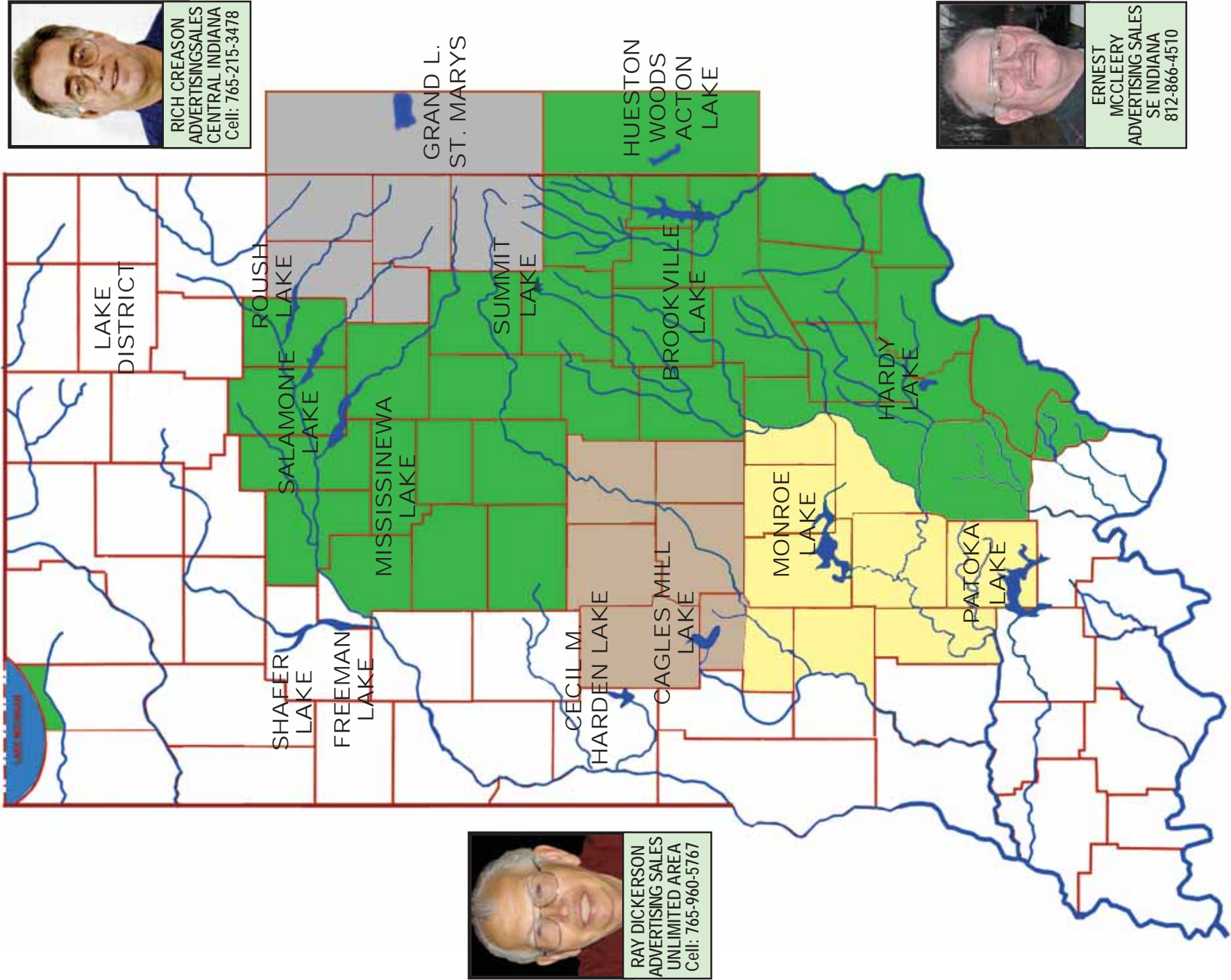


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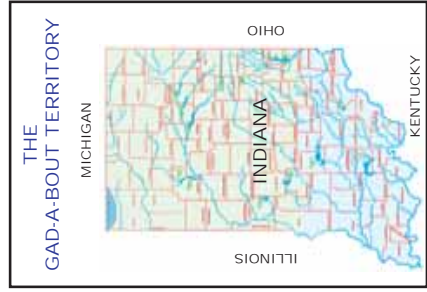
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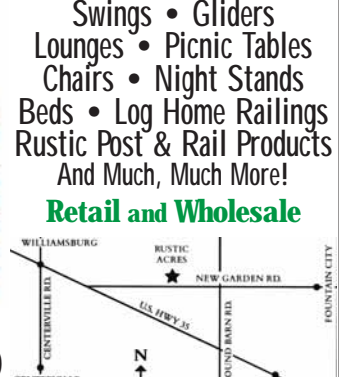
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**Top Right:** The Heritage Fair will once again be held in beautiful Falls Park. It will boast over 185 booths of quality handmade items, including, but not limited to, wood crafts, jewelry, and hand-sewn articles. Lots of home baked goods, (famous K-burgers being prepared in this photo), elephant ears and funnel cake vendors are available to satisfy your appetite. Of course, the lemon shake-ups at the local Boy Scout booth are always a popular

drink to go with any food. See Pages 15-18 Special Souvenir Pull Out (Photo by Rich Creason)

**Bottom Left:** Our home sweet home project started when Sherry asked if she could park her car in what used to be the garage. Getting acquainted with contractors working next door led to much needed repairs. See Page 26-27 (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

**Bottom Right:** My favorite place to go riding is Haspin Acres, in Laurel, Indiana. We will take our tents and four wheelers, and stay for the weekend. Although we go to Laurel for riding our quads, I never miss the chance to take a walk through the woods there, or wade through the creek and look for wildlife. See Page 24. (Photo by Cole King)

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tering is the original ones. I didn't have to replace a one of them. Thanks for the great job Dustin. I was referred to Dustin by Dave Wilcox who owns Dave's Triangle LLC.



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## So You Wanna Catch More Fish



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Professional Fishing Guide

### September is one of the Toughest Months to fish for Walleye in Brookville Lake

All summer the water temperature in the lake has been in the high eighties, to a fish this is hot. The fish have been living in these conditions for about 3 months. Fishing at this time of year can be super tough. Another of your big obstacle is gonna be shad. Shad is a bait fish that's sole purpose is to feed on plankton and be food for just about every fish swimming in the lake. There are millions and millions of shad in the lake that were spawned this summer, and are now about 1 inch long, perfect eating size for every predator fish in lake, from crappie to striped bass. I'm not saying you can't catch any fish at this time, its just that all that bait is competition with your bait. Look at it like this if you just walked out of a smorgasbord and some one offered you something else to eat, would you eat it? Probably not, but if your like me you might eat a snack, that is one way to look at it. Or if your lucky enough to be fishing when the fish are feeding it can seem quite easy. Either way timing and presentation is key.

All the fish in Brookville lake have their own style of feeding. For example if your fishing on a flat and your fishing for walleye you have to keep your bait moving. The way the walleye feeds is it



Shad that was spit up while catching white bass. (Author Photo)

moves up on the flat close to some irregularity on the bottom like a slight change in depth or a pile of rocks. The walleye will then just settle in on the bottom using the coloration of its skin as camouflage to hide in plain site. The idea is to blend in so when some unsuspecting prey comes swimming or crawling by, all the walleye has to do is just give a flick of its tail and dinner is served. This is why when you are walleye fishing you have to keep your bait moving.

But if your fish of choice is catfish this changes everything. When a catfish feeds on a flat it just swims all over the flat looking for something to eat. A catfish is a fish with skin not scales a catfish is like a big swimming tong it can taste its food and not even be close to it. A catfish eats live food or dead food, the only difference to a catfish is one is harder to catch. This is why you can gob a bunch of night crawlers on a hook cast it out on the bottom and leave it lay in one spot and catch a catfish and not catch a walleye. The difference is in the way the two species feed.

Now white bass feed completely different then walleye or catfish do, they feed like a pack of wolves. I would say that a typical white bass school is from 1,000 to 5,000 fish in a school, all trying to feed at the same time. The white bass food of choice is shad. I would say a typical shad school would be 10,000 to 20,000 in a school. To catch a white bass when this huge school is feeding on a huge school of shad just cast anything in among it and you will catch one. They are very easy to catch, but sometimes they are hard to find. If you find them suspended over deep water trolling is a good way to catch them, but if you

find them piled up on the bottom a jigging spoon is a better choice. All your trying to do is for your bait to look like a shad. You can find these fish covering an entire flat 10 feet deep, suspended over deep water or piled up on the bottom 25 feet deep. The sheer size of the school is usually what gives them away. The way they feed is just to move in close to these shad schools and corral them against the bottom or the surface. Then they

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A livewell full of walleye caught while fishing on Brookville lake. (Author Photo)

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## Pendleton District Wins Annual Pistol Match

Pendleton – On Wednesday, July 6th the Indiana State Police held its annual pistol match at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield. Every district was represented by a four man team, as well as a team representing Headquarters and the Capitol Police Department.

The match consisted of each man firing his sidearm at 25 yards at a bulls eye target one handed. Each man fired 30 rounds within a time limit, with a possible score of 300 points per man. The Pendleton Team finished in first place, with each member of the team also finishing in the “Top Twenty,” an award given to the top twenty shooters in the Indiana State Police.

The four man Pendleton team consisted of Pendleton District Commander, Lieutenant Tom Dujmovich; Trooper Thomas Ratliff, Trooper David Ellis and Master Trooper Eric Downey. The Pendleton District Team also won the match in 2012, for the first time in the history of the Pendleton District. That team also had Lieutenant Dujmovich and Troopers Downey and Ellis as members.

