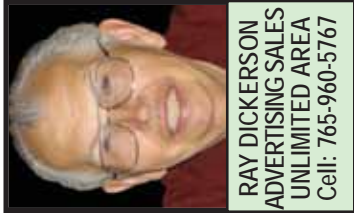
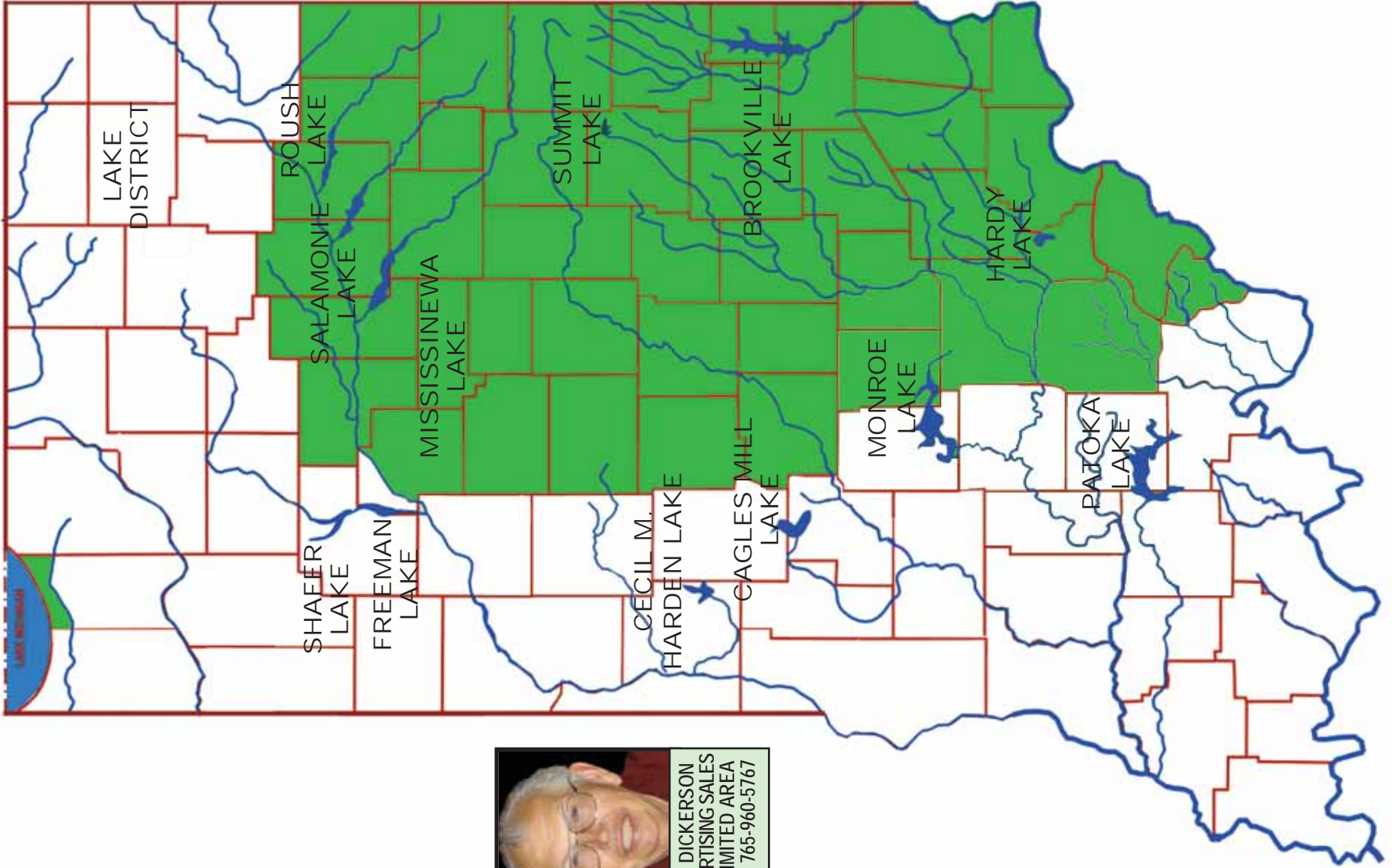


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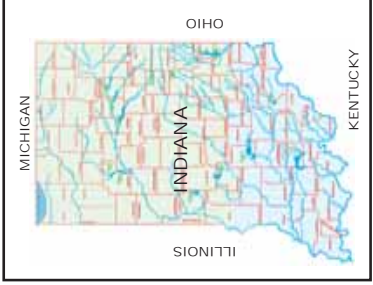
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**Top Left:** Long time friend, Jim McCashland sitting on a bench on Union Street in Liberty, IN recently, holding a very special plate he gave me. It is the 150th year plate or Centerville's Sesquicentennial 1814 - 1964. If my memory serves me right we had a Sesquicentennial celebration in Centerville that year. See Page 4 for more. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)  
**Top Right:** This file, telephoto photo, is the 2014 Liberty Festival Parade just crossing Market Street, coming from the school. Two Liberty Police followed by two Sheriff units followed by several Liberty Volunteer Firemen and the rest of the Parade. See Pages 14-19 for this years Festival information and pullout. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

**Bottom Left:** From being determined totaled from a wreck at Richmond intersection, my Gad-a-bout Van has a new lease on life. I stuck to my guns, as they say, especially with the aid of Mike Legear, owner of Best Stop Auto Care at 2 Salisbury Road in Richmond, who was instrumental in coming to this outcome. The van still has some repairs to be made as I can afford them, but the main thing is with 327,121 miles under our belt...See Page 28 for more. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)  
**Bottom Right:** Wes Frame caught this Striped Bass in Brookville Lake the morning of April 10, 2016 on a Jig fishing for Smallmouth Bass. He caught it near Wolf Creek. He released it back into the lake. (Photo by Tyler Frame)

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### WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR GRAND-DAUGHTER BREANNA FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Our daughter, Amy Dickerson, who lives in Worcester, MA sent us the photo you see at the right of our granddaughter, Breanna Smock, who was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society for receiving straight A's on May 26, 2016. Amy, who is a Registered Nurse at Umas Hospital, there in Worcester, is very proud of her daughter who also got into the high school she wanted to attend, Worcester Tech, a vocational school. Breanna wants to enroll into their health programs. It sounds like we have another young lady looking forward to the medical field.

Sherry and I are very proud of our granddaughter, Breanna for receiving this honor and also of her mother, who being a working mother, achieved her goal of becoming a Registered Nurse, while working too.

Breanna will be spending the month of July with us here in Indiana. We invited her and our grandson, Dylan, to visit us last August when we visited them in Massachusetts. Dylan, who will be a Junior this fall is working at KFC and decided to stay home to earn some money.

### SGT. BOWLING, PIO STATE TROOPER HAS A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR DEADLY SECONDARY CRASHES IN THIS ISSUE PG 6

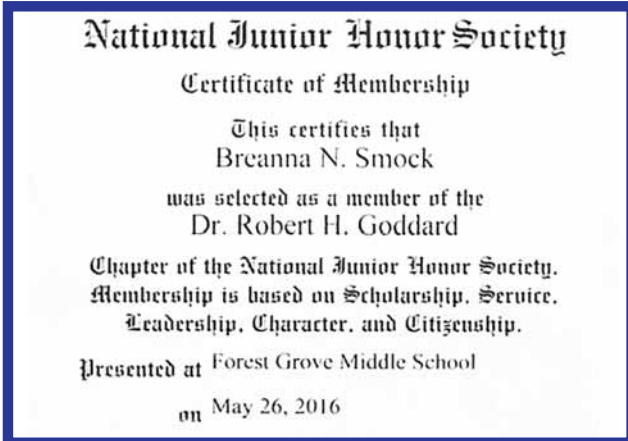
Sergeant John D. Bowling, Public Information Office/Recruiting Officer for the Indiana State Police who has been writing a column that appears in The Gad-a-bout has a very serious subject he is writing about this month. One that we should all take heed of, especially since we all drive on highways in our daily lives here in Indiana. His article is entitled "Deadly Secondary Crashes." Please take time to read it, it might just save your life or someone near and dear to you.

### JIM McCASHLAND GAVE ME A VERY SPECIAL GIFT THE OTHER DAY WHEN I WAS IN LIBERTY

I traveled to Liberty, Indiana a week or so ago and as I was parking my van on Union Street, Jim McCashland walked over to me and handed me a plate, asking if I would like to have it. He had purchased it at White's Flea Market south of Brookville, Indiana. I was reluctant at first, but as I read the wording on the plate, it said, 1818 Seat of Justice Moved from Salisbury to Centerville ... 1798 First White Man entered Wayne County. From the



Breanna Smock holding the Certificate of Membership to the National Junior Honor Society she received May 26, 2016 from her school in Worcester, Massachusetts. (Photo by Amy Dickerson, her very proud mother)



This is the 150 year Centerville, IN plate dated 1814 to 1964, Jim McCashland gave to me in Liberty on May 20, 2016.

Flintlock 1814, To The Missile 1964 - Centerville Indiana Wayne County.

It had drawings of Gen. Lew Wallace, Gov. Oliver P. Morton, Gen. Ambrose Burnside, Robt U. Johnson and George W. Julian. A good many drawings of buildings in Centerville I knew when I saw them. I took his gift and carefully handled it safely putting it in a secure spot in my van. I told Jim I would put a

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## Trolling 101

The biggest problem most people have with trolling is not being able to troll slow enough.

Trolling can be done two different ways, forwards or backwards the only difference is if you do it backwards its called back trolling. The benefit of back trolling is that you can troll slower by using the flat transom in the back of the boat to push against the water. The best boats to back troll with are small aluminum boats with tiller style motors. Big console style boats don't work well for back trolling, due to slow response between the stirring wheel and the outboard motor. Another option is to use a bow mounted electric trolling motor. Minnkota makes an electric trolling motor called a Terrova, it is operated by remote control. This allows you to move freely around the boat without standing right next to your trolling motor. One good thing about using your electric trolling motor is that you can vary your speed from barely moving to about 4mph and be almost totally silent while doing it. Another option is to mount a small 9 to 15 horse power outboard motor on the transom next to your big motor. What keeps most of us from doing this is the expense. For this set up to be right you need to be able to start, shift and control the small kicker motor from the drivers seat. Another option is to change the prop on your outboard motor. The down side to this is when you go to a smaller pitch prop, you rob top end speed off your boats over all speed. A trolling plate is also a good option and this can be done for less then one hundred dollars.



Greg and Chris Deck, a great father and son fishing team from Bright Indiana two very nice walleye. (Author Photo)

Baits to troll vary quite a bit also. A lot of the way they perform is due to the lip on the front of the bait the width of the bait along with the length. A narrow lip makes the bait have a tight wobble. While a wide lip will give the bait a wide wobble. The length and angle of the lip changes the depth that the bait dives and the length and width of the body gives the bait its profile. Last but not least the color of the bait seals the deal.

