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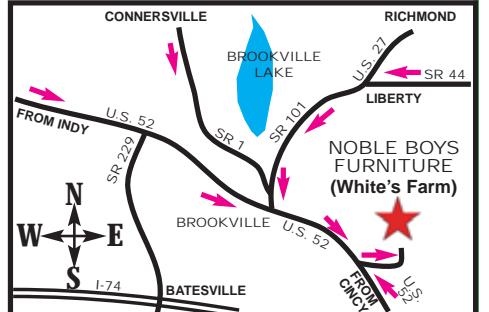
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Top Right: Carl Rice, owner of the Liberty Restaurant shown here with just one of his radio controlled airplanes, a F4U Corsair he flies. See Pages 16 -18 for more. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)
Bottom Left: Darren Miller sent me this mushroom photo off his phone, it's just part of the 137 black morel mushroom he and his father found the first week of April. I would have never thought with

the kind of weather we have been having here in this part of Indiana that any mushrooms would be found. But you know what they say, never say never! (Photo by Darren Miller)
Bottom Right: Four whitetail deer playing in the East Fork of the Whitewater River just below Beelor Road last March 2015. State Representative Lloyd Arnold did an end run around the public process and reintroduced a bill to allow high-powered rifles for deer hunting in Indiana again despite it being defeated last year following public outcry. With House Bill 1231 now signed into law, the landscape of Indiana deer hunting is forever changed, and likely not in a good way. See page 22. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Cole King

COLE KING FROM MARKLEVILLE HAS A COLUMN BEGINNING THIS ISSUE SEE PAGE 14

I met 14 year old Cole King at the Indianapolis Sport, Boat and Travel Show on February 21, 2016. He stopped by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce booth in the Champions Building and was really excited to find that we had The Gad-a-bout in the booth. He said he loved the paper but couldn't get it in his home town of Markleville. I told him I published The Gad-a-bout and thought for a moment trying to think where the closest advertiser was to Markleville. I told him I thought Greenfield was the nearest one to where he lived. He then wanted to shake my hand, then he asked if I would sign the cover for him. He was so happy and enthusiastic about meeting me and getting the Gad-a-bout I asked him how old he was. He replied 14. I asked him if he would like to write a column in The Gad-a-bout.

Cole's first column is on page 14, he picked the name, "Adventures in Indiana with Cole King." I know you will enjoy reading it.

Some of you readers may remember when a young Will Keaton had a column in The Gad-a-bout some years ago. He is a police officer now in Bloomington, Indiana. Will's father, Bill Keaton has an office in Rushville, Indiana where I drop papers off each month.



Tom Stricker

TOM STRICKER, OWNER OF CUTTING EDGE SPORTING GOODS BEGINS A ARCHERY COLUMN IN JUNE ISSUE

I stopped by Tom Stricker's business in Greensburg last month, Cutting Edge Sporting Goods, to ask him if he would consider writing a Archery Column for me.

He told me he would give it a try. Tom is very busy, he volunteers so much of his time helping the youth in the county. I met him back in 2014 when I did an article about NASP® when the Greensburg Pirate Archers were going to the World Tournament that year. Tom is a certified instructor in NASP®.

Watch for Tom in the June Gad-a-bout.
WAYNE COUNTY 4-H FAIR JUNE 18-25
THE JUNE GAD-A-BOUT WILL HAVE 4 PAGE PULL-OUT SAME AS 2015 ISSUE

My June Gad-a-bout will have the full layout of the Wayne County Fairground with arrows pointing to activity and buildings plus the total program and lots of 2015 photos on pull out and facing pages too.
I GOT A LETTER FROM BOB BOYTIM
OWNER OF BOYTIM CHARTER SERVICE ON LAKE ERIE

Many of you will remember my trip out on Lake Erie last June. It was my first ever time to fish in Lake Erie, compliments of Bob Boytim. Had a great time, but I didn't catch one walleye. I wasn't too surprised because my fishing skills were lacking, I even had to have Bob show me how to cast the open face spin cast I was using. I did pretty good though, all the guys fishing that day let me bring their walleye home with me.

The last time I walleye fished until then was in July 2001 when I fished with Tag Nobbe on Brookville, he caught walleye, but I didn't. I caught a rock many years ago and won the Bent Hook Award from H.O.W.

Here's Bob's letter dated Feb 2016::
 Ray,

Hoping things are going well. We are doing fine here in Marblehead.

We had a decent walleye season last year. Two times we were able to top the 200 pound mark for a limit. One of our boats also had 31 Fish Ohio walleye (28" or more). Of note, while we were perch fishing in Aug/Sept we all caught a good number of 6"-8" walleye indicating a large hatch the spring of 2015. The last time we saw this was the record hatch year of 2003.

The perch and smallmouth bass fishing went well last season. We had to move around quite a bit to find the perch but for the most part we had good

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May fishing on Brookville Lake

May is one the best month to be fishing on Brookville Lake. The fish are coming out of a long cold winter, there's no young of the year bait fish, the water is still cool, and by gosh the fish are hungry.

If you like to cast your going to love the month of May. From the time you put your boat on the water the potential to catch a fish casting to the shore is very good. At this time of the year fish are spawning on the shore and feeding on the shore.

To catch large mouth bass you can fish with just about anything you have in your tackle box. Jigs,tubes,worms, crawls,cranks, spinner baits, top water it does not mater these fish are aggressive and hungry. What your looking for is some type of structure on the shore,it could be a fallen tree , a rock pile or an under water stump. Large mouth bass are typically ambush feeders so any of this structure has the potential to hold a large mouth bass. On a beautiful day all you have to do is get your bait close to the structure and they will hit it. But if the weather turns off bad those same bass will be very tight to the structure. You will literally have to bounce your bait off the structure to get them to hit it.

The blue gill will be spawning on the shore in the month of May, if you find one you have found a hundred. One of the best ways to catch blue gill is under a float. Just use a very small hook a small piece of worm or a wax worm. When locate them on the shore dial in the right depth below a slip bobber and you will not be going home empty handed.

The walleye is one of those fish that spawns when

the water is still cold. Their spawning cycle starts when the water temperature reaches about 46 to 47 degrees or around April 1st so in the month of May all their doing in eating. What are they eating you ask, eggs. Blue gill eggs, crappie eggs, bass eggs,any egg that is unattended will be fair game. The walleye is not the only one. The bass, catfish, blue gill, white bass all of them feed on each others eggs. Its just the way of life under the surface. When your walleye fishing you typically fish on the bottom or at least close to the bottom. What your looking for is spawning fish. If you find where the fish are spawning the walleye will be close. They can be caught casting crank baits. Anything that looks like a small bait fish will work. A 1/16 ounce lead head jig is also a good choice. Just tip it with a night crawler and fish it slow and close to the bottom.

White bass are a schooling fish that also spawns in the month of May. To catch 50 fish a day is not uncommon. They are usually caught around rip rap just below the surface. Throw anything white at them and they will hit it.

A couple of things to remember in the spring is that thunder and lightening storms are common. Not only is it dangerous it scares the fish. Some times after a thunder storm fish will be tough to catch from 1 to 3 days depending on the severity of the storm. Also remember when the lake rises it will put fish on the shore, but when the lake is being drawn down it tends to pull fish off the shore. Look for them on the first drop off. If you don't find them there look for them suspended out over deep water.

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by Sergeant John D. Bowling
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The Indiana State Police have allowed their troopers and staff members to volunteer and participate in the camp program as camp directors, counselors and staff. The camp program was provided and completely funded by the Indiana State Police until 2008.

At that time, changes within the structure of our state government did not permit the ISP to continue providing the camp program. ISP felt the program was worth continuing and offered the sponsorship of the camp program to a support organization of the state police. The Indiana Troopers Association took over the administration of the camp program until 2010.

In 2010, the camp program's founder, Retired Connorsville District Sgt. Ernie Alder (PIO,) applied and received the 501c3 tax exemption status and started the Indiana Troopers Youth Services, Inc., with the sole purpose of continuing the ISP Summer Youth Camp Program. The Indiana State Police continues to provide support of the camp program.

The Indiana Troopers Youth Services schedule for the 46th year of summer camp programs is complete. Coordinated by the Indiana Troopers Youth Services organization, the camps will be staffed by Indiana State Police officers and officers from other law enforcement organizations.

The 2016 Camp Schedule is as follows:

The **Law camps** will have two locations:

Vincennes University, June 15th -18th, Sgt. Eric Dunn, Director.

Anderson University, July 6th-9th, Sgt. Tony Slocum, Director.

The **Career Camps** cover grades 9 -12 with three locations:

Vincennes University- July 15th-18th, Master Trooper Troy Boyd, Director

Trine University- July 15th -18th, Master Trooper Marc Leatherman, Director

St. Joseph College (Rensselaer) - July 17th-22nd, Trooper Danielle Elwood, Director

The ITYS is going to host three **Pioneer Camps**:

Potato Creek State Park- St. Joseph County, Director Trooper Ben Ennis

Mounds State Park- Anderson, Director Trooper Jeremy Mason

Lincoln State Park- Spencer County, Co-Directors Sgt. Rob Gardner and Master Trooper Tom Campbell

If you know a child that may be interested in attending a camp, or if you would like more information, please visit the Indiana Troopers Youth Services Web Site at <http://trooper.org/>

Lastly, the Indiana Troopers Youth Services will host the 3rd Annual Summer Camp Golf Outing on Wednesday May 18th at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Anderson. This is a big fund raiser for the camps and is open to anyone that would like to play or support. For more information, or to sign up to play in the golf outing, please visit

<http://trooper.org/itys-3rd-annual-golf-outing/>

Spring Time Watch for Meth Trash!

Every spring we always tell you to watch for unattended backpacks and gym bags, piles of trash with drink bottles filled with liquid or white residue, used coffee filters, Sudafed blister packs and stripped batteries. But it's never been truer than this year.

Our Pendleton Meth Suppression Team is responding to meth labs and meth trash being found every day in ditch lines, field pull offs, vacant lots and along streams and rivers. Part of the reason is that meth cooks know that they will contaminate their houses, and that we now publish a list of those houses contaminated by meth at <http://www.in.gov/meth/2371.htm>

I recently did a Meth program for the Delaware County Soil and Water District. While there I was told the story of a farmer, last fall, who was driving into his field from the highway, when he ran over one of these "innocent" looking drink bottles filled with liquid.

The bottle exploded and blew the tire right off the rim of his tractor! He spent the rest of his day waiting on a service truck to fix his tire. That explosion could've been a lot worse, and it's a reminder that the dangers of meth trash is real, and more present than ever.

So when you're out this spring mushroom hunting, turkey hunting, fishing or working in the fields, remember to watch out for unattended bags, bottles filled with liquid with white residue or floating gold

metal chunks, and piles of trash with coffee filters, stripped battery casings, Sudafed packs, Coleman camp fuel cans or other trash that looks out of place.

If you're not sure call the Indiana State Police Drug Tip Line at **1-800-453-4756**, or your local Indiana State Police Post. Tips can be made and kept anonymous. The Indiana Meth Investigation System or IMIS, can also take tips on meth labs. Just go to www.meth.in.gov and click on the "Report Suspected Meth Activity" Link.

Like a lot of folks, I was a child raised up in the 60's and 70's, by a dad who taught me never to brag. In fact, if he ever heard you talking about something good you had done in the classroom or athletic field, and no one had asked you to talk about it, you knew you were going to get a "busting," or at the very least, a very stern "lecture."

But this story starts many years ago, when a lit-

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TAKING A STEP BACKWARD

(Sometimes during early spring when the fish are ignoring you and the squirrels are still raiding the bird feeder, there's time to sit back in your easy chair and kind of reminisce about past experiences, not so much about the big one you got into the boat, but more about the big one that got away.)

I've always said that every life is like an imperfect gossamer thread woven into the tapestry of time by a careless weaver, but destined to be worn as a shroud by each at the end. If a lifeline could be followed, it would dip and swerve, crossing the course of other threads, briefly flowing parallel with some, and in all likely hood be joined by another as two lives unite for the greatest journey in the universe.

Like marathon runners, we leap into life with a burst of speed, enjoying our youth and vigor, exploring optional routes, shrugging off those blind alleys that leave us with our noses flattened against immovable walls and savoring those that lead to satisfaction. We are immortal: time means only here and now and Peter Pan and Tinker Bell are real. Years pass and we slow our pace and examine the endless paths available to us with greater care, choosing only those that seem to offer fewer pitfalls but greater comfort and security. Awareness of the finite length of our existence begins to whisper "caution" into our sub-conscious ear.

Finally, we walk toward our destiny with hands in pockets, either satisfied with a look over our shoulder at where we've been, or filled with a sense of loss for where we haven't. Feelings of contentment, regret, sadness - all give meaning to the saying, "If I had known I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself". I haven't got my hands in my pockets yet, but occasionally I do stop long enough to re-tie my shoelaces. Recently, during one of these periods when the fish weren't biting, I thought back to my teen years and some of the people with whom my lifeline had tangled and realized that in my hurry to get here I had sprinted past the wealth that sat alongside the road. Being impetuous and its ability to turn a brain into something that had no control over anything but eating, chasing the opposite sex and drag racing had robbed me of the pleasure of experiencing and sharing other lives - older lives that could have led me back in time to adventures that seemed like transparent, meaningless events in history books, written about a bunch of fictional dead people.

If Abe Lincoln had suddenly materialized, I and many of my peers would have attended his speeches only if required, but within fifteen minutes, we

would have been edging toward the exits. Our philosophy (mine and the rest of the delinquents I hung around with) was, "There's plenty of time, but don't waste it on anything that goes less than a hundred miles an hour or on anyone born before Twinkies were invented". Anyone who wanted a parking spot at any of the hangouts had only to pull in with the radio blasting out a tune by Lawrence Welk. It was a guarantee that you would be alone before the second stanza of his theme song.