The team was awarded the Annual Pistol Match traveling trophy, which will be proudly displayed in the Pendleton Post lobby. Each member’s name will be engraved on a plaque to be added to the trophy. Pictured in the attached photograph are, from left to right, Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter; Lieutenant Tom Dujmovich; Trooper Thomas Ratliff; Trooper David Ellis and Master Trooper Eric Downey.



Pictured in above photo are from left to right, Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter, Lieutenant Tom Dujmovich, Trooper Thomas Ratliff, Trooper David Ellis and Master Trooper Eric Downey. (Author Photo)

## Richmond Scales Facility Dedicated to Memory of Motor Carrier Inspector Bob Pitcher

Richmond – The morning of 7/13, at 11:30 a.m., Troopers, Motor Carrier Inspectors and Command Staff from the Indiana State Police came together at the Richmond Scales Facility, at the 147 mm of I-70, for a ceremony to dedicate the Richmond Scale

Facility to the memory of Master Motor Carrier Inspector Robert “Bob” Pitcher. Pitcher was killed in a line of duty motor vehicle crash on 9/26/10.

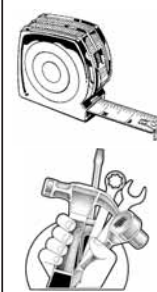
Master Motor Carrier Inspector Robert “Bob” Pitcher was a lifelong resident of Wayne County and was appointed to the Indiana State Police Motor Carrier Division in July 1988. He had been assigned to the Connersville Post, then later the Pendleton Post. Pitcher was killed on September 26th 2010 in a line of duty crash on I-70, at the 135.5 mile marker, as he towed a piece of equipment used in the testing of truck brakes.

The ceremony was opened by comments from Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division Commander Major Mike Eslinger, followed by comments from Indiana State Police Colonel Mark French, and ended with a speech given by Bob Pitcher’s daughter, Tami McKinney.

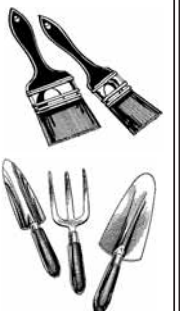
The scale facility was officially dedicated to the memory of Bob Pitcher, with a road sign erected at the ramp entrance to the facility, along with a picture and plaque of Pitcher placed in the lobby.

Pictured in the photograph are Tami McKinney, and husband Brian, under the sign at the entrance to the scales, dedicating the scales to her father, Bob Pitcher.

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Tami McKinney, and husband Brian standing under the sign at the entrance to the Richmond Scales, dedicating the scales to her father, Master Motor Carrier Inspector Robert "Bob" Pitcher. (Author Photo)

## 25 Years of Service

I had started writing this month's article ready to tell about some of the humorous things that have happened over the years during OWI stops. But then the senseless tragedy took place in Dallas, then in Baton Rouge, and I find myself saddened to the point of being sick. Over the years there have been a lot of things in this job

that have made me laugh; but I don't feel too much like laughing right now with what's going on in our country. So I'm going to relate to you about training, to give you an idea of what we go through.

Over the years we've constantly trained. Some training is repetitive, like in the military, so that if things happen you simply react with the correct action and don't have to think, because sometimes, there is no time to think, just act.

Other training has been to break down a tragedy and study it with the hopes you can prevent something similar from happening again. The story I'm offering up this month falls into that latter category. Without a doubt the finest training I've ever received happened over the eight years I attended the statewide Hostage Negotiator's Conference.

They always had famous folks speak with the most interesting and powerful stories that related to negotiations. They had Roy Hallums, a man that was held hostage in Iraq for 311 days, and he brought film footage given to him by the Special Forces unit that swooped in to by helicopter to rescue him. His story and film footage truly made me proud to be an American. He has written a fine book called "Buried Alive" that tells of his unbelievable ordeal.

We had the FBI agent that was embedded with the unit that located and arrested Saddam Hussein, and we had Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman, who has taught Psychology at West Point and is a world renown and sought after speaker on the psychology of battle. But the speakers I'll never forget were two troopers from the state of Pennsylvania. Their story captures the tragedy we must all sometimes endure, and carry with us, all of our lives in this line of work.

The two men brought a slide show of the crime scene to our training, and told how they were at their post when the call came in of a barricaded subject at the West Nickel Mines Amish School. The one troop said there was confusion at first as there were two schools in that area, but he knew exactly which one it was because he lived nearby.

They formed a perimeter and a detective laid down in the seat of his car and drove up to the front door and attempted to negotiate using his car P.A. system. I'm not going to give you the details of what happened or how it happened, but when negotiations broke down, and shots went off inside, they made entry into a building through windows, and through a door that had been fortified with boards lag bolted into the

walls. The bad guy shot a deer slug through the door that just missed the head of the first man in.

Once entry was made the coward jumped behind a desk and killed himself. The men began carrying out the little victims. The one troop had a little girl, and when the doctor that had been helicoptered in took a look at her, he told him there was nothing they could do, except comfort her in her final moments.

This man stood before over 150 people in this dark room and wept, telling us how he held her little hand, stroked her blonde hair and talked with her until she took her last breath. Sorry LeBron, Dwayne Wade, Bryce Harper, and others that are paid millions just to play a game; you're not my hero.

No, my hero is that trooper (and I shook his hand and told him so,) who still goes to work every day protecting the people of Pennsylvania, living with this horrible tragedy. My heroes are those Special Forces soldiers who put their boots on the ground in a hostile city, kicking in doors and taking names, until they got the right house to rescue an American Citizen being held hostage by Iraqi thugs.

My heroes are the men and women who stand with me every day and night, seeing and dealing with horrible tragedies, never complaining, but continuing to selflessly give of themselves, and their families, for the protection and good of our society. Here in the real world where I live, these are my heroes.

When I left my family, home and job behind in July 1991 to attend the Indiana State Police Academy, I knew what this job had in store for me. I did it back then for \$21,500, and would still do it today for that, if need be. Like those that join the military, we don't do this job for the money, we do it to serve and protect all that is right.

As I sit at my desk and write this, a little more than a month behind, we have 100 troopers on loan to Ohio, every day in harm's way, working the 'protest zone' of the RNC. There are three more troopers out on the interstate right now, one working a crash, the other two working the backup trying to slow folks down before they crash into the stopped traffic.

In a way, it's just a normal day for the ISP. But as I watch those young troops on FOX NEWS, and see the pictures they are sending back from Cleveland; as I listen to our men and women on our radio, working every day, I realize that I've never been more proud in my 25 year career to be an Indiana State Trooper.

And I truly mean it each month when I say, "thank you for allowing us to serve all of you."

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# 2015 FARMERS PIKE FESTIVAL PHOTOS



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by Ray Dickerson, The Gad-a-bout  
 I have been attending the Farmer's Pike Festival for about as long as it has been presented annually 36 years ago, at this same location. See next page for all you need to know plus a list of all their Bands and Musical Acts you can see free with the gate admission.  
**Above Photos:** **Top Left:** At night the Lighthouse beacon's light will guide you to the festival, it's beautiful day or night. **Top Right:** A singer performing on the festival stage. **Middle Left:** Festival visitors checking out the over 400 booths filled with antiques, arts and crafts, unique items and of course all kinds of food. **Middle Right:** The festival provides a huge open air tent for visitors to sit comfortably under to watch all the entertainers perform throughout the four day event. **Bottom Left:** Visitors can ramble through sun and shade areas visiting the hundreds of exhibitors and food vendors. **Bottom Right:** Lone Wolf Trading Post provides visitors to view a real Indian Tipi and lots of purveyor items. In a booth a short distance away, Soaring Raven from Corinth, KY played his hand made Indian Flutes. I took these photos at the 2015 Farmer's Pike Festival.

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### Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

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- Tribute to "Elvis" by Scotty Zion — The Farmer's Pike Festival Elvis Impersonator
- Mercy Triumphs — Classic Rock and Country with a Christian Theme

### Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

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Alternating in 45 minute intervals:

- Elkridge Band — Bluegrass
- Goldwing Express — Bluegrass Band from Branson, MO

**6:00 P.M. - 10 P.M.**

Last Stand Band — Classic Rock & Country

### Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

**10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

Alternating in 45 minute intervals:

- Minister's Quartet — Southern Gospel
- "Goldwing Express"
- Bluegrass Band from Branson, MO
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Left Photo: Failure to feed (FTF), this is symptomatic of short stroking. The round in the chamber has been ejected but the round in the magazine hasn't been picked up and the slide is trying to go into battery but didn't pick up the round in the magazine at the head of the bullet and is now caught half way up the cartridge. Middle Photo: Failure to eject (FTE), this stove pipe jam is another indicator of short stroking. There wasn't enough recoil power to eject the spent case or to pick up the next round. Right Photo: Failure to extract (FTX), this is called a double feed and it is a failure to extract. The gun's extractor wasn't able to grab or hold the cartridge's rim. If not broken, the extractor may be dirty and standing away from the cartridge rim or stuck in its channel. Clearing this malfunction may be hard. The magazine may not release and the jammed bullet will have to be removed or pushed back into the magazine before you can clear the gun. A good cleaning will usually cure this problem. (Author Photos)

### Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith

Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

## GUNSMITHING

Have you been having trouble with your semi-auto gun failing to function or what is better known as "jamming"? There are many factors which can cause a semi-auto to not function properly and reliably. A dirty chamber, Here I want to look at some of the most common causes of failure to feed (FTF), failure to extract (FTX), or failure to eject (FTE).

Failure to feed a new round into the chamber can be traced to a couple common problems. If the semi-auto gun is not old and very well used but new out of the box and it's failing to feed the new round your most likely "limp wristing" it. Your grip is wrong and allowing the gun to jump or slide in your grip. Nearly all semi-auto hand guns are recoil operated. Without a firm and proper grip the gun uses up its recoil moving backward with the slide and causing the gun to short stroke and not pick up the next round. The instant the cartridge ignites it produces thousands of pounds of force per square inch in all directions. A similar problem occurs with recoil semi-auto rifles. The hold is wrong and loose allowing the rearward movement of the rifle to absorb the recoil. It can be very frustrating to the shooter and many guns are returned

to the manufacturer or to the local gunsmith to be corrected. Then it's a bit embarrassing when the gun is returned and the owner told its in perfect working order and at the range it's two or three shots and Wham! It Jams (FTF)...Guess what, it wasn't the gun.