A lot of what you can and can't troll has to be figured out by you and your boat. To get you started Berkeley makes a bait called a flicker shad that can be trolled at a higher rate of speed. There are several different colors and several different sizes. We sell about 30 different colors at 52 Pik-up, and 2 of my favorite sizes. Start out by buying a few different colors that match the shad and craw dads. Once you get going expand your collection to CD 5 wally divers, 1/4 ounce Hot n tots 1/8 ounce bass magnets long A's bandit lures wiggle warts and the list goes on and on.

When choosing a rod and reel, a level wind reel or a bait caster works best do to the way the line comes off and on the reel. The best scenario is a line counter reel, a Diawa 17 is a good one, along with a 6' 6 inch med to med heavy IM7 graphite rod. When choosing line mono filament or braided line will work just fine, this is really your preference. I myself use a braided line called Calcutta. If you go to small you break off to easy, but if you go to big it will hamper the way your crank bait works. Try to stay around 12 lb test.

I see a lot of guys using planner boards on the lake, but to tell you the truth this style of fishing on Brookville lake is not a great idea. What you want to do is put 1 pole out each side of the boat, and flat troll straight behind the boat. Pick a bait that dives a maximum of 10 feet and troll over 10 foot of water. If that don't work pick a bait that has a maximum

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A picture of the variety of flicker shads we sell at 52 Pik-up. (Author Photo)

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# News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling  
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

## Deadly Secondary Crashes

Here in the Pendleton District we continue to see dangerous and deadly secondary crashes in backups prior to construction zones or crash scenes. A secondary incident occurs as a direct or indirect result of a previous incident. If a crash occurs in the queue (back-up) expanding from an initial incident (of any kind)—for example, one car not being able to slow down sufficiently and rams the car in the back of the queue—this is a secondary incident.

Most are generally crashes, but can be other incidents, such as a car overheating and stalling because it is sitting idle in the queue rather than moving. These sometimes lead to tertiary incidents, but all are referred to as “secondary.” More often than not these incidents are deadly, as was true on the afternoon of 5/22 on I-70 in Wayne County. Below is an account and reminder of the dangers of secondary crashes.

A Massachusetts woman was killed, and another injured, in a four vehicle crash on I-70 east bound, just west of the 145mm Centerville Exit. Around 3:50 p.m. on May 22nd officers responded to a report of up to eight vehicles involved in a crash in a traffic back up just west of the I-70 east bound Centerville Rd. exit, 145mm.

Trooper Bryan Rumble was nearby and responded to find four vehicles involved, 2 semis and two passenger vehicles. The preliminary investigation shows an east bound red 2015 Volvo semi, driven by Harvinder Singh Bhagtana, age 21 of Fresno, California, was going too fast for the existing traffic conditions. Traffic at the time was backed up five to six miles and was slowed to nearly stopped in both east bound lanes, just prior to the Centerville Rd. exit, due to a construction zone lane closure at the 151mm east bound.

As Bhagtana’s truck came upon the slowed to stopped traffic, he was unable to stop before glancing off the rear corner of a 2016 Acura, driven by Nicholas Berry, age 21, of Naperville, IL. That vehicle was knocked out into the median. The semi driven by Bhagtana continued east in the passing lane and struck the rear of a 2009 Audi, driven by Margaret Ryan, age 22 of Boston, Massachusetts.

The impact pushed the Audi SUV under the semi-trailer she had been following. Ryan was pronounced dead at the scene. Her passenger, Christine Yip, age 25 of St. Louis, MO., was transported to Reid Health Hospital in Richmond with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the second semi, William Weatherford III, age 51 of Palm Coast FL., was uninjured, as were Bhagtana, and Berry. Bhagtana was cited at the scene by Trooper Bryan Rumble for Speed

### Too Fast to Avoid Collision.

The crash had I-70 east bound closed for over five hours with traffic being diverted onto SR1 at the 137mm. Trooper Rumble was assisted in the investigation by Crash Reconstruction Troopers Nick Campbell and Scott Keegan; Troopers Dan Jones and Earnest Paige as well as Sergeant Dave Clayton. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division Trooper Al Willis inspected the semis involved.

Last winter there were two multiple vehicle crashes on I-70, one involving 14 vehicles, another involving 15, caused by semis traveling too fast for existing weather and traffic conditions, plowing into the rear of stopped or slowed traffic. If you find yourself in interstate traffic that is slow or stopped because of construction or some other incident, do what you can to protect yourself and your family.

Make sure to leave at least a car length’s distance between you and the vehicle in front of you, giving you room for “an out.” More importantly, watch approaching traffic in your rear view mirror. If you see traffic approaching too fast to stop, or a chain reaction crash behind you, drive left into the median, or right onto the berm, to try to avoid the collision.

This action has helped folks in the past, but you have to be vigilant watching behind you as well as in front. You don’t want to be the car hit when the guy behind you takes evasive action, leaving your car in harm’s way

Remember the rule; for every minute the traffic is stopped or slowed, it will take four minutes for it to clear. So if it’s a constant construction zone slow down, it could literally take you an hour or more, depending on traffic volume, to get through the traffic slow down and congestion. If you’re approaching within five or six miles of a construction zone here in Indiana, expect slow or stopped traffic just ahead, and plan accordingly.

The most important advice I can give is to plan your route ahead of time, and seek alternate routes around construction zones. I-70 will have roving night time construction zones and lane restrictions in our district, from SR1 to US 27 throughout the summer into the fall. I-69 will also have established zones through our district.

You can find construction zone and real time traffic report information on INDOT’s TRAFFICWISE site by going to <http://www.in.gov/indot/2420.htm> and clicking on the link for current traffic conditions. You can also find all construction zones around the state at this link. Use this site to plan your route ahead of time.

You can also follow your INDOT and Indiana State Police Districts on Twitter by sending a request to the PIO that covers your area. You can get that information from our web site or INDOT’s. You may also subscribe for free to NIXLE. NIXLE would allow you to get Indiana State Police reports on sudden road closures or slowdowns due to an initial incident, as well as news releases on arrests and crashes.

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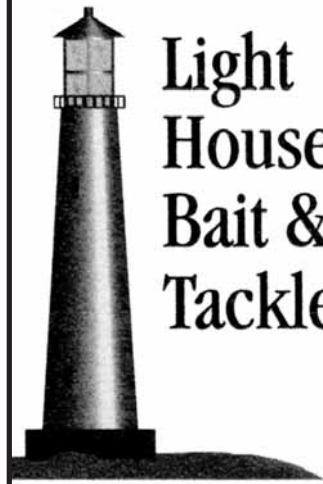
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**FISHING SCIENCE**

Recently, while going through my dad's old tackle box, I wondered how many of the old lures would be attractive to our modern progressive thinking fish. In my opinion, fish are like people. We wouldn't think of using Dr. Drake's Magic Elixir to cure the dropsy. I'm an expert on that foul stuff. I would have blown the top of my head off trying to stifle a sneeze because mom would immediately have a spoon full of that refined axle grease at hand. She would hold my nose until I opened my mouth to breathe and then pour it down my throat. It must have worked because you can't sneeze and gag at the same time. In light of the advancement of fishing technology, would today's fish require that their nose be held before they would attack the old lures?

One of these lures looked like a hood ornament for a 1935 Ford pickup truck. A silver spoon about three inches long, it was adorned with a single red feather in front of a shark sized hook that was protected from hang-ups by a long stiff wire. Maybe a 1930's era bass would lick its lips when it saw it, but today's bass would scoff at it. My dad was an intelligent man but I think he got sucker punched on that one. Another one is my favorite. Over four inches long, a torpedo shaped multi-colored body is strung with a bevy of treble hooks along with little chromed propellers on each end. A pair of cartoon looking eyes are painted on the belly. I envisioned this thing wobbling through the water and being attacked by a buck-toothed cross-eyed bass with the IQ of a bowling ball. Or, since it's obviously a surface bait, it might have been intended for something with a huge dorsal fin and teeth that I wouldn't have in the boat with me, anyway.

Along with an assortment of other weird looking lures came a fishing rod unlike anything I've ever seen. The reel and grip are of one piece construction, cast from aluminum. Dark, hardwood beaver tailed grips are fitted into the handle as precisely as the stock on a fine

shotgun. The rod is a four foot length of tapered steel which I found out is made from a surplus radio antenna from a WW2 tank. The reel and all its components are finely made and the fit and finish were obviously intended for the discerning fisherman. However, fitted with the previously described torpedo lure it was intended for use by the bowler hat and spats wearing fisherman. What the heck! Maybe someday I'll rig this rod with the torpedo and try it here at the lake. You never know. There may be a 70 year old bass still hanging around out there.

Recently, a friend gave me a fishing magazine dedicated to the latest in lures and equipment for 'gills, crappie and bass. Why this friend had the magazine is a mystery to me because the only fishing he has ever done has been trying to decide what to order from his favorite sea food diner. Numerous articles written by the pro's showed their favored lures and techniques for filling the live well. Admittedly, even though my "modern" tackle box contains a number of the latest (so I've been told) lures for today's discerning fish, I was astounded by the variety of shapes, sizes, and colors now available for outsmarting 21st century fresh water game fish. The first question that came to mind was, who was paid to name these things? For instance, one feature had the following monikers: "Stanley Ribbit Runt": Yum Woolly Curlytail on Voodoo": "Strike King on Gamakatsu Round 211 Jig": and my favorite; "YUM Money Fry on Mid South Tackle Super Jig". I could see me asking the local tackle store for a "B Fish N Tackle Pulse-R Paddle Tail on H20 Precision Jig Head". I imagine the reaction. "You wanna what?" If these things come in a box, the box would have to be four times bigger than the lure just to get the name on it. It kind of makes the names on my tackle inventory look like the waiting list for admission to a cheap house of ill repute.

Moving on to the gear available to today's angler, fishing equipment is a combination of physics, mechanics, and art. Fiberglass and carbon fiber have replaced tank antennas for limbs. Precision reels offer relief from blisters from using thumbs as drags on casting reels. Crows nests from back lashes are a thing of the past. Electronics display topography and fish populations on colored screens which removes the old "try it here. It just looks good". On the other hand, I kind of miss the old "this looks good" and blisters on my thumbs. However, I don't miss trying to get a cranky old outboard engine to start with a pull rope. I'll take a twist of the ignition key any "old" time.

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Left Photo: Visitors to Smokin' on the water BBQ Festival visit the many booths among the log cabins in Treaty Line Pioneer Village, site of the festival. Right Photo: Smokin' on the water BBQ Festival Car Show, a great number of vintage and newer cars owners attended this event as you can see by this photo. (Author Photo)



Left Photo: Tractors lined up for the visitors to look at, there were several models and years on display. Right Photo: Amherst Artillery Kirkpatrick's Battery Army of Northern Virginia. These folks, mostly from Indiana are a group of individuals brought together by their love of history. They are from left to right, front row: Barbara and Amber Paluszewski; sitting behind first row: Sarah Downs, Teresa Downs, Ashley Carlin and Sara Richmond; Standing behind the 1863 ten pound Parrot rifled cannon is Carol Baker, Kevin Richmond, Doug Paluszewski, Jordan Hatch, Ralph Downs, James Richmond and Paul Ratcliff. Added to photo at right is David Fritz, Abby Baker and Katie Richmond.