Although I wasn't aware of it at the time, I had the pleasure of sharing my life line for a brief time with a man that today I know so little about, but who left me with a permanent regret for not having sat beside the road with him just a little longer.

So old that moss was growing on his east side, Kitty (having never asked, I assumed that this was a nick-name) lived alone in a small two room cabin overlooking White river, just down the bluff from a home my parents moved into when I was sixteen. Since access to the river and the boat docks was down his walk and having turned over a number of outhouses on people over fifty, I cautiously made his acquaintance with the thought in mind that old age carried with it a natural hostility toward zit-plagued teenagers. Faced with the options of either sneaking past or knocking on his door and asking permission to use the path, I hesitantly chose the latter, fully expecting to be whacked with a cane and called a young whippersnapper. Instead I was invited in to visit for a spell. His living room/kitchen reeked heavily of old wood, peeling linoleum, and years of accumulation of cigarette smoke. The furniture consisted of two ratty old rocking chairs, a 1950's style dinette set and a four burner kitchen stove. An open door revealed a small bedroom with an iron bed and a small chest-of-drawers, both of which would have had an antique dealer reaching for his checkbook.

This first encounter consisted of the two rockers squeaking and cracking as I answered questions about myself and Kitty chain smoking Pall Malls, lighting one off another when they burned perilously close to his yellow stained fingers. Permission was granted to come and go as I pleased and during the following months I would occasionally run errands to the grocery for him or sit and listen as he rocked and quietly spun stories about his past. Here was someone who had been born before Custer gained notoriety at Little Big Horn and who, in his late teens had ridden shotgun on the last stagecoaches in the southwest before they were replaced by the railroads. Vowing that "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em", he then worked laying these rails while living in the wide open towns that grew along the routes. Hollywood had formed my images of this era and I asked him questions about outlaws and Indians and shootouts at high noon. He chuckled and told me how it really was: that life could be risky on a Saturday night, but that you stood a better chance of sinking out of sight on the muddy streets than getting arrowed by an Indian or shot in a bar room brawl.

Eventually, his stories faded in my mind into a fog of antiquated tales that I tired of, partly because I didn't want to believe that John Wayne was a fake and partly because this kindly, shrunken old man could not possibly ever have been anything but an old man living in a world of his own creation. Sub-consciously, I felt that the world before my birth was just a myth created to entertain me with stories of cowboys and Indians. Years passed, I got married, moved away, and Kitty was forgotten. One day on a

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Left Photo: Winners of BBQ contests. Right Photo: Car Show vehicles on display and visitors viewing them. (Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival File Photos)

Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival By The Lake April 29 thru May 1, 2016

by Ray Dickerson

Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival by the Lake is gearing up for their best event to date. On Saturday, April 30th they already have 46 BBQ cookers coming from Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Michigan to vie for the \$5,000 prize in the KCBS Sanctioned Event and 45 BBQ cookers coming for the Sunday, May 1st cookoff. *(The prize money is subject to increase for each day's BBQ contest, based on participation.)

The 3-day event takes place at 3801 West Old Dunlapville Road, Liberty, Indiana. Location: Treaty Line Museum area in the town of Dunlapville (just south of Liberty, IN - in the area with the log cabins that is located just north of the Quakertown Recreation area on the west side of Brookville Lake (north side of Dunlapville Causeway Road).

This is the 9th Annual event, the first was in 2008.

The Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival hours are: Friday Noon to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parking and Admission is FREE. There is unlimited parking once you turn onto Old Dunlapville Road on your left is the parking area. **Handicapped parking is available inside the front gate, follow signs.**

Smokin' on the water BBQ Festival Schedule of Events Thursday April 29, 2016

10:00 am Set up of BBQ and Vendor booths Begin; Set up of Tractor Show Begins

8:00 pm Set up of booths Ends for the Day
Attention: Set up of booths will resume at **7:00 am** on Friday & at **7:00 am** on Saturday. Set up of booths will close at Noon on Friday and at **9:00 am** Saturday. All set up activities should be completed prior to the opening of the festival each day.

NOTE: No in and out traffic of trucks and other automobiles during the open hours of the show. Also, no early departures / booth closings without the express approval of the organizer. (These would only occur for emergencies, or for special circumstances that have been cleared prior to the event.)

8:00 pm Fishing "Tournament" for BBQ Teams

Begins - "Awards" at **11:00 pm**

Friday April 29, 2016

9:00 am KCBS Meat Inspections for Saturday's BBQ Contest Begins

Noon BBQ Festival Opens, Flag Raising Ceremony Begins, Antique Tractor Show Opens, Food Booths Open, Craft Fair Opens, Merchandise Vendors Open, Carnival Opens

5:00 pm KCBS Cooks' Meeting for Day 1 (Saturday) Contest Begins - in Praise Auditorium

6:00 pm Live Music - John Kogge and the Lonesome Strangers -On Stage (Outdoors)

9:00 pm Flag Lowering Ceremony Begins
Festival Closes for the Evening

Saturday April 30, 2016

9:00 am BBQ Festival Opens, Flag Raising Ceremony Begins, Antique Tractor Show Opens, Food Booths Open, Craft Fair Opens, Merchandise Vendors Open, Carnival Opens, Garden Tractor Weigh Ins Begin, KCBS Meat Inspections for Sunday's BBQ Contest Begins

10:00 am Garden Tractor Pulling Begins, KCBS Cooks' Meeting for Day 2 (Sunday) Contest Begins - in Praise Auditorium (If needed)

11:30 am Live Music Begins - Pat O'Neil (Jazz Musician) - On Stage (Outdoors)

1:30 pm KCBS Judges Registration Begins - in Praise Auditorium

2:30 pm Live Music - Edge of Addiction (Southern Rock) - On Stage (Outdoors)

5:00 pm Day 1 KCBS BBQ Contest Judging Begins

5:00 pm - Chicken

5:30 pm - Pork Ribs

6:00 pm - Pork

6:30 pm - Beef Brisket

7:00 pm Flag Retirement Ceremony Begins - Troop 40 - in the area between the cabins and the school

8:00 pm BBQ Contest Awards for the Day 1 (Saturday) Contest are Presented (In Praise Auditorium)

9:00 pm Flag Lowering Ceremony Begins
Festival Closes for the Evening

Sunday May 1, 2016

9:00 am BBQ Festival Opens, Flag Raising Ceremony Begins, Antique Tractor Show Opens, Food Booths Open, Craft Fair Opens, Merchandise Vendors Open, Car/Truck/Bike Show Registration Opens



9:30 am Church Services Begin with Live Music - H.I.S. (Hearts in Service - Gospel Music) - in the Yellow Meeting House

10:00 am KCBS Judges Registration Begins - in Praise Auditorium

11:00 am Live Music Begins - 7-11 money order (Nashville Recording Artist) - In front of the Store, and near the Outdoor Stage

12:00 pm (Noon) Day 2 KCBS BBQ Contest Judging Begins

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Left Photo: Early spring along a gently flowing stream. Right Photo: Four whitetail deer wading in the East Fork of the Whitewater River in this early spring photo.

Outdoors in The Whitewater Valley



by Dave Wilcox

Hunting, fishing and trapping along the East Fork of the Whitewater River in Union Co.

I've lived in Union County all my life, growing up north of Brownsville in Yankeetown. We lived all the way back at the dead end along the East Fork of the Whitewater River.

The spring and fall was always my favorite time. Searching for mushrooms in the spring and deer hunting in the fall.

I'm thankful for a wonderful father I had growing up. He taught me how to hunt and what to look for in the woods to find the mushrooms.

The only thing about winter I liked was trapping. My dad loved to trap if it got cold enough to freeze the pond over and we would go ice fishing too. It didn't get any better then being on a frozen pond with Dad!

You got to love the spring mushrooms and turkey hunting. The black mushrooms are usually the first ones to come up. You pretty much count on it, they will be in the same area every year. Followed by the grays and some short one's we call woodies, they are followed by the snakeheads and then the yellow's are the last ones.

When I walk into the woods I always look for certain trees and under growth. I'll know if there are mushrooms there. If you find a black cup or a trumpet looking thing, that's a good sign. Start looking.

Spring also brings the white bass up the river along with the walleye. You can't beat a mess of fish and mushrooms unless it's a fresh turkey breast, yum!

The mushroom trend will usually last about four weeks or so as they move their way to the north. One day I would like to make it to Michigan. On a good year they say you can find enough of them to fill a cooler or two.



A hawk sits quietly and patiently waiting for a prey to appear.



An early spring black morel mushroom. (Photo by Darren Miller)

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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Spring into Action

We can finally flip the page on old man winter and focus solely on the spring, summer, and fall 2016 season and all the exciting outdoor adventures that await us. After talking to countless amounts of people that frequent our store here at Bozarth's Recreational Resort the recurring theme amongst most individuals is "bring on spring"! As most would understand, it takes a lot of hard work and long hours to clean up all the debris from winter and if you were to take a drive around the three properties here at the "Great Lakes of the Wabash", you would see the same amount of work being displayed in trying to get everything ready for the onslaught of visitors that will be traveling to these destinations over the coming weeks and months. All of these wonderful and unique properties present exciting opportunities for anyone looking for an outdoor getaway whether being a family trip or a chance to escape and enjoy a day out fishing, hunting, or even hiking. Do yourself a favor and plan a day away and enjoy some of the great adventures the outdoors provides to us.

With the spring season now upon us it also signals the start of many crappie tournaments that will embark upon us here at the Salamonie and Mississinewa properties. To start with, the 2016 Bozarth Crappie Tournaments will kick off on Saturday, April 30th. This will be the first of four tournaments with the remaining scheduled dates being June 4th, September 10th, and September 24th. If interested in fishing these tournaments you can contact us at (765) 981-4522 or plan to attend our seminar the night before the tournament on April 29th here at Bozarth's Country Store.

Another upcoming event taking place here is the return of the Crappie USA circuit. This tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th and allows fishing on either the Salamonie or Mississinewa Reservoirs. The seminar will be held on Friday, May 6th here at Bozarth's Country Store and you can visit www.crappieusa.com for more questions or details. Lastly, the Indiana Slab Masters will visit our properties on June 11th and 12th. There will be one tournament held on each the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. The tournament series



This is a photo of 2 of my children (Cade and Rayli Pershing) that couldn't wait to get out this spring to catch some fish. Even though it was a cold day they still managed to catch some keepers! (Author Photo)



This is a photo of my son, Cade Pershing, with a big crappie we caught on the Salamonie Reservoir. Just a sampling of what you could catch when visiting here at the "Great Lakes of the Wabash" (Author Photo)

will return to our properties as the season ending classic will be held here again on October 1st and 2nd. In order to qualify for the classic you must fish and weigh in at four of the tournaments on the 2016 season schedule. You can visit www.indianaslabmasters.com for more information or details.

Along with the beginning of spring it also brings the start of the hunt for the delicious, delicate, morel mushrooms. That's right, if you are looking for a place to hunt morels then look no further than the properties here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash. With over thousands of acres to scour you are bound to come upon a mess of mushrooms to satisfy your need for a frying pan full of mushrooms. Countless numbers of people will converge upon these properties to hunt these morel mushrooms so don't be left out when looking for a place to hunt. You can visit the Indiana DNR website or local DNR offices to obtain maps outlining the properties that are available to the public.

Speaking of morel mushrooms, you will want to mark your calendar for Saturday, April 30th as this is the day the Salamonie Interpretive Center will host Mushrooming 101. This event will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will give one the opportunity to learn all about hunting mushrooms. Mushroom enthusiast, John Mason, will lead the discussion and then will conclude with groups being led into the woods to test their luck hunting these precious delicacies. The cost is \$10 per person and registration is required by calling (260) 468-2127.

The annual Youth Fishing Derby will once again be held at Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs on Saturday, June 4th.



This is my daughter, Hali Pershing, with one of the several crappie we caught on the Salamonie Reservoir. This is just a reminder of the excitement you can bring to your kids by getting them out of the house for an outdoor adventure! (Author Photo)

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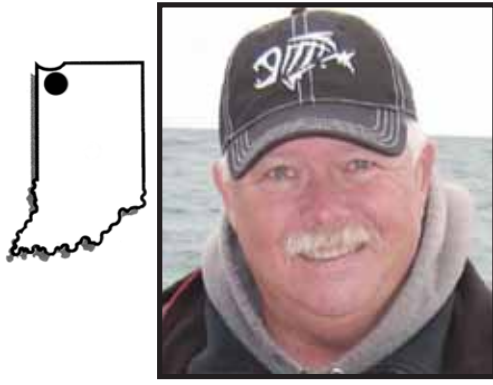


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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

WIRED FOR SUCCESS

One of the benefits of becoming a "seasoned" Great Lakes fisherman is I can look at the fishing from a historical perspective. I remember the gear I and other anglers bitten by the big lake fishing used to use. I know the gear I and other anglers use now and can compare old and new.

Not that the old tactics don't work. A flutter spoon or J-Plug trailing behind a simple downrigger caught fish decades ago and will still catch fish today. But some of the top tournament boats on the lake that used to sport as many as six downriggers now only have two or three. They've switched to devoting their efforts to newer techniques.

Before downriggers, trollers who wanted to get their lures deeper had only one method. Add weight to the line. Want more depth? Add a larger sinker or let out more line. That never caught on for the most part. Thus, downriggers were invented.

