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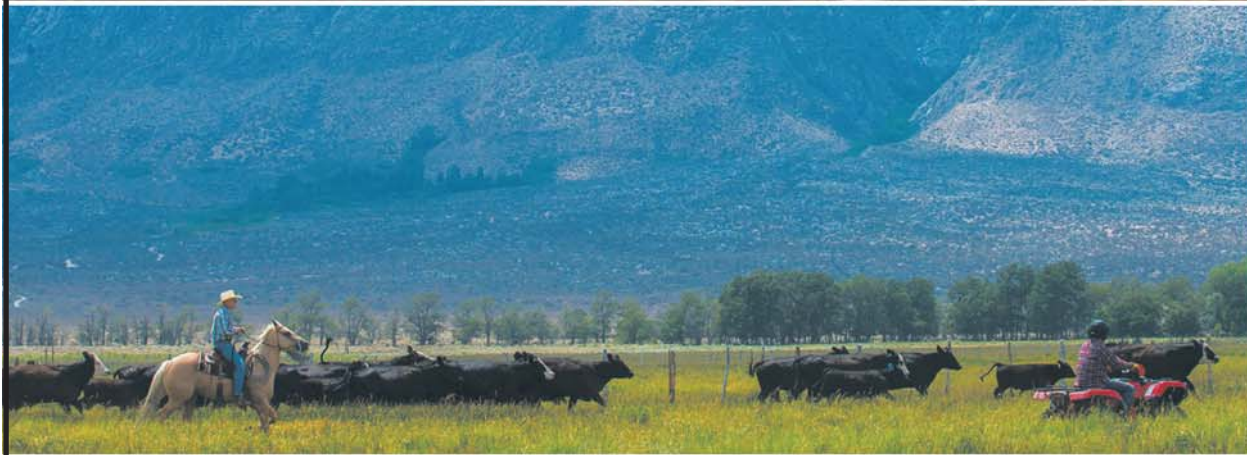
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Top Left: Joe told me, "my niece took this buck in the evening on October 24th in Union County, it weighed 208 pounds and had 17 points. She was hunting with a crossbow and shot him at 35 yards. Her name is Jenna Garden, she is 12 years old and from New Paris Ohio. I know how you like to put pictures of the kids in, I have attached 3 pictures you are welcome to use any of them if you like." (Photo by Submitted by Joe Elleman)

Top Right: The 62nd Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show is coming to the Indiana State Fairgrounds February 19-28, 2016. I have double duty this year, Tag and I will be setting up the Franklin County booth which will be in the Champion Pavilion booth C-504 and I will have my booth #268 set up at the Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl February 25-28 in the Exposition Hall. You will be able to pick up The Gad-a-bout at both locations, hope to see you at the show. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Left: The San Bernardino shooting and the fall

out since it struck a cord in me with those who would disarm me and my fellow Americans. I borrowed this handgun photo from Marshall Smith's article to show you the type of handgun that has defended Americans since 1899. See my article on Pages 8-9 and Marshall's on Page 10. (Photo by Marshall Smith)

Bottom Right: INDOT - New Tow Plows hitting the road in East Central Indiana. Don't crowd the plows and move over for emergency vehicles. Motorists in East Central Indiana should expect to see new larger plows on some highways this year during winter weather. The "tow plows" allow one truck to plow and treat two lanes at once. The tow plow provides motorists with more consistent driving conditions on multi-lane highways and optimizes use of fuel, equipment and labor. The tow plow and material spreader are pulled behind and to the side of a standard yellow INDOT plow truck, and can be deployed or retracted by one driver using in-cab controls. (INDOT Photo)

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AS PROMISED I HAVE WRITTEN MY 2nd WORTH ON GUN CONTROL AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT THREAT

I rarely put anything on my Facebook page, but prior to writing my column in the Western Wayne Newspaper in Cambridge City I posted that I would be writing an article about The Second Amendment in the December 9, 2015 column, followed by a second more precise article in the January Gad-a-bout.

I'm afraid I vented more comments than I expected to do, once I got started writing, all the pent up opinions just flowed from my mind.

CROSLY FISH & WILDLIFE AREA YOUTH SQUIRREL HUNT

The Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area in conjunction with Clifty Creek Coon Hunters and Hoosier Tree Dog Alliance will be hosting a Youth Squirrel Hunt on January 2, 2016 at Crosley Fish and Wildlife Area.

Participants must be 17 years old and younger. 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. All experience levels are welcome.

Participants must have either a youth license or an apprentice license for kids and should bring their favorite squirrel rifle or shotgun. 20 gauge shells will

be provided along with a small amount of .22s. Bring a regulation hunter orange garment.

Arrive at the Crosley Fish and Wildlife Area office at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Please contact the Crosley office at 812-346-5596 by December 30, 2015 for questions and to register.

FULTON COUNTY COON HUNTERS CLUB YOUTH SQUIRREL HUNT

The Fulton County Coon Hunters Club at Leiter's Ford, Indiana will have a Youth Squirrel Hunt on Saturday January 16, with a start time of 9 a.m. Contact information is Tim Durkes 574-223-8625.

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"Two Birds with One Shoot! Andrew Toshlog won two turkeys at the Richmond Conservation Club Trap Field on Sunday Nov. 15. Although the UplandSport.Club Turkey Shoot was not billed as a 'Calcutta' contest, there was no rule against Andrew taking over the position of his friend who was also scoring high but had to leave early; so Andrew's quick eye and skilled hands won a turkey for himself and one for Brett. Also in the picture are Bob Thomas who also won a turkey, and in back are Alex Sittloh left and Nigel Vance right."

I was contacted by Charles Rich in a e-mail saying, "We are opening the Richmond Conservation Club Trap Field every Sunday for Shotgun Sports, and in particular, regular Trap Shoots." There is information about this at our web site: www.UplandSport.Club. For more information here is their contact information: www.UplandSport.Club, us@UplandSport.com, Cell: (765) 546-6047

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(See photo on cover and page 6 of new tow plow)

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by **Tag Nobbe**
Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville in January

Two things to remember when fishing Brookville lake in the winter. The fish are going to be deep or shallow. The reason I say this is they are usually not anywhere in between. When I say shallow I mean 3 to 5 feet deep, and when I say deep I mean 35 to 60 feet deep.

A lot of where you fish depends on the species of fish you are fishing for. I have found over the years of winter fishing that large mouth bass, small mouth bass, and medium size channel cats tend to want to stay shallow in the winter. While walleye, flat heads, large channel cats, and blue cats want to be deep. Crappie and blue gill can go either way.

The best way to fish for deep fish is with baits that make a lot of noise and vibration. I like to use blade baits, spoons, and jigging rapala's, over using live bait. I think the constant noise and vibrations attract the fish to strike. When you try to use live bait that deep, the pressure changes makes it impossible to keep the bait alive. You can find all my favorite colors and sizes of spoons, blade baits, and jigging rapala's at 52 Pik-up in Brookville. These baits work great for catching walleye and catfish in the deep cold water of winter. What you look for is fish on the bottom with your fish finder. The best thing to do is keep an eye on your fish finder as you idle around in different water depths. Don't even put a pole in the water till you see fish on your fish finder. Now I don't mean scattered fish on the fish finder. I mean fish that are holding tight to the bottom, these are the fish that are feeding. This is what your looking for.

For fishing shallow I like to use a floating popping bait, swim bait or a live minnow on a light wire hook. The reason I like these baits is that they can be fished slow. With today's technology just turn on your side scan and take a look if you see fish cast to them. If you don't have side scan, you'll just have to go old school and cast to what you think should be there. Fish points that fall off quickly, rocky shore lines, or shallow mud flats. When your fishing, keep an eye out for schools of shad on the surface. This is a good sign that there are feeding fish close by.

Another option is the river. The river below Brookville lake never freezes, even in the harshest winter it will flow all the way till it meets the west fork of the whitewater river. This particular river is unique. It has 6 different species of suckers, it has huge carp, it has rainbow trout, it has brown trout, and every fish that is in the lake is also in this river. I have caught suckers on sucker rods in the middle of winter using red worms. A lot of times you catch two at a time

If your a fly fisherman this river is right up your alley. Most all of the river is wade-able with just a



Greg Whitlock from Hamilton Ohio Caught this 6 pound walleye while winter fishing with me using blade baits. (Author Photo)

pair of hip waders. What you have is a stretch of river that starts out at the stilling basin at the bottom the dam. The stilling basin is a 35 foot deep concrete box with a 30 foot concrete wall that calms and stills the river were it comes out from underneath the dam. The water that is coming from the lake is coming off the bottom giving you a constant 45 degree water temperature even in the winter. This will let you fish the river year round just remember you can only keep trout from the last Saturday in April to the end of December. A four or five weight 8 to 9 foot fly rod is perfect for the size trout in the river. The brown trout have a 18 inch minimum size limit and the rainbow have a 7 inch minimum size limit. The bag limit is 5 but only 1 can be a brown trout.

If your not a fly fisherman a 6 foot medium light graphite spinning rod will work just fine. Small in line spinners salmon eggs minnows or night crawlers all catch trout day in and day out.

The stilling basin at the dam is a great place to catch catfish and walleye. The bait of choice in the winter are minnows, blade baits, or spoon. In the fall the lake is pulled down 8 feet to winter pool. This starts around October 15th, and if you want to see how a stilling basin works this is the time to check it out. It is so violet its worth seeing but don't bring a fishing pole for this trip wait till the middle of winter. Once they get the lake drawn down to winter pool the current in the stilling basin will go slack. This is when you want to be fishing at the stilling basin area. Vertical fishing over the walls of the still-

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Indiana State Trooper Todd Wallace with buck he took with his Mathews bow on Veteran's Day this year. (Author Photo)



One of the new "Tow Plows" that allows INDOT to clear two lanes on a highway at once. Stay a safe distance behind when both lanes are blocked. (INDOT Photo)

News from the Indiana State Police



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

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3. Must meet a minimum vision standard (corrected or uncorrected) of 20/50 acuity in each eye and 20/50 distant binocular acuity in both eyes.
4. Must possess a valid driver's license to operate an automobile.
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6. Must be a high school graduate as evidenced by a diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED).

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Interested applicants can obtain additional information about a career as an Indiana State Trooper by visiting <http://www.in.gov/isp/3041.htm> to find the recruiter assigned to your area.

Outdoor Hobbies "Required"

Often when speaking to high school kids, I get the question of "What's the most stressful part of your job?" My answer is that there is no one thing in particular for me, for many reasons. One being that we see a lot of death and carnage and other things you hope the average person never has to see. We also deal with high stress situations of all kinds, and often have to be people of action and not reaction at crash and crime scenes.

We are required to make decisions in a split second that can affect the lives of those we serve and their families, as well as ourselves and our families, forever. Then there is always the danger that goes with every traffic stop we do, whether it's someone trying to hurt us or the possibility of getting run over or hit as we sit on the side of the road; I've had my car hit twice over that last few years. Unfortunately I was in it both times.

As I often say, when in dangerous situations, you must have faith. Faith that good will win out, that you will make the right split second decisions to keep yourself and those you serve safe, and that things will work out for the best. I think that's why the men and women that do this job will tell you it's important to have hobbies that get you away from it all.

I can think of no better way than to get out in the deer woods, put the phone on silent and get away from it all. One thing all of us in this job agree on is that you need quality family time and hobbies to keep life, and the things that are really important, in perspective.

Speaking of which, I've included a picture of ISP Sergeant Todd Wallace with the fine buck he killed with his Mathews bow on Veteran's day this year. Todd, his father Don and his brother Adam all hunted together on the same farm this year, and all three killed nice bucks. A great example of combining quality family time with your hobby!

New INDOT "Tow Plows to Hit the Road in Pendleton District

Motorists in the Pendleton District can expect to see new larger snow plows on certain highways this winter during snow conditions. Motorists on I-69 between SR 32 and SR 26, and on SR 3 between New Castle and Muncie can expect to see new "Tow Plows" that allows one plow truck to clear two lanes on a highway at once.

The tow plow and material spreader are pulled behind and to the side of a standard yellow INDOT plow truck, and can be deployed or retracted using in-

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HAV-A-BITE DINER located on U.S. 52 in Metamora, Indiana. Established prior to 1949, has been a favorite place to eat for as long as most people can remember. The new owners who opened for business June 9, 2015 are carrying on that favorite place to eat tradition!



The HAV-A-Bite Diner eating area has been completely remodeled and has a seating capacity of 35, plus a party room that seats 35. They also can cater meals to your location. They are open 7 days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



From left to right Audry Day, Korrin Ruble (daughter of the boss), and the Boss Lady JoAnn Jones. I like the wording above: "Earth Has No Sorrow That Heaven Cannot Heal"



These photos of downtown Metamora hang on opposite sides of a corner wall in the east side eating area. I love to look at old photos, especially ones that tell a story. The photo in the bottom left corner on the left side is of Civil War Veterans walking through town. The bottom two on the right photo are more recent, the Grist Mill canal lock falls and park area.