## Memories of the May 2016 Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

I got to attend the Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival by the lake this year on May 1, 2016. It has been a yearly event since the Liberty Lions Club held their 1st Annual one in May 2008. The event is held on the grounds of the Treaty Line Pioneer Village located in the town of Dunlapville, Indiana just north of the Quakertown Recreational Area on the west side of the Brookville Lake.

Smokin' on the water BBQ Festival was held April 30th thru May 1st this year. Above and on the next page are quite a few photos of the many activities. To really enjoy this event though you must see it first hand, you would know what I mean if you've ever eaten really good BBQ.

For information about Smokin' on the water BBQ Festival go to [www.libertyindianalions.com](http://www.libertyindianalions.com). For 2017 information contact Carl Sharp's e-mail [carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com](mailto:carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com).



Country Singer David Wayne performed at Smokin' on the water BBQ Festival, singing country songs that we all remember and love to hear again and again.

Country Singer David Wayne sang his heart out singing songs that we all remember. David is from Jellico, Tennessee. His bio says he has an expressive and emotional voice with a smooth tone with a touch of spiritualism and that sometimes brings a tear to him and his audience.....David's number one priority

is taking the older members of his audience back in time....

To find out more about this great singer of Classic Country music go to his website: [www.david-waynecountrysinger.com](http://www.david-waynecountrysinger.com) or David Wayne, P.O. Box 425, Williamsburg, Ohio 45176.



Marshall Miller from Connersville, IN won the Best of Show trophy with this 1951 Studebaker in the car show. Marshall built this car from the ground up, it's a Studebaker on the outside. But inside it has a 355 Cubic Inch V8 Chevrolet engine and Chevy drive train. It's a beauty. He has won three Best of Show trophies with it.

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Left Photo: Lion David Basham presents Randy Twyford, Head Cook for Ulcer Acres BBQ from Jacksonville, IL the Best Sauce Trophy. Middle Photo: Lion John Cormack presents Miss Grant for Paul Grant, Head Cook for Slippery Pete's BBQ from Wadsworth, OH the Best Anything But Trophy. Right Photo: Lion Lowell Rathburn presents Richard Jones, Head Cook for Bonehead BBQ from Peotone, IL the Showmanship/Sportsmanship Trophy.



Sunday, May 1st, Left Photo: First Place winner of the Chicken BBQ was Hoosier Favorite BBQ Team, Jeff Hacker Head Cook. Right Photo: First Place winner of the Pork Ribs BBQ was Uncle Toads Competition BBQ Team, Todd Lemaster Head Cook.



Sunday, May 1st, Left Photo: First Place winner of the Pork BBQ was Liberty Lions Club BBQ Team, Marvin Hacker Head Cook. Right Photo: First Place winner of the Brisket BBQ was Uncle Toads Competition BBQ Team, Todd Lemaster Head Cook.



Sunday, May 1st, Left Photo: First Place winner of the Overall BBQ was Sauced! BBQ Team, Scott Adams Head Cook. Right Photo: Liberty Lions Club volunteers L to R, Dale Brandt, Leslie Moore, Patti Sharp, Keith Pinkerton, Marvin Hacker, John Carmack, Mike England, Carl Sharp, David Basham, Pat Gentry and Lowell Rathburn. (Liberty Lion Volunteers Not in Photo): Carl Sharp, Sr., Duane & Ann Nickles, Dan Nickles, Carol Dance, Merl Gentry, Merle Gause, Darrell Richardson, Jr., Landon Coyle, Judi Painter, Caleb Painter, Sabrina England, Bruce Hamilton, Fran McClelland, Nancy Scott, Melissa Browning, Scott Buell, Ben & Pam Caskey, Becky & Louie Lingg, Jim McCashland, Herb Drew, Dr. Zach Rozell and Chad Gronning.

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Left Photo: This is the underside of a shotgun forearm which has been neglected and rust has built up around the forearm attachment lug. Right Photo: Same single shot shotgun receiver where the rust has started on the inside of the receiver and around the firing pin on the bolt face. Looks like this may have been neglected for a few years. (Author Photos)

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



by **Marshall Smith**

Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

**GUNSMITHING**

**Pistol Sights**

Whether shooting a rifle, shotgun, or handgun the sights must be on target at a specified distance. Most rifles come from the factory sighted in for 100 or 200 yards whether using iron sights or scope. Handguns with fixed sights are usually sighted in for no more than 20 yards, some a little as 7 yards. We love to customize our guns with new toys such as night sights, quick reaction sights, adjustable target sights, fiber optic sights, and laser sights. There are a lot of different styles of sights available for just about every gun ever made. Custom made sights for your gun are expensive as are many adjustable sights for handguns and rifles. There are sights for shotguns which utilize the same technology as for rifles and handguns. With our high tech online buying the chance of purchasing a set of sights for our guns may result in getting a set of sights that don't exactly fit the gun on which you plan to install them.

Recently I was asked to install night sights on a Beretta 92 FS. The sight purchased by the customer was advertised to fit the Beretta 92 series of pistols. The Beretta and Taurus 92 family of handguns have an open top slide on which Beretta milled the front sight into the slide frame as an integral part of the slide. Installation of the rear sight is not a problem. However, installing a front

sight on the Beretta 92 series of guns requires the front sight to be milled off and a new sight welded or otherwise fitted to the frame. The depth of the slide frame in the front sight location is only about 3/32" or 2.4 mm. My personal opinion is there is not enough metal to support fitting a dovetail sight into the frame. Night sights can be installed by the factory's specialty gunsmith shop by drilling the front sight and installing the glass tube night sight in the drilled hole. Since the glass tube and associated parts are proprietary parts only the factory's gunsmith can drill and install the night sight. It's not an installation you can do at home. There are a few other guns on the market which the advertised sights may require some or extensive fitting by a gunsmith. Be sure to investigate all aspects of the sight and it's installation before deciding on a new sight for your handgun.

Considering the cost of many of the adjustable iron sights and night sights available the option to install a laser sight may be a better option on many handguns intended for personal protection. The laser allows the shooter the ability to keep both eyes open and on the target. Several of the new guns now come with the option to purchase the option of a factory installed laser sight. The untrained gun owner using the gun for self protection at home can plan on needing it in the middle of the night when the laser is ideal. Without having to concentrate on "front sight" the gun owner only need look to see the dot on the target. That works for hand guns, carbines, and shotguns used for home defense. It is an investment one should consider when thinking of buying a gun for home or personal protection. I personally don't feel that the laser sights are of much use for any type of long range or target shooting further than about 10 yards. Unless you have a very steady hand.

I'll get into rifle and shotgun sights in the next issue of The Gad-a-bout. That's an interesting topic.

**Rust**

Now to address a subject close to your wallet. What is the worst enemy of guns? Not the Brady anti-gun advocates, nor the Obama administration, not the U.N. small arms treaty. It is rust and/or corrosion. Yep, you've got it. I've mentioned this before. Rust on iron parts makes them stick, bend, break or just lose the ability to function.



A 92FS slide showing front sight and how it is permanently attached to the frame. A tritium night sight installation requires that the front sight be drilled and the night sight installed by a licensed installation facility. Picture is of a replacement slide assembly from Brownells online catalog and is priced at \$259.99. Part number 913-101-183WB Slide Assembly, 92FS Mfr Part: UD88944 (Author Photo)

Stainless steel corrodes over time as does aluminum causing the same issues as with iron rusting. Many of the guns we love are made with a mixture of steel, stainless steel, and aluminum. Maintaining the stainless steel and aluminum guns is still important. Something I see often are guns that have only been used during the hunting sea-

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Left Photo: We often make a big meal over the fire so we can share it with the whole group. Right Photo: It gets a bit crowded sometimes. (Author Photos)

## Adventures in Indiana



With Cole King

### My New Summer Hobby

Before we get started, I would like to touch on the subject of my May article. If you recall, I wrote about my yearly trip to Dogwood Lake, in the Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area. I went down on the sixth of May with my father, and left that Sunday, which was the ninth. I had camped on Thursday night when we got there, which gave me a chance to catch up with Unc. He told me about how the fishing was, and what was new with the area before I went out on the following day. The next day, Friday, my aunt Robyn showed up, so my dad and I took her out in the boat to show her the ropes. Unfortunately, I had shown up about a week too early, and the Bluegill were only beginning to spawn. Compared to the average 40 a day (between the two of us in the boat,) all three of us were bringing in around 15 total. I still had a lot of fun, and we kept trying our luck several times on Friday, and again on Saturday. I left with a friend of my father's on Sunday the ninth, so I could get back to school on the following Monday. My dad stayed for another week or so after I went home, which by then the fish were biting much more often, so we were still able to fill the freezer. Like I said earlier, it was still a great opportunity to catch up with everyone, even if the fish weren't as hungry as usual. If you recall from the last article I wrote, I mentioned catching up with Brenda at the local bait shop. Unfortunately she was closed this season due to an illness in her family. Our prayers go out to her and her family, and we wish you all good health in the near future.

Back to the topic in the title, I have recently purchased a kayak. I've been around water since I was



My mom took a picture of my dad and I before we left for fish camp. (Author Photo)

big enough to walk, whether it be in a fishing boat on a lake, hunting crawdads in nearby Fall Creek, or catching frogs on the bank of a remote pond. For as long as I can remember, we have always floated the White River through an outfitter in Daleville. Canoe Country allows you to rent canoes, kayaks, and tubes. We get a group together, and then rent canoes and kayaks for the day. About 8 years ago, my dad bought a canoe from a friend at work. We had loved renting them so much, why not just go ahead and get our own? We would go out for the day and eat lunch on some sandbar, and just enjoy being in the sun and taking a dip in the water now and again. At that point, that was really the extent of our paddling hobby. Then a few years ago, my father made an impulse decision and bought two inflatable kayaks at a rummage sale. Needless to say, my mother was not happy at the beginning. But eventually, she came around, and we would go out much more often than we had with the canoe. I had fallen in love with the kayaks as soon as I got in the water. We have used these more times than I can count. After two weeks of owning the inflatable kayaks, I was determined to buy a real one someday. At the time, it seemed like a pipe dream, because I hadn't started working yet, and I was known for buying "non-necessities." By the time I had the means to buy my own kayak fit for more intense activities, I was preoccupied with saving my money for a truck and other things. A couple of weeks ago, my dad came into my room and told me that kayaks were on sale at Dunham's Sporting Goods, and this was the best deal he had seen in



Top Photo: Had a great time taking my aunt out. Bottom Photo: My aunt Robyn, and my dad, Jeff. Featuring his lucky hat. (Author Photos)

awhile. That afternoon we took a drive into Anderson, and to my surprise, they had kayaks for only \$179. As I looked at the kayak in more detail, I noticed there was no dry storage, nor a convenient area for my fishing pole(s) and tackle box. If I was going to invest so much money into something, I wanted it to be what I wanted out of a kayak. As I looked down the row of boats standing in front of their door, I noticed a sharp increase in price. Being a teenager, I don't exactly have money running out my ears, so I had to make the decision which would ultimately be the most bang for my buck. As I kept

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# Archery Know How



by Tom Stricker

## The Many Facets of Archery

This is going to be kind of a two-part article. One is to let you know that it's not all about hunting when you hear archery in a conversation. The other is to understand how archery affects you and how you shoot. Remember it's all about enjoyment; then competition becomes fun.