So why is downrigger use now getting backdoored? The mussel-cleared water of the Great Lakes has made the fish much more boat-shy than they were pre-mussel invasion. Putting lures far from

the boat on long lines ensures the fish spend more time chasing lures than avoiding boats.

These new techniques involve substituting metal wire for conventional fishing lines.

Lead core line is nothing more than thin, lead wire encapsulated in what would otherwise just be a nylon, dacron or braided fishing line. The lead wire adds weight to the line, the sheath adds strength.

Lead core line actually pre-dates downriggers but it never caught on until the stealth presentations were needed. Why mess with something that took some of the sport out of sport fishing unless it's the only way to get a fish to bite?

The key is the way lead core works. Want more depth? Let out more 'core. Good up to a point.

The point being getting a lure down to around 40 feet or so requires letting out 100 yards of lead core line. Reeling in that much line is a tough chore. Put a fish on the lure at the end of the line and the chore becomes even tougher. Some skippers, trying to get deeper, went to 150 yard and even 200 yard 'cores. They may have caught more fish, but did the people catching them have more sport or more drudgery?

I don't know who the genius was who first decided to spool a reel with uninsulated copper electrical wire, but they rocked the Great Lakes fishing world. Copper wire, being roughly the same diameter but much denser than lead core line, understandably pulls lures deeper than lead core.

There are many variables that dictate exactly how deep both lead core or copper will take a lure, but an apt comparison is if 300 feet of lead core line was trolled right next to 300 feet of 30 pound test copper wire using an identical lure, the copper-pulled lure would be about a third deeper, using 45 pound test wire it would be about half-again as deep and with 60 pound copper, it's almost twice as deep. According to the free chart at www.bloodruntackle.com, at 2.5 mph trolling speed, 300 feet of 60-pound copper wire will take a lure 70 feet deep.

Unlike copper wire made for electronics and adopted by anglers, stranded stainless steel wire is made to be a fishing line, though I'm sure there are other uses for it, as well. Prior to braided line being introduced about 20 years ago, some anglers used steel wire to troll lures. Pound for pound, the wire is much thinner and would allow diving lures to dive deeper than they'd go with standard monofilament. Braid does the same thing.

Now, stranded steel wire is used most often with diving planers. The thin, no-stretch wire

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Reels filled with various kinds of wire are now popular for Great Lakes fishing. . (Author Photo)

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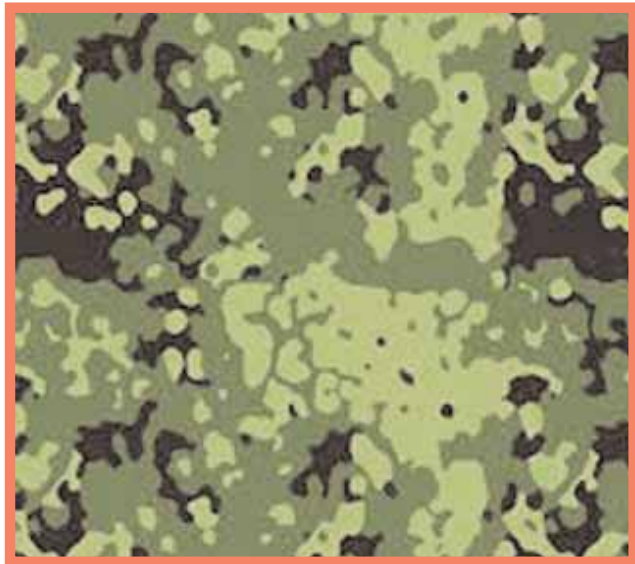
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Left Photo: Guns can be purchased with finishes in Camouflage, Desert, Sea, and Digital camo, along with blue, pink, red, and purple anodized frames. (Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia)
 Middle Photo: Hydrographic finishes are great for customizing your gun. Personalize it by choosing a design such as flames, snake skins, digital and army tactical camouflage, waving grass, skulls, zombies, carbon fiber look and the list seems to go on forever. (Author Photo)
 Right Photo: Got a laser? Need a target? Here's a suggestion. A pizza pan laser target. (Author's photo)

Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by **Marshall Smith**
 Owner/Gunsmith

Personalizing Your Gun

Do you want to personalize your gun? There are many after market accessories to personalize and improve functionality of your gun. One interesting and fun thing one can do to their gun is to personalize it with a different "paint" job. You put flames and pin stripes on your car, your hot rod, your boat, all to personalize it. Well, that can carry over to your guns to. In the past, and still is today, it is popular to install a custom stock, hi-visibility or night sights, custom grips, special engravings, etc. Some of those mods are really expensive. Today, it has become popular to have a gun of "color" rather than just blue, black, gray, or stainless. Guns can be purchased with finishes in Camouflage, Desert, Sea, and Digital camo, along with blue, pink, red, and purple anodized frames. There is the Cerakote™ process which is a baked on finish which is difficult for the DIY crowd to do at home unless your wife doesn't mind a little paint in the oven and fumes in the house. Cerakote™ now produces an air dry formula of paint which dries to the touch in about 40 minutes but takes 5 days to cure completely. It is much handier for the DIY. Duracoat™ produced by Laury Custom Weaponry, also produces several "paint" coatings for guns. The Duracoat™ coatings are easily applied by the DIY'er.

Hydrographic finishes are great for customiz-

ing your gun. Personalize it by choosing a design such as flames, snake skins, digital and army tactical camouflage, waving grass, skulls, zombies, carbon fiber look and the list seems to go on forever. Hydrographics is a process which uses an ink coated film (I would have called it decal back in the day) to coat the surface of any item which is not damaged by water. That is "waterproof". The process can be done at home, in your hobby room. As always, the area should be well ventilated. I've included here an EAA revolver which had been coated with flames using the hydrographics dipping process. It is a really eye catching flames design.

As for wear ability of the finishes. The Cerakote™ process and Duracoat™ baked on coatings being the hardened type of coatings. Cerakote™ chemically bonds to the metal and is more durable than the Duracoat™ coatings. The other coatings are basically just paint on metal or wood and wear ability depends on the quality of the coating itself. In my opinion the hydrographics system of coatings is the least durable and yet the easiest to remove should you have a change of heart. It also provides the largest choice of colors and appears to me that it probably would not protect the metal from rusting as effectively as some of the other coatings. The bluing process, parkerizing, anodizing, and Cerakote™ processes bond directly to the metal and provide the best anti-corrosion protection. Durability depends on the uses the gun is put through and one which the user will have to determine. The possibilities for designs and colors are unlimited and

LASER TARGET

Do you have a gun with a laser sighting system? Do you have a laser target?

Do you use a laser bore sighting tool? I have been bore sighting rifles for some time and have been using a Bushnell Laser Bore sighting tool. I don't have a shooting range at my shop so the best I could do was to get the bore and sight vertically aligned and maybe close to hitting a target at 10 to 20 yards unless the shooter was using table size paper. (lol) New indoor shooting systems have come about using lasers which are turned on momentarily when the trigger is pulled. The laser strikes a receiver which beeps and records the laser hits. I dawned on me that the laser is just a light, a very powerful light, and it ought to reflect.

The problem with red lasers is that it is very hard to see during daylight hours. Green laser are more easily seen, but unless very powerful, can't be seen at distances over about 20 to 25 yards. And they are expensive.

So, how to make by red laser bore sighter more effective? Well after walking out to my driveway markers on the brightest day, and shining the bore sighter at the reflector I was pleased to see a very bright reflection. Well I didn't think I could easily adjust my sights on a gun with a 3 inch reflector out at 25 yards. Then the light bulb dimly lit and walla! An Idea emerged to put several reflectors together and make one big laser target. So with an old pizza pan, six reflectors, and some aluminum paint, I made a large reflective laser target with which to bore sight rifles and pistols. Currently the center is just aluminum paint, which I plan to replace with a blue 3 inch reflector. That will give me 3 colors of reflection when sighting in. Later I will make a chart to lay along side the target giving me different caliber bullets approximate peak of arc when shooting out to 25 yards. To be accurate the bullet trajectory and the laser

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M855 – A One-Year Retrospective

3:00pm Tuesday, March 08, 2016

Remember a year ago – February 13, 2015, to be precise – when the Obama administration presented a convoluted rationale by which M855, the second most popular variety of ammunition used in the nation’s most popular rifle, (5.56 NATO) was to be banned?

At the time, Obama’s White House spokesman said that banning M855 would be a “common sense step” about which “everyone should agree.” Banning the ammunition would mean “greater gun safety,” proclaimed the New York Times. Failure to ban it

February 13, 2015 the Obama Administration proposed to ban the M855 ammo, the most popular ammo of shooting enthusiasts. It didn't happen thanks to the NRA, its members, and many others." (Photo Courtesy © 2016 National Rifle Association of America, Institute for Legislative Action)

beam don't match. The bullet is traveling in a arch while the laser is a straight line from the bore to the target. But with the right settings now, when I bore sight a rifle or pistol I'll have a much better chance that the first bullets fired on the range will actually hit the target. The targets are easy to make, and can be made from reflective tape, signs, or reflectors like mine. Have some fun and make a laser target. If you have a laser sight on your hand gun or rifle, what better way to train than with a laser target system you make yourself. Have fun but remember to unload your guns first.

GUN RIGHTS

This is an update on an article I wrote last year about the banning of the M855 type ammo. I didn't write this article, it is a reprint of an article written by the Institute for Legislative Action. Established in 1975, the Institute for Legislative Action (ILA) is the lobbying arm of the National Rifle Association of America. The ILA is responsible for monitoring and preserving the right of all law-abiding individuals in the legislative, political, and legal arenas, to purchase, possess and use firearms for legitimate purposes as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Visit: www.nra.org to join.

would be “untenable” and “preposterous,” pontificated the Washington Post. Or, as the Los Angeles Times put it, “another loss for public safety.”

They all said that the ban was necessary to protect law enforcement officers, as did the increasingly inconsequential Brady Campaign and Violence Policy Center.

How the proposed ban played out was chronicled extensively in NRA-ILA Grassroots Alerts from February 13 through March 13, 2015. Suffice it to say now that the ban was opposed by law enforcement experts, 238 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 53 U.S. senators, 80,000 Americans who submitted comments to ATF, and the NRA. And in the end, the ban was shelved.

And the result? The same that followed gun control supporters’ prediction, during the 1970s and 1980s, that crime would rise unless handguns were banned. And the same prediction, beginning in 1987, when there were 10 Right-to-Carry (RTC) states, that RTC laws would cause crime to rise. And the same prediction, beginning in 1989, relative to banning some or all semi-automatic firearms and magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

Since those predictions, the number of hand-

guns Americans own has nearly quadrupled, the number of Right-to-Carry states has more than quadrupled, the numbers of semi-automatic firearms and their ammunition magazines have risen by even greater margins, and violent crime has fallen to a 44-year low.

And as for M855, well, when was the last time you heard anyone in the law enforcement field mention it?

Today, the anti-gunners’ worn-out “sky-is-falling” prediction centers around background checks for private transfers of firearms. Same degree of hyperbole. Same type of rhetoric. Same shameless use of distortion.

And the White House continues to act unilaterally to try to impose gun control on the U.S.

We’ve said it before, gun control advocates are counting on American voters to have short memories this November. If you don’t want more of the same, choose wisely and vote freedom first.

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Quote of the Month

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

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

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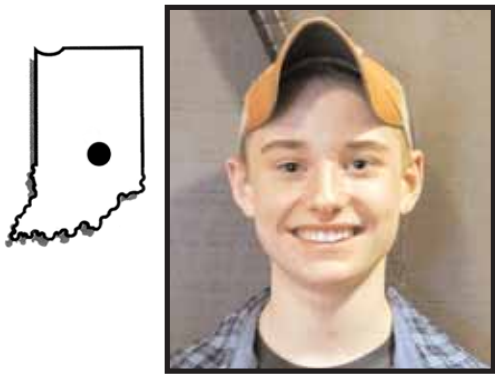
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Left Photo: Cole King looking around the Greenfield Cracker Barrel restaurant located just off I-70 at Exit 104 at SR 9. Right Photo: Cole King and I set up our first official meeting with his parents, left Jeff King and at right Sonja King a few weeks ago. I suggested the Cracker Barrel restaurant because I eat there a lot and I know their food is very good. We set this meeting up so I could meet his parents to discuss his writing this column in The Gad-a-bout. They were very supportive of his writing the column. (Lunch Photo taken by Cracker Barrel Waitress)

Adventures in Indiana



With Cole King

Fishing Dogwood Lake

Since 2004, my father has gone with all of his friends on a yearly fishing trip to Dogwood Lake, in Montgomery, Indiana. (Southeast of Washington.) For the past few years, I've been going on the trip, and have learned many things from navigating a lake, to how to shoot a potato gun. The trip is always set to begin in early May, usually around mother's day. This time of year was chosen for our trip due to our favorite, pan fishing. In this season, as you most likely already know, the bluegill are on the spawning beds.

We start prepping for the trip in late March, collecting night crawlers for bait. This is almost a sport in itself. Venturing out at night with a head lamp and a bucket, stepping softly as possible through the yard in order to sneak up on them. You must scan every square inch of the ground for long, fat, juicy worms. They stretch themselves out across the ground, but swiftly slip back into their hole to avoid capture. Catching night crawlers requires a bit of a technique and a lot of patience.

By the time we are ready to head to fish camp,

we usually have a hoard of night crawlers waiting to be placed on a golden hook. Over years of practice, we have developed a makeshift worm farm where we keep our worms fresh until we need them. We repurposed an old cooler for the storage box, and inside the cooler, we have built a rack to slip a frozen two liter full of water in. This keeps the worms cool for at least two days. There are always two or more bottles in the freezer ready to be swapped out.