HAV-A-BITE DINER IN METAMORA, IN.

by Ray Dickerson

A few weeks ago, just after Thanksgiving, I got a call from a friend of mine, Dave Baker who used to come to Frontier Days Rendezvous back in the 1990's at Treaty Line Pioneer Village. He called to let me know about a couple of eating places in my neck of the woods. Both were in spitting distance of Metamora, Indiana. He told me about the great food and service he had both places and he also told them they should be advertising in my paper. I thanked him telling him I would contact both of them as soon as I could. We talked quite a bit about the old days when we were spry and younger.

Hav-a-bite Diner was one of the ones he told me about. I haven't been by it for some time. When I'm delivering I come up SR229 from Batesville and turn left onto US 52 by-passing Metamora.

The first week of December I stopped by Hav-a-bite Diner, told them I was the one Dave had told them about, showed them The Gad-a-bout, left a few

copies and made an appointment to meet with them on Dec. 10th at 10 a.m.

I arrived right on time, took a couple photos of the building then went inside to talk about advertising. They were busy with customers so I walked around and took some photos, three of the above.

Shortly one of the owners, JoAnn Jones had a little time to talk. I told her I would like to get a photo of the staff and any other photo she might want.

She took me around and showed me the rest of the facilities. Her brother Tim Richardson and co-owner had done extensive remodeling of the building (that's his line of work). He really did a good job, I was impressed. She showed it all to me, including two very clean restrooms. She took me into the kitchen, a couple of their sought after specialty's is homemade meatloaf and chicken and noodles. The main problem with the chicken and noodles is her keeping enough on hand. She said, she hand makes them and it is time consuming to roll them out and cut them.

One of their slogan's is, "Food made just like Grandma's." A staple is Breakfast till 11:00 a.m.

On their ad they emphasis "Grand Ma's Home Cookin' with daily specials - New York Strip Steak, Fried Chicken and Hand Breaded Tenderloin

Here is a sample of their menu:

Breakfast: Eggs (2) with your choice of bacon or (1) sausage pattie or ham slice, hash browns and toast. Egg sandwich on your choice of fresh biscuit, toast, or bun or with your choice of bacon, sausage or ham slice.

Western Omelet with ham, sausage and bacon, green peppers, onions, mushrooms, cheese and toast.

Pancakes and More: Buttermilk, French toast with your choice of bacon, sausage or ham slice; Biscuits and Gravy- half or full order; Bowl of steaming hot Oatmeal, Grits or Cream of Wheat.

On the side: 1 or 2 pancakes; Toast or 1 biscuit; 1 egg; Hash Browns; Bowl of homemade gravy; Bacon, per slice; Sausage, per pattie; Ham, per slice.

Lunch Time: All kinds of burgers (all the meat is purchased locally); Sandwiches: Pulled Pork, Chicken Tenders, Chopped Steak, Tenderloin, Fish tail, Grilled Chicken, Club sandwich, BLT, Grilled cheese sandwich, Hot dog, Chicken or Ham wrapped in a spinach or tomato basil wrap.

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Defending your family. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

The colonization of North America began with several European nations vying to settle the new land. Among them was England, France, Spain and the Netherlands. Most attempts ended in failure. By 1760 Britain defeated France and seized the remaining colonies, thus our forefathers became British subjects. By December 16, 1773 the American Colonists were fed up with British rule and destroyed a shipment of Tea by dumping it into the Boston Harbor. Britain took away the Americans self-government. The Americans resisted and formed the Continental Congress. In April 1775 the first sounds of gun fire rang out when Massachusetts militia units and British regulars opened fire on one another at Lexington and Concord. The Continental Congress appointed George Washington as General putting him in charge of the militia, who defeated the British forces in Boston, forcing them to evacuate the city by March 1776. The Continental Congress made George Washington commander of the new Continental Army and in charge of all the militia units.

On July 2, 1776 the Continental Congress formally voted for its independence and issued its

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America



AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA¹²

Amendment I.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II.

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

It was a long and bloody battle, but the Americans won the war.

The Treaty of Paris was signed on September 3, 1783, but wasn't ratified until January 14, 1784.

Our battle for independence was fought with firearms on the fields of Lexington and Concord. The Revolutionary War ended after a long and brutal conflict using many kinds of weapons, but it was won mostly by the use of firearms.



Defending your freedom. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Since the end of the American Revolutionary War we Americans still have our firearms to defend our country on a minute's notice.

During the Revolutionary War the minute men were private colonists who independently organized well prepared militia companies who were self trained in weaponry, tactics and military strategies who on a minute's notice were prepared to defend their homeland and all that they held dear in life.

Today in America, in all 50 states there are thousands of minute men who are well armed and ready to defend their homeland at a minute's notice, we are called hunters. We know how to use our firearms, we keep in practice during the hunting seasons taking game throughout the year. We are ages 5 thru 100 or more, depending on our life span. When we are not hunting we keep in practice going to firing ranges, turkey shoots, trap clubs, gun clubs, etc. The Second Amendment of our Constitution defends our right to keep and bear arms. *"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."*

America is safer with guns then without them!

IN DEFENSE OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT

by Ray Dickerson

It would be suffice enough if news gathering was accurate and precise in the way they communicate it to us when we have a shooting or national calamity involving people in life and death situations.

I may sound a little sarcastic in saying this, given the tragic mass shooting that happened around 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 2, 2015 in San Bernardino when two suspects gunned down 14 innocent people at a Company Christmas Party and wounded 17 others. (Last count I was aware of)

A lone or small group of individuals who predominantly plan and execute their intention to kill as many people as possible of soft targets (innocent people), tend to do so when they know there is no defense possible from the targets. Like schools, churches, company activities, malls, auditoriums, theaters, etc. These individuals use weapons that can fire multiple bullets

quickly, they don't have to be accurate, just effective in their objective.

Their plan can be completely altered if just one person is armed with a gun and he or she knows how to use the weapon effectively. Cases in point, San Bernardino, Planned Parenthood and most of the other shooting tragedies in the United States where innocent people are murdered by cowards brandishing firearms.

Side note: The Planned Parenthood incident might not have even happened if the man who saw the guy with the gun in the parking lot, had run him down with his car as the gunman was shooting his windshield out. In defense of the driver, he was probably in shock from what was happening. We don't expect to see someone brandishing a firearm and shooting at us in everyday life. It looks like now though we must expect the unexpected and be ready to deal with it. Our only choice is to be armed with a firearm we know how to use and be ready to kill someone who is going to kill us unless we kill them. Who would have ever believed that in America we are facing what

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Side Note: Anyone who decides to arm themselves with a firearm, before using that firearm you must learn how to properly use it. It will be of little value to the safety of yourself or those you want to protect if you fail to learn to shoot it and hit what you are shooting. If you don't know where to do this, ask the firearms dealer, he will be able to help you.

You must learn to shoot the firearm effectively, you can do so at a firing range, gun club or like many of us we learned how to use a firearm hunting with family or friends. (See hunting section ahead in this article.) In the San Bernardino shooting the shooters spent a lot of time honing their skills to hit what they were going to shoot at, at a local firing range. I know this sounds barbaric, but in America shooting firearms up to now was for the pleasure of hunting, plinking, target shooting, etc. Now firearms will protect you, your family, your friends and others from dying, only if you can hit what you shoot at, otherwise it is all for nil.

Today with our instant communication capabilities we see and hear about tragedies like this instantly and as they happen. This is good to a certain extent, however I think for the sake of families of those slain and injured it would be best if the tragedy was only reported on by the national media after all the facts are gathered by the authorities and then reported to the public. With 24 hour news coverage editorializing the tragedy in between factual news reports by the authorities, it gets confusing for the viewer or listener, especially those who are watching or listening who are related to victims.

Americans have been witness to hundreds of tragic incidents involving life and death since setting foot here in the New World. America won its Freedom from King George of England on January 14, 1784

after a long and bloody conflict, the American Revolutionary War. American Patriots won their freedom using weapons of many descriptions, but mostly by the use of firearms.

From that early time to the present we are still a land of Patriots who own and know how to use our firearms. The Second Amendment of our United States Constitution protects our right to Keep and Bear Arms: *"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."*

We live by these words today as back then.

It is my sole opinion that America is and has been protected from invasion of armies and others who would like to relieve us of our God-given rights and tranquility as a nation, by our Second Amendment.

Those people who would do us harm know that America has 50 States, each state having a standing army of thousands who at a moments notice are willing and able to mount an attack to protect their family and their country. These American Patriots are citizens who enjoy owning their firearms for the taking of game, competition, plinking, collecting and protection. All these individuals have the experience needed to hit what they aim at.

To see what I mean take a moment and look at Page 29 and 30 where my Gad's Corner photos are located. You will see many age groups in those photos, proud to have taken the game of their choice with a firearm or bow.

Today in Indiana we have youth (17 years and younger) taking game in Department of Natural Resource scheduled youth hunts. These young Americans enjoy the taking of game just like their mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, great grandma, great grandpa, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, great aunt, great uncle, all their cousins, friends and all of their families. It is a tradition in America, hunting is handed down from generation to generation. We cherish the memory of all those hunters who have gone before us, just like we cherish all those who died protecting our country in times of war.

On the cover of the last issue of The Gad-a-bout was a 10 year old boy who took an 8 point buck deer with a Bushmaster rifle at 115 yards, in a youth hunt. The deer ran ten yards and dropped dead.

You see what I mean when I say we have young and old hunters who hit what they shoot at. Do you think that maybe we are safer keeping our guns rather than letting the President, Congress, the liberal media, Hollywood actors or an anti-gun organization take them away from us?

Which would you rather have, a bunch of fanatics invading America with an unarmed population or an armed population that can shoot a buck deer or an armed invader at 100 yards and drop him in his tracks?

For as long as I can remember and I'm 74 now, some government entities, some citizens, some politicians, some Hollywood actors, some organizations and some others are always wanting to relieve us of our firearms.

Take the Hollywood actors who make a great deal of their income from making films with Hollywood produced movies that use firearms to make the film (s) full of blood and guts. It's okay for them to fill the audience full of hatred, violence, killings and mayhem using guns that fire 200 rounds a minute or pointing a hand gun at a victim's head, pulling the trigger, the bullet then pierces the head graphically showing blood and bone matter explode on the screen.

That's okay, right?

No, it's not okay for Hollywood to promote the use of firearms on the screen, then in real life try to ban

firearms in America.

Back when people my age went to the movies we saw western hero's always win over the bad guy. When the bad guy was shot, he simply fell off his horse or the Indian (s) fell from theirs. There was no blood, no gore. Life was simpler, slower, communication took longer to get from here to there.

Radio, Television and the Internet has rocketed America into today's world. It's been too fast, we no longer relish the fact that we have neighbors, friends and family who used to be more a part of our lives.

Wednesday afternoon, 12-2-15, President Barack Obama was on the TV news calling for the need of more Gun Control. Thursday morning the New York Daily News front page read, "God Isn't Fixing This" because some politicians reacted to the San Bernardino shooting with calls for prayer instead of more restrictive gun control laws.

We don't need more gun control!

We used to be like Switzerland here in America, but the anti-gun people keep trying to disarm us. If they succeed - they may live long enough to regret it.

Even though Switzerland has not been involved in an armed conflict since 1847, the Swiss are very serious, not only about their right to own weapons, but also to carry them around in public. Because of this general acceptance and even pride in gun ownership, nobody bats an eye at the sight of a civilian riding a bus, bike or motorcycle to the shooting range, with a rifle slung across their shoulder.

Remember this, Adolf Hitler was successful in disarming Germany, look what happened to Germany afterwards. They were defeated by a combined force of free nations who walked silently, but carried big guns.

Remember this, guns don't kill people, people kill people. The gun is an inanimate object that can't do a thing until a human being picks it up, loads the ammunition and pulls the trigger.

My dad taught me everything I know about hunting. The U.S. Air Force taught me how to shoot a .45 automatic pistol at targets. I know the difference between when to shoot and when not to shoot. Common sense is our first line of defense, use it and we will all be safe.

If you don't use it, then in the words said so eloquently by Patriot Patrick Henry in March 1775 "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!" His quote still lives on in the hearts and minds of all FREE PEOPLE or should!