Archery is not just for hunters. While bow hunting is very popular in our area, people all over the world shoot arrows recreationally or for competition. The sport has evolved from traditional and ancient times to a common past time. To this day, bow designs are continually improving and archery clubs welcome new members each year.

One great thing about the way bows are changing, everyone in the family can shoot with ease and make it a family event. Some of your local archery pro shops may have a shooting facility with bow rental. This will be a great way to test the family and see if the initial investment is feasible. My granddaughter is going to second grade and she is shooting already. So keep in mind that all ages can enjoy archery.

Our county has 10 archery teams in the school program. This program has gotten very large, approximately 14,000 kids shot the nationals this year in Louisville, KY. NASP (National Archery in the School Program) was started in 2001 in Kentucky and has grown tremendously. This is just one way that you can start in the field of archery. Here in the shop we offer bow rental with basic training to everyone. The bows are what they use in the school program so they are a great tool to see if the kids want to proceed to the program if their school offers NASP. Check your local archery shop for ways to learn how to shoot or get better at shooting.

Mind set of archery to some is killing an animal to survive, this is not the case in today's society. Bow hunting is still popular, but today it is used mainly as a hobby and not necessarily as a means to survive. It has also become a sport that involves a good amount of skill in order to do it properly. The skills that are needed in order to pursue this endeavor may seem beyond you at first but with time and effort you can become a true marksman. Before long you will be outside enjoying what Mother Nature has to offer as you hone your skills. This is a sport that anyone of any age can participate in. All that is required is that you be able to pull back that taut bow and let it rip.

As in last month's article we talked about 3D archery. This is just one style of archery that we all can enjoy. Yesterday, (June, 5th 2016) we had the IFAA (Indiana Field Archery Association) outdoor field district shoot. This style of shooting is open to



Two types of archery targets. (Author Photos)

all archers as well. Field shooting is not just shooting in a field as some would think. This is typically done in the woods walking from target to target ranging from 20 feet to 80 yards, shooting four arrows at 28 targets. The best score that you can get is 560 points. I shot a 508 which is not bad in my opinion because it got me outside to shoot a lot of arrows.

Shooting a lot of arrows at a tournament is different than shooting a lot of arrows in your back yard. When the arrows count, it changes how we think and our attitude during the shoot when we have a bad shot. I teach a lot of kids and adults in our range, and one of the first mental things that I make them understand is "no matter how bad the shot is you can never get it back." Once you understand this you will execute the next shot like it was the first shot.

We all want to be the best at what we do no matter what we are doing whether its football, basketball, archery, etc.... Most everything we do needs a mental game to be in place. That being said; the mental training will be based largely upon relaxation and creative visualization, techniques of which I learned over time in shooting indoors and outside with field and 3D. These principles and techniques are very powerful, and are used in some form by every amateur and professional athlete in every sport in the world today. I believe, it's not enough to enter a tournament with a positive outlook, you must enter a tournament in total belief that you have already won! This is the mindset of a Champion!

Now realize that not everyone needs a coach to be the best at archery. If your local pro-shop offers lessons or training in the field that you are wanting to improve on, take advantage of their skills to help you be your best. We offer lessons to kids and adults from beginners to people that already know how, but want more. One more very important thing to meeting your goal is practice. I can't say enough about practicing. If you want to improve, just shooting a few arrows a week is not going to make it happen. This is a four to five times a week 50 to 100 shots each day sport. Also with that being said, if you hit a wall and are not improving you really need to go see a trainer to fix your mental game or make sure all your equipment is up to par.

Here are a few tips that will help everyone from beginners to novice.

Set a target 10 feet in front of you, load your bow, raise your bow arm with the fingers on string (if you shoot fingers) or release hooked to the loop, draw your bow and anchor, close your eyes,

count to three and let down. Do this 15-20 times and put your bow away. Notice that you didn't shoot? Well this is the best training that you can do because you didn't miss.

The reason for this type of training is to build the skill that you can let the bow down when you need to and not think that since you drew the bow back you have to shoot.

Do the same steps as above except shoot your bow this time. Only shoot two to three arrows at a time so you don't tear them up by accidentally hitting them.

The reason for this type of training is to understand how the shot should actually feel. Our train of thought generally is to hit the center of the target. If you don't know how it felt to hit the center, then how do you do it again.

This one is for the hunters if you have the space. Set a target outback, in the basement, in the garage, or wherever you are able to have your bow ready and shoot one arrow. Do this a couple three times a day. This will boost confidence in your shot.

We all know that when you're in the tree stand, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 27**



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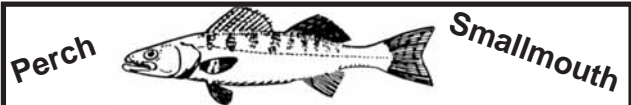
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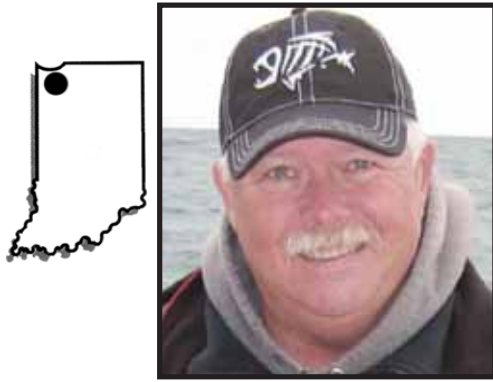
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**Keying On Active Anglers**

Who has the "right" to call themselves an angler? I'd say if you buy a fishing license every year, that certainly qualifies. If you are like me, and end up with several licenses for several states each year, that more than qualifies. But there's no legal definition of being an angler or fisherman. If you think of yourself as a member of the group, you're in!

And lots of people are in. A recent study of state fishing license sales, along with focus groups and random polling revealed that there are many more Americans who identify themselves as anglers than there are fishing licenses sold.

Question: Do you consider yourself to be an angler?

Answer: Yes.

Question: When's the last time you bought a fishing license?

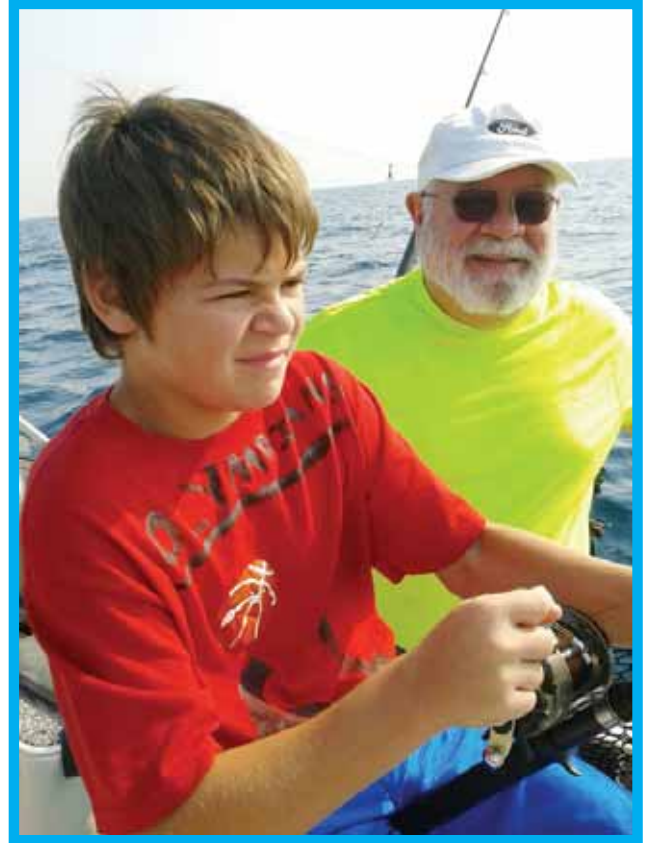
Answer: Oh, 3 or 4 years ago.

What's up with that? That's the basic question asked by the sportfishing industry, recently, by way of the American Sportfishing Association (ASA). The ASA sought to find out why people who don't fish every year still consider themselves to be fisher-guys or gals. Perhaps more importantly, the research attempted to quantify what these self-professed anglers do instead of fishing. Hopefully, the findings and report can offer new insight to why "anglers" do and don't fish, as well as offer recommendations about what will get them back on the water every year.

Anglers (who actually purchase licenses and stamps) generate an estimated \$1 billion generated each year for fisheries conservation, habitat restoration and angler access. Since much of the Great Lakes fishing is dependent on hatchery stocks and those hatcheries funded by special "trout/salmon" fees, a steady customer base is even more important. Anglers only "wishing to be fishing" are non-contributors. So transforming people from being virtual anglers to actual fishing license buying anglers is an important goal.

The primary reason cited by survey and focus group participants for not fishing was "not enough time," most often due to changes in family, work or school obligations. That's no surprise. Few people live a "laid-back" lifestyle these days.

But are the time constraints real or only per-



Avid anglers come in all ages. (Author Photo)

ceived? Most of the same people who don't have time to fish admit to participating in other sorts of recreational escapes that offers them fun, relaxation and quality time with family and friends. The crux of the matter is actually that angling was often seen as less convenient than other pursuits.

Key outdoor activities found to compete with fishing include hunting, camping, hiking, golfing, gardening and trail running or walking for fitness. Indoor activities included watching television, cooking and reading. Anglers, whether still active or lapsed, largely prefer outdoor activities to indoor ones. That leaves abundant opportunities to attract lapsed anglers back to the water.

Key recommendations cited in the report to attract and retain anglers include:

Emphasize Fun, Relaxation, Family and Friends: Industry and agency fishing promotions and messaging must emphasize these components of fishing with a strong focus on how simple and fun recreational fishing is for men and women, boys and girls, novice and avid angler alike.

Increase Convenience: Because most anglers do not live in rural areas, fishing opportunities and access in urban and suburban locations must be provided, promoted and, protected. Programs that lend equipment and provide simple, affordable instruction can help in this effort.

Invite Someone To Go Fishing: An interesting finding in the research was that many lapsed anglers said they would readily go fishing if someone simply invited them to go.

The "hectic lifestyles" problem (or excuse) isn't news to me. I hear the "There's just never enough time," excuse so often I have a standard reply.

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**DISTANCE:** 4.7 MILES (7.5k). The run will start at the northeast corner of the courthouse at the corner of Union and Market streets. Runners will proceed north on Market Street for two blocks where they will turn west on Sycamore Street, crossing US 27 and leaving Liberty on Brownsville Avenue. Runners will proceed directly to Brownsville where the run will end at the main intersection. Transportation will be provided back to Liberty after completion of the race.

**AID:** Three water and Gatorade stations. Time splits every mile.

**FACILITIES:** Very limited. Restrooms at the courthouse.

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Left Photo: And they are off, the 2015 Freedom Run participants headed for Brownsville, 4.7 miles west of Liberty. (Photo by Janet Sparks) Right Photo: Some 32 minutes and 23 seconds after leaving Liberty for the 2015 Freedom Run a winning girl in her category crosses the finish line. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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**Article by Melissa Browning**  
Executive Director of the Union County Development Corporation  
**Photos by Janet Sparks**

Hello all! I am Melissa Browning the executive director of the Union County Development Corporation. I am inviting you to come spend a traditional weekend with our community. Our 44th -year-old 4th of July tradition will have some new flare and the rejuvenation of some old time fun. The plan for the weekend is family fun for all ages!