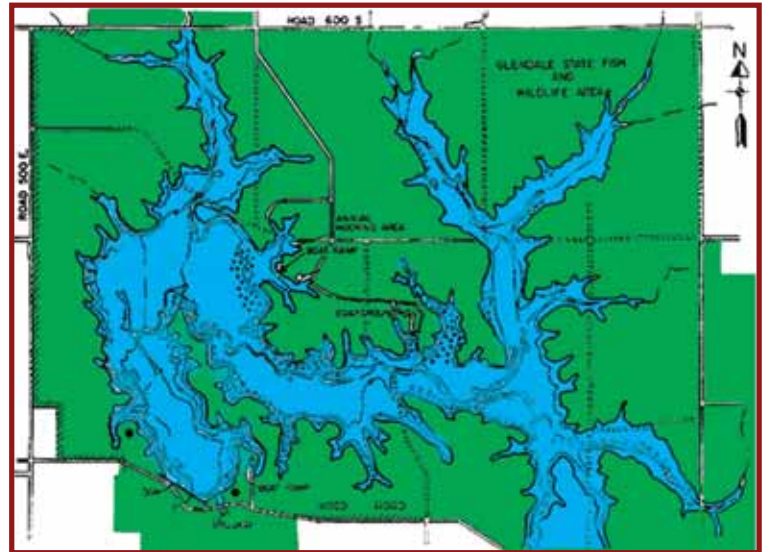
Although we save a bit of cash by catching and saving night crawlers, we do use other bait as well. Amongst our favorites are crickets and red wigglers. We usually purchase these from Brenda at the local bait shop. We stop into her store several times throughout our stay at Glendale and always enjoy catching up.

Getting bait is only one small step in a huge flight of stairs. One other key point in preparation, is preventive maintenance. At our home, we generally host a day/evening where all the members of fish camp will bring their outboards over for a first of season inspection and trial test. We fill a large barrel with water and set them up to be tested one by one. Most of the time, we get lucky and run the motors with little to no problems. Occasionally, we have a stubborn old motor that refuses to cooperate. The group usually pitches in with many opinions of what the problem is, and eventually we team up to fix the tired old motor. The majority of our motors would be considered either outdated or vintage by some. Our motor is a 1967 Merc 9.9 which was generously passed down to my dad and me from my grandpa (Ralph King). My Grandfather is a bit of a focal point in our group. It was his experiences at Dogwood over the years that inspired our initial visit to Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area in 2004. He has been fishing the lake since the 70's.

Our group consists of about 20 other people, and we have a great time. Several people in the group pull their campers behind their trucks, and then the boat behind the camper. We have deemed this the "Redneck Wagon Train." Naturally, over the past 13 years, the supply list has been edited and revised time and time again, so now on the trips down and back, we even stand up a small deep freeze in our jon boat and then sit it out at camp for the fish. We aren't the fanciest, wealthiest, newest boats on the water, but we all get the job done.

Most of our group will camp at Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area. We all love to cook over the campfire when we get off the lake at night and tell big stories of the one that got away. A newer tradition that has made its way into the voyage is an annual T-Shirt. This started on the 10th anniversary of "Fish Camp," and has stuck ever since. Every year now, my father and I design an either interesting, or clever commemorative T-Shirt for

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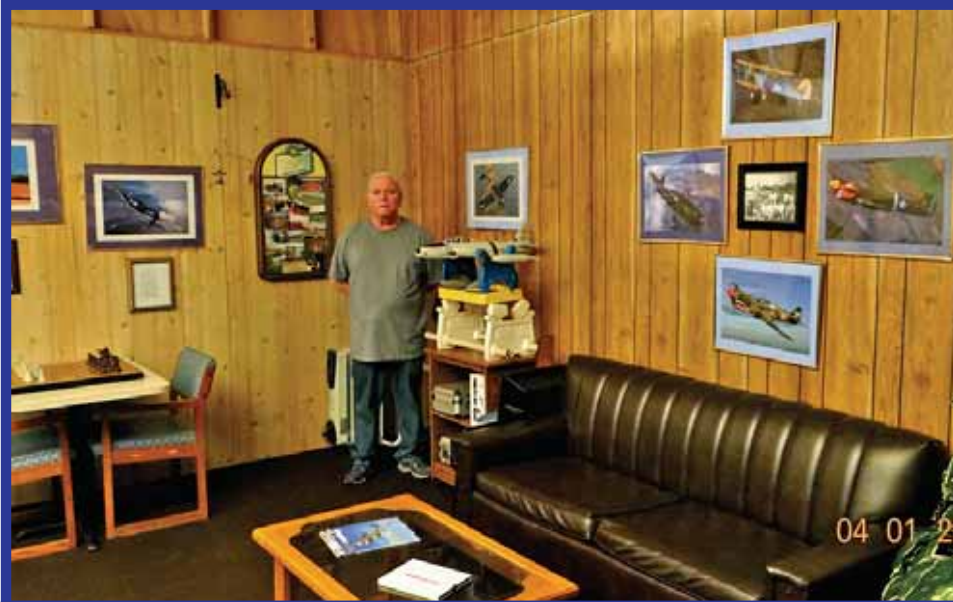


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Top Left Photo: Carl Rice, owner of the Liberty Restaurant standing in the corner of his Man Cave, located a few feet from his restaurant's kitchen and dining room. When he's not working in his restaurant he spends as much time as he can enjoying his hobbies, flying these large airplane models or talking to ham radio operators around the world. Top Right Photo: This flying model airplane is called a stick. Bottom Left & Right Photo: One of Carl's favorite flying models is this Corsair F4U, an exact replica of the WWII Navy Corsairs. The fuselage is 3 feet long and the wing span is 5 feet. (See inset lower left Corsair photo this is the Artwork near nose of plane.) Lower Right Photo: All of Carl's model airplanes are radio controlled by this remote control device. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Carl Rice Loves to Fly Model Planes

by Ray Dickerson

Carl Rice, owner of the Liberty Restaurant, has a very interesting hobby, building and flying model airplanes. I've known Carl for a very long time. In all those years I wasn't aware of his hobby, even though evidence of it is displayed here and there on the inside of the Liberty Restaurant. Evidently I just couldn't see the forest for the trees. Sitting above the check out by the front door sits a rather large model of a P-47 Thunderbolt "Jug" World War II propeller driven airplane, silver with black markings. Behind the serving counter near the kitchen atop a shelf is a Desert warfare colored Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt (Warthog) model jet propelled aircraft.

A few weeks ago I saw Carl sitting in a booth in his restaurant and asked him if it would be okay if I did an article on him and his model airplanes. He agreed, so on Friday, April 1st, I spent part of the day with him talking about his hobby.

Prior to his being able to get away from the kitchen I took photographs of the P-47 and A-10 there in the dining room (See above). Shortly one of the girls came and told me Carl was waiting for me in the other room.

(Side Note: I've been an airplane lover since birth, I think. Growing up I went from constructing wooden model airplanes using straight pins to hold the pieces together and gluing tissue paper to cover it to gluing perfect pre-formed plastic model airplanes. But those models pale to what I was about to see in Carl's man cave.)

We talked for a short time, then Carl ushered me into his man cave where he has his radio controlled airplane models, photos, ham radio equipment, lots of reading material and a very comfortable looking lounge couch.

Sitting in the corner of the room propped up in the corner was a four foot long fuselage and five foot wing span F4U dark blue, gull wing World War II Corsair. I asked him if he flew it. He said he did. I then asked him if he could put it together for me to take a photo of it. He picked it up and took it out to one of the side room restaurant tables where he set it up. (See above photo). I asked him if he flew it. Laughing he said it flew real good. I said the propeller looked awfully small for the size of it. Then Carl told me about a fellow modeler, Mark Richardson, who built a model Corsair from scratch. Mark had hinged the gull wings and put a battery screw driver motor in both wings that was radio controlled. When the wing came down it would go over a cam lock and become rigid. As

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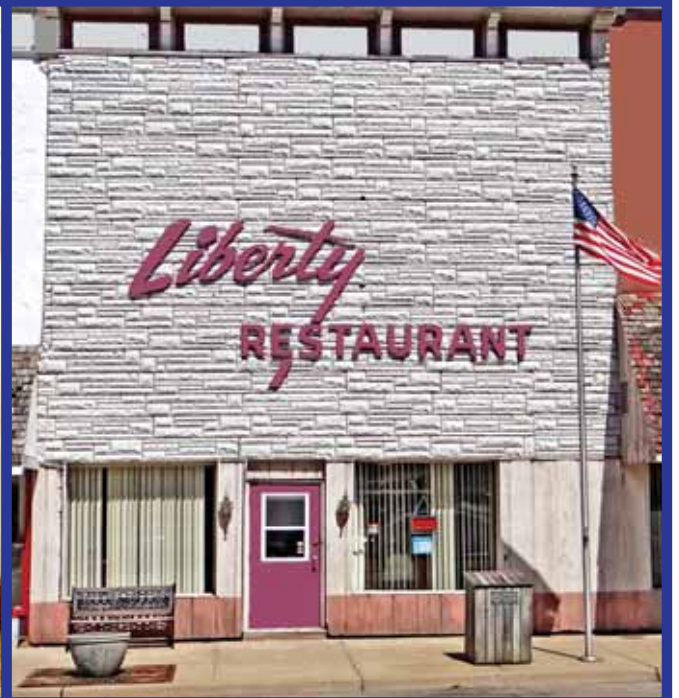
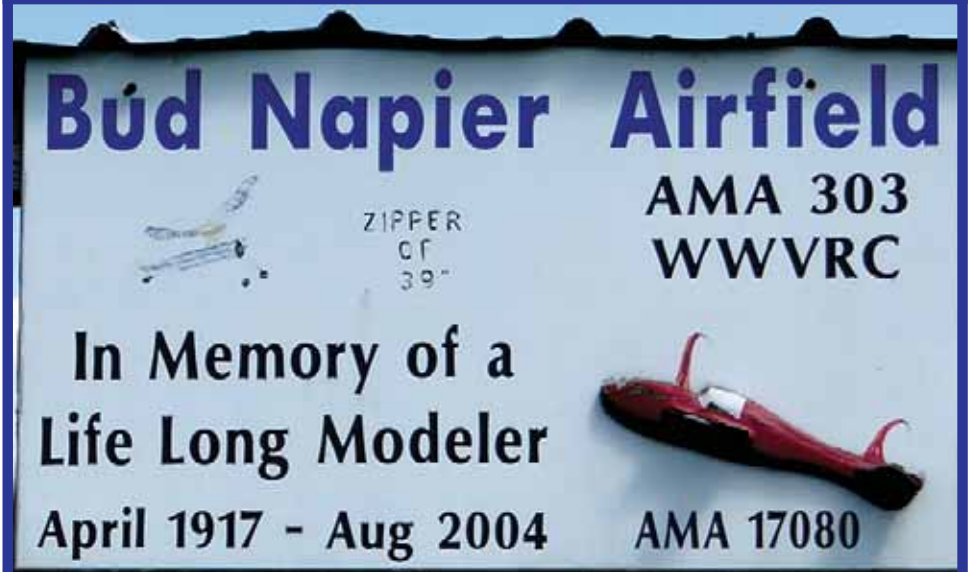
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Top Left Photo: In Carl's Liberty Restaurant nestled on top of the checkout counter sits his flying model of the P-47 Thunderbolt "Jug" WWII Fighter/Bomber. Top Right Photo: Perched above the Kitchen serving area is this flying model of the A-10A Thunderbolt, a tank killing Warthog was used in the Middle East conflicts. Middle Left Photo: When you can't find Carl in the restaurant nor his man-cave he's probably at the Whitewater Valley R/C Club flying field located off the Old Dunlapville Road adjacent to the town of Dunlapville. Middle Right Photo: The Whitewater Valley R/C Club airfield is named in honor of Bud Napier. Bud Napier owned and operated a R/C Hobby Shop in Liberty for a very long time, he was a Life Long Modeler born in 1917 and passed on in 2004. Carl learned how to fly his model airplanes from Bud. Bottom Left Photo: The Liberty Restaurant staff from left to right: Donna Leverton, Tammy Wrenn, Vel Rice, Carl Rice, Mellisa Short, Jeanna Watterson and Jesse Haddin. Bottom Right Photo: The Liberty Restaurant located across from the courthouse at 7 West Union Street in Liberty, IN. See their ad on page 16. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Mark taxied the model Corsair out to the runway with the wings folded up (like you would see them on an aircraft carrier), as he made the turn onto the runway he'd bring the wings down, lock them in place, take off and fly it around the field. Then he would land it, as he was taxiing it back off the runway he would unlock and fold the wings back up. Neat as a pin. Carl said it was the only one he ever

saw like that. Then he added, Mark took it to a big show in Toledo, Ohio and sold it.

I responded by saying, "how could he sell it?" Carl replied, "he didn't care, he could just build another one if he wanted to." I asked him if it was as big as the one he had here. Carl said Mark's was much bigger.

We went back inside his man cave. I pointed to

the red model airplane in a back corner, could he get it out for a photo. He told me it wasn't referred to as an airplane, they called it a Stick, an aerobatic beater. When I asked what it was made of he said it was made with balsa wood covered with a plastic film that had glue on the inside, that was heat activated. I asked him how fast would it fly.

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Carl Rice Model Planes

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Carl replied, "around 80 mph." I asked, "how high will it fly?" He replied, "out of sight." I asked if it was radio controlled, adding are all your model flying planes radio controlled.

He replied, "yes." I asked him if he ever flew model airplanes the old way, hooked to a control line and flown in a circle. He said he did until it made him so dizzy it made him sick, so he quit and began using radio controlled planes.

