of shoes and boots. Left Photo: Center back of Center aisle working gear coats, vests, cover-alls, rain coats and camo jackets. Right Photo: Camo jackets, working gear coats, hats and work t-shirts. Left Photo: Shoe repair room, at left shoe machinery for stitching regular and tall boots. Right Photo: Shoe repair room, shoes with sole's removed ready to be re-soled.

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Left Photo: Here the Finger lever is not fully closed causing a dangerous situation. Right Photo: The Finger lever in the correct closed position and holding the bolt fully closed. (Author Photos)

Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith
Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

GUNSMITHING

I had a few interesting jobs come into the shop this last month. The jobs were on three Marlin model 39A lever action .22 caliber rifles. On two of the Marlin 39As the finger lever spring and screw were missing. The loss of the spring and screw was probably due to improper disassembly. The screw and spring appear on the bottom of the right half of the receiver. The 39A is a quick takedown rifle and once the takedown screw is removed the rifle comes apart into two halves. One half holds the trigger/hammer group, finger lever, and stock. The other half of the receiver contains the bolt and firing pin, the rifle barrel, and tubular magazine. Both rifles' finger levers were loose and not holding tight to the rifle when in the closed position. The finger lever spring not only holds the lever tight in the closed position but gives the lever the locking action against the bolt when in the closed position. The failure to lock the bolt closed will lead to a dangerous situation as the rifle will fire with the bolt not fully closed. For those of you who own a Marlin 39A check to make sure the finger lever closes tightly into position when closed. One of the rifles had been loaded with a .22lr round the exploded when fired with the bolt not fully closed which literally blew the base off

the case and injured the shooter and left the rest of the case stuck in the chamber. The second 39A hadn't caused any problems and the missing spring was found before it could be a problem. The rifle was purchased at an auction and when fired by the new owner only fired a couple of rounds before the firing pin stopped working. I say Stopped working because it had been broken and was repaired by brazing a new brass point onto the steel firing pin. Of course the soft brass used to make a new point which was made as if it were for a centerfire cartridge instead of a rim fire cartridge. That may have been a good thing as a disaster may have been prevented by the firing pin being incorrectly made. The soft brass would only have lasted a few rounds before failing. Firing pins must be made from high carbon steel and hardened to stand the beating they take from the hammer and the strike against the cartridge primer. The rounds which did not fire were dented in the middle of the round and not on the rim of the rimfire .22 cartridge.

The third 39A had a failure to eject problem. The ejector had been broken. A little explanation on how the 39A ejector works is in order. It sets inside of an assembly which is held in place by two screws which are accessed from the left side of the receiver. In side the assemble is a lock screw, a pin, a spring, and the ejector bar. The lock screw is used to lock the ejector in the down position while cleaning the gun from the breech. If the lock screw gets turned while the ejector is in the up position then the when the bolt closes it will break the tip of the ejector off. It will continue to work for a while, just not as well with the spent cartridge not ejecting as forcefully as before. After a while the rest of the ejector will break and fall out. This seems to be a common problem with the 39A. When looking for another ejector to fix the gun I only found 3 in the country. None of the usual parts suppliers for the 39A had any ejectors in stock. Just happened I found another gunsmith in Arkansas that had 3. So when cleaning your 39A, be sure to follow the owner's manual instructions to the letter. Be sure that the slot on the lock screw is in line with the ejector and the ejector moves freely into the ejector slot. If you break the ejector you may not be able to get it repaired. Parts are

becoming very scarce for the 39A.

Quote of the Month

"The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed." - Thomas Jefferson, letter to to John Cartwright, 5 June 1824

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 PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com. I'll try and answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column.

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by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM
The Future for Fur

All of the current fur forecasts are predicting doom and gloom for this coming fur season. Muskrats will be lucky to see \$3.00. Raccoon may make \$6.00, for a XXXXL. Beaver, I am told, you may have to pay the buyer. (Okay maybe not quite that bad.) Beaver maybe \$10.00 for that blanket. Does it matter to me? Not one iota. I will be out getting some exercise, communing with nature, and practicing the mountain ways never the less. This is that time that one tries new sets, and new lures. Maybe set up a trail camera to record how the target responds to your set. With lower fur prices, there should be fewer unscrupulous "trappers" out in the fields and you should have less concern about thefts and losses. Just relax and have fun. That is what the original Mountain men did, right?