Well, it might not have been "limp wristing" it either. You learned your lesson, right? You changed your grip or you shoulder the rifle tight and it still fails to feed. That brings up the 2nd most common problem with FTF. Ammunition. When I was a youngster, and needed ammo for my .22 I only had to go the the corner drug store, the hardware store down the street, the gas station on the other end of the street, or if I was downtown I could go to the Benjamin Franklin Five and Dime. The ammo was always made by Winchester, or Federal, or Remington. There were other U.S. ammo manufacturers that I don't remember their names, but all made good quality ammo. Today we have a choice of ammo from several suppliers in several different countries. Most use good quality brass, primers, and bullets, but use low quality powder. Some use quality powder, good bullets, primers, and steel cases. I haven't kept track of the number of steel cases I've shot that split and caused an extraction failure. Poor quality ammo that is using a poor quality powder or is under

loaded will often cause short stroking and a failure to feed. Some guns are ammo sensitive. That is they like some ammo and others they don't. Most military designed guns like the Glock, the Colt 1911, Sig, Ruger, Berretta, Steyr can handle most ammo without being picky. If your gun seems to like one type of ammo over others, stick with that ammo.

Some may be wondering why when a gun is short stroking it still ejects and extracts the spent cartridge okay. Once the primer is ignited and the explosion occurs, the slide starts rearward, the extractor grabs the spent case pulling it to the rear. The case strikes the ejector and is kicked out. The slide is supposed to continue rearward another quarter of an inch to an inch or more in the case of rifles, to clear the magazine or the lifter on a tubular magazine and pick up the next bullet. The mainspring is being compressed and if there is



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Left picture has 4 cartridges base up. Right picture is the same bullets in side view. Upper left is a S&B 9x19 mm (Sellier & Bellot), Lower Left is a Tulammo 9mm Luger, both weigh 184 grains, OAL is the same and look like the same cartridge. Upper right is a R-P 9mm Luger, it is shorter and weighs less than the S&B or Tulammo. Lower right is a Speer 9mm Luger Flat Nose Target Copper Jacketed. This round is heavier by 9 grains yet shorter than the other 9 mm rounds. (Author Photos)

Don't mix your ammo in the same magazine. Failures can occur and if you forget and need that gun to work in an emergency, this is the formula for disaster. 3 ball ammo, 1 hollow point most likely to jam, and a low power wad cutter = OMG. (Author Photo)

insufficient recoil to force the bolt fully rearward, it will slam the bolt forward and into battery whether it picks up a round or not. So, if your having problems with FTF and the jam looks like that in the pictures, first check your hold or grip. Then try a different ammo. Don't mix ammo. That is sure way to cause a failure to function. When looking for ammo keep in mind that some ammo made overseas may actually be manufactured by one company for many different marques. Tulammo and Seiler & Belloit 9 mm Luger ball ammo is an example. Only the head stamp is different. Weight, length, primer, brass, and jacketed ball bullet appear to be exactly the same. Just my observation. The point is if you find ammo that your gun doesn't like be careful when selecting another ammo. It might be a different brand but still the same.

This "Note" doesn't attempt to cover all the issues that may cause a gun to malfunction. There are several mechanical reasons for a gun to not function as it should and a gunsmith will have to correct most of them. However, keeping your gun clean and recognizing some of the symptoms of

FTF, FTE can save you many frustrating days at the range. FTX, failure to extract is most often due to a dirty chamber or bullet case, or extractor hook is clogged, or the extractor channel is full of dirt. So long as the extractor and its spring are not broken a good cleaning may correct the problems.

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The political parties have chosen their candidates and the race to the White House is in full gallop. The choices are not always good. Your choice of who will take over the office of President of the United States is up to you. You have to vote. Maybe you are frustrated with the process, with the candidates, with the parties, with whatever, still VOTE. It is the most important civil responsibility you have. Your right to elect a representative, a President, a Governor, is why the terrorists like ISIS, al Qaeda and many others, along with many oppressed people in countries where voting is a requisite to life (and they always have to vote for whom their told to), is why they hate or envy our way of life and want to take it from us. Don't let them win because you don't vote.

**Quote of the Month**

"...when one considers that there are more than 750,000 police officers in the United States and that these officers have tens of millions of interactions with citizens each year, it is clear that police shootings are extremely rare events and that few officers--less than one-half of 1 percent each year--ever shoot anyone."

— David Klinger, *Into the Kill Zone: A Cop's Eye View of Deadly Force* (2004)

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](mailto: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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# Archery Know How



by Tom Stricker

## Being prepared for season!

In the last few articles I have discussed ways to help you shoot better, build confidence in yourself and equipment, and try to enjoy shooting your bow. As with any sport we have other inspirations. Some just like to shoot for competition and some for the hunt every year.

A lot of hunters count the days down to the next hunting season as soon as the it's over. For some here in Indiana we just wait for October 1st. Others are gearing up for out of state hunting for elk and deer that start earlier than Indiana hunting season. With that being said let's make sure we are fully geared up and ready for the hunting season. One very important thing we need to make sure we have if we are going out of state to hunt is our Hunter Education Card. This is good to have even if you are not going to leave state to hunt.

I am sure that a lot of you read on the internet what is the best or watch TV and see the ads on all the new stuff to use for hunting season. Just because it's on the internet doesn't mean that its true. (hence Bon Jour). We all need to know what we are hunting, how we hunt and where we are hunting before we make decisions on our equipment.

As a shop owner I see and hear everything possible for what is best or what is right. Here are some criteria that I used in making decisions for equipment for myself and customers.

- Draw weight- lower weight means less kinetic energy
- Draw length- shorter length could mean lower kinetic energy
- Species of animal hunting- some need heavier arrows, smaller broad heads, non-mechanical, etc.

Let's talk about what we need for lower draw weight and shorter draw lengths. When it comes to broad heads I would recommend a fixed head just to help on wasted energy loss. If the blades of a broad head have to open it is wasting energy that some can't spare. Another benefit of fixed broad heads is they are guaranteed to be cutting on the way in the animal unlike some of the mechanical broad heads.

If we are nominal on draw length (28.5-30") and weight (50-70lbs) then the choice of equipment is less stressful. I personally will use mechanical broad heads just because the fly like my practice field points. I also only shoot 50lb draw weight and 29" draw length and

with the newer bows being more efficient shooting longer distances at the game is easier.

If you want to calculate what your kinetic energy is coming out of your bow there is a formula to use. If you know what your arrow weight is and the actual speed is of your arrow coming out of the bow (not what the IBO rating is on the bow) you can use the formula.

$$\frac{(Arrow\ weight) \times (Arrow\ speed) \times (Arrow\ speed)}{450,240}$$

Example my arrow weight is 311 grains and speed of my arrow is 296 fps (feet per second) checked on a chronograph.

$$\frac{296 \times 296 \times 311}{450,240} = 60.52lb\ of\ kinetic\ energy$$

This is enough to harvest any animal in north America.

So we know what our arrow speed is and what kinetic energy is so it should be easy to choose the broad heads we need to harvest our animal. Most people are about a month or so before season so get your bow to your local pro shop and have it checked for timing, peep rotation, loop condition, peep tubing (if your using that style peep) and string condition. Some hunters have experienced a D-Loop breaking during the draw cycle and know what kind of pain you receive. Trust me it is a cheap yearly fix, have your loop replaced every year. If you are handy and know how to put a loop on, buy some extra material because you never know when disaster will strike. For the guy that uses old faithful peep tube style peep, replace it once to twice a year. We sell the tubing at the shop for a dollar and will install it for you.

If your using a release, make sure it's in good shape and if you're going out of state or in the hills have an extra one in case you lose it or it breaks so your hunt can be a success. If you use a range finder pack an extra battery or replace it every year, this would also be the case if you use a red dot or illuminated scope on your crossbow. A good pair of Binoculars can help you decide if the animal is the one you would like to harvest. If you hunt a lot using calls and scents you might want to have a good pack to carry all your extra gear. Here is a list of gear that I take with me to the woods to ensure that I have everything I need.

- Calls- grunt, bleat, rattling antlers
- Flashlight
- Binoculars
- Range finder
- Scents- doe in heat (estrus) buck tarsal, doe urine (cover) some use fox or coon urine
- Rain gear just in case
- Beverage
- Snack
- Bow and accessory hangers
- Limb saw
- Field dress gloves and knife
- Transportation tag for the animal and ink pen/pencil

Hopefully this was a helpful article to make sure your equipment is ready for season and anything you might encounter. If you have any suggestions for criteria for an article in this category let me know.

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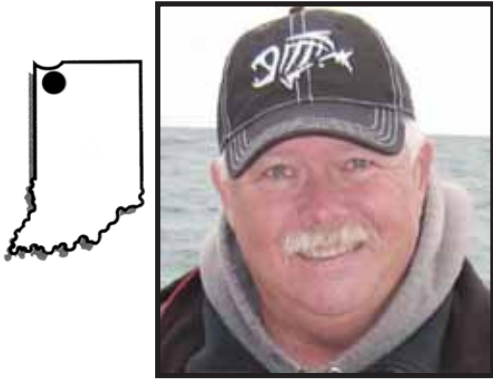
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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

## Plan Ahead For Hot Days, Hot Fishing & Hot Boats

I always tell people (usually as the bundle into another layer to ward off the “cooler near the lake” affect) that it stays early spring on Lake Michigan until sometime in June. Then suddenly, one day, we find ourselves peeling layers of warm weather garb as fast as possible. It then stays summer until late September.