Glancing at a Air Aviator magazine lying on the coffee table, I asked Carl if he subscribed to that magazine. He told me in order for him to fly his model planes down at their airfield at Dunlapsville he had to belong to the AMA. I asked what the AMA stood for.

He replied, "the Air Modeler Association. Belonging to it costs around \$50 a year and it provides you with a two million dollar liability insurance policy against the possibility of a model plane accidentally going out of control and damaging property or injuring a person. It doesn't cover the aircraft, just any damage it might do."

I asked Carl if he remembered when he began playing with airplane models with the intent of building them to fly with engines. He said he was about twelve. I asked what the planes were made of back then. He told me the body was balsa, but the stress areas of the plane was made of spruce, it was stronger, it would bend but not break, there was also some plywood in places that were rigid.

I asked Carl how long had he been flying model airplanes. He thought for a moment before answering, since 1988.

I asked Carl how he got started flying model planes.

He replied, "I stopped by the Dunlapsville flying field and stood by the fence watching the guys flying their radio controlled airplanes. One of the guys came over to me and asked if I wanted to learn to fly one of their planes. I nodded, yes. We went over to his plane, he gave me the controller and I started flying it. When I got in trouble he took the controller, fixed it and gave it back. I've been flying ever since that day in 1988."

Carl continued, "Now we have an umbilical wire that goes between two controllers, one for the pilot who holds a button down all the time the trainee holding the other controller is flying the plane. If the trainee gets into trouble the pilot simply releases the button and regains control of the aircraft. Once the pilot fixes the problem he pushes the button and the trainee continues flying the plane. This makes it a lot simpler and safer for the trainee and the plane."

I asked him what was the first radio controlled plane he bought. He told me it was one called "A Powerhouse Plane".

He added, "it flew like a bird, easy to fly, it would soar for long periods of time."

Carl told me one day he was at the airfield laying on a chaise lounge holding his controller. Still laying there he taxied the plane out, took off, flew it around for about an hour, landed it and taxied it back to the lounge.

A guy leaning against the fence said to him, "you got to be one of the laziest guys I've ever seen in my life."



Bud Napier Airfield, named in memory of a Life Long Modeler April 1917 - August 2004. Home of the Whitewater Valley RC Club. Located north of Old Dunlapsville Road adjacent to Treaty Line Pioneer Village. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Carl just smiled at him. I asked him, "say someone reading this in The Gad-a-bout is interested in learning to fly a radio controlled model plane, how does he or she go about doing it?"

Carl replied, "Our club the Whitewater Valley R/C Club is based at the Bud Napier Airfield near Dunlapsville and we have a radio controlled "trainer" you can fly absolutely free, we provide you with everything. This way it takes the pressure off the parents and gives you the chance to see if you are really serious about flying model airplanes. Afterwards then you can talk to your parents about it."

I asked Carl how would someone contact the club. He told me they have a website, it is: <http://www.rcgroups.com/place/2658-whitewater-valley-radio-control-club-liberty-in>.

Another way might be to stop by the Bud Napier Airfield, if someone is there flying planes stand outside by the fence like Carl Rice did.

I thanked Carl for taking time out of his busy day to talk with me. I really enjoyed seeing and learning more about radio controlled aircraft. I told him I was going to go by the Bud Napier Flying Model Airfield before going home and get a few pictures for the article. On page 17 are two photos at the airfield. The one on the left is half way back to the field. Carl told me when he went back there one day on this sign that says, "Come Fly With Us" sat two buzzards sitting on it, one at the left corner and the other on the right corner. He laughed, saying if he only had his camera that day, no one would have believed him without a photo.

I didn't have room for the sign at the airfield that tells the rules for using the **Whitewater Valley R/C Club Model Flying Field Rules, they are as follows:** 1. All fliers are welcome. Proof of liability coverage (AMA or Equivalent) **REQUIRED**. 2. Only aircraft frequencies can be used. Frequency pin must be in **PILOTS POSSESSION** when transmitter is in use. 3. Safe flying practices must be observed at all times. A) No take-offs, flying, or landing in Pit Area. B) All flying must be confined to the **NORTH** side of the East-West Runway. C) Pilots and student pilots only beyond pit area. 4. Non members must be accompanied by club member. 5. No flying before 9 a.m. Mon.-Sat. or before 11 a.m. Sun. 6. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED**. 7. Additional information on safe flying practices (Per A.M.A. Guidelines) are posted on building. Please Be Safe And Have Fun!

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Left Photo: Four of our fish we weighed in on day one, two biggest were 2.49 lbs and 2.12 lbs. Right Photo)Tom and I with our plaques after weigh in on day two. (Author Photos)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

2016 Indiana Slab Masters First Tournament March 26th At Geist Reservoir

The 2016 tournament season has begun here in Indiana, the first Indiana Slab Master's tournament was held March 26th on Geist Reservoir in Fortville, IN. Conditions for the tournament started out cold with temps in the 30's and warming with sunny skies and low 60 temperatures by mid-day. Although I did not fish this tournament my understanding was a tough bite with only thirteen teams out of forty-five bringing their seven fish limit to the scales. Congratulations to the team of Jason Shingler and Mike Arnold with a winning weight of 8.07 lbs. and big fish of the tournament of 1.74lbs. Larry Yates finished in second with a weight of 7.76lbs. rounding out the top three teams was Myron Etchison and Charlie Hildreath with a weight of 7.54 lbs. the top five weights were within three-fourths of a pound.

Tom Hankins and I will be partnering for the 2016 Crappie USA tournament season fishing tournaments throughout Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. The first tournament in this area was at Lake of Egypt in Southern Illinois this is a small warm water discharge lake with a

power plant located on the North end of the lake. We went into pre-fishing with a solid game plan on what we wanted to achieve and which days we were fishing shallow water weed beds or deep water brush. We let the conditions dictate what areas of the lake we fished concentrating on the windblown sides' early and shaded areas as the day progressed.

Lake of Egypt is predominantly a black crappie lake but also holds a good number of white crappie. At the time we were there, the black crappie were moving shallow for the upcoming spawn. We caught good numbers of black crappie throwing a cork and jig along the shallow weed beds but realized we could spider rig these same area's with better results. We used BnM 16' pro-staff rods to keep our baits away from the boat and on the first day of spider rigging we landed well over a hundred fish. With sunny skies on a couple of days we switched up to 14' BnM pro-staff rods and used our electronics to search for stumps and brush in deeper water looking for the big white female crappie. We found a couple area's that looked promising and dropped double minnow rigs down into the brush to see what it held, we quickly landed a couple 12 and 13 inch fish and after moving to the second area we landed a 2 pound female and new we were in the right area.

Day one of the tournament saw us starting on an area we had only fished briefly a couple times but both times we landed a couple good black crappie, our plan was to get seven good fish before fishing the deep brush and stumps. We boated nine fish in the first 40 minutes with two being over 1.3 lbs. with a need for a couple more good fish we run up lake to an area we had caught several fish and Tom quickly landed a 1.5 lb. fish, we didn't stay long and decided to look for the white crappie we had found days prior. We quickly caught two 13" fish at the first stop and a 2lb fish at the second. With only thirty minutes left in the first day Tom landed our biggest fish of the tournament a 2.49 lb white female crappie.

After the day one weigh in we were leading by over two pounds with a first day weight of 11.66lbs. With a tough second day coming we quickly changed out double minnow rigs and thanks to Mike Bledsoe and Doug Sikora (who we shared a rental property with) had a nice dinner and got to bed for an early morning.

Day two so us on the water in the rain by 4:30am with the anticipation of a better bite, we side scanned our starting area hoping to see a large

school of black crappie waiting to feed in the shallows. We saw some suspended fish just off the area we were to start in but not the large school we were hoping for. With lines in the water at 6:30 we quickly boated five fish and missed a couple bringing an end to the morning bite as quick as it started. By 8:00 am we had left the shallows and begun looking for the white crappie bite. It didn't take long as we quickly caught another two pound plus female followed by another around 10:00am. In all we weighed in three crappie over two pounds on day two. The bite slowed dramatically as the day wore on and was none existent after 1:00pm.

With a second day weight of 10.37 lbs. we were able to maintain our lead from day one taking first place with a two day weight of 22.13lbs. Followed by Kyle Schoenherr and Rodney Neuhaus with 19.03 lbs. Doug Sikora and Mike Bledsoe finished in sixth place with a two day weight of 15.49lbs. Two other Indiana teams finished in the top ten Tim and Joe Dunigan 7th and Walter Moore and Kirk Wyman in 9th.

Tom's 2.49 lb. crappie from day one held up for big fish of the tournament. With the Talon bonus the Drift master bonus and Cumberland crappie double seat bonus paired with the win and big fish we had a pretty good payday and look forward to returning to this lake in the future. Congratulations to all the Indiana teams for a good showing at the Super Event.

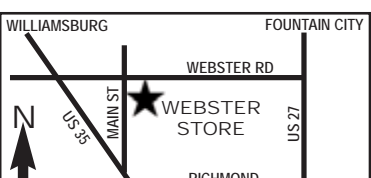

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Left Photo: Three artillery shells from the Civil War. Right Photo: The grand prize for the day. A Civil War sword with scabbard. Also shown is a cannonball and four of the metal detector prizes given away at this hunt. (Author Photos)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

History at the Texas Relic Hunt

Bullets, buckles, buttons, and even cannonballs were hiding in the east Texas field. These items were all from the Civil War. Susie and I, along with about 100 other participants were swinging our metal detectors, hoping for the loud "beep" which would mean we had found a buried relic, or possibly a piece of rusted barb wire or other junk. This was our first hunt this year, and it wouldn't take long to discover how out of shape we were.

This 5th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt sponsored by the East Texas Treasure Hunters Association (ETTHA) was held on March 12, and it was our first time to attend. Last year, we actually had mailed our entry fee into the huntmaster and planned to attend this neat sounding event. Participants pay an entry fee (in this case \$135 per person), and the sponsors buy Civil War relics to be buried in the ground. Unfortunately, Susie got sick two days before we were supposed to head south and we missed the 2015 hunt.

This year, early Friday morning found us heading west through Indiana and Illinois, then south cutting across the corner of Missouri. When we reached West Memphis, Tennessee, we turned west again and drove through Little Rock, Arkansas, finally stopping in Texarkana for the evening. It took about 12 hours. Almost the entire

trip through Arkansas was driving through a flood zone. Fields on both sides of the interstate looked like reservoirs with water as far as we could see. Houses along the frontage roads looked like they had two to three feet of water in the buildings.

Early Saturday morning, we continued toward our destination, which was a field somewhere between Jefferson and Longview. No address, but a map of the area and some signs along the road helped us find the hunt site. We met the huntmaster, Terry Smith, who we had actually known when he lived in Indiana. We helped ourselves to the free doughnuts and pop while marveling at the tables full of outstanding prizes which could be won.

Two very large fields (definitely cow pastures!) were marked off as the hunt sites. One would be hunted from 9-11 AM, while the other was for 1-3 PM after the free barbecue lunch. Approximately 4000 targets would be planted in these two areas, plus 40 prize tokens in each hunt.

At 8:50, Terry led the group to the first area. He announced this would be a "shotgun start". This means, rather than lining up around the perimeter of the field, entrants could pick a starting point anywhere. I started close to a large oak tree in the middle of the field, figuring something would be buried around the base. When the gun sounded, I immediately found a bullet buried in the roots. I swung my detector around the tree and headed for the next one. I found another bullet there. Then, it was just trying to cover as much ground as I could, picking up a target in the grass, around cactus and thorn bushes and under downed limbs.

I started quickly, but about an hour into the hunt, I was walking slower and changing swinging arms often because my shoulders were hurting. I wandered over to Susie to see how she was doing. We both had a handful of bullets and buttons, but neither of us had found a prize token. We apparently weren't the only ones getting tired. We noticed a bunch of other hunters already leaving the field with 45 minutes left. We stayed out another 15 minutes and headed back to the truck.

A cold Pepsi out of the cooler and I felt a lot

better. Lunch was next and then an all too short break before the next hunt started. While this was another scheduled two hour hunt, the radar on our phones told us it wouldn't last that long. Once again, we started fast, picking up a bullet here, a button there, and even a couple small buckles. Susie dug a prize token on her second signal. She was hoping it was for the great sword and scabbard or maybe the 10 inch mortar shell. We would have to wait to see.

The rain started after about 20 minutes. We had our Frogg Toggs raingear on so we kept on hunting. Another ten minutes and we heard thunder in the distance. The searchers would stay out in the rain, but as soon as the lightning got close, we all headed back to the trucks. It was voted to end the hunt then rather than wait to finish it after the storm. Radar showed it would be a long time before it ended.

Tokens were turned in and the prize with the corresponding number went to the lucky holder. Susie got a nice case with eight "cleaner" bullets in it. These are actual bullets with a groove in the base which held a piece of material. When the bullet was fired, the cloth in the groove rubbed the inside of the barrel, actually cleaning it somewhat so the soldier wouldn't have to stop in battle to

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Left Photo: About half of southern Arkansas looked like this on our way to Texas. They received 20 inches of rain in the last two days. Right Photo: Just some of the display cases of bullets, buttons, buckles, coins, and more from the Civil War era. (Author Photos)



Left Photo: Mid-nineteenth century bottles, clay pipes from that period, and a variety of display cases with relics. Right Photo: I hoped to find the correct token to take home this 1860's percussion boot pistol. Below Right: This is a 10 inch mortar shell from the Civil War. One of the best prizes at the hunt. (Author Photos)

clean his gun. There were only three tokens which were not found before the hunt stopped. They drew names for the winners. Susie got drawn for another case with five large bullets and a gorgeous, large Infantry uniform button.