This may also be the time to try your hand at processing a fur all the way from start to finish. There are a number of ways to tan that fur, all you have to do is use your brains. (Get it, use your brains?) Anyway, there are other ways also, just search them out. You can also have the furs professionally tanned and then use them to create articles of clothing, or your possibles, like bags, sheaths, belts, moccasins, etc. Sewing leather is hard and time consuming. It is just what the Doctor ordered for those long February nights after the season is done, and before the weather breaks into anything that is half way enjoyable.

This year, because of the expected low prices, and our desire to allow everyone to finish out their season, the Indiana State Trappers Association (ISTA) will have their fur sale on FEBRUARY 11, 2017 at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1079 W. 200 N., Peru, IN 46970. NOTE: THIS IS THE FINAL AND OFFICIAL DATE. This is a change from years gone by and a different from what has been published in the last Gad-A-Bout or announced at the Annual membership meeting. There will be no fur sale by the ISTA in January, 2017. The Board made this decision in light of the expected low sale value of fur, green or finished. This timing, while missing the first North American Fur Association auction, will allow sellers to accumulate and bring in the highest number of furs, and allow buyers some guide on what to offer for those furs. Lord let it be higher than we currently think it will be.

Also, we are looking for ten (10) vendors / tail-gater's who will to pay \$20 for a 12' X 12' spot inside the building to sell whatever they have to offer. Tables and chairs will be provided. They

will be against the north and south walls of this building. Their fees will essentially pay for our use of the building. Tube steaks, buns, condiments, coffee and soft drinks will be provided as usual and Free Will offerings / donations toward them will be accepted.

The doors will open at 8 am with a setup similar to last year where the fur moves toward the sellers sitting at the east end. Everything else should work out as it did last year. Bring that extra skin or two to donate to the ISTA so that we will be able to continue to do what we do. Please spread the word. February 11th, 2017, same place, same time.

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

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM
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So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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get out of the car. Roll down a window and climb out onto the top of your car.

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You can stand or sit on top of the car until help arrives. If conditions require, the driver and occupants can swim to shore, always swimming the direction the car entered the water. In swift flowing water you should stay on top of the vehicle and ride it like a boat until it snags. If the vehicle snags (i.e., on a fence, stump, or the bottom), you should stay on the car until help arrives.

You can access the Indiana State Police video demonstrating the proper way to escape a crash into water by going to <http://www.in.gov/isp/2782.htm> and clicking on Surviving a Crash Involving Water.

(See State Police Photo on Page 18)

We've Come A Long Ways in 25 Years

Well, 11/24 marked my 25th anniversary as an Indiana State Trooper. When I started in 1991, I made 21,500 a year, and the guy training me, who had been on 7 years or so, made 23,500. Thankfully, our pay has come a long way since then. Up until 2000, we used the same radio in our cars that they used in the show Adam-12, which aired from 1968-1974. Thankfully our communications have come a

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3rd



4th

1st Photo: This is the Finger lever spring screw. There is no need to remove this screw. 2nd Photo: Firing pin on bottom is brass tipped and badly made. Firing pin on top is the correct firing pin. 3rd Photo: The ejector in its normal unlocked position. Note that the lock screw is aligned with the ejector. 4th Photo: The ejector in its locked down position for cleaning the bore from the breech. Note that the lock screw slot is not aligned with the ejector. (Author Photos)

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Outdoors in The Whitewater Valley



by Dave Wilcox

Making Memories

There's nothing like the Fall time of the year. Especially when it's come to deer hunting with your daughter. My daughter Dannielle when she was twelve years old wouldn't have it any other way but to go deer hunting with me on opening day.

We got the old .410 out, a Mossberg bolt action and shot a few shells through it. She shot it very well, I knew she was going to be good.

Opening morning came and she was up and wanted to start getting ready for the deer hunt. She woke me up saying, "dad you better get up and get ready, cause it's going to be daylight soon!"

Up and ready, here we go, got our warm clothes and our camo on, out the door we go.