Boat fires are uncommon, but advance planning for one could save you and your boat. (Author Photo)

Once our on-the-lake summer comes, we need to plan ahead for it. Plenty of water, a bimini top, sunscreen and UV blocker sunglasses are all in order. Once the summer comes, plan for hot fishing, as well. As the lake heats up so do the fish and it's time to have fresh lures, fresh line and well maintained reels in perfect working order.

There's another “hot” we need to plan for as well—a boat fire plan. Onboard fires are not that common, but they occur even on boats that are carefully maintained. A variety of factors can contribute to a boat fire—electrical shorts and leaking fuel lines top the list. That's why it's necessary for boat owners to put fire extinguishers in their boats—not because the law mandates it, because your boat and your life may depend on it.

I can't imagine an event more frightening than a fire aboard a boat. I'd rather be in house fire, I think. In most cases, seconds are going to count and a slow reaction time might be fatal. Being prepared with the right equipment - and knowing how to react at a moment's notice - can not only prevent major damage, it can save you and your friends.

Ever had a fire drill on your boat? (Not the kind that occurs when the 3rd king rips away during a feeding frenzy.)

Perhaps it's time you do—especially with your family or regular fishing companions.

Once ignited by a heat source such as an electrical spark, fire needs two elements to flourish—oxygen and a fuel source. It gets oxygen from air and aboard a boat, there are a number of fuel sources including fiberglass, wood, upholstery, plastics, foam, carpeting and, of course, gasoline.

Depriving a fire of either a fuel source or oxygen will extinguish the flames. Since virtually the entire boat is a fuel source, it is usually easiest to cut off the oxygen supply. That's the principle behind most

fire extinguishers.

Fire fighters classify blazes based on the fuel source and USCG-approved extinguishers follow these classifications, of which there are three. Class A fires are fueled by flammable solids—wood, paper, plastic, etc. Water is effective in battling Class A fires. Class B blazes feed on volatile liquids, such as gasoline. The only way to fight these beasts is to remove the oxygen. The Class B extinguishers many boaters carry are filled with a dry chemical powder to snuff out the fire by suffocating it.

Class C fires spring from electrical mishaps - such as when an arcing wire or overheated circuit ignite insulation or other components. The preferred extinguishing agent is carbon dioxide

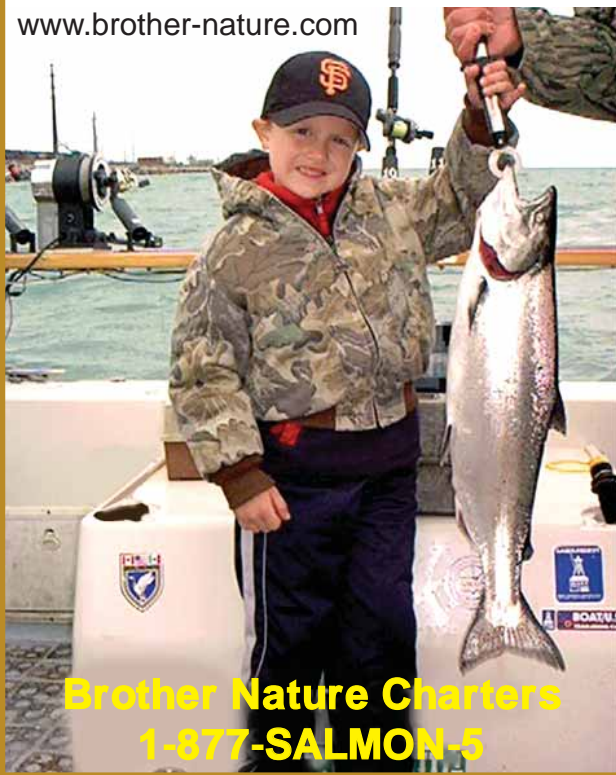
(CO2), because it doesn't conduct electrical current (as does water). You should never use water to extinguish an electrical fire, especially when circuits are charged. CO2 extinguishes fire by displacing its air supply.

There's also a Roman numeral that indicates the amount of extinguishing, agent. The USCG approves Class B fire extinguishers for recreational boats, with the legally required number and size of units determined by boat length. Approved models may also contain multiple class approvals. A, B, C rating, for example, means an extinguisher is suited for multiple types of fires.

An extinguisher is suitable for marine use when, in addition to any other markings, it bears a label showing "U.S. Coast Guard Approved." Another requirement is that the extinguisher be located away from a potential fire source and mounted in a convenient location. This may require more than one fire extinguisher for maximum safety.

Plan ahead for “hot” and hope it's just the weather.  
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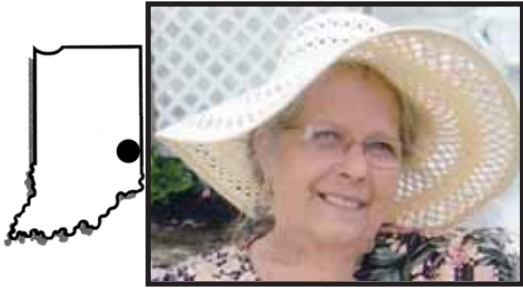




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# Visit Fayette County, IN For The Fun Of It!



by Donna Schroeder

President of Fayette County Tourism Bureau

## Big Things Happening In Fayette County and Connersville, Indiana

Gee, it's August already! Another summer has come and gone – almost. The kids are starting school (far too early, in my opinion), the state fair is about to begin as I write this and will probably be over by the time you read it.

I spent a week at the Fayette County Free Fair in the tourism tent. We expect fair week to be hot as blazes with the occasional shower, and we got what we expected, but I had a great time. Our tent was next to the pavilion where dinners are served nightly by various organizations.

The Connersville High School Band had a booth next to us, and we had the pleasure of listening to them play a couple of nights. In case you aren't aware, Connersville holds the honor of having the first high school band in the nation, started by noted music teacher Otto Meissner. Fitting to have the youngsters from the band there, considering that this is the oldest free fair in the state.

The fair board did a super job this year. There was a free stage with entertainment every evening. The midway was nice. I have to admit that I couldn't resist the caramel corn, funnel cakes, and lemon shake ups. (You have to have a little desert after dinner. Right?)

The 4-H kids worked hard on their exhibits. Other exhibitors did a great job, too. It's nice to know that the spirit of a small community is alive and well and supportive of community events.

Fayette County's Bicentennial Bison was on display next to our tent. He's a big old boy, painted by the Whitewater Valley Arts Association members with farm scenes and drawings of historic buildings, past and present. If you haven't seen one of these critters, look one up! Most counties have one, and they're a United Way Indiana State Bicentennial project.

We had a display of items that are sold in the Fayette County Historical Museum. Lots of folks stopped by to visit, ask questions about articles in the books, and just chat about our plans to relocate the museum. The museum is owned and maintained by Historic Connersville, Incorporated (HCI).

If you haven't heard about the move, it's pretty exciting. The first museum contents were gathered by beloved local educator Jesse Reynolds and were originally housed in a school. The museum eventually moved to a quaint little church building on Vine Street (State Road 1) and was known as the Reynolds Museum. The school corporation later transferred ownership to HCI. The museum then moved north to the junction of Highways 1 and 44, the name



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changed, and the focus moved from a global museum to a local flavor, with Fayette County manufacturing and history highlighted.

Now, the museum will move again, this time to the downtown area. It's a great location, and it's a wonderful opportunity to add another attraction downtown. Once it's there, visitors will be within walking distance of the museum, the Whitewater Valley Railroad depot, the Canal House (built in 1842 as the headquarters of the Whitewater Canal), the new location of the Whitewater Valley Arts Association, and the 1870 Hose House #1 – one of Connersville's three original fire houses.

But, back to the museum. If you haven't been there, you've missed a selection of Connersville built horse drawn and motorized vehicles. The latest acquisition is a 1937 Cord, an absolutely beautiful automobile. There are Native American articles, displays of early pioneer life, and much more!

Our new museum will have a welcome center and gift shop, as well as additional room to display the ever growing number of exhibits. That's what most visitors to the tourism tent wanted to discuss! Will you have more room? Will you have more Connersville/Fayette County items for sale? Will you be open extended hours during the times visitors are in town to ride the train? The answer to all those questions is YES!

There's much to be done in the new location. It's been vacant for several years and needs lots of upgrades and TLC, but HCI is up to the task. At this time, there's a membership drive in progress, and many new members and volunteers have stepped up. Fundraising is underway to meet the match needed for a grant for part of the renovation. Locals might know this as the Wells Building, built by the late Willie J. Wells in the early 1990's as the location for the state's employment office. The Wells family gave HCI a generous donation toward the purchase of the building in honor of Willie and his wife Christine. It's located across the street from the train depot at 5th and Grand.

Anyone who's interested in making a donation or joining HCI or just checking out the exhibits can stop by the present location at 103 Vine Street any Thursday or Sunday between 1 and 4 p.m. The move will take some time, but HCI hopes to have it completed by spring of 2017.

In the meantime, there are things to do in Connersville. The Farmers Market, located on the courthouse parking lot, is in full swing every

Saturday morning from 8 til 11 a.m. It's a great place to shop for locally grown produce, as well as a gathering place to chat with friends and enjoy a summer morning. There are beautiful examples of local arts  
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The Farmer's Market is located on the west end of the park between the Heritage Fair and the Downtown Fall Festival.



One of the vendors from a recent Heritage Fair. Goose clothes, hand towels, and more.

# Fall Creek Heritage Fair & Pendleton Fall Festival September 9-10, 2016

by Rich Creason

Photos by Rich & Susie Creason

The Annual Fall Creek Heritage Fair, in conjunction with the Pendleton Downtown Merchants Fall Festival will return to Pendleton, Indiana on September 9th and 10th this year. The Heritage Fair in Falls Park will once again be sponsored by the Century and a Half Club. This will be their 40th year backing this outstanding event.