We drove about 26 hours total and hunted

about three hours. We found fewer targets in the ground than we hoped, but had a great time and met an old friend. All things considered, we will probably do it again next year.

Some of you may wonder why we spend the time and money to go to these hunts. First, it is our favorite hobby. We don't spend money on golf or bowling, or other activities. Next, we find it very interesting to search for pieces of our history. Each relic we dig makes us wonder. Did the soldier who shot this bullet survive the war? Did the button we found get torn off the uniform while its owner was crawling through the bushes? Did the harmonic reed now in our display case hear hours of tunes while its owner played the instrument around the campfire?

We have displayed our relics at many schools, nursing homes and other locations, trying to explain some of the history of the Civil War to anyone who will listen. We took a couple small cases to show one of our friends at a local restaurant. A young waitress came by and asked what the items were. I explained they were bullets and buttons from the Civil War.

Her eyes got big as she viewed the display. She looked at me and asked, "Did you fight in that war?"

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Rifles may be legal, but that doesn't mean you should use them

This year, high-powered rifles will be legal to hunt deer with in Indiana. Something I thought – and hoped – I would never see. And I am not alone.

And the fact that has myself and many Hoosiers the most peeved is that this was passed into law without our input.

“I tried to introduce this bill three years ago with no success. Then it failed administratively last year, so I decided to take care of this judicially again by introducing another bill,” said Indiana Representative Lloyd Arnold (R-74).”

That type of end run is the reason for our mistrust of government. It is supposed to be by the people, for the people. This clearly is not. In fact, even the majority of those who work for our Department of Natural Resources are against it. It simply boiled down to one or two guys wanting it and muscling it through.

Governor Pence recently signed the bill into law, now making deer hunting on private land with rifles chambered in .243, .30-30, .300, .30-06 or .308 with a minimum case length of 1.16-inches legal.

There are stipulations, if you want to call them that. The use of these rifles will only be permitted on private property, a maximum of ten rounds of ammunition can be carried by a hunter at any time, full metal jacketed bullets are not permitted and you must be elevated ten feet off the ground or more when using a rifle.

I do not see how any of these restrictions are going to make the use of these rifles safe. Plus, how are they going to be enforced with any success? Our state's Conservation Officers are going to have a horrible time trying to keep tabs on those using these guns, so the less of those who use or allow them, the easier it will be on them. And since there are now twenty-five less Conservation Officers than there previously were as the state has not replaced any after attrition, you can see how this can be a big problem.

So what can we do now that Governor Pence has signed Arnold's bill into law? Well, you can try contacting his office to let him know if you are not happy about it, but now that it is law, it might not matter much. But your voice still needs to be heard.

Another option is to not use rifles. And land own-



State Representative Lloyd Arnold did an end run around the public process and reintroduced a bill to allow high-powered rifles for deer hunting in Indiana again despite it being defeated last year following public outcry. With House Bill 1231 now signed into law, the landscape of Indiana deer hunting is forever changed, and likely not in a good way. (Author Photo)

ers can have a voice by not allowing hunters to use them on their property. Just because something is legal does not mean that it is the right thing to do.

Mark Liebner of Camp Kay Outfitters says that his clients will not be allowed to use these rifles while hunting with Camp Kay. This is a positive move by the largest outfitter in the state, and one which speaks volumes about how absurd the new law really is.

Yes, there is concern over how this will affect Indiana's already declining deer herd, but the bigger issue is safety. In a state where agricultural fields and fence rows are the norm, allowing the use of rifles with projectiles that can carry for miles just does not seem like a good idea. Yes, some shotguns and muzzleloaders can shoot accurately at two-hundred yards, but they begin dropping dramatically beyond that. Rifles do not. It just seems like a recipe for disaster.

Liebner also holds a massive liability insurance policy to protect his business, but one incident caused by someone on a neighboring property could eat that up quickly. This could become a huge issue with the new law.

And let's level the playing field here. Liebner brings up another good point. The law states that a hunter must be in an elevated platform of at least ten feet in order to legally use a high-powered rifle for deer hunting. What about those with disabilities? They are the ones who need to use a rifle the most, yet will likely be left out if they are not physically able to get ten feet of the ground. If we are going to make changes that supposedly make it easier to kill deer, how about we make changes that will benefit those with disabilities first, instead of leaving them out?

It doesn't seem that there can be much, if any, good that can come from such a seemingly ridiculous

law. One that circumvented the normal system of allowing for input, but we as hunters and landowners can do something about it. Don't partake in it. Your safety may depend on it.

Editor's Note: I would like some input on this new legislative rule that allows deer hunters to use .243, .30-30, .300, .30-06 or .308 with a minimum case length of 1.16-inches from you readers, pro or con. My biggest concern is the same as last year when we defeated the DNR's attempt to pass a similar regulation. My dad always told me when he was teaching me to squirrel hunt with a .22 rifle. If you don't know where the bullet is going, if you miss, don't shoot. See page 3 for my contact information. ■

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Bobcats and Otters

First a few notes first on coming events. The ISTA Spring Membership Meeting will be **May 21st, 2016** at the Animal Hospital of Rushville, PC, 916 E. US HWY 52, Rushville, IN 46173. The meeting will start @ 10 am EST, break for lunch, and continue as needed. Please bring a comfortable chair as I have only a few. The ISTA 55th CONVENTION AND RENDEZVOUS will be held **September 16 & 17, 2016**, at Mill Pond Park, 100 Mill Pond Rd., Union Mills, IN. 46382. Set up will begin Thursday, **September 15th**, at noon. On site primitive and electric hookup camping is available as is a small pond for fishing and demo's. There is a nice paved path for tailgaters to set up off of and a nice pond to watch the ducks and demos on. Drawing for this year's Gun-Give-Away will be **September 17th, 2016**, around 4 pm as the Convention winds down. First prize is a Taurus Judge Rifle, .410 / 45 Long Colt, five (5) shot revolver Rifle, a deer legal gun in Indiana. Second prize is a laminated stock, .22 long rifle Cricket rifle that is so cute and small that you could almost put it in your back pocket. You do not have to be present to win, but you do have to have bought a ticket. Tickets for this Gun-Give-Away are #1 each and six (6) tickets for \$5. If you would like to get in on this raffle, send six (6) address labels and your phone number, with \$5.00 to **ISTA c/o Fred Philips, DVM, 622 W. foster Heights Rd., Rushville, IN 46173** and I will be sure to get you into the mix.

Dave Hastings, the editor for the FTA's Fur Takers magazine sent me a note that was meant for me to forward to the ISTA in general. Basically, he wanted me to be sure that everyone knew that this was the beginning of the next two (2) year rule review for the IDNR. The public comment process is known as GotINput. This GotINput period provides an opportunity for housekeeping (to clean up code) or propose new rules. He suggests, and I agree, that trappers should comment on the "10 years old rule" not being needed in either the Otter season, or any future Bobcat season. The need to attend a Trappers Education (TE) Class is a good idea. Currently, past Fur-bearer Biologist, Shawn Rosseler had proposed a bobcat season, as well as a rule that would allow for year-around possession of fur. The Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) will take public comment on the proposed rule(s) as well as any comments on our current regulations. It is



A Bobcat. (Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia)

a good time for the trappers, who have concerns to provide comments at this time, like is the ten-year-old regulation for otter necessary or not, and as it may also relate to a proposed bobcat season. The webpage should be available for comment in early 2016. Here is a link to the GotINput webpage, <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/7373.htm>.

Again, the new session will go live sometime early in 2016. As of March 28th, 2016, it was not yet accepting comments. If you do not have a computer, go to the local Library and have someone help you get online to make your comment.

Now, concerning the Otters: On about March 10th, the 600th Otter for the 2015-2016 season was registered and Indiana's first Otter season closed. I believe that this is a testament to the science behind the decision of setting a 600 quota. I really thought that this quota would be met by December 31, 2015, but low prices on fur and adverse weather conditions help to limit the take. I also truly believe that the science applied by the IDNR and by Furbearer Biologist Shawn Rossler told them exactly what the Otter population in Indiana would allow to be taken. There were several individuals who participated in the creation of our first Otter season over the years. Shawn Rossler just was able to finish it off and put the icing on the cake. Scott Johnson, Wildlife Science Program Manager, of the DFW was there at the beginning. In the absence of Shawn, I contacted Scott Johnson. He reported that 57 Otter had been killed in 2015 outside of the legal trapping season. Of the 57 reported to the DFW, 33 were trapped in Jan & Feb 2015, 20 were road-kills, one (1) was shot, one (1) was killed on a nuisance permit, one (1) drowned in hoop net, and one (1) death by an unknown cause. There were 75 bobcat mortalities reported to DFW in 2015 (60 road-kill, 14 trap or snare, and one (1) shot. In 2014, Scott relayed that there had been 143 total Otter mortalities and 72 total Bobcat mortalities. For the Otters, 115 died in traps, with the trappers unable to use their fur. Twenty-two (22) Otters were killed on the road, three (3) were shot, and two (2) drowned in hoop nets. For the Bobcats, 55 were killed on the road, eleven (11) died in traps, with the trappers unable to use their fur. Three (3) Bobcats were caught in snares, two (2) were shot, and one (1) death was left as unknown. Perhaps that Bobcat was just found dead, with no clear evidence of what had happened. It will be interesting to see how many are killed on the roads this year.

Be sure to leave your comments with the DFW.

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

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM

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Left Photo: Gun shop and range entrance. Middle Photo: Families connecting on the range. Right Photo: Over-the-hill long range shooting. (Author Photos)

Introducing Deputy Big Shot

by Sherry J. Chapo

Nearly twenty years ago, the Chapo family sawmill and architectural mill work business was formed in rural Deputy Indiana under the fun and easy to remember name of Tiny Timbers. The success of Tiny Timbers has allowed the expansion of the facilities to include another fun business, aptly named Deputy Big Shot.

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Deputy Big Shot has grown steadily into what we see today, and is currently enjoying a surge in activity, fed by the Chapo's commitment to the firearms community and a welcoming public eager to learn and practice the safe and proficient operation of their personal firearms. This growth in fact, has required addition of staff to meet the demands of the business, while increasing the quality and types of services offered to current and new clientele.

Training events are held once or twice a month now, year round. New training programs are being tailored to youth, ladies, couples, and anyone desiring firearms training from a self-defense or sporting standpoint. Upcoming classes will be posted on their website at www.deputybigshot.com. All training at Deputy Big Shot is based on a firm foundation of safety training in a family friendly environment.

Currently the gun shop houses retail sales of new and used handguns, rifles, shotguns, ammunition, desirable gear and optics, maintenance, and reloading supplies, as well. Deputy Big Shot is also a Class 3 Dealer and Manufacturer of



Michael and Joe in the gun shop discussing a custom build. (Author Photo)

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See map above for directions from Deputy, IN.

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tle white haired boy would go to visit his grandma and pull out a college anatomy text book she had in her book case. By the time he was five, she had to give him the book. He would spend hours looking at bones, muscles and all the pictures inside.

When the boy was seven, at a time when other little kids wanted to be a policeman or fireman, he was telling his dad he was going to be a doctor. When he was fourteen, he was buying books on medical schools and guides on taking the MCAT.

When he was a high school senior, graduating as the Valedictorian of his class, a lot of classmates were standing up at awards programs and announcing they were going to college for "Pre Med." But when it was his turn to stand up, he always said "Chemistry,"

Even at 18 he knew that life can throw you a lot of curve balls, whether they be financial, medical or otherwise. He had studied the odds, and knew that a lot of folks never make it to medical school, and of those who do, even fewer graduate.

He attended Manchester College, and after three years of being on the Dean's list, I told him as he entered his senior year, he could probably now safely say he was "Pre Med." He graduated from Manchester, along with his future wife, and they were both accepted into the I.U. School of Medicine.

Now their graduation from the I.U. School of Medicine is here, and both have earned the right to be called "Doctor." Josh, I know your grandpa is looking down right now with a huge smile. I also bet if he were here, he would probably, if just this one time, have to brag a little about his grandson and granddaughter in-law, "the doctors." Congratulations go out this month to new doctors Joshua and Nadia Bowling, my son and daughter-in-law!

Thanks for reading this month and for allowing all of us to work for all of you. Stay safe and we'll talk again next month.

MISFIRES & SNAGS

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visit home, my mother casually said "Oh, by the way, Kitty died yesterday." The reality that his life line had faded to an end opened up a void created by my eventual indifference to a sharing of the past and the present with someone who could have enriched my life immeasurably.

What I wouldn't give to once again sit in that old rocker, listening to it creak, smell the aroma of old linoleum and say, "Talk to me Kitty. Now I'm listening."

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The Historic Amherst Artillery Kirkpatrick's Battery Army of Northern Virginia Unit will be at Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival. "Elmer" is a reproduction of an 1863 ten pound Parrott rifled cannon. In position, from left to right, Ord. Sgt. Paul Ratcliff, Pvt. Brady Beeman, Capt. Ralph Downs, Pvt. Kevin Richmond, Pvt. Grant Beeman, Pvt. Doug Paluszewski, on ground, Pvt. James Richmond and Pvt. David Fritz. Not pictured Corp. Jordan Hatch. (Photo Courtesy of the Amherst Artillery)

Smokin' on the water BBQ

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- 12:00 pm - Chicken
- 12:30 pm - Pork Ribs
- 01:00 pm - Pork
- 01:30 pm - Beef Brisket
- 02:00 pm - BBQ Sauce
- 02:30 pm - Anything But
- 03:00 pm - Showmanship
- 04:00 pm - Awards Ceremony
- 12:30 pm Car Show Registration Ends, Car Show Judging Begins
- 03:00 pm Car Show Awards Ceremony Begins, BBQ Judging Concludes
- 04:00 pm BBQ Contest Awards for the Day 2 (Sunday) Contest Winners are Presented (In Praise Auditorium)
- 5:00 pm Festival Closes

Activities

Craft Show, a KCBS BBQ and Open BBQ cook off of Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork and Beef Brisket, Award winning Barbeque (Ribs, Chicken, etc) & other great eats, Craft Fair, Carnival, Home Show, Music, All kinds of Food, & Fun, Antique Tractor & Farm Equipment Exhibits, Handmade Furniture and Instruments, Mobility Carts, Golf Carts, Mowers, and More, Home Improvement Products, Handmade Jewelry, Healthcare Products & Services, Live Bluegrass Music (Saturday Evening), Antique and Classic Car & Truck Show (Sunday), BBQ Contest (Sunday afternoon) and all happening in the Treaty Line Museum Village.