Dannielle's pockets full of Life Savers, grunt call, wind checker, deer pee - she had it all. Half way across the field she wanted to stop and put some deer pee on the bottom of her boots. She says it will help hide your scent, so we did.

Sitting in the tree stand with your daughter is a very special time. The questions she asked most of all was: What was that? Did you hear that?

I loved every minute of that time.

Needless to say we didn't see any deer so we got down and started walking around the edge of he field where we can see across it, there stood three deer. One was a nice little eight point. Dannielle says,



Dannielle Wilcox took this 8 point, 206 pound buck with a 12 Ga. shotgun in Brown County when she was 15 years old. (Dave's Triangle LLC Photo, Brookville Lake)

"get down, get down, lets crawl to the edge of the field." So we start crawling about twenty-five feet to the edge of the field. I look up and that buck was walking across the field and is heading right for us. Watching her crawl through the weeds and trying to get closer was so sweet. Wish I had it on film.

We got to the edge of the field and was able to sit up, here came that buck. Sitting on the ground I propped my knee up and told her to put that .410 on my knee and hold it steady, here he came. I heard her release the safety. I thought here we go. Boom she pulled the trigger hitting the deer in the front shoulder, it buckled up and fell. She started screaming, I got it. I got it.

Her brother said he could hear her clear across the woods.

She has become a very good hunter! I love her so much.

Making memories.

Editor's Note: Dave Wilcox has not been able to

some bad, but one thing has remained constant-I've never dreaded going to work. While it's truer than ever that this is a "young man's game," I still love going to work every day, and I couldn't imagine having done anything different these last twenty five years. I thank you for allowing me to work for you these last 25 years. From all of us here at the Pendleton Post to all of you, I hope you have a safe holidays and a Merry Christmas.



Climb out the window onto the top of your vehicle.

write his column for several months due to his having some health issues. I've had several local readers of The Gad-a-bout asking about when he would be in again. As you have read this article you can see why I asked Dave to write me a column back during mushroom season. Dave is so down to earth in his writing. It comes straight from his heart and he lives life to its fullest. Above is Dave's daughter with a eight point buck she took when she was around fourteen years old. Dannielle is twenty-one years old now and still likes to hunt deer.

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long way since that 1968 "technology."

We started using computers around 2004, and now I couldn't imagine doing our job without one. I remember going from an old 1990 Caprice to a 1993 Caprice with fuel injection and anti- lock brakes, and thought it was the greatest thing in the world. Yet the 2016 Charger I've got now gets 20 MPG and is by far the fastest, best handling car we've ever been issued. In fact, I'd say it's the greatest single piece of equipment I've ever been issue.

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Like any job I've had a lot of good memories and



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Shortly after lady ran the stoplight at South 6th & "A" Street and hit my Van April 15, 2016.

Gad-a-bout Van Repair Nearly Complete from April 15 Accident

by Ray Dickerson

I took my Gad-a-bout Van to Dustin Dils to have some additional repairs done to the body of my delivery van, the latter part of October. Dustin done some earlier work. This time he applied a black protective strip of a material that will protect the metal along the bottom of the body of the van to protect it from deterioration on both sides.

Dustin was recommended to me by Dave Wilcox who owns Dave's Triangle bait and tackle shop near the Dunlapville Causeway and Ramp on Brookville Lake.

Dustin graduated from Short High School in Liberty, Indiana in 1994. He has had 23 years experience working in auto, collision, paint, body repair and insurance work.

After high school he worked from 1994 to 2005 at Mighty Muffler located at 1440 N.W. 5th St. in Richmond, IN. Then from 2005 to 2015 he worked for Garrett Auto Sales located on SR 101 in Roseberg, IN.

From there he opened this business at 800 South 5th Street, at the corner of where 5th and Liberty Avenue meet in Richmond.

Dustin's Collision and Repair Shop is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday by appointment.

Dustin has a son, Landon and two daughters, Kaysia and Makayla. He is engaged to Stephanie Kirkman whose father, Russell Kirkman owns the Brake Shop which is located in the same building as Dustin's shop.

Dustin's grandpa lived in Centerville, who went by the nickname "pickle." I knew his grandfather and grandmother, they lived on Beech Ave. here in Centerville.