This event attracts locals and visitors alike. With all events open to the public and a wide variety of vendor and entertainment!

The UCDC is proud to sponsor the festival on the courthouse square in Liberty this year July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th.. Our celebration will have some wonderful entertainment and amenities- The Sons of the American Legion will have a beer Garden and live entertainment: Friday July 1st The Band Southern Crossfire will entertain with their Southern rock. The band "Edge of Addiction" will be playing Saturday evening with their Rock and Southern rock pleasure.

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- 1:00 pm - Games and Vendors Open / The Grove Park
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- 3:30 pm - Parade lineup / College Corner Union School, Ramsey Street
- 3:45 pm - Dog Parade lineup and judging / Methodist Church parking lot
- 4:00 pm - Parade / Begins on Eaton Street ends at The Grove Park
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- 5:00 pm - Longest Ball Contest (baseball) /  
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- 5:30 pm - Entertainment: Southern Singers / Center of The Grove Park
- 6:30 pm - Games: 3-legged race, sack race, tug-o-war / Diamond 1
- 7:00 pm - Entertainment: Thunder Bay / Til 10pm at The Grove Shelter House
- 7:00 pm - Stroller/Wagon decorating contest / The Grove Park
- 7:20 pm - Beautification Awards / Diamond 1, We care about CC committee
- 7:30 pm - Old-Timers softball game / Diamond 1, Liberty vs College Corner
- 9:00 pm - Water balloon toss / Diamond 1
- 9:00 pm - U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony / Diamond 2, by local Girl Scout troop
- 10:00 pm - Fireworks / Rozzi Pyrotechnics, supported by CC Volunteer Fire Dept.

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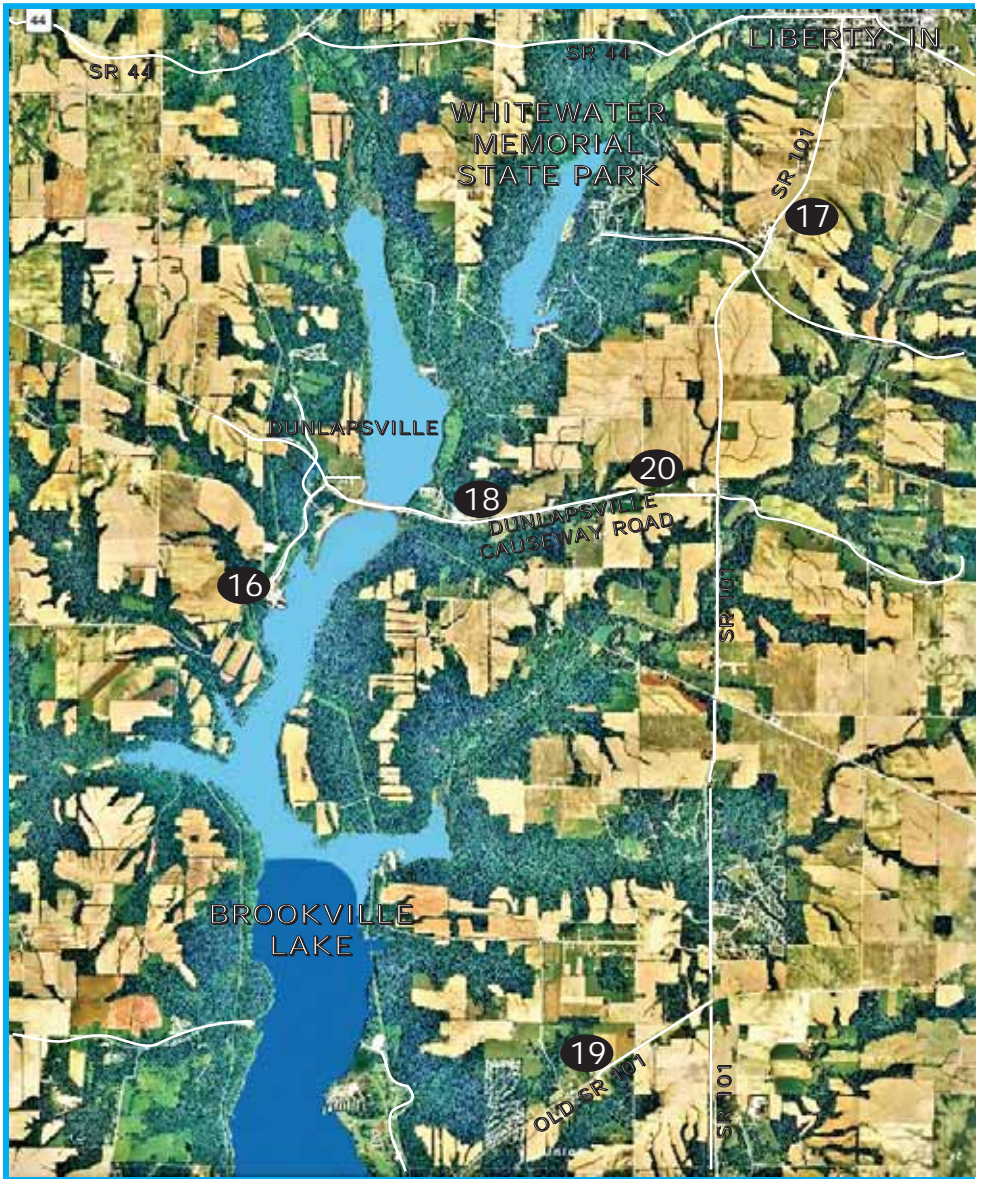
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Not able to make it for our celebration we invite you anytime! Stop and check out our community we have wonderful things to offer. Whitewater Memorial Sate Park that has many fun things to do- hiking, fishing, horseback riding, boat rentals, camping or a day at the beach. Wonder in to town for lunch or dinner at one of the local restaurants. Take a walk thru Liberty and enjoy the hospitality of our community.

**AERIAL MAP OF WHITewater MEMORIAL STATE PARK & BROOKVILLE LAKE**



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Left Photo: Union County Marching Band performing in the 2015 Liberty Festival Parade on Union Street. Right Photo: The Edge of Addiction band will be performing a free concert for everyone on their stage Saturday evening, July 2nd from 7:30 to 10:30. (Photos by Janet Sparks)

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Left Photo: Union County Youth Soccer members riding a wagon in the 2015 Liberty Festival Parade. Right Photo: Three mothers vie to be winners of the 2015 Patriotic Baby contest. (Photos by Janet Sparks)



Left Photo: A photo of a Patriotic display in Liberty during the 2015 Liberty Festival. Right Photo: This is a collage of musical instruments and a band that caught the eye of the photographer who took this photo. (Photos by Janet Sparks)

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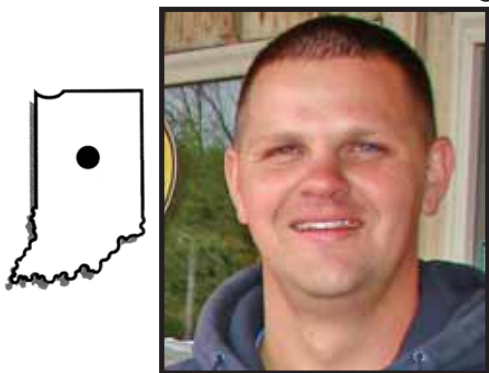
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Left Photo: This is Mike and Dave Bowser pictured with the winning crappie. They took first place in both Total Weight and Big Fish. Their total weight for seven crappies was 7.63 pounds and their big fish was a 15 inch crappie that weighed 1.74 pounds. Right Photo: This is Steve Jeffers and Myron Etchison with their second place overall crappie. Their total weight for the day was 6.71 pounds. (Author Photos)

## Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing  
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

### Bozarth June Crappie Tourney

The 2016 summer season is now upon us here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash as the summer vacation season was officially kicked off with the Memorial Day weekend. The weather held off and we all experienced a wonderful weekend full of camping, boating, fishing, and horseback riding. All three properties were abuzz with all the visitors roaming the area taking advantage of the many opportunities these wonderful lake properties provide. After dealing with last year's high water conditions and the "drought" from a few years ago, here's to hoping we get to enjoy a full season experiencing what we all enjoy doing here at the Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Roush properties.

On Saturday, June 4th we hosted the second of four Bozarth Crappie Tournaments here at the Salamonie Reservoir. We had a total of 22 teams registered to see who could come up with the top weight for seven crappies as well as the biggest fish. The day started out with mild temperatures and slightly overcast then changed to a solid rain halfway through the tournament to make for tough conditions

for the fishermen. Although several teams were having a tough time locating the big fish there were a handful of teams who managed to find the bigger ones and bring a good amount of weight to the weigh in line. The team that prevailed and caught seven really nice fish for a total weight of 7.63 was the brother tandem of Mike and Dave Bowser. They also netted the big fish of the day as their biggest crappie weighed 1.74 pounds and was 15 inches long. They caught a majority of their fish jigging baits in 8 to 12 feet of water. Congratulations to Team Bowser on the win and continuing to be near the top in each of the previous tournaments.

Another team that had a good day on the lake was Steve Jeffers and Myron Etchison. Their seven fish total weighed 6.71 pounds which was good enough to take second place honors. They also had the third biggest fish of the day with a crappie that weighed 1.37 pounds. Taking third place was the team of Steve Pershing and Tom Curtis. They had a combined weight of 6.14 pounds and their big fish was a 14.25 inch crappie that weighed 1.36 pounds. Taking fourth place with a total weight of 5.7 pounds was Aaron Scott and David Pence. Rounding out the top five with 5.65 pounds was the duo of Mike Eviston and Doug Clay. Team Eviston and Clay also took home 2nd place Big Fish honors with a crappie that weighed 1.58 pounds.

As you can tell many nice catches were made considering the weather conditions the fishermen were dealt. After talking to several of the teams following the tournament I found a majority of the fish were caught in 8 to 12 feet of water using jigs or minnows. I would like to thank all the individuals who braved the conditions and fished the tournament and would also like to invite anyone else who would like to fish in future events to contact us for more information concerning the tournaments. Our final two tournaments will be held

on September 10th and September 24th. Bozarth Recreational Resort is located at 7309 E. 400 S. Lagro, IN 46941 and you can contact us at (765) 981-4522.

In wrapping up I would like to remind everyone to check the results for the upcoming **Indiana Slab Masters tournament** which will take place **June 11th and 12th** on the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. This two day tournament will give us a preview to the season ending classic that returns on **October 1st and October 2nd**. To be eligible to fish the Classic you must have fished in four tournaments throughout the season to be eligible. For more information or to see tournament results visit them at [indianaslabmasters.com](http://indianaslabmasters.com)

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Left Photo: Mike Eviston and Doug Clay came in 5th place overall and 2nd place Big Fish. Their total weight was 5.65 pounds and big fish weighed 1.58 pounds. (Author Photo)

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Left Photo: This is Steve Pershing and Tom Curtis showing off their third place overall crappie. They caught a total of 6.14 pounds worth of fish. Right Photo: Aaron Scott and David Pence took home fourth place with a total weight of 5.7 pounds. (Author Photos)

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**Outdoors in  
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by Dave Wilcox

**Opening Day (Blues)**

The winter can never go by too fast. I always look forward to Spring. It's time to get the turkey hunting stuff out.