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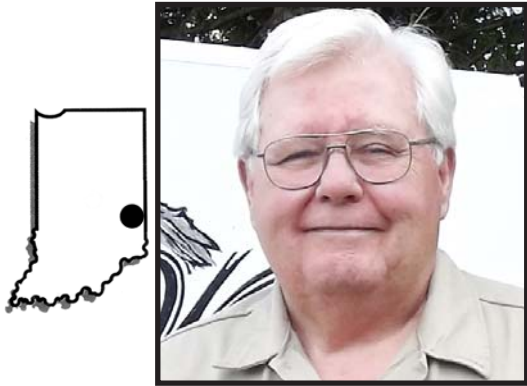


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Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by **Marshall Smith**
Owner/Gunsmith

Gunsmithing

- FTE-Failure to Eject
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- Damaged Chamber
- Broken cartridge case stuck in forcing cone

Gun Rights

S&W Victory Model Revolver

During WWII Smith & Wesson produced over 570,000 Model 10 revolvers in .38 Special for the U.S. Military and its allies. All were given serial numbers beginning with the letter 'V'. The revolvers were the same design as other model 10s having first been produced in the 1890s. S&W received a contract from the U.S. Government for the revolvers in 1899. It was known as the **Smith & Wesson .38 Hand Ejector** Model of 1899. It was quickly modified and strengthened over the next 6 years resulting in the addition of the hand ejector locking lug under the barrel (1902) and the passive hammer block (1905). It was re-designated as the S&W M&P and later the model 10 and today the 'K' frame series of revolvers. Some six million guns have been produced since its inception in 1899 and is still in use throughout the world. It has been the most popular revolver in the world.

Getting back to the Victory model. One was brought in to my shop which the owner had taken out to shooting and noticed a bulge in the barrel and a crack in the barrel. Upon inspection it appeared that it may have been fired with the barrel partially or completely blocked and the barrel bulged and cracked through the metal. The owner stated he had fired several rounds through the barrel and hadn't noticed anything until he was cleaning the gun. After finding the crack he decided to have the barrel replaced and at the same time have it refinished with a Cerakote finish. The original barrel had the 'V' before the serial number and any replacement barrel would not have the serial number or 'V' designation. The picture No. 2 shows the view looking down the barrel from the muzzle. Notice the dark spot on the left side of the barrel about half way down the barrel. Picture No. 3 shows the crack directly under the area of the bulge. I replaced the barrel and the owner had the Cerakote finish completed and returned it to be reassembled and tuned. Picture No. 4 is the finished product. The Cerakote



Top Left Photo: The Victory model as it was first brought to me. It had been partially disassembled. **Top Right Photo:** This view looking down the barrel from the muzzle. Notice the dark spot on the left side of the barrel about half way down the barrel. **Middle Left Photo:** This is the crack directly below the bulge in the barrel. The barrel could easily rupture with a standard .38 Special load, very likely with a +P load. **Middle Right Photo:** This is the finished product. New barrel installed, new Cerakote finish, assembled and tuned. The Cerakote finish is tough, good looking, and tough. **Bottom Right Photo:** The grip medallion shown is the reverse side of a Philippine coin. Possibly a ten, twenty, or fifty centavos piece. The date 1944 also agrees with when the gun was produced and may have been issued to a soldier in the Philippines. (Author Photos)

finish was done by the owner's son, a professional automotive painter and familiar with the Cerakote process. The Cerakote finish is a baked on finish. It comes in several colors as well as camouflage.

An interesting point of the gun was the grip medallion. The Victory model was usually shipped with a smooth walnut grip and no medallion. Someone had installed a Philippine coin in the grips. Picture 5 shows the coin as it was on the right grip panel. The owner thought that maybe the gun had seen use during the war in the Philippines and the soldier carrying it brought it home with the coins installed.

The Walking Dead

This could become a regular feature in my articles. While delivering a gun to a client I was carrying the rifle exposed with the bolt removed. A fellow passed by me leaving my client's premises and exclaimed "I'm afraid of guns, they will hurt you." ("Hoplophobia") I froze in my tracks. Of course I couldn't resist and spoke out, "Don't be afraid of a gun, it can't hurt you, be afraid of the person behind it." The fellow jumped into his truck and left. Another walking dead.

Then a few days later, I was told by a friend that he wouldn't join a particular gun club in the area because they required that he be an NRA member. I asked what was wrong with that and he responded that the NRA was wrong in opposing the govern-

ment's attempts in registering gun owners. I told him that the government didn't have the rights to register a list of gun owners. A list of legal gun owners could

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One of the latest proposed uses of Great Lakes water is to apportion some of it for aquaculture. Any exploitation of any resource produces some degree of consequences - some good, some bad and some downright ugly.

First, some of the good aspects of the idea. As world population continues to grow the world's demand for seafood grows. Sourcing fish protein strictly from wild stocks is unsustainable. Currently, almost all supplies of wild fish and seafood harvested by commercial fishermen are highly exploited to over exploited.

Civilization exists only in places where agriculture exists or people have ready access to agricultural products. There's no reason to expect wild protein from the Earth's seas to be sustainable. There's every reason to believe "farmed" seafood can provide fish to feed the world. Aquaculture currently produces 50 percent of the seafood consumed worldwide and that percentage goes up annually.

The proposed fish farms for Lake Michigan will center on growing rainbow trout, a species well adapted to the Great Lakes' cool water. The short version is enclosures will be constructed in the lakes, fingerling rainbows will be put in the enclosures, fed, grown to marketable size, then harvested to help satisfy the world demand for fish products.

This new industry will be a job creator. First, the pens will need to be built, then installed. After, more jobs will be created for people husbanding the fish, maintenance of the facilities, processing the fish and on and on. Who isn't in favor of job creation?

Does it all sound good? Sure, but there's a bad side, as well.

Chief among them is the same problem that's



Fish farms like this could soon become active on Lake Michigan. (Author Provided Photo)

plagued the livestock industry since the old gray mare made 'oopy on the boulevard. Called politely, nutrient load, the best statistic I could find about how much 'oopy is a fish-farm raising 200,000 Atlantic Salmon produces the same amount of fecal matter as a city of 62,000 people. Granted, fish poo is much different than people waste. For instance, only warm-blooded animals produce E. coli. Still, that's a lot of nutrient load.

One of the reasons open water farms are efficient is they don't have to deal with the waste. In ocean-based farms tides and currents flush the nutrients away. Will waves and currents in the Great Lakes do the same thing?

Another potential problem is escapes from the farms. No farmer wants to lose any of the livestock, but it happens occasionally. When the angus leave the pasture, it's fairly easy to round them up. When a pen fails and the fish get out, what happens? For sure they aren't going to be recaptured. For sure, it's going to happen eventually. Are the consequences going to be a mere blip or a major calamity, environmentally?

Fish are susceptible to numerous diseases and fish in a closely-confined environment are more susceptible than others. Viral and bacterial infections started in an open water fish farm can spread to wild populations. Will it happen? How serious could it be?

Those answers could be ugly, but that's not the ugly part of the Great Lakes fish farming issue. The ugly part is how it's already pitting anti-most-things environmental groups against pro-aquaculture groups and both sides are lining up local, state and federal politicians on their sides. Tribal groups are weighing in, as well - mostly trying to decide which slice of the pie they'll receive will be larger if they side with one side or the other.

NOAH, DNRs, EPA, USGS and a handful of other regulatory "initials" are or will be involved. Colleges and universities are lining up for research grants to prove or disprove whichever postulations the grantor's deem important. When ever you mix these groups together with tons of money, it always gets ugly.

Good, bad or ugly, this story will continue to feature them all. THE END

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Donnie Mandrell and myself with 3rd place fish from 2012 Crappie USA. (Author Photo)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

INDIANA CRAPPIE FISHING

What happened to the big crappie?

I have been asked numerous times this year, "What happened to the crappie on this lake?" Everyone seems to remember three or four years ago when the crappie population and their size was on the rise in most Indiana lakes, they tend to forget this was only a couple years span. Before that it was much the same as it is today. Crappies in Indiana are notoriously cyclic. A lake produces good numbers of above average crappie then it falls off to an abundant quantity of small fish. The opposite is usually also true after years of numerous small fish, all of a sudden there are a vast amount of big fish and fewer small ones. This is termed as Cyclic and is greatly due to weather and conditions around the lake which affect the spawn.

In 2010 fishing Salamonie I caught decent size crappie but in 2011 the average size and quantity of the crappie dramatically increased. We were catching large numbers of 11" fish, by 2012 those fish were into the 12"-14" range and twice that year I landed fish that were 15". By the spring of 2013 I was seeing very few 10" fish in the net and knew something was not right. How a lake could change so much was beyond comprehension. This pattern not only held true for Salamonie but also most reservoirs in

Central Indiana. By 2013 most reservoirs in Indiana were on the down turn of their cycles.

Most biologists tend to say that the lakes run on a 5-7 year cycle with the determining factors being the weather and water conditions.

Large amounts of spring rain prior to the spawn as well as extended cold weather are contributing factors to a poor spawn. If we receive large amounts of rain and reservoirs are above summer pool by even as little as a couple feet when the crappie return to the banks to spawn, and the Army Corp of Engineers drops the water level back to summer pool, it devastates the spawn. Not much anyone can do, the dams were designed and built for flood control and will always do just that, it is their priority.

There are several other factors which must come together to generate the upswing of the cycle, for it to occur, plant vegetation and spawning habitat must be abundant, to protect the fry as they grow. Food sources must be available to generate a rapid growth rate. If the spawn is good for Crappie one year and bad for the gizzard shad the next couple year's conditions deteriorate quickly for a rapid growth rate with the declining amount of shad in the reservoirs.

The abundance of crappie in a year class is determined by the success of the spawn and survival rate of the fry during the first year. A good spawn and high survival rate results in a strong year class. The production of fry that survive the first winter is detrimental for strong crappie populations over production and to high of a survival rate due to a mild winter can cause the year class to suffer as well with a slow growth rate.

Several strategies for a strong year class have been tried on Southern Reservoirs. For years, Mississippi has lead the way strategizing to produce a strong year class for repeated years. They have seen the effects of larger size limits and smaller creel limits, studying the effects of each and both on different lakes throughout the state. Each has had success and failures on different lakes. Smaller creel limits may work on one lake but has adverse affects on another body of water only a short distance away. At this point high length limits seem to produce the best fisheries in their state, probably due to the warmer climate resulting in a faster growth rate and lower winter mortality rate. This same strategy could have an adverse affect here in Indiana due to the slow growth rate and higher mortality rate.

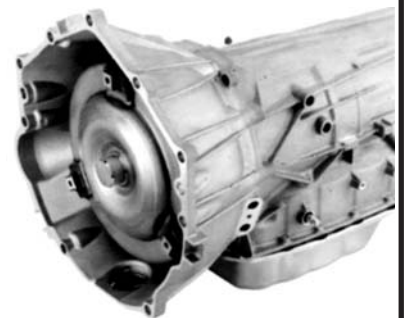
There are still lakes here in Indiana that are producing nice fish Monroe is still an exceptional fishery producing 2 lb Crappie on a regular basis. Some of the smaller reservoirs that don't get as much pressure are doing well and don't rule out the natural lakes and rivers which don't seem to be affected by the cycles the way the bigger reservoirs are.

I am by no means a wildlife biologist and have

obtained most of my information used in this article from reading information written by Biologist and other writers which have already done articles on the subject. Indiana is a different state with weather conditions and environmental issues which are unlike southern states, which seem to be doing most of the research. As a tournament fisherman I am always chasing the bigger crappie. I am sure that your typical weekend crappie fisherman is content with going out to the local reservoir and catching a twenty-five

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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Come See the Eagles

With the winter holiday season quickly approaching; it also raises a flag indicating those cold, snowy, dark days are upon us as well. Here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash, the abundance of activities such as; boating, camping, and hiking may have come to a halt but that doesn't mean things have completely shut down as there are still an enormous amount of opportunities to make your trip here an enjoyment. We are very fortunate to have the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center as a part of this property as they are dedicated in bringing many exciting events and activities to provide you and your family a fun experience.

One activity which has been a big hit during the winter months is the Eagle Watch which takes place at both the Mississinewa and Salamonie Reservoir properties. If you have been looking for an opportunity to learn as well as experience one of nature's most spectacular birds this is a chance you do not want to miss. The day begins with a brief overview and the group then caravans to the roost to observe the eagles in action. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, cameras, and spotting scopes to help aid in capturing the moment. Trained staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Advanced registration is requested if you plan on attending. The first "Sunrise Eagle Watch" takes place on **Saturday, January 9th** and again on **January 16th** at the Mississinewa Reservoir. They will



This is a photo of Conservation Office John Engle and Ed (Soarin Hawk Raptor Hawk) along with Jefferson the Eagle. Engle helped rescue this bird 3 years ago. This was part of the Eagle Watch which will be taking place January 9th and 16th at Mississinewa and February 13th and 14th at Salamonie. (Photo from the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services Facebook page)

meet at Mississinewa's Miami SRA Boat Ramp at 6:30 a.m. to watch the Eagles rise into the morning skies and then return at 9:30 to have breakfast with the birds. The Salamonie will have their 10th annual Eagle Watch **February 13th and 14th** from 3 p.m. to dark. Everyone will meet at the Salamonie Interpretive Center and then drive to several well-known eagle spots. For more information and to register contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at **(260) 468-2127**.