Pendleton is located in the far southwest corner of Madison County, in Fall Creek Township. Once a stagecoach stop on the journey west, this small town was incorporated around 160 years ago and at the last census was home to 4,253 people. The town is known for the Massacre of 1824, when three white men killed a group of Seneca and Miami Indians in this area. It was the first time in this country white men were hanged for killing Indians.

Pendleton is conveniently located at exit 219, just off Interstate 69, and at the junction of SR's 38, 67, and 36. This community's central location and

hometown charm has made it a favorite destination for those who are looking for an interesting and unique shopping experience and historical site.

The Heritage Fair will once again be held in beautiful Falls Park. It will boast over 185 booths of quality handmade items, including, but not limited to, wood crafts, jewelry, and hand-sewn articles. Lots of home baked goods, famous K-burgers (my favorite!), elephant ears and funnel cake vendors are available to satisfy your appetite. Of course, the lemon shake-ups at the local Boy Scout booth are always a popular drink to go with any food.

The Fair is sponsored by the Century and a Half Club. For booth space, contact President Lana Barton at 765-778-3183. No flea market or commercial items are allowed. This show brings in 5,000-7,000 visitors, more if the weather is nice. The local Farmer's Market will be located at the west end of the park.

While wandering through the Fair, be sure to observe nearby Fall Creek. Follow it downstream just a few yards to see where the water forms two falls, one on each end of the old swimming pool. The falls in the park tumble over a 12 foot ledge of solid limestone. In early days, this was a mill site, but through time, it eventually became a grand old swimming pool for the community and nearby area. It was a fine place for summer fun, complete with diving boards built into the rock, a big water slide, and of course, a bathhouse for the patrons. In the 1960's, the old swimming hole had to be closed to the public for swimming due to pollution. This was a huge disappointment for the entire county. I remember swimming there many hours in my

youth.

The Falls on Fall Creek are a part of Pendleton's heritage. For nearly two centuries, it's been the local point of life here. It only made sense to preserve the area. The falls are at the heart of an expansive park which features nature trails, an Olympic-size swimming pool, meeting facilities, a historical museum, a new sports complex, and much more.

"Quilts in the Park" located in the Pendleton Historical Museum near the falls, will be open both days of the Fair, and also at other times. This is sponsored by the Spring Valley Quilt Guild. A nominal donation is asked at the door. Proceeds go to support the Heritage Museum. For more information on hours and other specifics, contact Suzanne Hagan at 765-778-1818.

In addition to the Heritage Fair, the Pendleton Fall Festival will be taking place along the main streets of Pendleton both days from 9 AM. All of the perennial favorites will be back, including the Pendleton Garden Club plant and baked goods sale at the corner of State Street and Pendleton Avenue. Also on this corner will be the Cutest Baby Contest. Local businesses will be showing their wares and having super sales along the sidewalks.

The special children's area will be behind the bank on the southeast corner of State Street and Pendleton Avenue. I don't have specifics at press times, but in the past, they have offered face painting, bounce houses, Smiley the Train, hula hoop contests, a magician, and coloring contests to keep the kid busy. Other activities, games, and prizes are on the agenda with more being added.

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by Dan Graves

## The Electron and Us

On a recent stop at our local marina, I was stunned as I walked in the door. Mounted to a huge, beefy stand was an outboard engine of monumental proportions. The thing was huge. I asked the owner if he was into powering aircraft carriers. Rated at two hundred horsepower, which seemed only adequate to get the thing started, he explained the operation of it. No cables for steering or gear changes. It has "fly by wire" controls, in other words no cables or other mechanical connections to the cockpit as well as other electronic wonders. As with today's auto's and motorcycles, I asked how he would handle a breakdown of the steering or gear shifting system. His response - "I dunno". That got me thinking.

The electron, a tiny little speck of almost nothing, has done more to shape the course of human history than any other thing. Zooming in orbit around the nucleus of an atom composed of protons

and neutrons, it carries a negative electrical charge and maintains the cohesion of the nucleus with its positively charged protons and the neutrons that carry no electrical charge. The number of orbiting electrons and protons in the nucleus determines the atomic weight and mass of any substance. For instance, hydrogen sports only one of each, making it the lightest element in the universe whereas gold sports seventy nine of the little rascals making it one of the heavier elements. Over the years scientists have developed means of combining elements to create an almost infinite number of different types of "stuff". By bonding iron atoms to carbon atoms we get steel. Mother Nature combines two hydrogen atoms to one oxygen atom and your fresh new hairdo is ruined by a sudden downpour of rain.

During the last part of the eighteenth century and on into the nineteenth century, thinkers began to experiment with combinations of materials and liquids. For instance, in 1783 a gentleman by the name of Luigi Galvani dissected a frog, exposing its sciatic nerve with a scalpel, with caused a spark of electricity. The dead frog kicked as if it were alive. This was evidence that electricity could come from a biochemical reaction. Thus was possibly, born the idea of batteries. Although I've never understood the reasoning behind frog dissection (other than their legs are very tasty when properly prepared), we can either thank the frog or curse it when we accidentally stick our finger into a light socket.

By the beginning of the twentieth century the flow of electrons along conductors was becoming fairly common. Tom Edison was putting candle makers out of business and the days of steam power was standing on the gallows with a rope around its neck. Horses could look forward to a bleak future as nothing more than dog food as gas and electric powered cars became popular. Telegraph lines stretched across vast distances to be followed by telephones, all powered by the flow of electrons through conductive wires.

These electrons could carry the sound of your aunt Ethel who had the lung power of a blue whale and could talk for hours without ever coming up for air.

Inevitably, the wireless side of electron flow was beginning to surface. Thanks to Mr. Marconi, wireless communications eventually led to radio. Here, a bunch of electrons are excited and emit pulses of energy on certain wave lengths that are transmitted to another bunch of electrons that convert that energy into sound impulses. Now, news that formerly took days and sometimes weeks to reach most people could be received instantly, resulting in Saturday nights being spent sitting in front of a big, boxy radio listening to jitterbug

music, Jack Benny and Gracie Allen, Lawrence Welk and depressing news. The world began to shrink.

Then the bomb shell hit. In the late 40's RCA unveiled what became known as television. For a princely sum, well-to-do families could watch flickering black and white images on a screen the size of a cereal box. Radio voices now had a face. Sid Caesar, Imogene Coca, Captain Video, Howdy Doody and again Lawrence Welk, started replacing Saturday night baths and feeding the dog. Somehow, technical minds then managed to train electrons to transmit images in color and sounds in stereo. Progression followed progression until swarms of satellites opened up international links and the viewer could watch up to the minute happenings in every remote spot in the world. The planet had shrunk to the size of a golf ball and all because of a dinky little packet of energy no bigger than a dust mote on the toe of a flea. But then, things started getting personal.

I know that electrons are essential to such mundane things as life, but where does the use of the little rascals end? We recently gave up our 1929 Model T roadster and traded for a newer vehicle. It has been similar to being used to stepping into an outhouse and then trying to get acclimated to a toilet with automatic flushing stools, lights that come on when you enter, and faucets that sense the presence of your hands. Not to mention those noisy hand driers. In the old days, outhouses were serviced by honey dippers while today it takes a technician to repair a leaky faucet. As for the car, I can get the thing started and in gear, but that is where electrons take over. Similar to the cockpit of an airliner with a myriad of buttons and switches and colored screens, the little demons begin rushing through micro-circuitry and in general, creating mental havoc. Want to adjust the radio volume? Push the button with the squiggly icon and turn on the air conditioner. Try to set the windshield wiper speed and the headlights go off. If for any reason it quits all together, an MIT graduate is required for repairs. I won't get into the formerly hairy chested world of motorcycles which is now suffering from the same invasion of psychotic electrons. And now, the final safe haven of good old mechanical human control has bit the dust. Hopefully, somewhere, there's an MIT grad who's interested in the field of marine engine repair.

The above are only a few examples of the rapidly expanding field of "electron"-ics. However, a thought just occurred. Our little planet, like an electron, orbits the sun, which is possibly a nucleus.

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Left Photo: This was a hunt in an open field. Susie is in front center. (Photo by Benjamin Marques) Right Photo: Susie redeemed her token with Gary Manning, huntmaster. It was good for this Garrett Ace 350 detector. (Photo by Benjamin Marques)

## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### Treasure Hunt at Starve Hollow SRA

July 24th thru the 30th was the dates for this year's Southern Indiana Treasure Fest. As for the last eight years, this event would be held at Starve Hollow State Recreation Area near Vallonia. Susie and I have attended all of the previous hunts here and hoped to have another good week.

To compete in one of these metal detector hunts, the entrant must pay a fee. 100% of that entry fee would be buried in the ground in various separate hunts. Also, many numbered tokens would be buried and redeemed by the finder after the hunt. This token could be for anything from a baseball hat, other prizes, silver, gold, or even a new metal detector. For this seven day hunt, we paid in advance for the entire week. It was cheaper than paying by the day. As it turned out, due to unfortunate circumstances, we would be forced to miss two of those days.

Individual hunts would take place each day at 10 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM. A special free kid's hunt would be in the sand in the playground area at 2 PM. Other events could be offered by the hunt master in charge of each day. Most evenings had a 7 PM hunt on the beach. Digging for coins in the sand is a lot different than trying to find a coin

or token buried one to four inches in dirt.

Day one offered the three main hunts, plus the beach hunt and an extra 11 AM event. Minelab Detectors and Cabela's were the main sponsors of this day supplying many of the token prizes. We braved the 90 plus degree heat with high humidity and found enough to regain our entry fee for the day.

Monday was sponsored by Fisher Labs and Bounty Hunter detectors. The first hunt was named "Native American Hunt". When we began digging, we found the coins were Indian head pennies, buffalo nickels (with the Indian on the reverse side) and Sacagawea dollar coins. The late afternoon hunt that day was all silver dimes. Susie did well, but I didn't find enough to cover my entry.