I picked up my van from Dustin on November 1st and delivered it to Sign-Grafix located at 1001 South E Street yesterday, November 8th, to have the vinyl lettering repaired. Once I pick the van up at Sign-Grafix I will drop it off at Best Stop Auto Care for a minor repair of the right turn signal.

That should be the final fix-up for now, I hope. Everyone who worked on my van advertises in The Gad-a-bout, I use my advertisers first when I'm in need of help. It's been a long road till now, Mike Legear owner of Best Stop Auto Care and his son, Cody hauled the van to their shop located at 2 Salisbury Road near Richmond, Indiana, April 15, 2016. They did all the repair mechanically and Mike put all the pieces back together initially putting me



Top Photo: My van 11-01-16 after Justin Dils finished adding black protective strip along the bottom of both sides. Dustin's Collision and Repair business is located at 800 South 5th Street in Richmond, IN. Bottom Photo: Inside his shop. Dustin and Tim Barnett stop long enough on this major repair for me to take photo.

back on the road in time for me to deliver the next Gad-a-bout, due to my back up van having a problem.

Then Mighty Muffler, owned by Darin Doner located at 1440 N.W. 5th Street in Richmond fixed the exhaust pipe that needed repair from the accident.

I had Haagers's Auto and Truck Service straighten the steering wheel and align the front wheels, they are located at 805 Sim Hodgkin Parkway in Richmond.

Dustin fixed the right side that was damaged, put all new rocker panels in it, repaired the rust areas, painted it and put the final touch on it.

Stacy called yesterday from Sign-GrafX telling me they would be finished fixing my vinyl lettering on Thursday, today.

Thank you one and all, I am very happy to have my delivery van back to deliver The Gad-a-bout. It has a little over 331,000 miles on it. I bought it in 2005, it should last for a few more miles, I hope. ■

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Left to right: Noah and Joe Pavey standing in a Blues studio on Beale Street in Memphis, Tennessee. Noah is 14 years old and already a up and coming Blues guitar picker. See below.



Left to right: Noah went up to thank the band and talk. He is talking to Leroy Hodges the bassist who plays for the Al Green band there in Memphis. (Photo by Joe Pavey)

2016 Blues Tour

Written by Joe Pavey

We left Liberty and headed down to my brother's house near Nashville, TN to spend the night and get a jump on heading to Memphis. We headed out early to beat the traffic in Memphis. Checked into our Memphis hotel and started our adventure.

Places that we had earmarked and went to included Sun Records. It was awesome, the first recording studio for Elvis. It was very informational and iconic. We then went to a boutique guitar store called St. Louis Guitars. Very small and intimate and Noah played some of their custom built guitars. We then headed to "iconic" Beale Street to take in some live music. We listened to various performances and ended up dining at B.B. Kings Blues Cafe and took in more Live music. Most restaurants offer live

music that is either local or national talent. We stayed around there until early evening then went back to rest for the night and allow time for Noah to play his guitar. He rarely goes anywhere without it and took 2 guitars for the trip, 1 electric and 1 acoustic.

We started the next morning off by heading to the Gibson Guitar factory and took a tour of their production facility. Great time and very informative. The show room was full of custom, high end guitars that Noah played for about an hour. We then headed to my favorite tour of the trip, Stax Records and Museum. This place was as good as it gets. Chock full of history. Great music and musical history. This was, in my opinion, as well done as Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Noah and I both agreed that there was a mood or aura about this place that stirs your soul. Thank you Stax Records. We were feeling a little fatigued from the pace of the trip and thought of packing it in after Stax, but it seemed a little too early for both of us. We agreed to check out

some more live music on Beale St. As with our other trip to Beale St, we eventually found ourselves at B.B. Kings Blues Cafe. Neither of us were very hungry, but agreed that a root beer float sounded good, we ordered and waited listening to great sounds of another great live performance. With our floats and the end of this bands session, Noah went up to thank the band and talk. We found out the bassist playing for this band was Leroy Hodges. He was the bassist for Al Green. Noah got his picture with him and talked music for a little while. There is usually about 20 minutes between bands, so I went to sit back down and then went to the rest room. When I came back, Noah was sitting at a table up by the stage talking to a gentleman and his wife. I finally went up to retrieve him, because my float was finished. Noah introduced me to Blind Mississippi Morris and his wife. Mississippi, as he was called, told me that he loves talking to young blues musicians and their passion about it, because they are the future. Something he feels strongly about that should continue forever.