Amherst Artillery

Also the Amherst Artillery Kirkpatrick's Battery Army of Northern Virginia will be set up at the Festival.

The Amherst Artillery is a family oriented

unit. They are made up of families and individuals throughout the state of Indiana. They are a group of individuals brought together by their love of history. They desire to honor and remember not only the soldiers who fought but also the civilians who fought their own battle on the home front.

The goals for the unit are: To educate the public about the time period between 1861 to 1865. To maintain the historical accuracy and integrity of the Amherst Artillery soldiers and civilians of Virginia. To create a family bond within the unit.

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The Amherst Artillery was officially organized on July 24, 1861 in Amherst County, Virginia. They were sworn in on Sept. 11th under Captain Thomas Jellis Kirkpatrick. The unit was ordered to Centreville where it joined the Artillery Reserve under Col. W. Pendleton. In April 1862 they moved back to Richmond and thence to Yorktown. Prior to the Seven Days battles, Pendleton reorganized the Reserve Artillery and placed Captain Kirkpatrick's Battery in William Nelson's Battalion. In 1863 it was placed in the Second Corps under Lee. At the end of May 1864, Kirkpatrick's men had not had a single death due to enemy action. However on June 2 at Cold Harbor the battery was caught in fire that left six men dead or mortally wounded and nineteen wounded. The battery was refitted and moved via Lynchburg to the Shenandoah Valley. Nelson's units took part in the battles of Monacacy Junction, Third Winchester, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek. On March 2 the army was overrun and most of its members were captured at Waynesboro.

The group is based out of Richmond, IN, but

have members throughout the states of Indiana, Ohio and into Canada. We have an artillery and civilian contingent.

Directions to Smokin' on the water BBQ Festival

Where SR 44 and US 27 take US 27 south to SR 101, stay on SR 101 past Whitewater Memorial State Park watch for the next right turn (Dunlapville Causeway Road in Roseburg. Turn right and go west across the Dunlapville Causeway across Brookville Lake continue west past the entrance to Quakertown Recreation area. At first right turn onto Old Dunlapville Road, the Festival will be on your right. There is unlimited free parking on the left side. There is handicapped parking inside front gate to Treaty Line Pioneer Village.

For more information contact Carl Sharp by calling 765-458-5574 or his cell 765-580-0215 or Lowell Rathburn at 765-580-1609 or e-mail carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com . To find all the information on Smokin' on the water BBQ Festival log onto the Liberty Lions Club website: www.libertyindianalions.com .

Great Lakes Of The Wabash

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Sign in times for these events begin at 8:30 a.m. and fishing derby times will be from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Upon completion prizes will be awarded at 10:30. The Salamonie Preschool Program will have its monthly program on Wednesday, May 25th. There will be (2) one and a half hour classes that start at 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Advance registration is required and there is a \$2 fee to participate. Lastly, the 2016 Second Saturday's will host their program on Saturday, May 14th. "Ladybug's, Butterflies, and Frogs, Oh my!" is the scheduled program and will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with a cost of \$3.00 per person. For more information on any of these programs you can contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127.

In closing, I would like to encourage anyone taking the time to visit these properties to make time and visit us here at Bozarth's Country Store. It is always a fun stop for visitors to stop and shop our Country Store which includes "a bit of everything" along with ordering one of our delicious hot sandwiches off our popular menu! We are located at 7309 E 400 S Lagro, IN 46941 and can contact us at (765) 981-4522.



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Left Photo: The Army Navy Store located at 612 North "A" Street in Richmond, Indiana is moving to 216 South 8th Street, US 27 South in Richmond, Indiana. Their new building is directly across the street from VFW Post 1108 on the west side of 8th Street. Right Photo: At left is Sharrie Gentry long time manager of the Army Navy Store and at right is Disabled Vietnam Veteran Miles Manning, 25th Infantry Div. Vietnam 1969, the owner of the Army Navy Store. The move has been held up waiting for equipment to be moved out of the building on south 8th. Miles told me they should be moving later on in April. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Army Navy Store Moving To New Location in Richmond

by Ray Dickerson

Miles Manning opened his first Army Navy Store in 1987 in Louie Pardo's Hudson Building which was located just behind the Optometrists business at the northwest corner of 6th and Main streets. Miles is a disabled Vietnam Veteran. He served with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1969.

In 1990 Miles moved into his current location at 612 North "A" Street in Richmond. He's been in that location for 26 years. The reason for the move, the lot where his building is located has been for sale for some time.

Recently he was told he would have to move, the lot had sold, it will become a parking lot

Miles is moving to 216 South 8th Street which is across the street from VFW Post 1108 just as soon as the current occupant moves out of the other building.

Sharrie Gentry has worked for Miles for a long time, she became Manager in 1999.

Since opening his Army Navy Store, Miles has built up a Veteran and non-Veteran clientele that range far and wide. Veterans like myself feel right at home when we walk in his front door, however there is one item, the Gilly Suit in his shop that will make you wonder about, who did that? Those who are repeat customers will know what I'm writing about. Gilly's going to the new location too.

I don't have enough space here to list all the military items Miles has, but if what you are looking for isn't in the shop, they will order or try their best to find it for you. Miles has a tremendous amount of military items and unlimited sources for what he doesn't stock. These days with online

ordering and faster delivery service it's simpler to get items for customers.

I look forward to delivering The Gad-a-bout to Miles every month. While there I also get to hear the many stories his customers tell of when they or a relative served his or her country in time of war or peace time.

Back when I was searching for information on the 79th Navy Construction Battalion and CBMU 624 Seabee units that my dad served with from 1942 to 1945. Miles gave me a Seabee pin to wear on my Air Force cap, in Dad's honor. I've been adopted by the WW II Seabees I've been attending reunions with and the NSVA sent me their Seabee pin too.

It might be a good idea to call Miles at the Army Navy Store to make sure they are still at 612 North "A" Street before going there. Like I said earlier in this article they are moving to 216 South 8th Street just as soon as the present occupant moves out, later in April. Call **765-966-0417**. ■

Fishing Lake Michigan

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allows divers to dive to untold depths. According to charts furnished by the manufacturers of diving planners, a standard-sized diver tied to monofilament line won't go any deeper than 50 feet. The water pressure on the line disallows gaining more depth, even if you let out a half mile of mono. Using stranded steel wire, you can put standard divers almost twice that deep and if you need to get them even deeper switch to magnum divers.

If you have switched to using wire on your Great Lakes fishing boat, you are wired for success.

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all of the attendees. The shirts were inspired by the TRULY devoted Fish Camp member we all call Unc.

Unc, whom we met at Glendale in the early years of the trip, has been annually coming from Connersville to Dogwood Lake since the seventies. He parks his Dale Earnhardt RV in a campsite for weeks at a time, and keeps our group on our toes. He is able to draw just about anything out of the water, including not only bass, bluegill, crappie, redear, and catfish, but also turtles he uses for his famous turtle stew. He attends along with his nephew Chad, and they are able to make some of the best camp-food west of the Appalachians.

At the first sight of spring, we all become anxious for the first launch at boat dock. It might seem like a lot of work, but its all part of the buildup of excitement waiting for a great week with friends while we camp and catch fish at Glendale Fish and Wildlife Area.

As for the results of Fish Camp 2016, we'll

catch up after the trip. Keep your lines wet and your feet dry. Happy fishin'.

Editor's Note: I was helping with the Franklin County booth at the 2016 Indianapolis Sport, Boat and Travel Show on Sunday February 21st. I was talking to Mikel Beck who is the Coordinator of the Franklin County Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission when this young fellow came along and showed a great interest in seeing The Gad-a-bout on their table. I asked him if he had saw it before. He said he loved it, but couldn't find it where he lived in Markleville. I told him I published The Gad-a-bout and thought for a moment trying to think where the closest advertiser was to Markleville. I told him I thought Greenfield was the nearest one to where he lived. He then wanted to shake my hand, then he asked if I would sign the cover for him. He was so happy and enthusiastic about meeting me and getting the Gad-a-bout I asked him how old he was. He replied 14. I asked him if he would like to write a column in The Gad-a-bout. I told him about Will Keaton who began writing a column in The Gad-a-bout when he was twelve, quite a few

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years ago.

You know what Cole's answer was since you have read his first article to appear in The Gad-a-bout here. He is a very polite and a great young man to be with. Several weeks since the Indy Sport Show we've e-mailed back and forth setting up a luncheon with his mom and dad at the Greenfield Cracker Barrel located just off I-70 on April 2, 2016. I told him I needed to talk to his mom and dad to see if it was okay with them if he was to write a column in The Gad-a-bout.

So on April 2nd I met with Cole and his parents, Jeff and Sonja King. We had a wonderful luncheon at the Cracker Barrel, his parents were very supportive of his writing this column.

Here in his own words is what Cole sent me about himself. "My name is Cole King, and I attend Pendleton Heights High School. I'm a freshman. In addition to collecting antiques, I hunt, camp, fish, hike, canoe, kayak, and ride ATV's. If you can think of something else outdoors, I most likely do that, too." ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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catches. The smallmouth fishing around Pelee Island was excellent. The number of bass we handled and the size were both good.

Everything remains the same as last year - same skippers, same boats, same dock, same prices. If you are interested in a trip, you can call us toll free 1-877-798-5445 or 419-798-5445. Take care.

Your Skipper,
Bob

Boytim Charter Service has 3 really nice fishing boats a 32' BHM the "Emily K" (this was the one we fished on in June 2015), she's a good stable boat and easy to fish from. They also have a 32' BHM the "Bethanne" and a 28' Bertram the "Anna." All three boats are docked at Schrock's Marina at 8725 E. Northshore Blvd. in Marblehead, Ohio. The Boytim Skippers are Bob, Lyle and Ned. See photo top right on this page. I took it after we got back in to the dock.

MULTIPLE RELEASES FROM INDOT CONCERNING U.S. 52 IN FRANKLIN COUNTY CURRENT AND FUTURE

US 52 Restricted To A Single Lane East Of Brookville For One Week

FRANKLIN COUNTY, Ind.—The Indiana Department of Transportation will restrict U.S. Highway 52 to a single lane beginning next Wednesday (APRIL 13) while workers secure a slide site near Indiana & Ohio rail tracks between the east-west roadway and Whitewater River in Franklin County. INDOT maintenance personnel are being scheduled to flag motorists—one direction at a time—through the restricted area located between Brookville and Cedar Grove.

An embankment slide at U.S. 52 was stabilized two years ago after the highway dropped in elevation five inches. Today, an adjacent slide near the railroad tracks is unearthing some of the corrective measures taken by INDOT two years ago.



Bob and Lyle invited three local fishermen to go out with us since I came alone, from left to right are Roger Steidel from Medina, OH, Jay Bickley from Lakeshore, OH, Skippers Lyle and Bob Boytim live at Marblehead, OH and Ray Steidel from Willowick, OH. The walleye you see here and the rest in a large cooler are the ones I brought home with me. You can't go wrong fishing with Boytim Charter Service. As Bob said in his letter to me: Everything remains the same as last year - same skippers, same boats, same dock, same prices. If you are interested in a trip, you can call us toll free 1-877-798-5445 or 419-798-5445. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Geostabilization International, a Colorado-based specialty contractor retained by the state, plans to embed 20-foot "soil nails" into the eroding slope and secure a mesh covering to hold the embankment. Its crews will also install shotcrete around micropiles at the U.S. 52 correction site which have been exposed by the recent slide. This measure will protect and preserve work previously done to stabilize the U.S. 52 slope.

Motorists should anticipate single-lane delays on U.S. 52 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily through Wednesday, April 20.

Motorists can learn about highway work zones and other traffic alerts at indot.carsprogram.org, **1-800-261-ROAD (7623)** or **511** from a mobile phone. For highway information, monitor social media sites

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US 52 "Closed All Summer"

The Franklin County commissioners heard about upcoming road closures on state highways.

Wolf Creek Road will get a new bridge this summer.

US 52 CLOSED ALL SUMMER NEAR NEW TRENTON

US Highway 52 will be "closed all summer," said the commissioners after hearing about roadwork near New Trenton. Highway Engineer Ted Cooley reported that state contractors started clearing trees in the area. Over the next three months, traffic will be maintained by using flaggers while utility lines are moved.

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) plans to replace a culvert located east of New Trenton near Wesling Road in Dearborn County. That work will close US 52 for 60 days beginning in mid-July.

Next, INDOT will also replace a culvert located west of New Trenton and 600 feet east of Elkhorn Road. That work will close US 52 for 30 days beginning in early October. The construction should be completed by November 11, 2016.

St. Peters Road will be the unofficial detour for local residents. Truck traffic will be directed to use SR 46 or Interstate 74. The county is responsible for erecting barricades to keep truck traffic off New Trenton Hill and St. Peters Road.