Then it got worse. We returned to our motorhome in the campground. We opened the door and it was dark and extremely hot inside. Our electricity had gone out. I checked the outside box where we were plugged into and flipped the breaker. (I am NOT an electrician.) Nothing happened. So, I went inside. I opened the panel box, checked all of those breakers and still nothing. One of our friends is a general contractor and was in a nearby trailer. He brought his tester over and found we had juice coming into the RV but not out of the convertor box.

We couldn't live without air, water and lights, so we packed up and headed home. As we were almost home, driving through Pendleton, I turned a corner and one of the large outside storage compartment doors flew open and scattered lanterns, cast iron Dutch ovens, and assorted other gear through the intersec-

tion. I pulled over and watched the cars (and trucks) swerve around all the debris in the road. I ran back and started picking up items while vehicles flew by me on both sides. Susie was following me in her car and pulled up beside me. We started throwing stuff in her trunk. Ten more minutes found us pulling into our driveway.

Instead of hunting Tuesday, we were transferring necessary items from the motorhome into my truck, getting the dog in for boarding, then picking what turned out later to be 21 quarts of green beans out of our garden. Susie got on the computer and tried to find us a motel room in Seymour for the rest of the week. Due to vendors from the large county fair and some kind of convention in town, we could only get a room for Wednesday and Thursday night. This meant we would miss Saturday's event. We drove to Fort Wayne and picked up Benjamin, our grandson, who would be spending the rest of the week hunting with us.

An early start on Wednesday found us back at Starve Hollow in time for the first hunt. Whites Electronics and The Hoosier Hills Treasure Hunters Club sponsored this day. Lots of great prizes including five metal detectors. We had a good (not a great) day, but certainly not enough



Author digging a coin or token in the woods hunt. (Photo by Benjamin Marques)

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Left Photo: Benjamin with friends fishing in the lake at Starve Hollow SRA. He is holding a nice bluegill, one of many he caught. (Photo by R. Creason) Middle Photo: Grandson Benjamin hunting in the sand during the kid's hunt. (Photo by R. Creason) Right Photo: This collection of Civil War bullets and button was presented to Benjamin by Dr. Rodney Cox of Virginia. He and Benjamin talked all week about the Civil War. (Photo by Benjamin Marques)

to make up for missing the day before.  
 Thursday was Gary Manning's day. It was sponsored by Garrett Metal Detectors. We always liked Gary's hunt because he added Civil War relics to the other buried items. Susie found what looked like a Virginia uniform button, but it turned out it wasn't actually a real button. She

took it to the prize table and redeemed it for a new Garrett Ace 350 detector.  
 Technetics and Cannonball Express, Wick's Pies, Silver Towne, and Winchester Speedway supplied the prizes for Friday. We found a lot of coins, but didn't dig many tokens. Unfortunately, since we didn't have a motel room for that night,

we had to head home. The final day of Treasure Fest was going to have tokens for six detectors and lots of other great prizes and we would have to miss it.  
 Maybe next year.  
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## So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## Little things make a big difference in bowhunting

*Author rediscovers how a small thing can be a big deal*

A lot of things have to go exactly right in order to get a deer with archery equipment. And like a friend and I were discussing over the weekend, on a mature buck, everything usually happens within a few seconds, so the odds of having everything go off without a hitch, well it just does not always work out that way.

Mature bucks are fewer by nature. Many antlered bucks are harvested before they reach maturity, and the ones that do make it seem to morph into an entirely different animal altogether. Their typically nocturnal and reclusive nature and lack of curiosity that younger deer have also make seeing one a rarity. The mere sight of one tends to rattle our cages, therefore, when an opportunity does come, it usually seems that at least one of those key elements goes awry. Take my experience just a handful of days ago for example.

I spied a mature buck sneaking through the timber, just out of range and in too thick of cover to even consider a shot. He made his way into a standing corn field and disappeared. "Oh well, I thought, at least I saw a mature buck. They are starting to get on their feet." A short while later, three does came running in my direction, with the buck in hot pursuit. As the does cleared through an opening twenty-five yards away I drew my bow so I would be ready when the buck came through. As he entered the opening I bleated to try to get him to stop, which he did, but only after taking a few more steps which put a large tree between him and me. As I held my bow at full draw, he remained motionless for a few seconds before taking off at a fast trot after the does again. Again I bleated but this time he did not stop. It took a couple more loud bleats to get him to halt again. Only now, since I had been at full draw the whole time, I could not be certain exactly how far he was, and I could not see any branches that would be in the path of my arrow and I was in rush mode as I knew he was going to bolt again at any minute. As I released the string I could see the red



A whole bunch of things have to go right in order to kill a trophy buck with a bow. More often than not, it is the little things that will either make you or break you when the moment of truth arrives on a buck of this caliber. (Author Photo)

glow of the Nockturnal™ lighted nock on my arrow as it sailed just over the buck's back.

It is a horrible feeling to miss a buck like that. As bowhunters, we spend countless hours and dollars each year just hoping to get a few seconds at a buck of that caliber and when things do not go the way we want them to, it is a huge let-down. But even though it feels bad and makes you have pity on yourself, the fact is that it happens – to all of us. I was in a position last weekend in which there were several things that, quite simply, were out of my control. There were also a couple of things that were in my control that I failed at. I got flustered at the pace of the situation, failed to pick

an exact spot on the buck to aim at and rushed the shot.

So as I still hang my head in despair and cry "Oh, woe is me," I also need to just be thankful that I had the opportunity to share the same piece of real estate as that buck did for those few seconds. In time, that failed shot will be the source of many laughs and memories. But I also hope that it will become the source of renewed commitment and of more practice on my part. Not that I won't miss another big buck again sometime, as I am sure I will, but as long as I have those few precious seconds every now and again, I'm good.

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by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

**DO YOU REALLY  
 SUPPORT TRAPPING?**

*I worked up this article for my next Newsletter for the ISTA, but thought it was so poignant, that I would share it here also. With the new threats to trapping existing in Montana, where a referendum has the potential to BAN trapping and SNARING all together on public lands, trappers across the country need to ask themselves.....*

Bob Hast does. He donated new traps and lures to be handed out at the Convention last year and is doing it again this year. Donations, to the ISTA's White Elephant sale on Friday nights, are an excellent way to support the ISTA which in turn works to preserve our trapping privilege. Everyone has some little item that they could part with and never miss. Attending the auction is even a better way. We always have fun. Your participation in the Fur Sale in January helps to set the tone for what the ISTA may do throughout the year. Fur prices are low, so just donating a few furs to the auction for the benefit of the ISTA, is an easy way to help the ISTA out, as is sending in a five (\$5) dollar donation. The ISTA cannot begin to thank enough the various vendors that make donations to our Trapper Education Classes and other projects. These donors include, but are not limited to, Duke Traps, Hoosier Trappers Supply, Minnesota Trap Line Products, Wildlife Control Supplies, PCS Outdoors, and the FTA for their educational DVDs produced by Rick Schoonover. (If I have missed anyone, my apologies.)

**Do you support trapping by being counted among those who do?** I estimate that less than seven (7%) percent of the people who have trapping licenses in Indiana, are members of the ISTA, let alone other trapping related organizations. The Fur Takers of America (FTA) has a National Organization that has local Affiliates throughout the States and Country. The ISTA is currently in need of a representative to the FTA. The National Trappers Association (NTA) looks to the State Associations to have a representative to help maintain their communication with trappers in that State. Stu Grell is our NTA representative and he does a very good job keeping the ISTA apprised of what is going on in the USA. The Sportsmen's Alliance is an organization that actively tracks legislation, pending and passed, that affects the sportsman's use of the outdoors. See the member-

ship application inside this Newsletter. If you don't belong, to at least one of these associations, then you are not counted as a supporter of trapping and the Anti's thank you. Currently the ISTA has around 330 members. Let's all bring one (1) new person to sign up at this coming Convention.

**Do you support trapping by attending Conventions?** One complaint that I hear from a vocal few, is that the Conventions are ALWAYS held up in Northern Indiana, or at least north of HWY 70. The interesting thing is, that historically, the ISTA Board has noted that the further south we go with the Convention, the poorer attendance in general that we have. I thought Conventions in Tipton were a nice "centralized" location, and the Tipton County 4-H Association charged us very reasonably. After one (1) year, most of the Vendors were very happy with Tipton. However, some of the membership wanted the Convention site moved around, so we moved it, and they didn't come out for it last year in Danville. This year it is back where the ISTA was founded for its 55th Convention and Rendezvous, Union Mills, IN. Next year, the 2017 ISTA 56th Convention and Rendezvous looks like it will be at the Decatur County 4-H Fairgrounds and Exhibition Center, in Greensburg, IN., 545 S. Co. Rd. 200 W., Greensburg, IN 47240, a location south of Hwy 70. Will you be there? Or will you just complain because it wasn't within 10 miles of your home town? Support trapping by supporting the ISTA, and getting involved. If you want a Convention within 10 miles of your home, help us plan one there. If you want that Convention to have a bunch of Kid's games, please volunteer to help run them. It is easy to sit back and complain. Why not be part of the solution by helping out!

**Do you support trapping by participating in events that highlight trapping?** Maybe you have a hard time getting to the Convention. Maybe you don't really have anything to donate to the White Elephant Sale. But, maybe there is a sport show that occurs each year near to you. The ISTA will sponsor you up to \$100 if you will sit a booth at the sport show. The ISTA will supply you with furs, membership forms, clothing, etc. that you may sell on the behalf of the ISTA. Some of these sport shows may generate several hundred dollars of income for the ISTA, if we could just get someone to sit a booth. Paul Waldman took over the Deer and Turkey show last year, and did very well with it. He plans to run it again this next year, February 23 - 26, 2017. This show takes place on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in association with the Indy Sport and RV Show. If you would be interested in helping out with this Show, please give Paul a call in the near future. Don't put it off and forget about it.