Left to right: Joe Pavey and his son Noah, both lovers of the Blues. Joe and his son traveled to Memphis, TN and Clarksdale, MS to see and listen to Blues bands in Memphis and visit the Clarksdale Blues Museum. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Noah Pavey playing LIVE with Blind Mississippi Morris and his band for his first time on B.B. Kings stage in Memphis, Tennessee on Beale Street. (Photo by Joe Pavey)

He asked my son if he had ever played LIVE. Noah said, "No" but he was going to kick off the College Corner Blues Fest in October. Mississippi looked at Noah and asked if he had his guitar with him. Noah said, "at our hotel". Mississippi swung his attention to me and said, "Dad, you need to go back to the hotel while Noah stays with me because he is about to play live for the first time on B.B.'s stage". I did as I was instructed and drove like a crazy person because I knew this was a once in a lifetime experience. I brought back Noah's guitar and with the help of Mississippi's guitarist, he told Noah the 2 songs they would play together. Noah did not know either song but with tempo, chord progression and the key the songs were in, he figured them out. I filmed,

took pictures, and took it all in. That was our last night in Memphis. A great way to go out.

The next morning we headed south on HWY 61 in route to Jackson Mississippi. We stopped in Clarksdale MS, home of Mississippi Morris, Robert Johnson and countless other blues greats. We visited the "Cross Roads" and ate lunch at Ground Zero, Morgan Freeman's Juke Joint. We stopped at a used guitar shop and Noah played for 45 minutes. Finally we took in the Clarksdale Blues Museum. An excellent tour. Noah impressed his tour guide by pointing

to a photo of Charlie Patton. She asked how he knew him. Noah replied, "The same picture is painted on a building in Richmond IN. He recorded at Gennett Records in Richmond."

Editor's Note: Joe Pavey owns Pizza King in Liberty (see ad below). He became interested in Blues music when he was 21 listening to Robert Johnson cd's. His son Noah picked up the Blues sound beginning when he was nine. This trip was a dream trip into the origin of the Blues traveling to Memphis, TN, Clarksdale and Jackson, MS. for them.

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Amy and my sister, Wilma Dickerson standing near the rear of the double decker bus. I rode on many of these English buses when I was stationed in England 1960-1963.



Amy and Shannon Thomas Wagner, best friends from Centerville High School. This was their first get together in a very long time here at Clara's Pizza King.



Sherry, Amy and Stacey Rose. Amy was so happy to see Stacey who stopped by but couldn't stay due to previous plans. Amy and Stacey are like sisters, inseparable.



A moment of spontaneous laughter. Wilma Dickerson (back to camera) left to right, Kathy Dickerson Miller, Sherry Kendall Dickerson and Amy Dickerson.

Amy Came Home For a Visit

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

Our daughter, Amy, who hadn't been home in about six years called us shortly after her daughter, Breanna, left Indiana after staying with us for part of the summer. Amy said she wanted to come home for a few days. She works at UMass Hospital in Worcester, MA and was getting some time off work. Amy is a Registered Nurse (RN) there and had been working some long hours for a long time and needed to get away from it all for a while.

We told her to come on home, we would have a comfortable bed waiting for her so she could get some solid sleep and rest. She said she would fly from there on October 18th and would have to return home on October 22nd.

We called her a short time later asking what she wanted to do while she was home. She said the first thing she wanted to do was just walk around Centerville and see what had changed. She also wanted to eat at Clara's Pizza King in Richmond on the Friday night before she had to fly back. She asked if we could invite some relatives and some of her friends to eat with us. We told her we would put the word out and see who we could get there.

She flew Delta from Logan International Airport in Boston to Indianapolis International Airport on Tuesday, October 18th. She called us as her plane was touching down on the runway. We were in the Cell Phone park-

ing area and told her to call us back when she was ready for us to pick her up

Amy called us and we drove to the Delta Kiosk where she was waving at us. Sherry got out and hugged her as I was putting her luggage in the trunk then we headed for Centerville, stopping at the Cracker Barrel at Greenfield I-70 exit, for lunch.