Other activities to mark on your calendar begin **December 29th and 30th** for the Salamonie Winter Day Camp. This is an event designed for kids ages 7 to 11 and runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Questions such as what do animals see, how do they see at night, and how do they keep from being seen will all be answered along with several other interesting information about animals located in our area. Price is \$15 per day or \$25 for both days. Then on **New Year's Day** come out and enjoy the "First Day Hike" at the Salamonie River State Forest. Everyone will meet at 2:00 p.m. and then hike about one mile to witness this historic property. Finally on **Saturday, January 23rd** the Interpretive Center will host, "Silence...of a Winters Night". This event will be

from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event will begin with a meal and introduction then proceed to building an owl box, meet and learn about live owls, and lastly experience the silence of a winter's night by hiking and owl calling.

With all this in mind, when you are sitting around the house during these cold and dark days, just remember there still are several opportunities to get out and enjoy a day away from home. On top of the many planned activities available through the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center there are other opportunities for the outdoors enthusiast. Fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling are all popular draws that bring out the outdoorsman this time of year. If you are interested in riding the snowmobile trails there are a few guidelines you must follow. The 40 mile trail is open when snow conditions are adequate and runs from **December 1st thru March 31st**. The trails must be marked as open and you have to have your snowmobile registered. As always we always encourage anyone visiting to stop and visit us at Bozarth's Country Store. We have a large selection of "everything you need" and an excellent food menu to make your trip worthwhile. For more information contact us at **(765) 981-4522**. ■

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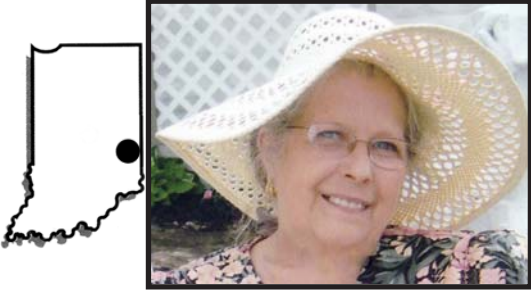
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by **Donna Schroeder**

President of Fayette County Tourism Bureau

Babes in the Woods

I've been told that this month's offering should have a recreational or outdoorsy feel. Most of my outdoor activities are made up of digging around in my flower beds, but I do enjoy an occasional leisurely stroll through the woods. I'm not big on water sports, but I do love to fish! Not the fancy way a lot of folks do it. A cane pole, a bobber, and a container of fat, slimy earthworms are all I need. My grandfather taught me about the patience required for fishing, as well as the art of scaling and cleaning a bluegill. Those are some of my fondest memories of a childhood spent on a farm with its own private pond.

Fayette County, one of the most beautiful areas on earth, offers a wide variety of places to hike, fish, and enjoy the Whitewater River. Many of the spots have a story to tell.

Let's begin near Connersville. Robinson's Whitewater River Campground is located just minutes south of the city limits on State Road 121. Kayaking, fishing, camping, and more are offered at the campground. The Robinsons live on site and are always there to welcome visitors. The grounds border the river on the east, and the remnants of the Whitewater Canal border them on the west. There are facilities for RVs, as well as traditional camping. Many weekends also offer live music. Robinson's is located at 1614 S. State Road 121. Phone (765) 825-4885.

A little further south and west is where you will find the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary. The sanctuary is owned by the Audubon Society and offers miles of trails. Over 500 acres were donated by Finly and Alice Gray in memory of their beloved daughter Mary. Finly was in Congress for three terms and served as mayor of Connersville for two terms. This is the ancestral home of the Gray family. The family's patriarch, Revolutionary War veteran Robert Gray, rests here in the family cemetery. Due to additional land acquisitions, the sanctuary now covers over 700 acres. The sanctuary offers primitive camping. During the summer, many programs are offered, one of them being demonstrations of bird banding. Bird watchers love to visit, as well as anyone who truly enjoys the peace and tranquility only found in the deep woods. Facilities are available for meetings, and many weddings take place there. You can visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mary-Gray-Bird-Sanctuary/117437951649436?fref=ts>; email



This cradle held six generations of the Munger family. It was built in 1794 for Margart Munger's mother. You can view it at the Fayette County Historical Museum. (Author Photo)

wilmsab@indianaudubon.org; or phone (765) 827-0908. The sanctuary is located at 3497 S Bird Sanctuary Rd., Connersville, IN 47331.

The northern part of the county offers a couple of very interesting places to visit, too.

Both were made possible through the generosity of pioneer families who settled in that part of the county.

Shrader-Weaver Nature Preserve is maintained by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The preserve is located between County Roads 500N and 600N on the north side of County Road 450W. There are approximately 52 acres of virgin timber in the 108 acres in the preserve. Wild flowers abound in the spring time. The bricks for the homestead on the grounds were made from clay on the property. The house was built by Philip Shrader who entered the land in 1828. Several generations of the family of Philip lived in the home before the farm was donated by his great grandchildren.

Manlove Park is another wonderful place for a visit. Two brothers, George and William Manlove left their home in North Carolina in 1810 to settle in Indiana. They made their way to Posey Township in Fayette County. By 1815, they had settled in and started families. George's son William was the first white child born in Posey Township. He was born, coincidentally, two hundred years ago on January 19, 1815. His cousin Jesse (son of the original William) was born the following April, the second child born in Posey Township.

William, the firstborn, married Margaret Munger whose parents had also come from North Carolina. The Mungers brought with them the cradle that was built in 1794 for Margaret's mother. It passed to William and Margaret who used it to hold their children. The cradle held six generations of the family, beginning with Margaret's mother, Mary Cole Munger. The cradle is now in the Fayette County Historical Museum's log cabin exhibit, having been donated by the family in 1998.

These pioneer children truly were babes in the woods. The first settlers faced the threat of unfriendly Native Americans. Wild animals roamed the woods. Often, as the adults went about their daily chores, the cradle would actually be hung in a tree, as evidenced by

the holes that are visible in the rockers. Remember the words of "Rock a bye, Baby"? This song describes a cradle hung in a tree top – not so far fetched when you consider the story of the Manlove cradle. It's fun to imagine the breezes gently rocking the baby, but the part about the bough breaking always bothered me a bit!

The original William had a son named Absalom whose granddaughter acquired a farm in Posey Township. Upon her death in 1938, she left the farm, containing 123 acres, to the care of the Fayette County

Commissioners. It was to be used as a nature preserve and public park. A dam was erected, and a 25 acre lake was built as a WPA project. The lodge was built from timber gleaned from the farm. Manlove offers excellent fishing and hiking, as well as being a great place for events. The lodge is spacious and hosts many community events, both public and private. The park is owned by the county and maintained by the Fayette County Conservation Club, Incorporated. The park is located at 6632 N Manlove Park Rd., Milton, Indiana 47357. Phone (765) 478-4080.

If you aren't looking for deep woods, Roberts Park in Connersville is the place for you! The park was donated by Colonel Roberts for use as a public park. The aquatic center has a wonderful public pool. The Roberts building, erected by the WPA, has been fully restored as a venue for events. The Miller Center, built in memory of John Miller by his family, is a popular place for all sorts of gatherings. It features both a meeting room with kitchen and a gymnasium.

The Longwood covered bridge was moved to the park from its original location in the eastern part of the county. It is a perfect example of the bridges built by the Kennedy family in the 1800's. The stone amphitheater, also a project of the WPA, hosts a wide variety of events, including tractor pulls and harness racing.

Adjacent to the park, the Fayette County Free Fair Association has space for RV camping. The Expo Hall is available for events. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.fayettecountyyfreefair.com>; phone: 765-825-1894; or Email: info@fayettecountyyfreefair.com.

The Fair Association and Roberts Park host the annual Fayette County Free Fair, Indiana's oldest free fair.

For more information on the park, call (765) 825-5244. The park is located at 2900 Park Road in Connersville.

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Remember why you hunt

Author learns life lesson from his son

With my 2015 deer season grinding away and an unpunched buck tag in my pocket, I cannot help but reflect on my season thus far and be thankful for the opportunities I have had to hunt and for the encounters I have had while doing so. A large reason for my gratefulness can be directly attributed to a particular hunt a few seasons back with my son, Nicholas.

While on a hunt that particular evening, I found myself in a situation I don't like being in. Oh, it wasn't bad, but rather, just a normal situation that frequently occurs in the woods when deer hunting. Which begs the question; why was I upset in the first place?

As I have often written before, I had the opportunity to learn a valuable life lesson from my young son, Nicholas. You'd think it would be the other way around and there are a lot of things that he does learn from me, but to say that I don't learn from as well would not be fair. Given that my son leads by example begs the question; is that he is quite mature for his tender age of eleven, or is that I sometimes get too wrapped up in hunting and lose sight of the real priorities? Honestly, it is probably a lot of each.

Nicholas and I were sitting on the ground in a brushy fence row between two picked corn fields. Our plan was simple: be in a position to catch deer as they entered the field to feed. We chose the fence row spot for a couple of reasons. For one, I felt that if we attempted to cross the field near the woods that we ran the chance of spooking deer. So I decided that not trying to push too far into the area was a better option. Besides that, our location in the fence row just happened to be a darn good spot! Deer routinely feed in the fields in this area and it held enough cover for concealment.

The spot would prove to be a good one – almost too good. The first deer we saw were a couple of does that made their way almost directly towards us; the first doe crossed the fence row a mere ten yards to my south, or right. The next doe followed the same path, although she stopped to browse on vegetation in the fence row. There was no chance of a shot at the doe until she crossed the fence row allowing us to adjust for a shot.



The author had to re-learn an important lesson thanks to his son. (Author Photo)

As she was still standing literally feet away, we saw a large buck coming our way. As the buck entered the brush in fence row, I still couldn't move at all. The doe was still to my right facing me, and since I am right-handed, I would have had to twist ninety degrees to my right in order to get a shot.

After a few tense moments, the buck either caught our scent or just felt that something wasn't right because immediately fled, taking the does with him. Had that doe not been where she was, or if the buck wasn't in the exact spot that he was, I could have killed him.

Which brings me to the moral of my story. I was ticked at this point. I have gone nearly two years without shooting a buck waiting on just such an opportunity on a giant whitetail. And now, to have that buck that close and not get it done, it made me down-right mad, and even a little depressed. Sensing my anger, Nicholas tried his best to cheer me up and put things in perspective. "Dad, there was nothing you could do. Look, we beat that deer; we had him right here, we did what we set out to do. You just didn't get an opportunity to take him. He'll be bigger next year if you don't get him later this season Dad." I knew he was right, but I wasn't in the mood to hear it.

A little while later, a decent buck attempted to seduce a young doe as he chased her all around us in the field, grunting the whole while, without either of the deer knowing anybody was around. After the buck chased the doe out of sight Nicholas looked over at me with a beautiful smile and said, "Dad, now doesn't that make you happy again?" "No!" I muttered, "I'm still ticked off." "But Dad, you need to enjoy the natural things that are going on around us, and the fact that we are able to be out here hunting. We have just had the chance to see what many people don't." At the time, however, I was still rather upset; even though, again, I knew what he