Once deer season is over I can't wait until turkey season gets here.

A lot of my hunting takes me to a place where I grew up at and still call home, a few miles north of Brownsville, it's called Yankeetown. It's like God's country when you get there.

I had a good idea where the turkeys were roosting so I set up across the field from the woods and waited on 'em to fly down, hopefully it would work.

I got to the woods bright and early finding the creek I had to cross, running fast. I stood there with my flashlight on the creek wondering what was I going to do. Finding what I thought was the shallowest part of the creek, I stepped in and got my feet washed out from underneath me. Into the cold water I went, holding my old Browning up out of the water was my most concern. Getting to the other side of the creek was my next concern after I got a cut in my knee and was soaking wet. Once safely across the creek I dumped the water out of my boots and went into the woods.

Once I got to my blind and was sittin' in a chair I checked to see how bad my knee was cut. It wasn't bad enough to have to leave the woods.

Then I began trying to dry my turkey calls. Than



I took this 25 pound tom turkey during the Spring Turkey season in 2012 in Union County. It had 27mm spurs. (Dave's Triangle LLC Photo, Brookville Lake)

I put the decoys out, a struttin' tom and two hens.

I got my slate dried off enough to make a couple calls. Looking through the window of the blind there was two heads looking over the knoll of the field. A couple more yelps on the call and here they came. The slate call is made by H&S Strut (Black Magic).

Before I could get my old Browning out of the corner of the blind I had two nice tom's in my lap. I was finally able to get the shotgun on my shooting stix, not really able to get it to my shoulder. Both birds were standing by my decoys (sittin' ducks so to speak). Not being able to get a steady shot, nervously I pulled the trigger, when I did I knew I shouldn't have taken the shot. I shot plum over the bird I was aiming at. I was sittin' there thinking, why did I do that?

I wasn't able to get the birds to come back that morning. Always a lesson learned, you have to be one hundred percent ready.

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Left Photo: Bill Lewis at Danville TE discussing fleshing a beaver with students. Right Photo: BKaleb Buck with his Special Youth Trapper of the Year Award Plaque standing between his brother, Kody, and his father, Mike. (Author Photo)

# Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM  
**MID-SUMMER**

Mid-summer is a slow time for the fur trapper. Except for the nuisance animals, all of the seasons are closed. If you have an Animal Damage Control (ADC) license, your season may just be getting going. To obtain an ADC license, contact the IDNR through their website or call your local Conservation Officer. The down side is that there are lots of regulations to know and you do not get to keep the animals caught. The up side is that you get to trap year round for some species.

This time of year, the average fur trapper is thinking of Conventions, equipment repair, and upgrades. I am one of those that uses traditional methods of trap preparation. I simmer them in Black Walnut husk dyed well water, sometimes bringing it up to heat a couple of times. This just depends on how my time goes. (Sometimes I get a fire going and then have to put it out to go handle an emergency.) Once the traps have been simmering a bit, I get them out with a steel hook and lay them on an old window screen. Once they have drained, I lift them up and place them carefully and slowly in a 20mm ammo box of melted wax. You have to do this slowly so that the trap "fries" but doesn't pop and spray you with hot wax. Once the frying subsides, I lift them out of the wax and hold them there for a minute to let them drain. At this point, they just look wet. They

are then set aside to cool. If you see air bubbles form in the wax, or you get white spots in the wax, you did not leave them in the hot wax long enough or the wax wasn't hot enough and left too thick of a coat on the traps. Once they are cool, they should just look black, with a thin layer of wax that keeps them protected from rusting through the summer, and speeds them up in the set next fall. Beware yo may need to remove the wax from trap notches to allow the trap to set correctly.

Now here is my disclaimer. This is how I treat my traps and I am not advocating that you treat your traps the same way. Hot wax, especially very hot wax, is very flammable, even explosive, if you suddenly immerse a wet trap into it. I do this away from my home wearing appropriate protective clothing and have materials at hand to deal with any sudden flare of flame. If you chose to treat your traps in the same manner, you are assuming all liability for anything that may happen. It isn't my fault if you burn yourself, or anything else. Always be very careful around melted wax.

There are many other ways to prepare your traps, like dipping, painting, or powder coating. You can find them in any trapping catalog, or hear about them sitting around the camp fires at the coming Conventions. The Fur Takers of America (FTA) Annual Convention and Rendezvous is the first one up this year. The FTA's Convention is in Lawrence, Kansas this year, July 7 - 10. See their website at

[www.furtakersofamerican.com](http://www.furtakersofamerican.com) and look under the Convention Link. Next up is the National Trappers Association (NTA) Annual Convention in Kalamazoo, MI, August 18 - 21. The NTA's website is [www.nationaltrappers.com](http://www.nationaltrappers.com). Several local trapping groups will be having their smaller conventions / weekends throughout the year. The best way to learn about these events is to belong to the Association's Affiliates. They are listed online at the various websites. Again, if you do not have a computer, or fear going online, go to your local Library. They will help you with no judgments made. If you are still lost about where you may

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**Danger in the Woods and Fields**

Summer finds a lot of people in the outdoors. Hiking, bird watching, playing ball, and dozens of other activities. Unfortunately, warm weather may also cause more chances of being exposed to dangerous, sometimes deadly, conditions.

Various parts of the country have some dangerous animals which are not present, or at least, not common in Indiana. Bears, mountain lions, poisonous snakes (we do have some rattlesnakes and copperheads), or even moose or deer protecting their young, can attack people.

But recently, some dangerous, smaller, wildlife have become more noticeable in the Hoosier state. Two of these are black legged/deer ticks which can transmit Lyme disease and mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus.

Dog ticks have been common for many years, and as a youngster, spending a lot of time playing in the woods and fields, I came home with them often. These were usually removed easily if I discovered them before they became firmly attached. Of course, my dogs would also bring them home after a day afield, and sometimes they would drop off in the house and begin crawling on one of us humans. It wasn't something we worried about back then.

Now, the smaller deer tick has become a health hazard. It can carry and transmit Lyme disease, which, while not usually fatal, can cause serious medical conditions. These critters can be found on the ground or in tall grass or bushes. As you walk through these areas, the tick will land on your clothes and crawl to exposed skin. Sometimes, more than one tick will hitch a ride home if you are in a highly infested area. Check yourself and your clothes carefully at first chance.

Not all ticks carry the disease. They get the bacteria from feeding on small mammals or birds which are infected. Domestic dogs and cats can get the disease, but cannot pass it on to humans, but they can bring the ticks into your house. Use an insect repellent recommended to deter ticks if you are going to be in the outdoors.

Early symptoms of Lyme disease can occur within a few days to a week or two or even longer. If you have headache, fever, joint pain, or a skin rash after a tick bite, visit your doctor immediately.

Another serious disease which has been found in many Indiana counties is the West Nile Virus. A person can contract this disease if bitten by an infected mosquito. The mosquito acquires the virus after biting an infected bird. Scientists say

about 80% of people infected with this virus will not show any kind of symptoms. The other 20% may show signs of the disease in a few days to a couple weeks after being bitten.

Most symptoms will be mild and include headache or fever, aches, nausea and vomiting, swollen lymph glands and maybe skin rash. A small percentage of infected people may have severe symptoms including any of the above, plus, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, tremors or convulsions, paralysis, unconsciousness, or coma. Medical personnel can determine if a person has contracted the disease by testing blood or fluid surrounding the spinal cord or brain. There is no specific treatment, vaccine, or medication for the West Nile Virus.

Once again, if you will be spending time outdoors in an area known to have the disease present, wear long sleeves, hats, and use an effective insect repellent according to the directions. In your own yard, try to eliminate standing water where mosquitoes breed. This includes old tires, rain barrels, wading pools, empty flower pots, or other containers which collect water. If you have bird baths, clean them often. Using these precautions will also help slow the spread of the new Zeka virus.

Rabies is another disease usually contracted outdoors. It is less common, but almost always fatal once symptoms appear. It is caused by a virus and it affects the central nervous system of mammals, including humans. It is spread by being bitten or scratched by an infected animal. The most common carriers of this disease are skunks, foxes, raccoons and bats, although other animals are not immune. Domestic dogs and cats will often be bitten by a rabid wild animal and then infect their owners.

The disease appears in two forms, Dumb Rabies and Furious Rabies. Wild animals will exhibit the dumb variety by appearing friendly or losing their fear of humans. Ones which usually appear at night may be found wandering around in daytime. The animal may have paralysis in the hind legs, face or neck. They may sometimes have unusual facial expressions or be drooling. The furious form of rabies displays aggression or excitement in the affected animal. They sometimes alternate from aggression to depression. It may attack other animals or people and even bite or chew their own limbs.

Young children are especially vulnerable to rabies because they often try to pet a wild animal which approaches them. Teach your children and grandchildren to avoid such animals and report it to an adult. Be sure to have your pets vaccinated yearly to protect them from the disease. Don't feed wild animals and discourage them from living close to your home. Wild animals are fun to watch, but are not pets and shouldn't be treated as such. If you notice a dead or sick animal, do not approach it. Notify Animal Control.

While all three of these diseases are serious conditions, do not let fear prevent you from enjoying the great outdoors. Use proper precautions and you should not experience a problem. Millions of people spend their free time outdoors without encountering any problems. Gain a little knowledge on the subject and teach your family.

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# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## Trail cameras can help you plan your next hunt

If you're a deer hunter, I'm sure that you are familiar with trail cameras whether or not you use them yourself. I have not personally used them much for the last several years, but opted to start again as a way of finding another way for my son and me to spend some time together. I figured he would enjoy getting out checking our cameras and that he would take a keen interest in being able to see the deer frequenting our hunting areas.

I was right! Nicholas has been having a blast, even asking a couple times week when we are going to go pull the SD card out of the camera so we can see what's on it. I'll admit that I am getting just as big of a kick out of it too. It gives us some much needed down time from our normally hectic schedules. But just as importantly, it really enable us to see just what deer we have on the farms we hunt, and helps us formulate a game plan for hunting them.

When I first began using trail cameras years ago, I opted for the cheapest ones I could find, feeling the need to have a handful of them out at once in order to cover multiple areas. I quickly found out that cheaper is definitely not always better. The low-end models of trail cameras do work okay (sometimes),

but tend to "eat" batteries, making them not as cheap as you originally thought. They also tend to take more pictures of "nothing" than better models do. Back when they ran on film and weren't digital, it could get very expensive getting pictures developed of nothing but scenery.

This being said, there is generally no reason to spend a fortune on one either. A good mid-range priced camera is typically a good bet. There are numerous manufacturers of trail cameras, and they each make models to fit the bill. Things to consider include pixels, bright flash, infrared, or black flash, adjustable settings, and battery life.