This last July 9th, I attended IDNR's Hoosier Heritage Day that Specialist Rex Waters organizes and puts on at the Paynetown Recreational Area at Lake Monroe. Rex tries to have re-enactors portray the time periods from the 1750's thru to the 1880's, more or less. The more realistic, the better, but he makes a bit of an exception for me. I do my best to portray a trapper, but I really do not have the period clothing that some of the hard core mountain men have. What I do have are some old traps and ISTA skins along with my mother's pony's hide. I also have a couple of old

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Left Photo: Riding with some friends earlier this year at Haspin Acres near Laurel, IN. Right Photo: Cooking squirrel over the fire at Hunting Camp last year. (Author Photos)

# Adventures in Indiana



With Cole King

## A lot of "Huntin', Fishin' and Lovin' Every Day"

I started writing articles for the Gad-A-Bout in May of this year. I've written about spending time on the river, my annual fishing trip, and basic outdoor activities. Obviously, these are some of my favorite things to do. Recently the song "Huntin', Fishin' and Lovin' Every Day" by country musician Luke Bryan caught my attention. My favorite line reads, "Pullin' the string on a 9.9 two-stroke (Mercury)". This is the same motor we have on our jon boat. This song hits home, so close to my lifestyle and passion for nature that I immediately decided that I had to mention that in my next article. As I sat down to start writing about this song, it's title, and the message it delivers, I realized that it's not the actual activity that I love, but the surroundings and the experience. In this article I would like to tell you a little bit more about myself and my love for literally huntin fishin and lovin every day.

Of course my name is Cole King, and I am beginning my sophomore year at Pendleton Heights High School. I consider myself a pan fisherman, but everyone has to admit that they love a fighting bass. In June of 2014, I went with my father up to Duncan Lake in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. (Very close to Canada.) I caught some of the largest small-mouth I had ever saw. This was by far my most memorable outdoor experience, and it was an extraordinary way to connect with Mother Nature. The boundary waters of Northern Minnesota, is the most remote place I have ever been. My dad and I set

out with a canoe, a tent, a few fishing rods, and a thirst for adventure. For almost a week, we explored the wilderness and lakes of Northern Minnesota. I felt closer to God than I ever have in my life. I mention this trip because it helped define me as a person, and legitimize my commitment to being an outdoorsman. Often times, I site this trip as I tell another story. I could go on and on about my Minnesota trip, but I'm sure I can save that for a future article.

I live in a fairly rural area, so when I was little I would spend my summers like many other kids, hunting insects, catching frogs, and chasing birds. Thankfully, I live close to Fall Creek, so on the weekends, my dad and I would go down to the creek and wade in the water. This is where I learned to hunt crawdads, which I still do today for fun.

When I was about seven, my parents bought me a four wheeler, so I could join them in their hobby of off road riding. I started out with the small 110cc quad, meant for small children. I nearly ran the wheels off of it. I learned how to spin tires, shift your weight to keep your quad from flipping, and how to pick yourself up and climb right back on when you did role (Which happened a few times.). Finally as I got older, I was able to step up to an adult sized four wheeler, which ended up being a 1998 Honda Recon. (I still have this machine.) My favorite place to go riding is Haspin Acres, in Laurel, Indiana. We will take our tents and four wheelers, and stay for the weekend. I've had my fair share of accidents and roll overs, luckily no serious injuries. Although we go to Laurel for riding our quads, I never miss the chance to take a walk through the woods there,

or wade through the creek and look for wildlife.

Last winter, we added another activity to our "Hobbies List," by purchasing an old 1977 Rinkerbuilt ski boat. This has certainly kept us busy this summer. We have visited a few lakes in the central Indiana area including Brookville and the beautiful Mounds State Recrea-tional Area, and frequented Prairie Creek (Muncie reservoir). The largest boating adventure of the season included joining many of our friends on a trip to Dale Hollow, Tennessee. Our good friends, the Bousmans, have been making this trip an annual event for their family for decades, and were kind enough to show us the ropes.

Now that fall is sneaking up on us, we start to turn our focus from fishing, camping and boating, to our fall and winter activities. Of course we start thinking

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Left Photo: Blue Caboose on the Back Porch. Right Photo: Jim Wendel conducts a workshop. Photo at bottom of page: Jericho String Band on stage.

## 18th Annual Metamora Music Festival Sept 3-4, 2016

Article & Photos by Gail Ginther

The 18th Annual Metamora Music Festival will be held on the Sat & Sun of Labor Day Weekend, Sept 3 & 4, 2016 at Lane's End Farm, Lovers Lane, in Metamora, Indiana's Canal Town.

This event offers free stage shows at Back Porch of Lane's End Farm on both days that feature regional groups such as Slaters Family Band, Blue Caboose, Mark Utley & Bulletville, Jericho String Band, Ted Yoder, and My Brother's Keeper. The Side Stage provides music as the bands change on the Back Porch and will showcase talents such as Chris Wolf, Yellow Kites, Greg O'Haver, and Pineridge Partners.

Performances will be held from 9 to 9 on Saturday, Sept 3; and from Noon to 6 on Sunday, Sept 4.

Bring your folding chairs or take advantage of the straw bales provided under the big tent at the Back Porch. Food is served all day by the Metamora Lions Club in the Back Porch area. Free parking is available in the meadow across Duck Creek from the barn, watch for the yellow sign on US 52 east of Metamora.

Workshops and Demonstrations are located in the Making Music area along the Whitewater Canal.

Builders Joe Bauer, Jason Harshbarger, and David Lynch will be showing instruments from their workshops. Instructional workshops will be offered in

several instruments including Slide Guitar, Mandolin, Native Flute, Appalachian Dulcimer, Bones, Bowed Psaltery and more. Most of these are geared toward the beginner and function as an "introduction to playing the...."

On Sunday, Larry Wayt will be offering his popular Jamming 101 Workshop at the Metamora Grist Mill. This will be held along with the monthly Grist Mill Jam that takes place on the first Sunday of each month from April through September, from 1 to 4 PM. This is an acoustic slow jam that is very inclusive and welcoming, using familiar songs in a friendly, supportive atmosphere.

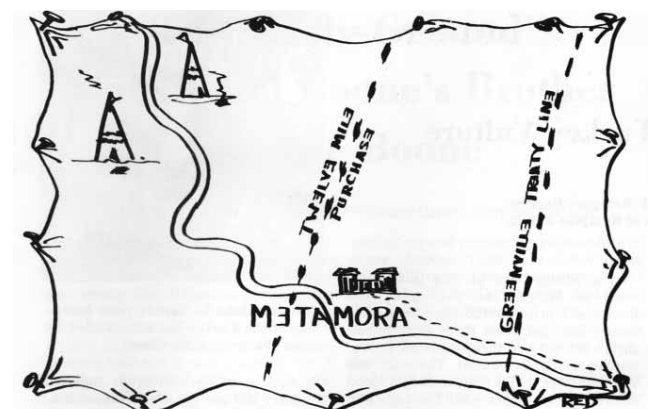
During the weekend additional music will be offered by the merchants of Duck Creek Crossing on the Wagon Stage up in the west end of town, across from the Grist Mill area. The possibility of finding musicians busking or jamming at other locations around town is very high.

Follow the Facebook page Metamora Music Festival and check the festival website at [www.metamoramusic.wixsite.com/metamorafestival](http://www.metamoramusic.wixsite.com/metamorafestival) to see schedules and updates. The 18th Annual Metamora Music Festival is organized by Metamora Performing Arts, and supported by the community. Sponsorships are available and donations are gladly accepted. Email [metamoramusic@gmail.com](mailto:metamoramusic@gmail.com) for information.

Metamora is home to the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site which features an operating grist mill, horse-drawn canal boat, and wooden covered bridge aqueduct. Whitewater Valley Railroad offers excursions to Metamora that originate in Connersville, and

local 2 mile trips down the Whitewater Canal past the Millville Lock. The unincorporated village of Metamora is located halfway between Indianapolis and Cincinnati on US 52, 9 miles west of Brookville Lake.

Metamora Performing Arts presents activities throughout the year in Metamora, Indiana's Canal Town. Monthly events include Bluegrass Nights on the third Saturday of each month from March to November, Acoustic Final Fridays on the last Friday of the month from March to October, Grist Mill Jams on the first Sunday of the month from April to September. MPA is a Woodsongs Coffeehouse affiliate organization, and a sponsor of the Metamora Woodsongs SongFarmer Group. Annual events include the Metamora Mandolin Gathering on the last Saturday in March, Hee Haw Tribute Shows, and the Strawberry Fling Barn Party the first Saturday in June. More information can be found on the website: [www.metamoraMPA.org](http://www.metamoraMPA.org).



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# HOME SWEET HOME PROJECT ON OUR HOME HERE ON SCHOOL ST.

by Ray Dickerson

Below are a group of photos showing the state of our house from 2013 to present day.

The top left photo is our house as it looked on November 6, 2013, the fall of that year. As you can see it needed some work.

Last year my wife wanted me to fix our garage so she could park her car in it. I had taken out the original garage door back in the mid 1980's and put a regular entry door in it so I could divide it

into two rooms for me to work in at the time.

So I stopped in at Richmond's Complete Home Improvement & Overhead Door Company and talked to Gerald Milsaps to see about having them install a new garage door. Then all I had to do was get the garage ready to install the new door.

After I removed two walls, shelving and rearranged some other things Gerald sent his crew to install the garage door. They installed it on December 21, 2015 making it possible for her to

park her car in the garage by Christmas 2015. The top right photo is the fellows who installed our new garage door.

Sherry was very happy being able to put her car in the garage, especially since it was winter time.