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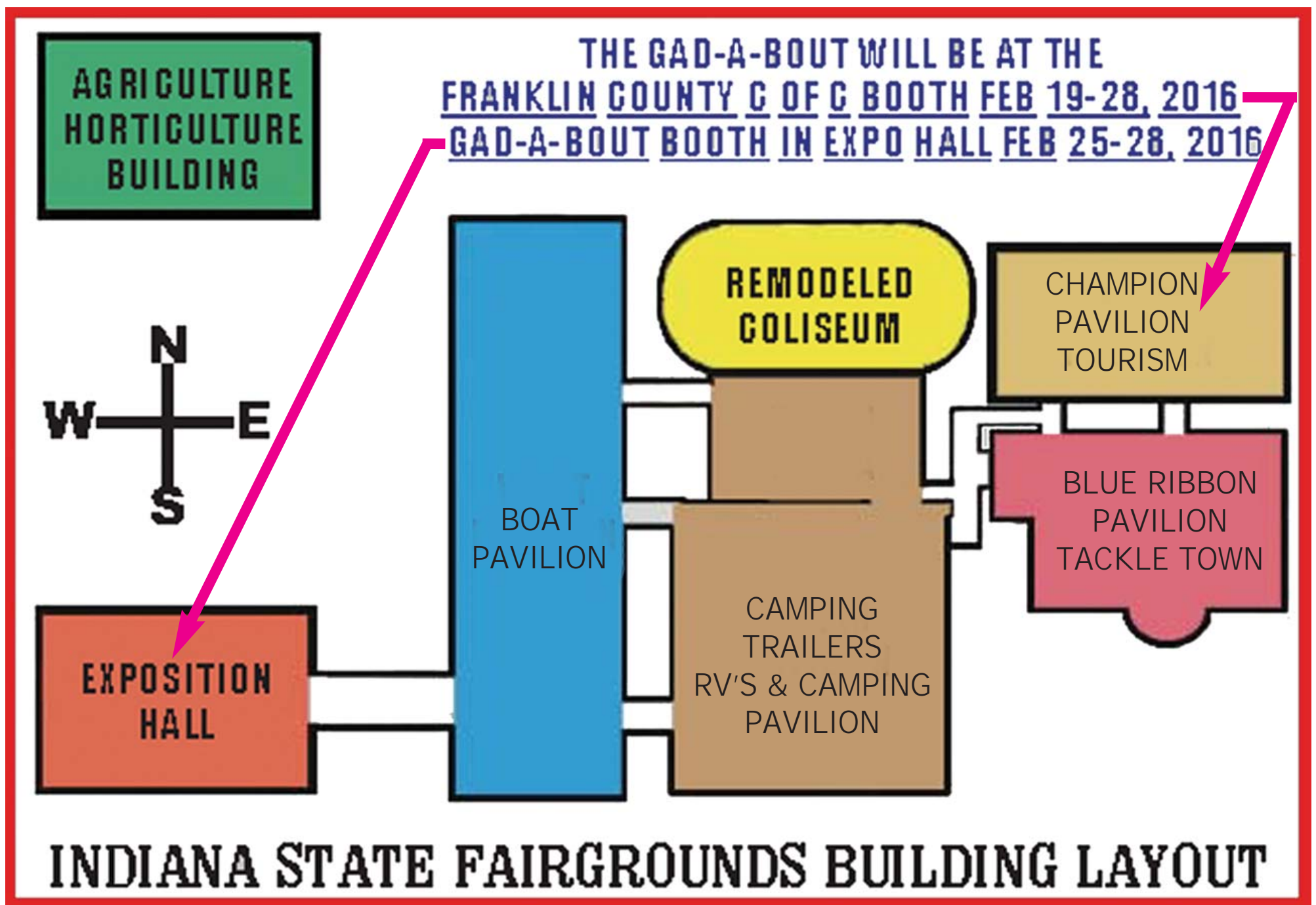
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Top Photo: L to R: Shaunna Stamm (Seton Teacher), David LaShell (VFW Post 1108 Patriotic Chairperson), Sally Hofer (VFW Patriotic Instructor), Julia Reichley(1st Place Seton H.S.), Dr. Tina Reichley, Dan Reichley and Steve Coates (VFW 1108 Commander) Bottom Photo: L to R: Shaunna Stamm, David LaShell, Grace Blakely (3rd Place Seton J.H.), Suzanne Becker (2nd Place Seton J.H.), Erica Barker (1st Place Seton J.H.), Steve Coates and Sally Hofer.

VFW POST 1108 Presents Essay Awards to Seton School

by David LaShell
Photos by Ray Dickerson

These Seton Senior and Junior High School students represent the winners of the Veterans of Foreign Wars essay contest and I am proud to have met such dedicated students. Our theme for the essays this year was "What does Freedom Mean to You". Each of these winners was judged the most articulate of our young people that expressed their concern for patriotism, civic responsibility, and our democratic nation.

Each year I hope this will expand and give more students the opportunity to express their concerns for our democracy. It gives them a chance to receive a scholarship of up to \$30,000 dollars and to visit our leaders in Washington D.C. So they can see first hand, how our leaders work in government.

I am David LaShell, the patriotic chairperson for

the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1108. The VFW would like for you to give me a call if any students in Wayne County would like to take advantage of this opportunity to earn a scholarship. This is available to all students, not just those with veterans in their families from grades 6 through 12. We also recognize teachers who are leading the students in studies on government and patriotism with a teacher award as well. If you have any questions or concerns how this program works please contact me at Post 1108, 765-966-6441 and I will be glad to give you a presentation on our programs.

The opportunity is here and all you have to do is reach out to us making this the greatest moment in a student or teachers future.

The winners of the essay contests at their School level will then move to the District. The District winners will move on to the State contest. State winners will move on to the National contest, the winner of that contest will go Washington D.C.

Winning their chance to go to the District contest at Seton Junior and Senior High School are

the following:

Seton Jr High School, Richmond, IN - Wayne Co.

1st Place Patriotic Pen Essay; Erica G. Barker
Essay Subject: "How freedom isn't free how there is always going to be a price to it."

2nd Place Patriotic Pen Essay; Suzanne C. Becker
Essay Subject: "How everyone is going to have a different view on what freedom is, it's always going to be different for each and every person."

3rd Place Patriotic Pen Essay; Grace Blakely
Essay Subject: "If you have family in the military your idea of freedom is different from someone else's."

Seton High School, Richmond, IN - Wayne County

1st Place Voice of Democracy Essay;
Julia R. Reichley - Senior

Essay Subject: "My dream for America."
Congratulations to all the winners of the Seton Jr H.S. and H.S. Essay contests.

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L to R, Front Row: Barbara Gray (Para Professional), Hailey Russell (K.G. 3rd Place), Kynlee Powers (K.G. 2nd Place), Aubree Barns (K.G. 1st Place), Eva Hawk (2nd Grade 1st Place), Anne Nevels (1st Grade 2nd Place), Maria Morales (1st Grade 3rd Place). L to R, Back Row: David LaShell (VFW Post 1108 Patriotic Chairperson), Sally Hofer (VFW Patriotic Instructor), Madelyn Griffith (1st Grade 1st Place), Devon Whaley (2nd Grade 3rd Place), Lee Stienbarger (Rose Hamilton School Principal) and Steve Coates (VFW 1108 Commander). Grace Callahan was absent (2nd Grade 2nd Place).

VFW POST 1108 Rose Hamilton G.S. Coloring Contest Awards

Presented by Sally Hofer
VFW 1108 Auxiliary & Patriotic Instructor
Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

I attended both the Seton Essay award presentations and the Rose Hamilton Coloring Book award presentations after being invited to Essay presentation by VFW Post 1108 member and Patriotic Chairperson David LaShell. Sally Hofer Post 1108

Auxiliary member and Patriotic Instructor who was at Setoon also invited me to the Coloring Book contest.

The VFW Post 1108 Auxiliary sponsored a Patriotic Coloring Book Contest at Rose Hamilton Grade School located on Round Barn Road south.

Para Professional Barbara Gray at Rose Hamilton Grade School greeted us when we arrived at the school. She told us about their Veteran



Rose Hamilton Grade School hall window decorated in honor of Veterans. It is a project originated by Barbara Grey to send Care Packages to Veterans overseas who are related to the students going to school at Rose Hamilton.

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Program and showed us a Patriotic window display in their hallway. She and the students had decorated it with the American Flag, paper stars with names of Veterans related to the students on them, some Veteran photos, a small P.O.W. M.I.A. poster and the wording "Honoring Our Veterans." She said normally they send cards to the Veterans related to school children in the school, but this year they were sending Care Packages. See above photo. For us Veterans, that window is truly inspiring and a reminder that the teachers and the children enrolled in this school know what patriotism is all about.

The winners of the Rose Hamilton Grade School coloring book contest are listed below:

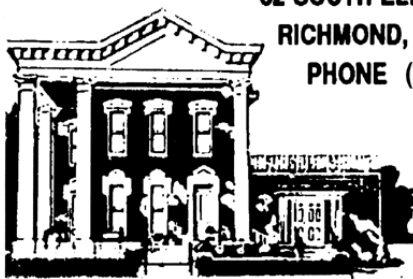
Rose Hamilton Grade School, Centerville, IN - Wayne Co.

VFW 1108 Coloring Book Contest

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| 1st Place Kinder Garden: | Aubree Barns |
| 2nd Place Kinder Garden: | Kynlee Powers |
| 3rd Place Kinder Garden: | Hailey Russell |
| 1st Place First Grade: | Madelyn Griffith |
| 2nd Place First Grade: | Anne Nevels |
| 3rd Place First Grade: | Maria Morales |
| 1st Place Second Grade: | Eva Hawk |
| 2nd Place Second Grade: | Grace Callahan (Absent) |

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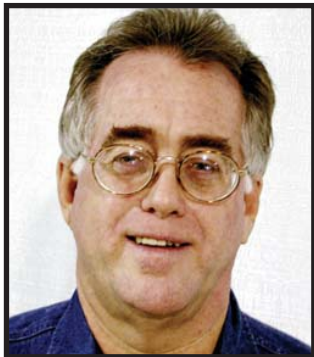
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Left: Al Snow shows off his new Garrett Ace 350 detector. Center: First Texas Products donated this Fisher F44 machine. W.C.Lanier was the lucky winner. David Reiner hopes to find treasure with his Minelab Go-Find 40. This was one of two machines plus pinpointer and great backpack donated by Minelab. Right: Several people trying their luck in the writer's treasure hunt. They were scooping up Indian head pennies, buffalo nickels, and prize tokens. (Author Provided Photos)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Outdoor Writers Search for Treasure

And the first winner is Al Snow! Al wins the Garrett Ace 350 metal detector. The next business card drawn is Pete Muller. Pete gets the Minelab Go-Find 60 package with the pin pointer. The next name out is W.C.Lanier and W.C., you are going home with the Fisher X44 detector. Dennis Sherer is the name on the next card out of the gold pan. Dennis is the new owner of a Whites TREASUREmaster metal detector. And David Rainer will be hunting for coins, jewelry, and other valuable items with his Minelab Go-Find 40 while carrying his Minelab backpack. These five attendees at the October conference of the South Eastern Outdoor Press Association all left with a brand new metal detector through the outstanding donations of the above four manufacturers.

The SEOPA conference was held this year in Eufaula, Alabama. Nearly every year finds us visiting the great state of Alabama for all the great activities they offer. (Visit the Alabama booths at the upcoming Indy Boat, Sport and Travel Show in February for lots of information on this destination.) But, in theory, this trip was for business.

On the first day of the event, Susie and I set up a display of some of the finds we have found with

our metal detectors over the last 40 years. We also put out a Garrett gold pan with a sign saying for everyone to drop a business card into the pan for the free detector drawings to be held later that week. We also invited everyone in attendance to join us on Saturday afternoon for a free treasure hunt on the nearby beach. We had buried 500 wheat pennies, 150 buffalo nickels, and 200 metal tokens with numbers to be redeemed for assorted prizes.

All of these prizes were donated from a wide variety of sources. We donated most of the coins we buried, with some help from our metal detecting friends. The East Central Indiana Metal Detecting Club gave us \$25 to purchase some items, and Ron David, Ron Rosenow, James Troyer, and other club members also chipped in. We picked up a bunch of prizes while at a metal detector hunt in eastern Ohio. Mike and Sue Race gave us two proof coin sets and a 1/2 ounce silver piece, Ed Burke handed us several nice prizes, Cindy Trout kicked in some wheat pennies, Bill and Donnie Hayes also gave us some items. Several other friends added to the pot.

Items to be given away had a number which had a corresponding numbered metal token buried in the sand. Small plastic bags containing one or two Civil War relics (bullets, buttons, and other items) donated by Gary Manning were sought after prizes. We put an Indian head penny and a liberty head nickel in tiny Ziplocs in 10 or 15 bags. One ancient Roman coin with certificate of authenticity had a matching token in the ground. Numerous bags of foreign coins were on the list of goodies.

Besides all of the

items donated by individuals, we had a table full or great prizes donated by the metal detector manufacturers. Garrett www.garrett.com, White's www.whiteselectronics.com, Minelab www.minelab.com, and Fisher www.fisherlab.com, not only gave us the detectors drawn for after dinner one evening, but also included many smaller prizes which greatly contributed to our prize list. Without these four manufacturers we would not have been able to put on our treasure hunt. Western & Eastern Treasures magazine www.wetresures.com gave us 100 magazines to pass out, plus two subscriptions to their magazine. ICMJ's Prospecting and MINING JOURNAL www.icmj.com, did the same thing. The American Digger magazine www.american-digger.com also gave us a subscription for our hunt.

We were scheduled to hold our hunt from 4-6 on Saturday afternoon. Then, we learned the Board of Directors for SEOPA was holding their board meeting at 4 o'clock. We offered to start our hunt an hour early just for those members who wouldn't be able to join us at the posted time. The first participant was the winner of the Garrett 350

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Several people trying their luck in the writer's treasure hunt. They were scooping up Indian head pennies, buffalo nickels, and prize tokens. (Author Provided Photo)

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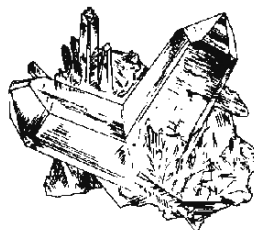
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by **Dan Graves**

Conducting Business On A Boat

(Life is just too short. When you think you've owned one of everything, some fool proves you wrong and does you one better.)

As proven some time ago, I found I would have to start hanging out with a different crowd. I began developing a real serious complex brought on by feelings of inferiority and a lack of accomplishment. Every morning, just like everyone else, I got out of bed, bashed my head against the wall to shock my respiratory system into what it gets paid to do, performed a little CPR on myself to get the old pump beating regularly, and stumbled into the bathroom to start the process of trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. I put my pants on, first the right leg and then the left. Next came the socks from the corner where I heaved them the night before, and then my usual breakfast of Twinkies and Pepsi. In spite of all those common motions followed by millions of people worldwide I seemed to be behind the rest of the crowd.