After trying a handful of different makes and models, I have found that those made by Primos are about as good as it gets for the money. Between the options that you get from their modestly priced cameras to their reliability, I feel that there is hardly a better option. Switching from photo to video mode is a snap and with my Primos cameras, I know that I am not going to be getting pictures of nothing. They are reliable and durable, and after nearly a month out in the field, mine still have nearly ninety percent battery life left. I just feel that I get a ton of camera for the money with these cameras.

Although there is much debate as to whether or not the cameras spook deer, I am sure that the bright-flash models (like they all used to be years ago) do spook deer. Most of today's better Infrared and black flash cameras do not appear to be alarming to deer. You can't see them or hear them go off, at least in the daytime.


With a decent size SD card the camera can hold hundreds to thousands of pictures making regular treks through your hunting property to check your cameras a thing of the past. Or, now you don't even have to leave the comfort of your own living room in order to check your trail cameras. Most companies now offer cameras that are compatible with certain software, where through a paid internet access site, you can check your pictures, battery status - everything, from your couch! The advantages to this are two-fold; for one, it enables you to see what activity

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Using trail cameras helps you see what caliber of deer you will have to hunt this coming fall, but more importantly, can show you travel routes and help you pin-point where to hang a stand. (Author Photo)

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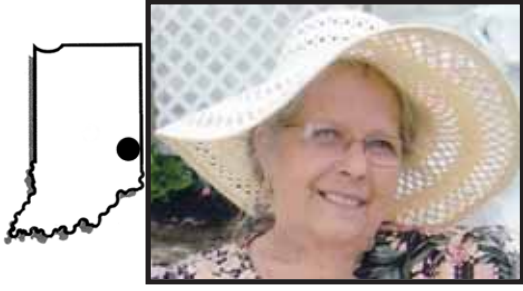
  
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by Donna Schroeder

President of Fayette County Tourism Bureau

## The Canal House

Did you ever notice that some things simply seem meant to happen? Sometimes, the odds are just too great to chalk some events up to coincidence.

Historic Connersville, Incorporated owns and maintains the Canal House. It was built in 1842 as the headquarters of the Whitewater Canal Company and is located at 111 E. 4th Street in Connersville. It's a stately brick building – two stories tall with high ceilings. It originally had four rooms, two up and two down, with sturdy brick vaults meant to safely store the money collected from shipping on the flatboats that made their way from Lawrenceburg to Hagerstown.

The first boat to arrive in Connersville was called the Patriot, owned and piloted by Gale Ford. The canal had its share of problems and was soon replaced by the railroad. The building then housed a bank. About 1859, it was purchased by the Vance family. Elisha Vance was a well respected local citizen. The family added a kitchen and made their home there until it was sold to Finly Gray and his wife Alice Green Gray.

Finly was a grandson of Robert Gray, an early settler in Fayette County who had served in the Revolutionary War. Finly was an attorney and legislator. He served as mayor of Connersville and was also a U.S. Representative.

Alice, a descendant of another of the county's pioneer families, was a refined lady with a plan. She set about filling the house with antiques and creating a beautiful home. She was also a talented artist.

Finly has been called Connersville's original hippie. He always dressed in a long frock coat and his flowing hair was unkempt. Long after his clothing was out of style, he had a tailor make his garments to his liking.

His time in Congress was well spent. He lobbied for rural electrification, bringing electricity to those who lived in the countryside. When the small community known as Carrollton in Hancock County lost its post office, he joined the residents in a successful effort to have it restored. The story goes that half the people were so grateful that they wanted to change the name of the town to Finly, while half wanted to



The Canal House located at 111 E. 4th Street in Connersville, Indiana. (Author Photo)

retain the name Carrollton. If you ever traveled on Highway 52 from Connersville to Indianapolis, you might have noticed the little town whose sign said "Carrollton or Finly". The town compromised, and the dual name was the result.

We know these stories of Congressman Gray from the history books, but we learned more about him from a couple who came to visit the Canal House a while ago.

When WWII ended, Alice had passed away, and Finly was alone in his beautiful home. He put out the word that he would like to have a young couple to live in part of his house. There was a shortage of housing for returning soldiers, and he thought it would be a good arrangement for all. Enter the Hackers, newlyweds who were happy to take on a new adventure.

They came to visit and share their memories with us, and we were delighted!

For many years, the canal continued to hold water in Connersville. It eventually became stagnant, and Mayor Gray decided that something needed to be done to end its use as a sewer. To further his campaign for sanitary sewers, he invited the newspaper to accompany him and the city council to the canal. When they arrived, he pointed out a dead pig that was floating in the water. Mrs. Hacker is of the opinion that Finly had placed it there as a prop. Be that as it may, sewers came to the city.

The Hackers had other stories to tell. For instance, Finly ate the same breakfast every morning, the menu being mush, bacon, and sauerkraut, washed down with strong coffee. Mrs. Hacker says she always knew when he was up and preparing breakfast because he would turn on the gas stove and wait

a while before striking the match. The resulting explosion was the signal that he was cooking!

When Alice passed, part of the family farm was left to the Audubon Society in memory of the couple's only child. Mary Gray had contracted a childhood disease when the Grays were living in Washington, D.C., and suffered seizures from a high fever. Her mind was damaged, and she was institutionalized until her death some years later. The land became the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary.

Finly, accompanied by the Hackers, attended many Audubon Society functions. While the Hackers would stop for breakfast at a café, the congressman would bring along his usual breakfast fare and eat in whichever restaurant they chose.

And, the visit from the Hackers seemed to bring Finly Gray back to reclaim his house. The folks at the Bird Sanctuary called to ask if we would like to have some of the Grays belongings that they were unable to properly display. Mary's china dolls, along with Alice's DAR ribbons and medals are now in the house, along with several pieces of Alice's artwork. A canal boat bell is displayed at the museum.

Furniture that is pictured in Alice's photos of the house came along, too. A gentleman from Indianapolis called to say that he had purchased a small table at an auction, and found an index card in a drawer that said it came from the Gray estate sale. Did we want it? Of course we did! A dining table from the same sale became available. A family from Anderson called to ask if we would like a set of antique china from the auction. It seemed to me that Alice and Finly were making their presence known and making sure their belongings came home.

When Finly passed, the house was bought by the local VFW. Finly's nephew, Robert Gray, did much of the restoration when Historic Connersville obtained the house from the VFW. We hosted Bob's 100th birthday party, and he brought us a beautiful picture of Mary, age five or six, a sweet, smiling little girl. We put it in the cupboard with her dolls and the items that belonged to her mother.

A grandfather clock which belonged to the couple holds a place of honor in the parlor. Whenever I wind the clock, I always say hello to Finly and ask how things are going. It might seem odd to some folks, but I'm sure he's in the house, probably sitting at the ornate dining table or in his rocking chair by the window.

Whether he is or isn't here, Congressman Gray left his mark on Connersville and Indiana. We're proud to be the keepers of his house.

Tours of the house are available during special events or by request. You can reach us by calling (765) 825-1523 or emailing us at [historic.connersville@gmail.com](mailto:historic.connersville@gmail.com). We welcome you to visit the house, as well as the Fayette County Historical Museum at 103 Vine Street. The museum is open Thursdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 pm, April through early December.

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Thanks for reading, and for allowing all of us to serve all of you.

# Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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son and then put away for the next year, not to be looked at until opening day of the deer season, or squirrel season, or rabbit season. Oops! You forgot that last year you put it away and didn't clean it and now it's all rusty and the trigger doesn't work right, and gee, better take it to the gunsmith and find out why it won't work or the action doesn't work smoothly any more. That's bad for your wallet, not so bad for mine.

Black powder guns may present a special problem in that it is strongly recommended that the gun barrel be washed in soap and water. The barrel is left to dry and water displacing oil is applied to prevent rust. The bore should then be coated with a quality black powder bore grease. The action of the gun is often not easily accessible to clean and a squirt of oil is about all it gets. That's where I see most of the corrosion. I'm not sure if the gun owner is cleaning the barrel while it is still attached to the action or it's just an accumulation of moisture which is missed by the squirt of oil. If you have an air compressor, a good shot of pressurized air in the space around the hammer, the trigger, and any other opening in the receiver helps to displace any water and spread any oil you've sprayed in the action. Any it's a good idea to blow out any excess oil that may drip or weep into a wood stock.

Something to consider when after you have meticulously cleaned and oiled your prize gun and now you want to make sure it is safe from getting scratched or dinged and you place it in the new gun sock, or padded gun case, DON'T. The cloth or padding draws moisture and will absorb any protective oil on the finish and now your prize has a blemish. Stainless steel just takes longer to rust or corrode and unprotected aluminum will turn a light gray as it corrodes. Place the gun in a relatively dry closet or gun cabinet or safe. If placing the gun in a safe make sure you have placed some moisture absorbing packs in the safe. Just plain white rice in a thin bag will work, or you can buy commercially made dri pacs. Good for keeping your powder dry too.

### Quote of the Month

"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." ~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

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](mailto:PrairieWolfGuns@gmail.com). I'll try and answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column.

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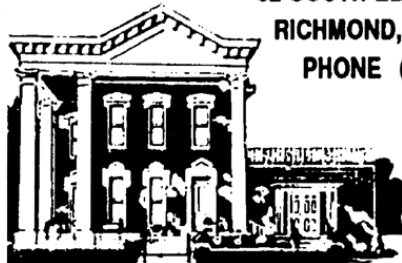
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looking out in front of the store, a few fishing kayaks caught my eye. The cheaper of the two was a lot like the kayak on sale, but it had a few more accessories for holding your fishing rod. The second was a bit more out of my price range, but it was small enough to maneuver, yet large enough to fit a few camping supplies and my fishing gear. The real selling point was its dry box in the back, which fits more than you would expect. I ended up choosing the more expensive one, and it has been worth every penny. I chose the SunDolphin Excursion 10ss, which is a 10 foot sit-inside fishing kayak. Mine is olive green, compared to the tan shade SunDolphin also offers. I've taken it out several times since I got her home, but I am still waiting to do a large trip as we have done in the past with the inflatable kayaks. I'm excited to see how it works out when I try camping out of my kayak, being that I have to take so many things in such a compact area. I'm sure that may be a future article. But until then, if you see an olive green kayak with a green “GONE SQUATCHIN” sticker on the nose, don't be afraid to say hello. ■

## ARCHERY KNOW HOW

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ground blind or just on the ground hunting you generally only get one shot. This also works if you go to a 3D shoot because you get one shot on the foam target.

Another great idea if you are not doing it already is to number each of your arrows. If you do this you are able to log your shots and see a pattern of each arrow with some of the apps available on your phone, or just on paper. Try these tips and see if your shots are more consistent.

Hope this was a helpful article for those that are trying to get better and wanting to try new style of shooting to better their skills.

If you have a question or need to know something about archery feel free to contact me by calling **765-560-4208** or e-mail [tom.cuttingedge@etczone.com](mailto:tom.cuttingedge@etczone.com) You can also check out our website at [www.cuttingedgesportinggoods.com](http://www.cuttingedgesportinggoods.com) . ■

## Indiana State Trappers Association

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find a trappers event, contact me at [fpp@juno.com](mailto:fpp@juno.com). Let me know where you live, and I will see what I can find closest to you.