When we arrived home Amy told us she really liked the new siding, the house looked really nice. I told her she hadn't saw it all yet, as I pushed the remote and opened our new garage door and parked Sherry's car in her garage.

We then loaded back up in the car and went to buy some groceries. Sherry and I bought our regulars and Amy got some things she wanted to cook for us while here. I said, "what is cooking, Sherry and I microwave everything." Amy said she wanted to fix us something special. Then we headed back home.

Amy, Sherry and I went outside and we brought Amy up to date on who was still living nearby, who wasn't and new neighbors. We all went back inside and called it a day. We were all tired by then.

On Wednesday we mostly relaxed after breakfast. After lunch Sherry and Amy went shopping. I went over to my office for awhile going back home around 4 p.m. Sherry and Amy was in the kitchen. Amy was cooking our supper. I asked what we were having, Amy replied, "my goulash."

After a bit supper was ready. I looked at the quantity she had prepared thinking, there's enough there for a family of five. Which is exactly the number she cooks

for in Massachusetts. It was really good and the best part was we had left overs for later. There's nothing tastier than home cooked food left overs.

After supper we talked a bit before retiring for the night.

Thursday after breakfast Sherry and Amy hit the road again till mid-afternoon. Around 3:30 p.m. we drove to the Texas Roadhouse for supper. It's a tradition when we have family visiting.

Afterwards we took Amy shopping to buy her some clothes and things. With her being the only bread winner in her family of five, like most moms, the other four come first on her list, before herself.

We got home just in time for Amy to get ready to go out with a best friend, Stacey Rose. When Amy lived here in Centerville the two were inseparable and have kept their friendship alive ever since.

Friday rolled around and Amy finally got to do what originally was the first thing she wanted to do, walk around Centerville, did I say walk? It was chilly this day. I had intended to go with her, but I had to write my column for the Western Wayne newspaper and by the time I got back home she had donned her work-out clothing and had hit the road. Not knowing where she might be I took a chance driving over towards the school area, but she wasn't there. So I headed up Willow Grove toward main street, not there. I turned east on main and got about a block and a half when I saw a girl running towards Morton Avenue. I slowed a bit pulling over to the curb

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The gangs all here. Left to right: Kathy Miller, Sherry Dickerson, Shannon Wagner, Amy Dickerson, Wilma Dickerson and Vickie Kendall Greene. We're ready to eat!



Shannon and Amy point to their photos in their Centerville Senior Class of 1997 photo. Vickie works at the school and gave them and us, a tour of Centerville High School.



Left to right: Wilma, Vickie and Keneth Greene, Kathy, Sherry, (backs to camera unseen Shannon, Amy and me. Hey Kenny I think we are outnumbered by the women.



Sherry and Amy together at Indianapolis International Airport shortly before Amy boarded her Delta flight home to Massachusetts.

ahead of the girl. Yep, it was Amy. I asked if she wanted a lift, but she said, no she wanted to run the rest of the way home. She needed to hit her goal of 1000 steps before stopping.

We had a small lunch to tide us over until it was time to eat later at Clara's Pizza King. We had arranged with Clara's to have two tables downstairs for our pizza party, not knowing for sure how many was going to show up. As it turned out two tables was more than adequate.

We arrived at Clara's Pizza King at 3:30 p.m. and they had already had our tables set up. So we sat down and waited. Soon there after my sisters, Kathy and Wilma arrived from Berry, KY. Then Sherry's sister Vickie arrived, she said her husband, Kenneth would be there as soon as he got off work. Next to arrive was Amy's best friend from high school, Shannon Thomas Wagner who lives in Indianapolis now. Next to arrive was Stacey Rose, Amy's friend she had spent some time with on Thursday evening. Stacey couldn't stay due to previous plans. Vickie's husband, Kenneth was the last one to come and just in time, the pizza's was being served husband, Kenneth was the last one to come and just in time, the pizza's were being served.