Not until one memorable day did I get the answer to why I've failed miserably to gain even the first rung of the ladder of success. I had been conducting all my business meetings in an entirely backward manner. For instance, if a meeting with a client was required, the standard procedure was to arrange for a conference room equipped with the usual harsh fluorescent lighting and a table shaped like a banana around which were chairs that would be more comfortable if they were on fire. On the wall is a picture of the company president and a print of the Mona Lisa. Everyone sits down and begin to spread papers around their coffee mugs which are adorned with cutesy little sayings, pictures of Yosemite Sam or the latest in automotive offerings. The whole scene resembles a parole board deciding whether to grant a leave of absence to Gino Lavette, the head of the Chicago mob.

That all changed when the company for whom I was doing some contract work asked if I would mind accompanying their clients and the company president on a mobile business conference. By mobile, I mean the conference room moved under its own power. It also floated. Arriving at a marina on the Ohio river, we boarded a 39 foot long cruiser equipped with two huge inboard engines, two sleeping berths, a "state room", a small galley, and a potty about the size of those on an airliner. On the stern deck were plush, vinyl covered couches, apparently for the comfort of the Victoria's Secret models and a table and chairs for the more adventurous types who preferred fresh air to the air conditioned luxury of below decks. On the bridge, clusters of instruments and engine controls were numerous enough to give a technofreak the shakes. Included were digital screens displaying water depth and speed in knots. I checked

for fishing rod holders, live wells and bait boxes, but apparently this tub had never seen a spinning rod.

Our business conference started with a trip upriver to Cincinnati where we would dock at the River Front stadium for a ball game between the Reds and the Atlanta Braves. At a leisurely 17.5 knots we motored upstream against a muddy stream swollen from heavy rains and filled with everything from whole trees and an occasional house, complete with its residents sitting dejectedly on the roof, playing a banjo and singing "Old Man River". Well, maybe there were no houses but it was easy to imagine how it would have been in Mark Twain's day and his life on the Mississippi. Since I had never seen the river from this perspective the scenes of heavily wooded hills shrouded in a light fog drifting by and the only sound was the thrumming of the engines, I wondered why I had never considered this method of conducting business. Then I found out. The first mate who was standing watch on the bow suddenly shouted "Log dead ahead! Hard a' starboard and be quick about it." Luckily I wasn't at the helm because I had no idea what a "Hard a' starboard" meant and we would have been on a first name basis with that log. I don't think the (self appointed) first mate knew either but the skipper must have because we avoided the fate of the Titanic.

On numerous occasions we dodged flotsam and a number of barges that ply the river with their blocks long loads. The skyline of Cincinnati finally hove to (ARR, how about that lingo, matey?) where we docked and spent a few hours sweltering in the heat while the Reds were being scalped by the Braves. Afterwards, a vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to motor across the river and partake of lunch at the famous French restaurant, Hooters. It had to be French. Where else do the waitresses wear so little and charge so much.

By this time I was beginning to realize how far off the beaten path I had been all those years. I was beginning to feel like I had been the one skinning the bears to make fur coats for other people. So many years of conferences in an atmosphere where the only pleasure came when a harried secretary scurried in and asked if you wanted cream or sugar for coffee that tasted like something scraped off the bottom of an oil drum. Just when retirement didn't seem like such a remote dream I discovered that I could get to like this method of conducting business. I felt like I had been stuck on an old flat bottomed mud boat running trot lines. Back on the boat myself and the clients decided it was time to mix a little business with pleasure, so we retired to the state room, spread designs on the table and spent an enjoyable two hours while the first mate manned the bridge for the trip back. What if he caught up with that log and couldn't remember which was starboard or port? I can swim but would probably drown while trying to decide whether to head for Kentucky or Ohio.

I evaluated my methods and purchased a pontoon boat. No state room, no galley, no berths, just rod holders and a bait bucket full of night crawlers. However, I am going to miss going to lunch at a French restaurant.

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Front Row L to R: Dick Null, Dick Parker, Jim Ruby (holding ball), Don Mason, Bob Rosser (with net on lap). Second Row L to R: Lee Outland (H.S. Principal), Dick Mason, George Overturf, Bob Miller, George McConaha, Bob Burris and Lowell Brooks (Centerville Coach & Teacher). (Photo reprinted from my March 1, 2001 Centerville Truth)

Abington-1959).

The Committee members want former County Basketball players, managers, coaches, cheerleaders of the 12 former Wayne County schools that participated in the sectionals prior to those consolidations in 1963 to attend the Basketball Bash February 6, 2016 in the Museum Reception Room from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The committee wants to locate memorabilia to have on hand from all the schools, at the Bash.

Attending the meeting from the Wayne County team Towns:

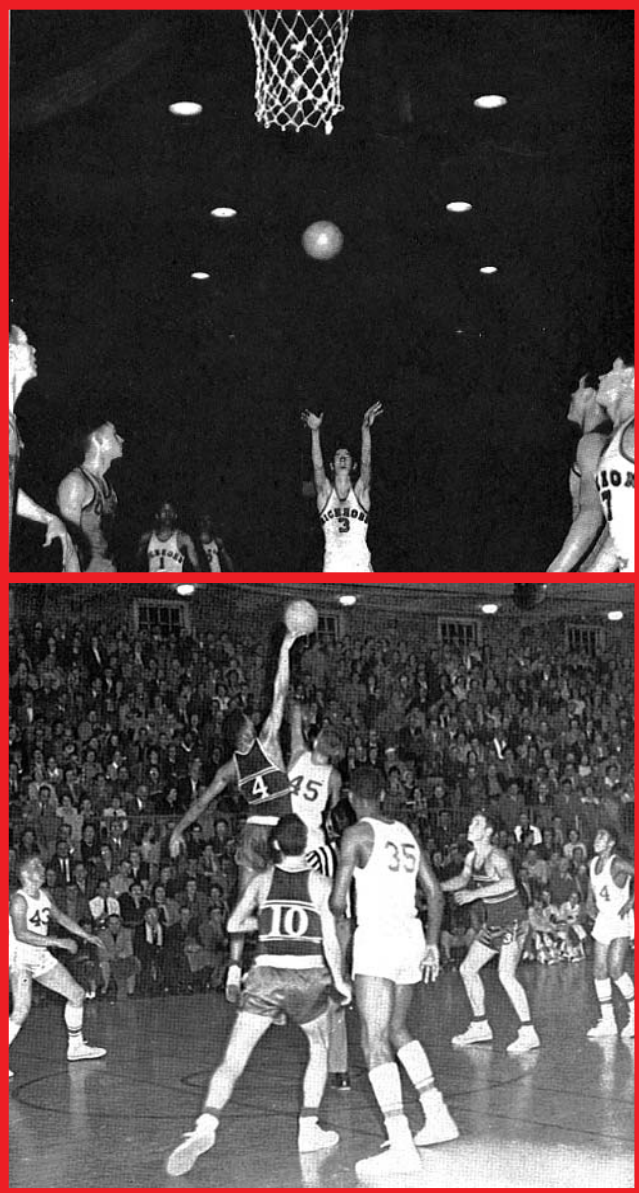
- Boston – Terriers** (Joan Revelee Lawrence);
- Cambridge City – Wampus Cats** (Marlin Craig);
- Centerville – Bulldogs** – Blue & White; (Jim Resh, Sherrie Fulton, Jim Howell & Ray Dickerson)
- Economy – Cardinals** – Red & White (Jim Noggle);
- Fountain City – Little Giants** (Jim Hammontree & Murlin Clark);
- Greens Fork – Black Demons** – Black & Gold;
- Hagerstown – Tigers** – Purple & Gold;
- Milton – Sharpshooters** – Gold & Maroon (Allen Paul);
- Richmond – Red Devils** – Red & White (Tom Milligan, Duane Hodgin, Jim Harlan, Mary Lou Griffey & Stephanie Beaty);
- Webster – Pirates** (Cliff Dickman & Bill Cox);
- Whitewater – Bears** and
- Williamsburg – Yellow Jackets** – Black & Yellow (Bob Hall & Frank Monroe).

If any of the readers of this article can help, maybe you have memorabilia from that time period 1940-1963 you could lend to the committee for them to display for all who attend this special once in a lifetime experience to see. Please contact any of the committee members and tell them about the items you have, it will be greatly appreciated.

I just received some information and basketball photos from Mary Lou Griffey, Executive Director of RHSAA and media contact for the Wayne County

Historical Museum.

The Committee has not found anyone to represent Whitewater or Hagerstown yet. If anyone reading this



Top Photo: 1944 Freethrow shot between Richmond Red Devils and unknown team. Bottom Photo: 1954 Basketball Game between Richmond Red Devils and another team. (Photos provided by Mary Lou Griffey WCHM)

1940 - 1963 Basketball Teams "The Good Ole' Days"

by Ray Dickerson

This article first appeared in November 20th Western Wayne News. I am updating it here in this article with new information and some old time photos.

For more up to date information you can read my weekly column in the Western Wayne News as time goes along between now and February 6th. You can find it in the Centerville News center section where the column has been since I began writing that column September 30, 2015. At the time of this writing all of the latest information is in this article.

I got an e-mail from Jim Resh on November 11th telling me about a meeting to be held at the Wayne County Historical Museum on Wednesday November 18th concerning putting together a Basketball Bash on February 6th, 2016 at the new reception room of the museum.

I attended the meeting on Wednesday November 18th at the Wayne County Historical Museum, which I might say has grown since the last time I was there.

The meeting was held in the new reception building behind the museum.

The Basketball Bash idea is to celebrate the one-class Wayne County Sectional Teams before Consolidation. The intent is to invite county teams from 1940-1963 before the consolidations (RHS-1962, Milton, Fountain City, Whitewater-1963, Centerville,

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Here is a photo of the 1953 Centerville Bulldogs I took of my copy of the 1953 Mortonian that I've met at several reunions of this team in recent years. Front Row L to R: Johnny Wambo (Student Manager), Jim Cihlar, Billy Harrison, Pete Widau, and Jerry Wickersham. Second Row L to R: Dale "Jocko" Temple, Dave "Red" Nuss, Don Chance, Lon Hamilton, Bill Harris, Bill Burris and Les Slinker (Head Coach). At the last reunion both Les Slinker and Keith Castelluccio was there.

from Whitewater or Hagerstown would like to help see that your school (s) are represented please call Mary

Lou, her contact information is at the bottom of the list of Committee members.

As part of building an archive of memorabilia for Wayne County Basketball teams the Committee is looking for the words and music to the 12 school songs. They are also trying to find pictures of the 12 team mascots or any other basketball team items that you or someone you know might like to loan or donate it to the Wayne County Historical Museum (WCHM).

Another thing you could send is your written memories of what it was like going to school, playing basketball, life in the different schools before and after the typical game or a critical game, the rivalry between teams and schools, other memorable moments locked in time.

The Committee is not sure of what they are calling this event yet. Duane Hodgins suggested calling it Hoops, History and Memories; Celebrating Wayne County Sectionals before 1963. At the last meeting I attended on November 18th they were calling it the February 6th, Basketball Bash. They will be making a lot of decisions at the Wednesday December 16th meeting about all of the unanswered questions. The meeting will be at the Wayne County Historical Museum at 9:30 a.m. located at 1150 North "A" street in Richmond, IN.

To anyone reading this article the Committee members want to have items on display from each school like uniforms, programs, news paper articles, photos, etc. from 1940-1963. If you might be interested in attending the next meeting and can help find people, memorabilia - please don't hesitate to contact any one on the committee list below at your earliest convenience. Pass this information onto anyone you think might be able to help in any way.

Contact The Committee members:
Jim Harlan, WCHM Executive Director 962-5756 grad RHS 1966
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Historic Laurel Hotel Restaurant

The Laurel Hotel Restaurant has a rich history, it is located in Laurel, Indiana. It sits adjacent to the Whitewater Valley Railroad crossing and the beautiful West Fork of the Whitewater River is a short distance away.

Stop in and meet the new owners Don Smith, Cyndi Smith and Betty Wyatt who purchased the restaurant from Mildred Gabbard and opened on June 1, 2015. See their ad on this page, if you've saw the ad previously in The Gad-a-bout the only thing that has changed is the hours on Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. The new owners have the same menu, hours and really good food. I received a raving review how good their food was from David Baker a friend of mine from Rushville, whose family enjoyed this past Thanksgiving dinner there.

See the February Gad-a-bout for a feature article on the history of the Laurel Hotel Restaurant.

See their advertisement at left.
 For more Information Call Cyndi Smith at 765-698-2912.

So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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ing basin with a 1/4 to a 1/2 jig tipped with a minnow is a good choice. If your not a live bait fisherman try a 1/2 ounce Hopkins spoon or a blade bait anything that resembles a minnow will work.

I sure hope this helps you die hard fishaholics get through the winter. If you need more help stop in at 52 Pik-up. I'm usually there in the afternoons.