Concerning local events, this year's **ISTA 55th Annual Convention and Rendezvous will be held at Mill Pond Park, 100 Mill Pond Rd., Union Mills, IN, September 16 & 17.** Leading up to that event are several Trapping Education (TE) weekends, several of which have already passed by. Those yet to come are: **August 13 & 14**, the Kokomo TE class at IU-Kokomo, 2300 S. Washington St., Kokomo, IN 46902. **August 27 – 28**, will be the Danville TE class at Tom's Fur Shed, 2496 N. Washington St., Danville, IN 46122. **November 5 – 6**, has two (2) TE classes going on. In the north, the LaPorte TE is held at the Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area (219-393-3612) 5344 S. Hupp Rd., LaPorte, IN 46350. It is at the building across from the firing range.

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Over by Rockville, is the Raccoon Lake State recreation Area TE, at 1588 S. Raccoon Parkway (which is the Main Gate entrance), Rockville, IN 47872. Both of these classes are Saturday and Sunday, with participants actually setting traps, and lunches being provided by the ISTA or FTA Affiliates. Be sure to pick up a membership application form, fill it out, and send it in. We need your support to continue our support of trapping.

Watch the ISTA Website and the Newsletters, which are mailed to members and posted online, for more information as it develops. The WEB address is [www.indianatrappers.org](http://www.indianatrappers.org). Do not forget about [www.passitonindiana.com](http://www.passitonindiana.com). ALL TE's generally get listed there, even those that I do not hear about in time to get listed into the various magazines.

Lastly, I would like to dedicate this column to Bill Lewis and Kaleb Buck. Bill was a long time supporter of the ISTA and dedicated Trapper Education Educator. In Bill's 80 some years of life, he has taught hundreds of kids and adults how to trap. He had forgotten more information about trapping than I am sure that I will ever learn. Kaleb's young life was cut short by cancer. He had just become interested in trapping a few years ago. I pray that Kaleb meets Bill in Heaven and that they both have an eternity to trap. May their chains always be tight. Rest in Peace boys.

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

Fred “DR” Philips, DVM  
 Pres. ISTA

## Indiana Outdoors

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is happening at your site(s) almost as it happens. Whenever you log on, you can find out – rather than having to wait until you find the time to drive out to your hunting spot(s) and retrieve the SD card. Secondly, it dramatically decreases the amount of intrusion that you would normally make if you had to go out and check you cameras. While it is a super nice feature, such access is a pay-as-you-go service or some type of paid service anyway, so keep that in mind.

The bottom line: although you may want to somewhat limit your use and/or trips into your hunting areas to check your cameras in order to prevent disturbing the deer, most of today's cameras allow for minimal invasiveness thanks to dark flashes, SD card storage, etc. and others offer various modes of operation making them extremely versatile and useful tools in your hunting arsenal. Besides just knowing what deer are frequenting your set-ups, trail cameras will allow you to see exactly when and how often they are there, thereby giving you yet another tool in your bag of tricks. ■

## Roaming The Outdoors

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photo of him holding the plate in my next issue. Also see Jim's photo on the cover of this issue. He is truly a good friend. I got to know Jim when he had the Rodefild Automotive store in Liberty. He's retired now, but is still active with car clubs, car shows and

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Top Left Photo: South 6th and "A" Street in Richmond, Indiana Cody Legear is preparing to load my crippled van onto their roll-back wrecker. Top Right Photo: 38 days later Mike Legear, owner of Best Stop Auto Care is shaking my hand after he and his son at right, Cody, finished fixing the mechanical problems on my van. Bottom Left Photo: Terry Price and Jerry Wise, owner of Wise Auto Parts reluctantly pose for a photo. Everything I needed to replace the injured parts I was able to purchase at Wise Auto Parts located at 2000 Salisbury Rd in Richmond. Bottom Right Photo: Wally Bennett at left and Lee Swearingen at Mighty Muffler replaced a section of exhaust pipe in a matter of minutes on my trip home, same day I picked it up, see their ad below. My last stop on May 23rd was Haager's Auto & Truck Service to get my steering wheel straightened. It was too late in the day to do it so I made an appointment calling (765-962-4381). But all things considered it had been a grand day. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

## Roaming The Outdoors

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keeps busy with Lions Club activities too. Thanks a lot Jim for this plate. My wife Sherry has already found a place to hang it in our home.

### I WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK SOME VERY SPECIAL FRIENDS WHO HELPED ME KEEP MY VAN AFTER THE ACCIDENT ON APRIL 15, 2016

On April 15, 2016 I was delivering the May Gad-a-bout in Richmond, Indiana, when I was hit by a woman who ran the stoplight at South 6th and "A" Street. See photos above.

As soon as I finished sharing information with the lady, who by the way admitted to the police officers that she had run the red light. I called Best Stop Auto Care and Cody Legear came and loaded up my van, taking it to their shop located at 2 Salisbury Road in Richmond. I called my insurance company who sent an adjuster to Mike's. He said it would be totaled. It only has 328,000 miles and in my mind good for a lot more miles, maybe. Through a course of events I won't go into here, I told them I wanted to keep my van and get it fixed, after all it was my van. Before I knew it, it was all settled, I could keep my van. I checked with a body repair shop asking to get an estimate, but he never showed up. So I, at the suggestion of a friend, drove to Wise Auto Parts and talked to the owner Jerry Wise (a very nice guy and helpful too). I asked if he could find me a bumper, grill and fender for a 2002 Chevy Express 1500. He asked for my phone number and said he would call me. Soon he called telling me he had the parts. So I purchased them and stored them in the back of my

van. A friend helped me dismantle the damaged parts of the van and told me what other parts I would need. So I gave the list to Jerry Wise at Wise Auto Parts and he again located the parts, again I stored them in the back of my van.

Although Mike Legear, owner of Best Stop Auto Care, didn't really have the time to help me get my van back on the road as quickly as I needed it. He relinquished, fixing the mechanical problems and got my van road ready on May 23, 2016.

I drove off and headed for Wise Auto Parts to show them I was driving the van thanks to them and Mike Legear.

That same day, I noticed I had a noise coming from the exhaust pipe so I drove to Mighty Muffler, another one of my advertisers. I asked Lee Swearingen if they could take a look at it to see what the problem was. In a jiffy they drove my van into a bay, hoisted it up. Found the problem, fixed it and I was on my way in no time.

Back on the road again I noticed my steering wheel was cocked over to one side, so I drove to Haager's Auto & Truck Service to see if they could line it up for me. It was around 4 p.m. by then so I made an appointment. They fixed the problem.

I only had to use my back-up van to pick up the June Gad-a-bout, hand loading them. This issue, the July, I will pick it up in my delivery van again. Being able to have the printing company load two skids in the back of it, what a relief!

I still have to get the right side fixed where the lady's car scraped along the side after she hit me. I also need to replace the rocker panels on both sides, after that it will be, "On the road again...". Thanks guys for all your help.

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Travis Allen of Centerville, IN caught this 25 inch Walleye on May 2, 2016 in the north end of the Brookville Reservoir. (Photo submitted by David and Lisa Allen of Centerville)



Elijah H ? took this Tom Turkey on April 23, 2016. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN) (Editor note: Couldn't read last name on photo)



Doug Clay and Steve Jeffers pictured with several nice crappies they caught May 25th on the Salamonie Reservoir (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Gene Auler caught this 14 1/4 In crappie that weighed 1.55 pounds. He caught this crappie while fishing the Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)

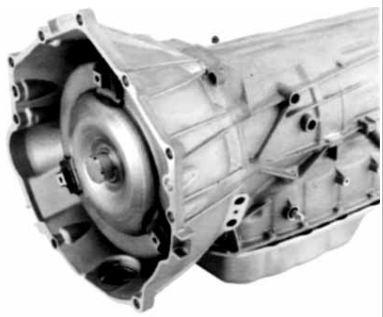


Hagan Amburgey caught this 14 1/4 inch crappie on the Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Mason Gilstrap took this turkey on 4-23-16. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)

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Wes Frame took this Chocolate Color phase Black Bear on May 15, 2016 in Montana. He was on a spot and stalk hunt. Wes was using a 300 Ultra Mag rifle. (Photo by Tyler Frame, submitted by Tyler Frame, Frame's Outdoor, Liberty, IN)



Broc Gilstrop took this turkey on 4-23-16. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Daniel Bickel took this turkey on 4-23-16. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)

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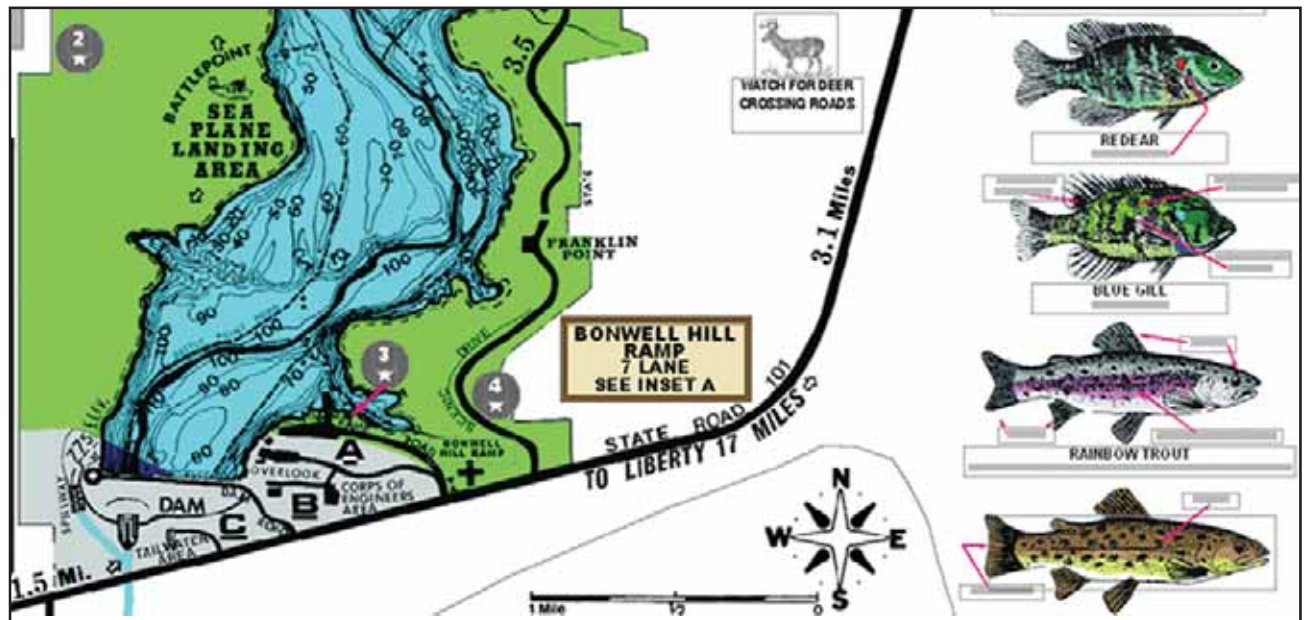
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