The evening went so quickly, everyone was having a wonderful time reminiscing about when we were in school, after school, family stories and more. The photos on page 22 & 23 were only taken at

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As we were all leaving Clara's Pizza King to go our separate ways I asked everyone to stop for just one more photo. I was preparing to take the photo in front of Clara's beautiful cathedral style window when a lady who was just getting into her car asked if she could take the photo with me in the group, too. So I handed her my camera and got into the group. From left to right: Sherry Diane Dickerson, Shannon Thomas Wagner, Amy Dickerson, Ray Dickerson, Kenneth Greene, Vickie Greene, Kathy Dickerson Miller and Wilma Dickerson. (Photo taken by a real nice lady who offered to take this photo)

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My Visit to the Hypnotist

For a 69 year old man, with some medical problems, overweight, diabetic, high blood pressure, I am still very active in the outdoors. My assorted doctors all ride me about losing some pounds, but I kept putting it off. I knew it would improve my health if I listened to them. So, once again, I thought I would try to lose some weight. Mostly, I just think about it, I seldom do anything. I have tried in the past to diet, cut back on everything, cut back on portion size, cut back on sugars, cut back on starches, and then end up just cutting back in line at the all-you-can-eat buffet. Occasionally, I would somehow lose two or three pounds, then keep it off for two or three days. When you enjoy food as much as I do, dieting is not easy. This time would be different.

I have a friend who is a hypnotist. Granted, I didn't know that until fairly recently. I met Jay Purkey about 40 years ago. He worked at the Indiana State Police post in Pendleton, right across the street from where I worked. I also knew him from the Pendleton American Legion Post. During most of those four decades, Jay always had a cigarette in his hand. He smoked about two packs a day until a few years ago. Jay decided to quit and went to a hypnotist in Indianapolis. This was back around 2010. He laid down his smokes and hasn't picked them up since.

Jay actually began hypnotizing people back in the 1980's. Since that time, he has attended the Hypnotism Academy of Indiana and is certified with the National Guild of Hypnotists. He also went to school in St. Louis, driving there, sitting through an eight hour class, and then driving home. He did this every week for eight weeks.

Jay now has his business in downtown Pendleton. Live Well Hypnosis Center is located at 106 S. Pendleton Avenue. I had visited him there on numerous occasions to just visit and talk about old times. I discovered he had helped a couple of my friends quit smoking through hypnosis. Several times, we had discussed the possibility of me using his services to help me lose weight. I finally decided to go for it.

October 24, 2013 was the date of my appointment. I was very nervous as I walked in the door. After sitting and talking about our usual subjects for a while, I relaxed. He had me fill out a couple page questionnaire about my likes, hobbies, future plans, and other items. I assumed these topics would be brought up somehow in our session.

Jay led me to another room and had me sit in this very large, extremely comfortable, recliner. He turned the lights down a bit and asked me to close my eyes. From this point, I think I remember most of what happened, but I can't be sure. I know he



Jay Purkey, Hypnotist. Bottom Photo: Sign outside Live Well Hypnosis

started talking to me, asking me to relax and listen to his voice. I can remember Jay talking to me the entire time, so I don't think I was ever asleep. Once, he picked up my arm a few inches off the chair arm and then let it go. I was so relaxed, it just dropped back to the chair.

He knew I was an outdoor enthusiast and brought that topic into his monologue. I remember him saying if I would lose weight I could enjoy my activities more. We had talked earlier about the large amount of medication I was taking and he brought that into his talk saying if I lost some weight, I could possibly get the doctor to decrease some of my meds. Jay continued talking to me about other reasons I should eat less, eat healthier, and possibly get more exercise.

This went on for maybe 20 minutes or maybe an hour. I'm not sure. Actually, I think 20 minutes is close. He told me to open my eyes. I did, but they seemed very heavy. He asked how I felt, and I told him fine. He then told me to stand up slowly. I was still so relaxed, I was slightly weak when I stood. Other than that, I didn't feel any different than when I arrived.

That was a little over three years ago. My eating habits changed. I haven't had a French fry in that period. I started eating salads, cutting way back on starch and sugar, leaving the bun off my cheeseburger. After a few month, I had lost 22 pounds. I went to my doctor and had a bunch of blood tests. My hemoglobin A1C (I am diabetic) dropped from 8.5 to 7.0. My cholesterol dropped, my triglycerides plummeted, and my blood pressure was down. The doctor cut back the dosage of some of my sugar and bp medications. A friend of mine weighed 308 pounds. He went to Jay and he now weights 250 and holding.