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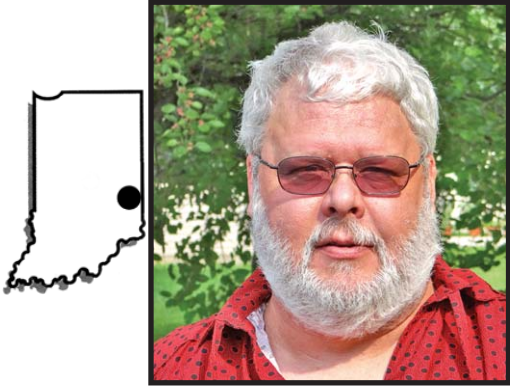
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by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

The Trapping Season Is In Full Gear

Animals are being caught, skinned, stretched, and dried. I hope that you were able to attend one of the many Trappers Education Classes that were put on by the IDNR and ISTA or one of the other groups out there, and that it helped with the start of this year's season. If you need some place to sell your furs, the next big event for the ISTA will be the **2016 Fur Sale on January 9, 2016 at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1079 W. 200 N., Peru, IN.** The doors open at 8am and we accept THAWED animals in the round, THAWED green skinned pelts, (I.E. pelts that have not yet been fleshed, stretched, and dried) and of course fully prepared pelts (I.E. completely fleshed, stretched, and dried). The more input you put in, generally means that you will receive more for your pelts. But remember, it is easy to turn a \$30 pelt into \$5.00, and impossible to turn a \$5.00 pelt into \$50.00. Last year we had 9 Fur Buyers bidding on 33 trappers' furs. The results may still be found on the web site www.indianatrappers.org. (Note: This site goes dark 12/31/15 and a new site will be opening up. Just keep searching for the ISTA.)

This will be the first year that Indiana will have an Otter season and presumably we will see some otter skins for sale at our fur sale. Be sure you have your ducks in a row when you bring an otter skin in and have it tagged with that CITES tag. That includes "in the round" otter. Otter are very difficult to skin compared to other species and even harder to flesh out correctly, especially that tail. When we did our workshops, we double wedged these skins so that we could get them off of the wooden stretching board. Prices do not promise to be very high, so this is a year to learn, but still, try to get it right. There are innumerable You Tube videos that show how to do it, and do not forget Dennis Cobb (317-432-6593) is out there waiting to help you, for a small fee.

I have seen several posts from trappers who plan to hold fur over to next year and see if

things won't be better then. Indiana allows you to do this, there is a form to fill out, where you are to make a list of the furs that you are holding over and give that list to the IDNR. Check with your local CO before you make this decision. Also remember that there is a cost to storage, maybe not a high cost, but there is a cost, and GOD forbid your freezer conks out while you are away on vacation.

Another way, to get more out of your furs, is to have your furs tanned, professionally, or do it yourself. IF you try to do this yourself, you need lots of time and a very understanding "significant other". There is a certain amount of odor and time limitations to get it right. You cannot say, hey, I will wait till tomorrow, too many times. Softening the furs, without machines, will not only take lots of time, but will also build muscles where you did not know that you had muscles. After you do a few by yourself, you will probably come to the conclusion that paying to have them tanned is well worth the money. Tanned furs may be kept with no paperwork with the IDNR and may be sold at will. You should get considerably more for your tanned furs as opposed to just dried and stretched, but you also have the investment of time and money to recover. One way to make that recovery is to donate them to the ISTA, a 501 (c) 3 entity for a full tax deduction. If you use a 1040 long form, then you can do this to your benefit, and ours. Check with your accountant to be sure.

Lastly, you may put those furs to use yourself. After you see what some trappers may get for their tanned furs, you may just want to make something with them yourself, a bedspread, a throw for the back of a chair, or maybe a fine mountain man coat. There are patterns out there, for all of that, on the internet and in books. (Remember books?) I have a fine beaver pelt laid over the back of a leather sofa in my Rushville office. When I do get the occasion to sit down, it is really nice to "pet" that pelt, very soothing. (Please, send me, or the Gad-A-Bout, pictures of your completed projects or special sets, first sets, and the results of your efforts at trapping.)

In conclusion, furs that you have caught and processed do not necessarily have to be sold as is. You may add value to them by further processing, or you may hold them over for the future. Just whatever you do, be sure you follow the rules.

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

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by Glenn Kelsey

Hunting with new Technology Broadheads and Stuff

I just wanted to report some of my findings involving a lot of products and services that are available to our outdoor hunting sport. I have mixed emotions on some of them. Here is what I have.

All my buddies have a mix of opinions on this topic. We all have our favorite tools when we head out to the deer woods. Good or bad they all work or they would not survive in today's competitive market.

Broadheads for the archer: There are so many types of broadheads on the market that it gets confusing on what works.

Blade / Chisel: You can use the original 2 blade which is a fixed/ chisel point. Sometimes these fly a bit off with the high speed bows today. They may move as much as a few inches right or left, comparing to your field points. Great penetration/ bone crushing on impact. Most have a 1" two slit cut.

Three Blade Fixed: These blades are my choice as they are available in different grain weights. To match your preference. They fly fairly true to your field points and have very good penetration for exit wound and blood trail tracking. There is more of this version to choose from than all of the broadheads out there. Usually a 1 1/8" cut span.

Mechanical: These high tech tools are developed to open on impact. They are folded up blades that make your projectile look like an ICBM. They fly just like a field point, perfect. On the animal when they hit your spot / sometimes they fail. In some cases especially on a quartering away shot they don't open up. That's bad. The design is usually a series of hinges / swivels / o-rings and other components to make the 2 1/2" blade configurations open up on impact. When shot broadside they do the job as long as you don't lock up in a rib or leg bone. The fault of this concept is < I believe a lot of kinetic energy is lost because of the large cut surface. Great blood trail even without a pass thru of the arrow.

Deer Calls: Some work if the deer is receptive to that call on that given day. The deer must have personalities' have had a buck or doe come directly to my call direction at the drop of a dime and other times, they could CARE LESS. Depends on the wind and their mood at the time.

Scent Control: I believe this is very important to try and eliminate all or as much HUMAN SCENT as you can before heading out to the deer woods. Take No- scent showers / wash your clothes in No- scent solution and store in a sealed box or outside away from kitchen odors and your



The author with his 10 point buck taken in the Indiana Gun Season. Notice the ASAT camo bibs blend in with the ground. (Author Photo)



At right is Tony Runtz owner of Hunters Choice processing south of Brookville on River Road. I donated this doe to the FHFH food program to help feed the hungry. (Author Photo)

wife or girls hair spray. The wind also has a great deal to do with a deer picking up your trail into the stand.

Camo: I personally like ASAT camo All - Season - All Terrain It's a blend of brown, black, tan as these are colors that blend in with the natural surroundings of the woods better than any I have found. It's not pretty, kind of ugly. Point is the deer don't care look up their web page and watch the video. You won't hear this from the big 2 other companies who have been selling camo clothing for generations. They add a new leaf / or color to their pattern and it looks great form fashion, but it's your choice. Do you want to look good in your truck or get the deer in close for that magic moment?

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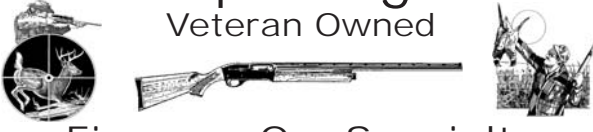
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cab controls. Drivers should not attempt to pass a deployed tow plow if all lanes are blocked, but stay a safe distance and speed behind the plows. Road conditions are always better behind a snow plow at work than in front.

Drivers should watch for tow plows on the following Indiana multi-lane roads.

- I-74 between I-465 and Greensburg
- I-69 between State Road 32 and State Road 26
- State Road 3 between New Castle and Muncie
- U.S. 31 Kokomo freeway

Motorists should be prepared to see Tow Plows during winter weather and practice safe driving habits near all snow plows. Remember, Indiana's Move Over Law applies to Snow Plows, as well as Emergency (Police, Fire and Ambulance) Vehicles and Road Side Service Vehicles. Below are some helpful hints for driving around snow plows:

- **Stay back:** Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross lane markings, including the centerline and shoulder. Don't tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of snow coming off the plow.
- **Slow down:** Snowplows travel below the speed limit. Be patient. They clearing roads of snow and ice and helping to keep you safe. Allow plenty of time. Remember, "Ice and snow, take it slow."
- **Make room:** A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops or turns.

For up to date road and weather conditions, call 1-800-261-7623, or visit INDOT's web site at TrafficWise.IN.gov.

For up to date county emergency levels and their definitions, citizens should visit the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's web site link <http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/dhs-countyMap/dhsCountyMap.html>.

When you're out traveling this Christmas Holiday, please help do your part to make the Holiday travel period safe by observing the following safety rules:

- When planning to travel, make sure you are well rested, as a fatigued driver is a dangerous driver.
- Increase your following distance; remember the two-second rule.
- Watch for slowed or stopped traffic when approaching construction zones
- Leave a car length between you and the vehicle in front of you in stopped traffic. Watch approaching traffic in your mirror and be prepared to take evasive action.
- Decrease your speed according to traffic and road conditions
- Beware of bridges, overpasses and intersections where ice tends to form first in cold inclement weather.
- Don't use cruise control on slick roads.
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly restrained.
- DON'T BE DISTRACTED-Pull over and stop to use electronic devices.
- DON'T DRIVE IMPAIRED-Have a designated driver.
- MOVE OVER and SLOW DOWN for emergency and highway service vehicles.

All of us here at the Pendleton District would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a safe holiday season. Thank you for allowing all of us to serve all of you!

HAV-A-BITE DINER

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Chopped Steak, Fish Tail, Breaded or Grilled Tenderloin.

Crispy, tender fried chicken - 2 piece dinner (Choice of dark meat or white meat).

Whole chicken, 8 pieces (2 breasts, 2 thighs, 2 legs, 2 wings), comes with choice of 2 pint size side dishes.

Whole chicken, 8 pieces (no sides).

On the side: Veggie of the day, Cole slaw, Applesauce, Pudding, Baked beans, Cottage cheese, Breaded green beans, Cheese sticks, Tater tots, French fries, Onion rings, Potato wedges, Breaded cauliflower, Breaded mushrooms, Fried pickles and Poppers.

Deserts: Fresh baked pies, Ala mode, Scoop of vanilla ice cream, Brownie, Ala mode.

Beverages: Coffee, Iced tea or Hot tea, Hot chocolate, Milk, Chocolate milk, Orange juice, Small milk, Fountain drinks.

Now that I've written down all that food, it's 2:10 a.m. and I'm ready for a late midnite snack. Only problem is no one is open here in Centerville this late or this early which ever way you look at it.

I've talked to a lot of people in the area and they all say they eat at Hav-a-bite Diner regularly. I promised I would return with my wife on a weekend.

Directions to Hav-a-bite Diner in Metamora, IN: From **Portland, IN** take US 27 south to Brookville, take a right onto US 52, it's about 11 miles, it will be on the right. From **Cincinnati, OH** take I-74 to Batesville, exit SR 229 north to US 52, turn right go about a mile, it will be on your left. From **Indianapolis, IN** take I-465, exit onto US 52 go southeast to Metamora, they will be on your left. From **Scottsburg, IN** take SR 56 east turn left onto SR 3 at Milroy turn right onto SR 244 go east, merge right onto US 52 at Andersonville and travel east to Metamora, it will be on your left. Note, there is adequate parking. Tell JoAnn, Korrin and Audry you saw them in The Gad-a-bout.

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easily be used to confiscate any guns he had or to harass him. I then asked him what if those lists were to become "public knowledge"? As what happened in New York. He said he didn't care if the government or anyone else knew he had guns. I tried to explain to him that not only the government could come and confiscate his guns from those lists but any criminal looking for a gun could use the lists as a very convenient shopping list. We had to end our conversation at that time and had to leave the rest of the discussion hanging. Another walking dead.

Quote of the Month

"One man with a gun can control 100 without one." *Vladimir Lenin*

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

Marshall Smith

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was saying was right.

And by the time last shooting light faded into the night, Nicholas almost ended up with a shot at a huge doe. But when his opportunity didn't pan out either, he didn't angry or sad or depressed. He rolled with it and said what an awesome day of hunting he had.

On the walk back to the truck, Nicholas grabbed my hand and said. "Dad, you'll get that buck before season is over, I just know it. Just hunt for him and hopefully it will work out, and if not, hey, he'll only be bigger next year."

It may have taken a few days before the meaning of those words my son spoke broke through my stubborn, whiny persona and really had an effect on me, but eventually they really made me think. I mean, if I get upset every time a deer shows up in the wrong spot or at the wrong time, etc., then I am going to hate hunting because that is how it usually always works out. Deer have a knack of surviving, and they are masterful at it. Who am I to hold that against them!

Deer hunting isn't easy, and I am thankful for it. That is what makes it such an accomplishment when you do get one, and I need to remember that. More importantly, Nicholas was right on the money and he helped me put things back in perspective.