Other closures include Huntersville Road at Interstate 74 in Ray Township for several weeks beginning in June or early July.

NO DATE FOR SR 1 CLOSURE

INDOT official Greg Prince will attend the county commissioners meeting on April 11 to discuss the closure of State Road 1 at US Highway 52 for 90 days for bridge repairs. The contract will be awarded in the fall of 2016. No date has been announced for the closure.

HALLELUJAH INDOT IS GOING TO TEMPORARILY FIX SOUTH "A" IN RICHMOND, IN - IT'S ABOUT TIME!!

I made contact with Nathan Riggs and Harry Maginity two years ago and more recently about INDOT fixing South "A" in Richmond. I was told by both that South "A" wouldn't be fixed until both directions of U.S. 27 work was completed in Richmond. It would be a couple of years. Well, evidently one or both of them must have taken a ride on South "A" recently and discovered the condition of the road was pathetic especially between SW 2nd and South 11th which is the length of their responsibility. Oh excuse me, from S 3rd to 11th Street, I wonder whose responsible for fixing U.S. 40 from SW 2nd to South 3rd Street?

Eastbound U.S. 40 Closures for Paving Next Week

Eastbound U.S. 40/South A Street in Richmond will be temporarily closed during daylight hours next week for paving sections of the road between S. 3rd Street and S. 11th Street as well as a short section near S.W. 19th Street. Work is scheduled to begin Tuesday, April 12 at 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. and recur each day through Friday.

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) maintenance crews will close the highway to through traffic in order to grind the existing pavement surface and pave a thin asphalt overlay on various areas of the road.

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highway traffic north on State Road 1 and east on Interstate 70 to return to U.S. 40 at Exit 156. Local access to businesses and residents will remain available. Some flagging of traffic at cross street intersections should be expected, and drivers in the area should seek alternate routes to avoid potential delays.

The overlay is intended as a temporary improvement to the aged pavement condition. A construction contract for full-depth rebuilding of eastbound U.S. 40 along South A Street and 11th Street is scheduled to be bid early next year. The extensive construction project will also include rebuilding southbound U.S. 27/8th Street between Sim Hodgkin Parkway and South O Street.

Highway Pavement Projects Starting in Richmond Area

Milestone Contractors is preparing to begin construction in the upcoming weeks on two highway projects in the Richmond area totaling \$9.4 million. A third \$9.5 million project is currently underway.

Interstate 70

Milestone plans to begin a \$6.7 million project on or after May 1 to repair and resurface Interstate 70 pavement between US 27/Chester Boulevard (Exit 151) and the Ohio state line.

In addition, Milestone is continuing a \$9.5 million contract started last year to repair and resurface pavement on I-70 between State Road 1 (Exit 137) and Centerville Road (Exit 145).

For both projects, weeknight lane closures for asphalt pavement patching should be expected between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Weekend lane closures for concrete pavement patching should be expected between Fridays at 9 p.m. and Mondays at 6 a.m. beginning next week (April 15).

Specific details about work schedules and traffic restrictions will be announced as work progresses, and both projects are expected to be complete this year.

U.S. 40 - National Road East

Milestone plans to begin a \$2.7 million project on or after April 18 to remove and replace concrete curb ramps along U.S. 40 at intersections east of 11th Street. This work will require temporary sidewalk/crosswalk closures through August. Only one or two intersections on one side of the highway will be affected at a time, and pedestrian detours will be in place. Vehicular traffic restrictions are expected to be limited to single-lane closures during daylight hours.

After concrete curb ramps are complete, Milestone will begin road work between 11th Street and the Interstate 70 ramps (Exit 156) on Richmond's far east side. Full-depth concrete and asphalt pavement patching will be followed by resurfacing the roadway. Depending on weather and progress, construction is likely to cease for winter before final paving is complete, and all work is expected to be finished during the summer of 2017.

Stay Informed

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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT 1231

The Department of Natural Resources has received numerous questions regarding recent legislation that legalizes certain rifles for deer hunting beginning later this year. Most questions have to do with calibers and cartridges allowed under the new law.

House Enrolled Act 1231 that was passed earlier this year by the Indiana General Assembly allows some additional rifle cartridges to be used only on private land during the firearms season.

The new legal cartridges include, but are not limited to, the .243 Winchester, .30-30 Winchester, .300 AAC Blackout, and .30-06 Springfield. Additional requirements are:

The rifle must have a barrel length of at least 16 inches

The rifle cartridges must have a cartridge case length of at least 1.16 inches

The rifle cartridge must fire a bullet with a diameter that is

.243 inches (or 6 mm); or

.308 inches (or 7.62 mm)

No cartridges with a bullet diameter between .243 and .308 are legal (such as the .270 Winchester)

A hunter may not possess more than 10 such cartridges while in the field

Rifles with pistol cartridges that have been allowed in previous years may still be used to hunt deer on both private and public land.

Additional cartridges that are legal under HEA 1231 include, but are not limited to, the following:

6mm-06

6mm BR Remington

6mm PPC

6mm Remington

.240 Weatherby

.243 Winchester

.243 Winchester Super Short Magnum

.30 Carbine

.30 Herrett

.30 Remington AR

.30-06 Springfield

.30-30 Winchester

.30-40 Krag

.300 AAC Blackout (.300 Whisper)

.300 H&H Magnum

.300 Remington Short Action Ultra Magnum

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.300 Winchester Short Magnum

.300 Remington Ultra Magnum

.308 Marlin

.308 Winchester

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There are other cartridges that meet the law's specifications, and there are others that do not. A partial list of cartridges that are not allowed under HEA 1231 includes the .270 Winchester, .38-55 Winchester, .444 Marlin, and .45-70 Government.

HEA 1231 is scheduled to expire after the 2020 deer season, at which time the DNR will submit an impact report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Editor's Note: See Joe Martino's column in this issue on Page 22 concerning this new law. At the end of his article I have asked for readers to comment on this law by sending me their thoughts or views to me. See page 3 for my contact information. Thank You.

DNR SEEKS INPUT ON FISH, HUNT, TRAP REGULATIONS "GOTINPUT"

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife wants to hear your ideas on fishing, hunting, trapping and other fish-and-wildlife-related regulations in Indiana, including special permits.

From April 1 to May 15, the public can use a convenient online form to contribute ideas and provide input on issues the DNR has identified for consideration.

The form is at wildlife.IN.gov/7373.htm.

"Got INput?" allows the public to comment on ideas put forward by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife as well as requests for rule changes from citizen petitions. The program also allows members of the public to propose their own ideas on any fishing, hunting or trapping topic.

Got INput users must register with a username and a password.

Input and ideas can also be mailed to:

DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife

Attn: Got INput

402 W. Washington St., Room W273

Indianapolis, IN 46204

This is the second year of the Got INput program. The first year, in 2014, more than 3,000 comments were received.

After May 15, the Division of Fish & Wildlife staff will evaluate all comments and seek approval on rule changes to present to the Natural Resources Commission for preliminary adoption. No rule proposals would take effect this year.

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

CAMPGROUND HOSTS ARE NEEDED AT INDIANA STATE PARKS

Indiana's state parks are looking for volunteers to serve as campground hosts in exchange for free camping during their service.

Hosts work a minimum of 20 hours per week. The volunteer period varies at parks, based on the number of applicants and on the amount and type of work required.

Properties are looking for dedicated campers who enjoy working outdoors, with people and DNR staff.

Volunteers for hosts are needed at Brown County, McCormick's Creek, Turkey Run, Potato Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon and Indiana Dunes state parks and Salamonie, Monroe and Patoka lakes.

A complete list of site availability and detailed information about hosting duties is at stateparks.IN.gov/2404.htm or contact the property where you would like to serve as a host.

Completion of a volunteer application is required to apply. Download a volunteer application form at stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm.

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

CURRENT PRESIDENT CANDIDATES NEED TO STAY AWAY FROM DEBATES AND TV 24 HOUR NEWS REPORTERS

I'm staying away from commenting on the 2016 Presidential Elections except for the following statement. All 3 of the major 24 Hour TV news stations are making fortunes at the expense of the five candidates running for President. Since appearing on those stations no one likes them anymore. The constant TV coverage only helps their TV ratings and doing nothing for the candidate. ■

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12 year old Nicholas Bray, Steve Dake's grandson, took his first deer a 8 pt. buck 11-21-15 in Jefferson Co. on Steve's farm. (The Gun Den Photo, Shelbyville, IN)



Trophy Desert Mule Deer taken in Southwest Texas in December 2015 by Doug Howard, who lives in Connersville. (Photo submitted by Doug Howard e-mail)



Jaden took this six point, 115 pound buck on 11-14-15. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Gretchen took this 9 point buck on November 14, 2015. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Darren Miller and his father found 137 black morel the first week of April in Franklin County. (Darren Miller Photo)



Steven Walker and 10 year old Mason took their first buck on 11-14-15, it had 11 pts and weighed 190 lbs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Terry Williamson and Joe Lukens from Muncie, Indiana found this 16 point deer shed while mushroom hunting in Delaware County in 2015. (Photo submitted by U.S. Mail)

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Ray Terrell with a 1.64 pound, 14 inch crappie taken from the Salamonie Reservoir on March 12th. This is just one of many large fish he has caught over the past several weeks. Along with crappie he has caught several nice cat-fish. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Jesse Bane took this 8 point, 150 pound buck on 11-15-15. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



This is Steve Pershing with two of his large crappie caught below the Mississinewa Dam on March 22nd. Anglers have been having a lot of luck recently fishing the Mississinewa Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)

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The Bottom Half of the map is from the town of Brookville north to just above Egypt Hollow and Fairfield Ramps.

The Top Half (Page 1) of the map is from just below Hanna Creek Ramp north to Brownsville, IN. There is an Inset of the portion of the Brookville Lake area from just above Brownsville to Yankeetown Bridge (The Brookville Lake ends just below Treaty Line Ramp and The East Fork of the Whitewater River begins there and goes north to Yankeetown Bridge. The State Property ends at the Yankeetown Bridge)

Brookville Lake Area

Illustrated: Depths, Contour lines, Underwater structure (1974), Ramps & Parking areas, Marinas, Buoy areas, State Campgrounds, Beaches, Picnic areas, Pay telephones, Playgrounds, Shelters, Game courts, Rifle, Pistol & Archery ranges, Hunting areas, Handicapped fishing piers, Restrooms, Showers, etc. (See Bottom Half for Legend of Underwater structures, Facilities & other map symbols or keys. Information on "How to properly measure your fish and reference to recording your record fish." Colored Drawings of the fish in Brookville Lake and identification markings for each fish.

Whitewater State Park Area

Illustrated: Trails, Campground, Boat Rental, Cabins, Saddle Barn, Shelters, Picnic areas, Beach, Fishing piers, Ramps, Nature Preserve, Whitewater Lake and access to Brookville Lake

HUNTING AREAS

Illustrated: See Hunting information on Top Half, in lower left hand corner. The Hunting areas are marked on the map with a Star and number (check points). More information is adjacent to check point on acreage and game.

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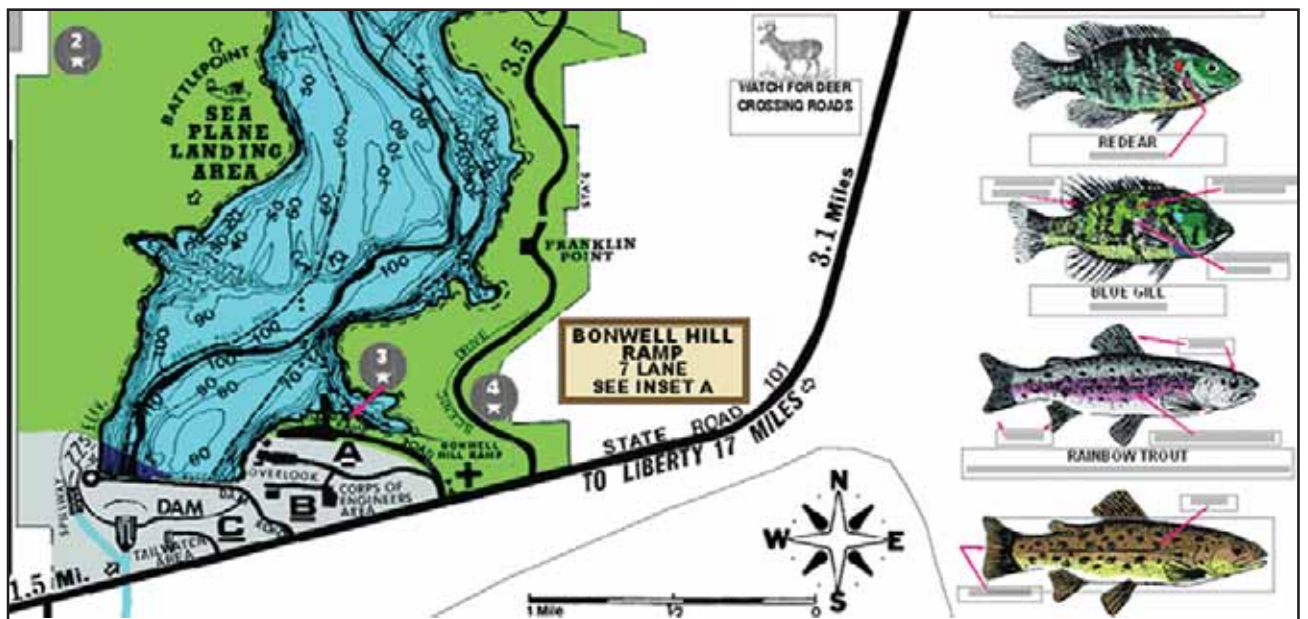
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