I thought when Jay hypnotized me, he would make me less hungry so I would eat less. It didn't work that way. I am still hungry. It just seems like I don't want to eat as much. We still have a bowl of Halloween candy on the table. I haven't touched it. I always had snacks in my truck. I don't any more.

It just seems like my will power is greater to avoid extra helpings and the foods I shouldn't eat. Whatever happened, it worked.

After a couple years, I started returning to my old habits. My weight slowly went back up. So did my blood pressure, sugar, and everything else. The doctor told me to return to the hypnotist. I did. It has been four months. I have lost 13 pounds and am almost down to my previous weight. I plan on dropping another 10-15 pounds.

On Jay's business card it says, "Weight Loss, Stop Smoking, and more". The "more" includes stress release, assistance getting over addictions, and, well, more. Call him at 765-221-9080 or e-mail jpurkey@livewell-hc.com. His website is www.livewell-hc.com.

I guess hypnotism is like gravity. You may not know how it works, but it does. I'll let you know in a few months if it's still working for me.

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Amy Came Home For a Visit

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Clara's Pizza King and afterwards. For some reason I didn't take any photos between Oct 18 thru the 20th, which is very unusual for me, to say the least.

Our pizza party ended at six p.m., we had two and a half hours of pure fun with family and friends.

Amy, Shannon, Sherry and I had one more treat in store for us. Vickie who works at the Centerville High School took us on a tour of the school. I, Amy and Shannon had graduated there. I in 1959, Amy and Shannon in 1997. See photo on page 23 of Amy and Shannon I took of them pointing to their individual photo on their class photo display. My Morton high school building is still standing, only the chimney marks the spot where the grade school used to stand. Amy and Shannon had the time of their life being able to see their former school rooms. It had been a fun day for everyone. We thanked Vickie and headed home, we had to get up early on Saturday so Amy could clear the airport security for her flight back to Massachusetts.

Friday we loaded into Sherry's car at around 8 a.m. and headed for Indianapolis International Airport arriving in time to sit and talk a bit. At 10 a.m. passengers began lining up. The hard part came, saying goodbye. I told Amy we would drive to Worcester next year and visit them. We watched her pass through the check points until we couldn't see her anymore. We couldn't see her board her plane because it was on the other side of the Delta terminal.

We headed for Centerville. That evening we had some of Amy's "goulash." Yep, there was still some left over for another meal. See Editors Note Page 25

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Corey took this 10 Point, 165 pound Buck on 11-14-2015. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Gary Moore, age 62, West Harrison, Indiana caught this 27.5 inch, 7.4 pound Walleye on October 23, 2016 at the boat dock on Brookville Lake. (Photo submitted by Diane Moore)



Corey Wells took this 13 Point, 215 Pound Buck on 11-14-2015. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Gary Moore and his son Eric Moore total catch on October 23, 2016. Gary's 27.5" Walleye and the Crappie they caught. (Photo submitted by Diane Moore)

Editor's Note: I would like to publically thank the staff at Clara's Pizza King for letting us use their restaurant for Amy's special home coming supper. Clara's has always been Amy's favorite place to eat pizza. When she was growing up, she loved eating in the English double decker bus and couldn't wait for the pizza to arrive. As I said earlier, Clara's was one of only two things she wanted to do here at home.. Clara's Pizza King is located at 1224 N.W. 5th St., Richmond, IN 47374. You can eat in or carry out, just call 765-966-8302 to place your order. Tell them you read about them in The Gad-a-bout.

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This is Mark Kughen pictured with an 8 point buck taken on November 1st in Huntington County. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Adrian Brown took this 10 Point, 185 Pound Buck. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



This is cousins, Luke and Cade Pershing, pictured with a few of their many crappies they caught on November 6th at the Salamonie Reservoir. They had been planning a day of fishing for months and finally got to spend the day together and do something they both enjoy doing. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Our grandson Alex Moore caught this Bluegill at a farm pond in West Harrison Indiana on Saturday November 5, 2016. (Photo submitted by Diane Moore)

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