Outdoors with Rich Creason

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machine, anxious to learn how to use a detector for the first time. Since we were not crowded at this time, we spent a lot of extra time with several of these board members teaching them how to use the machines, pinpoint the target, and get the token or coin out of the ground.

Four o'clock found our board members reluctantly leaving and the other conference attendees starting to show up. We started slowly, but as the nearby softball game ended, we began to get busy. We had six various detectors available for the participants, sand scoops to retrieve the targets, and three of us to assist those unfamiliar with the hobby. For over an hour, we had all six machines

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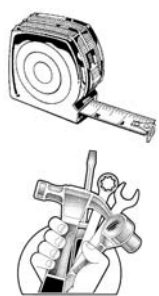
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on the beach with long lines waiting for their turn. We had a volunteer passing out the prizes as the hunters redeemed their tokens. Another volunteer was conducting a quick survey of the participants as they waited in line. We asked if they had ever used a metal detector and did they currently own a modern (10 years or newer) detector. We estimated about 80 people took part in the hunt. Our numbers were less than we expected because a lot of the Corporate Sponsors and Tourism representatives had to leave the conference early for other commitments. We found about half of the participants had used a metal detector before, but often many years ago, with a machine belonging to a parent or friend. Only about a fourth currently had a detector.

But those who attended were having a great time. We allowed each hunter to find four targets, any combination of old coins or prize tokens. Then, they had to relinquish their machine to the next in line. When there wasn't a line waiting, most asked if they could continue to hunt but just throw anything they found back in the sand. We allowed that, keeping all the detectors busy during the entire time period. At the end of the hunt time, we had several people ask if they could stay and help us clean the beach. (We had to find all of the coins and tokens still buried in the sand.)

We think our hunt accomplished what we wanted. We got a lot of new people interested in the hobby of metal detecting. Many of these are outdoor writers who promised to write stories about their experience and promote this activity. We exposed this group to four of the best manufacturers in the country and because of their generosity, five conference attendees went home with a new detector.

Judging by the number of people who asked if we could do this again next year, I think our treasure hunt was a big hit.

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**1991 FRONTIER DAYS NARRATION
(Written by Ray Dickerson)
Part 9**

**Wm Henry Harison vs The Prophet
Little Turtle Dies July 14, 1812
William Wells Dies Aug 15, 1812**

Part 8 Recap

It was the fall of 1805, Tecumseh joined his brother in Greenville, OH for a mass meeting of all the tribes except the Miami and Delaware.

Harrison had challenged the Prophet that if he was truly a prophet, then he should be able to cause the sun to stand still, or the moon to alter its course..... Unfortunately for Harrison, The Prophet new of an eclipse and predicted an eclipse of the sun in late 1806. Harrison sent a communication to the Shawnee and asked them to drive the Prophet out.

Little Turtle took 60 warriors and intercepted The Prophet sixty miles south of Fort Wayne and demanded he not move from Greenville to The Wabash.

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

On August 12, 1810 Tecumseh met with Harrison at Vincennes to discuss the Fort Wayne Treaty. Harrison defended the Treaty of Fort Wayne on the grounds that the land only belonged to the Miami alone. Following the council, Harrison visited Tecumseh at his camp where Tecumseh told him that if the Treaty of Fort Wayne wasn't reversed he would ally himself with the British. Harrison began to make preparations for war, he didn't doubt Tecumseh threats.

Despite the Presidents quest for peace, Harrison decided to take an expedition north against Prophetstown. Harrison neared Prophetstown on Nov. 6, 1811. At four-thirty in the morning of November 7, 1811 the Indians attacked Harrison's camp.

Day 3 September 7, 1992

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

Spencer was wounded in the head, but continued to press his troops on, he was shot through both thighs and fell, he continued to encourage his men, who propped him up, but a ball put an immediate end to his life. Behind Spencer, Warrick commanded his volunteers when he was shot through the body, he was bandaged and returned to command his troops only to be shot and killed. Harrison ordered the company of Robb to try to hold the line. The line was held until daylight.

As the morning approached, Harrison formed his defense with the companies of Snelling, Posey, Scott and Capt. Wilson on the left flank. He ordered Baen's company and Cook's to the right flank. The infantry was supported by the dragoons. As the companies formed on the left, Major Samuel Wells ordered a charge, the Indians fled in front of the cold steel and were pursued into the swamps by the dragoons. The troops on the right dislodged the Indians from behind the trees and drove them headlong into the wet prairie. The battle was over, Harrison had won.

Harrison's army suffered a loss of 61 dead and 118 wounded, he counted 36 dead Indians on the battle field. Their wounded was not known.

Col. Abraham Owen, Major Jo Daviess, Capt. Spier Spencer, and Capt. Thomas Randolph were killed. Their names were given by the legislature to Indiana counties while the memory of their death was still fresh.

The attack on the American force was led by Winamac, who was supposed to be Harrison's friend. Back in Fort Wayne, John Johnston, heard that Harrison was defeated by 350 Indians and he prematurely publicized, in the Cincinnati newspaper, Liberty Hall, his criticism of Harrison for what he assumed was a defeat, and other papers copied the report. Needless to say, Harrison was terribly upset with Johnston over the incident. His quick and premature judgment makes one wonder about whether he had done the same with Wells from the beginning.

William Wells and Little Turtle's advise to the Miami about staying away from the Prophet and Tecumseh had paid off for the Miami and both were elevated from their lowest point to a level of respect by the tribes.

When Tecumseh returned from the south he was very upset that his brother had risked a battle during his absence. But he continued in his effort just as before. The British was even more friendly with the Indians, Prophetstown was rebuilt and reoccupied. Early in Feb. of 1812 Wells informed Harrison that Tecumseh had sent runners to the tribes of the Illinois and to the southern tribes requesting their help to attack Vincennes.

President Madison asked Harrison to invite the Shawnee brothers to Washing-ton, but they refused the invitation.

In Mid-May over 600 Indians met on the Mississinewa to hear Tecumseh and his British backers profess their desire they join them in their fight against the United States. Present at the meeting was the Wyandot, Chippewa, Ottawa, Potawatomi, Delaware, Miami proper, Eel River Miami, Wea Miami, Piankashaw Miami, Shawnee, Kickapoo, and Winnebago.

William Wells conducted Little Turtle and Five Medals to the meeting. It took a strong effort for Little Turtle to travel the sixty miles to the meeting, he was afflicted with the gout and it had become disabling.

Tecumseh placed the responsibility of the defeat on his brother and professed that when the time came all the tribes would rise as one man against the Americans.

The Delaware took the lead in opposing Tecumseh, followed by the Miami and the Kickapoo.

On June 1, 1812 President Madison sent his war message to the Congress, on June 4th, the House declared war on Britain by a vote of 79 to 49, as did the senate on the 17th with a vote of 19 to 13. This action was proceeded by the British impressing seamen and their prohibition of trade by American vessels with France. The President approved the Declaration of War on June 18th.

Unaware that the U.S. had declared war on them, Britain revoked the Orders in Council that had provoked the Americans. Their action was too late.

News of the declaration of war reached Fort Wayne on July 6, 1812. Little Turtle was at William Wells house suffering from a severe attack of the gout. He asked to be carried outside of the house to sit under a tree in the shade, he knew the end was near and wanted to be outdoors. He died on July 14, 1812.


Benjamin Stickney, Indian Agent at Fort Wayne saw to it that Little Turtle received a burial with full honors of War. William Wells and his family saw to

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it that Little Turtle was prepared properly for an Indian burial. In the traditional manner his body was wrapped in a fine blanket, his hair was tied with a buckskin thong, he was buried with his most valued possessions and useful articles that he might require on his journey to the spirit world, which included the dress sword given to him by President Washington, 8 silver armlets, 2 silver anklets, 3 silver medals, 6 pendants, 2 necklaces of silver beads, 23 silver crosses, 4 silver brooches, and a pair of large silver ear loops.

The articles of utility included a small pocket knife, a large clasp knife, a drinking cup, a spoon, a pair of scissors, a hammer, a gun, a bullet mold, a pistol, a flint lock, an ax, a tomahawk, a pair of steel spurs, 3 large skinning knives, a copper kettle, a flask, and 1 bottle of vermilion war paint.

After Little Turtles death the Miami's drifted toward the British side of the conflict. The older chiefs tried to keep them neutral, but they were not strong enough to guide them as Little Turtle had, had Turtle lived they may have been able to keep their tribesmen on the United States side.

William Wells considered moving his family to Louisville. He had nothing to hold him in Fort Wayne, which could be attacked by the British and Indians at any time. Wells had married Polly Geiger, after his last wife had died. They had a son, Samuel and Polly was pregnant again.

Harrison learned of Wells plans to leave Fort Wayne through Wells father-in-law Col. Frederick Geiger. He urgently pressed Wells to stay in Fort Wayne by telling him that his presence would be more valuable than anyone else in that critical time. Wells was responsive to Harrison's request but wished his family to be safe. His wife refused to leave Fort Wayne, he compromised by sending their children to Piqua with James Logan, a Shawnee friend who had been captured and educated by the whites.

General William Hull was besieged by the British Forces and their Indian allies at Detroit. He learned that Fort Michilimackinac had fallen to the British so he sent an urgent message to Captain Heald at Fort Dearborn for him to abandon that isolated post on the Chicago River and march either to Detroit or Fort Wayne. He sent a copy of his orders to Capt. James Rhea at Fort Wayne telling him to facilitate Heald in anyway he could to evacuate Fort Dearborn. Rhea could do nothing, he was a habitual drunkard and as it turned out was incapable of defending his own post.

William Wells offered to lead a band of Miami Indians to Fort Dearborn to help Captain Heald. William knew of the danger he was facing, but Captain Heald had married his favorite niece, Rebecca Wells. He had performed their marriage ceremony while Heald was commander at Fort Wayne, he was the Justice of the Peace at the time as well as Indian Agent.

[Wells left Fort Wayne on August 8, 1812 with 30 Miami braves and Corporal Walter K. Jordan leading six pack horses. Each Indian rode a Indian pony and led a pack horse. They arrived at Fort Dearborn on August 13.

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The procession had traveled south about a mile and a half along the lake shore when Wells and the militia halted. Wells could see a large number of Indians emerging from behind low sand dunes on both sides of them. They were about a quarter of a mile in advance of the regulars. The Indian trap was about to be sprung.

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In the meantime another band of Indians charged the wagons, climbing aboard they killed all twelve children and two women. Wells rode to Rebecca, but before he could reach her she was wounded six times, disabling one of her arms. When he managed to reach her, he asked her to tell his wife if she lived through the attack that he died at his post doing the best he could. His horse was shot out from under him and he was pinned under the animal as it fell. Wells was able to kill two more Indians with his two pistols and a third with a dirk, before he was killed. He had taken eight of them with him.

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Jeremy Sharp from Lexington IN took this 11 pt buck on Friday, 11-13-15 at 10am with a crossbow. The buck walked in alone on a gusty 20 +mph day and he got it with a 22 yard shot.



Waylen Case took this Wyoming Pronghorn Antelope on 10-5-15 (Photo Submitted by Alex Case, Greensburg, IN)



Taliyah Hunt took her first deer while hunting in the youth deer hunt.. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Kylie Kelsey took this, her first doe, in the 2015 KY youth season with a .357 mag rifle at 40 yards. Her brother Jackson & Dad Keith coached her. Photo by Glenn Kelsey)



Jim Kelsey took this Pronghorn on public land in Wyoming on 9-15 with a .270 bolt action rifle at 275 yards. (E-mail Submission Photo by Glenn Kelsey)



Jenna Garden from New Paris, OH, age 12, took this 17 pt. 208 lb. buck with a crossbow at 35 yards the evening of 10-24-15 in Union County. (E-mail Submission from her Uncle Joe Elleman)



Steve Goodson harvested this 11 point buck on 11-15-2015 during the Indiana firearms season. (E-mail Submission by Steve Goodson.



Andrew Beaman age 16 took this 8-pointer in Franklin county on 11-7-15 with a bow. It weighed 190 pounds field dressed. (E-mail Submission Photo by his aunt Robin Catron)


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Kelly Barnes took this 10 pt. 205 lb. Buck on 11-19-15. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



John Carter took this 8 pt. buck in Wabash County. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



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Stanley Eviston took this 8 pt. buck in Wabash County. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Ross Greenwell got his first deer opening morning of 2015 firearm season with a 20 gauge. His older brother Jared helped him get the doe field dressed and home. (E-mail Submission by John Greenwell)



Jim harvested this deer opening day of 2014. Photo taken by Tim & Kay Churchman. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)

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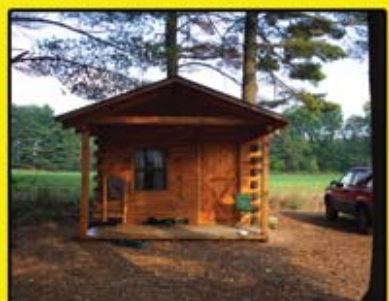
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