In June of this year my neighbor was having some repairs done to her house by a contractor. I wasn't familiar with the contractor, but we got to know them by casual conversation over the course of the time they were next door.

The contractors were a husband and wife team,



Home sweet home November 6, 2013 at 403 East School Street here in Centerville, IN. We moved here in November 1974. I installed the smaller entry door in garage in mid 1980's.



First phase of fixing up the home place was having Richmond's Complete Home Improvement & Overhead Door Co. install a brand new garage door on 12-21-2015.



Our next phase began early in July 2016. James and Jennifer Bullen, owners of Bullen Roofing & Construction began removing siding and loading it on a trailer.



Here James Bullen is dense packing our walls with blown in insulation on July 12, 2016. James and Jennifer did their work in one of the hottest July's I can remember.



Here Jennifer is meticulously cleaning the rock facing with a brush. She spent an enormous amount of time carefully brushing the wall and power washed it clean on 7-19-2016.



With the siding almost completed we were asked about the color of the door. We thought brown was okay. James said maybe we should ask Jennifer for her opinion. So we did.

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Home sweet home August 11, 2016. Jennifer suggested a red door. She was absolutely correct in her choice, she did a great job painting it. It took her three days due to the heat and humidity. We really like the way our house looks now. All we need now is a new roof, eavestroughs and a new driveway, but we'll need to put some of those things off for a while.

James and Jennifer Bullen. They own Bullen Construction installing roofing, siding, windows, bathrooms and kitchens. They also do painting, power washing and insulation.

When they were just about finished I asked Jennifer how much it would cost to have our siding power washed, like the neighbors. She quoted us a price. I told her we needed new siding, but couldn't afford it. She suggested her husband James could give us a estimate. We looked at it and decided his offer was too good to pass up.

So as you can see by the four other photos on page 26 and the one above they turned our once ramshackle looking house and garage into a show piece worthy of being displayed in The Gad-about.

James and Jennifer worked diligently in one of the hottest July's I've ever witnessed in my life time and with record breaking humidity.

They removed the aluminum siding. Then James dense packed the walls with blown in insu-

lation, he learned the technique through a government program he attended. Jennifer assisted him and she also cleaned the rock facing which was dark and dingy from mold and accumulated dirt on it. Once the insulation was finished James wrapped all the windows and doors. He then installed and wrapped new wood facing boards just under the edge of the roof horizontally and on the angled ends.

Before putting on the siding they reconstructed the small hallway between the house and garage. Then they reconstructed a corner between the former west beauty shop wall and a south wall of the house removing a big gap that exposed the chimney. They removed the bathroom window and covered it. They also removed an air conditioner that was built into our bedroom wall, it was an eyesore for years.

Then they installed the siding.

The final project was the front door. James asked if we wanted to keep the front door as it was or paint

it. Sherry and I had never thought about changing it. James suggested we look at some paint colors, he added that Jennifer had a good eye for just the right color to choose. She suggested a red door. First I said just to leave the door brown, but as we looked at the color samples we began to agree with Jennifer, maybe a red door would look okay.

Jennifer was 100% right, the red door looks great doesn't it.

I highly recommend James and Jennifer Bullen to anyone who wants to improve their home. How can I say this, they genuinely put their heart and soul into their work. They want to make sure you are happy with their work, they explain what they are doing and asking for your input too.

To contact James and Jennifer Bullen call 765-969-2892. Leave a voice mail message and they will get right back to you. They live here in Centerville too.

Tell them you read about them in The Gad-about.

## Roaming The Outdoors

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motor home type vehicle. It is an outreach program for small rural communities like ours. The program is reaching out to Veterans that haven't been to a VA clinic or has questions about the VA.

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

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Air Force Colonel Dennis Dabney holding 4 lb. Smallmouth Bass he and his son, Derrick caught fishing with Tag Nobbe on Brookville Lake in November 2011.

## COLONEL DENNIS DABNEY RETIRES FROM U.S.A.F.

by Ray Dickerson

The above photo was responsible for my first meeting Colonel Dennis Dabney who was stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. This photo appeared on the cover of my January 2012 Gad-a-bout after Dennis and his son Derrick fished on Brookville Lake in November of 2011 with Tag Nobbe. Dennis and his family, Teresa, Derrick and Maya accepted an invitation to spend a day with Sherry and I at the 2012 Indianapolis Sport Show where we had a booth setup. It was a very enjoyable day.

Some of you readers probably remember reading about Dennis, his family and an Uncle who fished with he and Tag later on.

In the years since we have kept in touch via electronically and I have mailed The Gad-a-bout to him. Dennis was also instrumental in helping me visit Lackland AFB in April 2014.

On June 27, 2016 I received an e-mail from Rich Frey that said, "You are cordially invited to join the family and friends of Colonel Dennis Dabney for his retirement ceremony celebrating over 26 years of service to our country in the United States Air Force and to wish them well in their next endeavor."

I contacted Dennis telling him I had accepted the invitation and would do my best to be there. Well due to another circumstance falling on that same date and a difficulty with the timing of a friends visit I was unable to attend his retirement ceremony.

On Sunday, July 31, 2016 I received the following communication from Dennis.

Senior Leaders, Friends and Colleagues,  
 "As I transition from active duty, I want to thank all of you for your support and fellowship over the last 26 years. I have truly enjoyed every assignment and learned from every challenge. But most of all, I will cherish the friendships and camaraderie along the way. Ever since my humble and awkward beginnings at Castle AFB on the venerable SAC flightline to the austere desert of Kuwait to the five-sided building from which I am writing this final note, I have thoroughly enjoyed being an Airmen and a Maintainer. I have seen herculean efforts of our nation's finest mission generators change the course of history both stateside and abroad. I have sat beside senior leaders entrusted with equipping those men and women explain in the most diplomatic and metered tone what it really takes to provide effec-



Colonel Dennis Dabney at left, presented his family with the following medals. He presented his wife Teresa the Military Spouse Medal, his son Derrick and his daughter Maya a Military Child Medal. He said, "It was the least he could do for them given the moves and sacrifice." (Photo provided by Dennis Dabney)

tive Airpower to defend a nation. I have seen Airmen transformed by good mentoring, a sense of identity and the knowledge that what they do is important no matter the task. Most recently, I have had the pleasure of working with and learning from my colleagues in the Department of Defense and the sister-Services aligned behind one goal of producing readiness for the warfighter. I am very grateful for where the Air Force has brought me and even more excited about what lies ahead.

Teresa and I humbly ask for your prayers as we end one chapter and start a new one on our life's journey. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,  
 Team Dabney - Dennis, Teresa, Derrick and Maya"

On August 1, 2016 I sent Dennis an e-mail asking if he could send me a recent photo of his family I could put in The Gad-a-bout.

He responded, "Hi Ray, Attached is a picture of me and my family. I presented Teresa a Military Spouse Medal and both of my children received a Military Child Medal. It was the least I could do for them given the moves and sacrifice. Perhaps our paths will cross again real soon. Dennis Dabney"

A second e-mail from Dennis on August 2nd.

"Ray, I forgot to mention that I took some close friends, my brother and nephews on a bay charter Sat. We caught 130+ Mackerel on a perfect day. Dennis Dabney"

I hope Dennis and I cross paths again in the not too distant future. The walleye fishing is real good at Brookville Lake this year, maybe Tag could take us walleye fishing - see page 5. ■



Dennis took some close friends, his brother and nephews on a bay charter catching 130+ Mackerel. That's a lot of Mackerel.

## Visit Fayette County, Indiana

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and crafts, delicious homemade pastries, and plants for sale every week. The list of vendors continues to increase!

We encourage you to plan ahead and spend some time in our community. The Whitewater Valley Railroad has excursions every weekend, and the time for the Fall Foliage runs is fast approaching, as well as the Pumkinliner. Kids love to ride the train to the

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The state's 200th birthday will be celebrated in style in Fayette County! The torch relay will arrive on September 24th, and the first Apple Dumpling Days Festival will be held on the 24th and 25th. There will be vendors and music and – of course – apple dumplings! The courthouse's exquisite, carefully restored murals will be on display. There will be historic site tours and tours of our City Cemetery. This is a first time for the festival, and we hope to make it an annual event.

The same weekend, the Lions Club will host the Bulls and Barrels Rodeo at Roberts Park on Saturday. Come and join the excitement!

The state's birthday falls smack dab between Connersville's 200th birthday (2013) and that of Fayette County (2019), so we're thinking ahead to a future celebration, too.

As always, we invite to visit our neck of the woods! There's hiking, fishing, camping, and things to see. We have great food and friendly faces. Check out our website at [www.tourconnersville.com](http://www.tourconnersville.com) or pick up one of our new tourism brochures and other information on things to see and do. We will mail you a packet if you send us a request! (If you don't use internet, mail your request to Fayette County Tourism Bureau, 401 Central Avenue, Connersville IN 47331.) We look forward to your visit!

Hope to see you soon in Fabulous Fayette County!

## Indiana State Trappers Association

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original rifles, one from the 1840's and the other from 1861. The picnic tables that I cover with my stuff draw a crowd every time. That I am not 100% period, doesn't matter to them. That these people are introduced to trapping and the history of the fur trade is. They are fascinated by being able to handle this equipment and they learn a new respect for the individuals that pursued beaver in the 1800s. No one can ever guess what my mother's skin is. LOL. If you would like to help out with this event, Rex has it the weekend following the 4th of July holiday. Next year, it is on July 8th & 9, 2017. Give Rex Watters, or I, a call.

**So do you support trapping?** Occasionally, I hear that someone won't join an Association because someone else is involved with that Association. Really? Are we back in Grade



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School? How does that support trapping and why would it really matter? Trappers should support trapping associations and their events, and ignore personality conflicts with individuals, if they want to continue to trap into the future. Leadership changes regularly. The goal doesn't.

### Support trapping

**This just in: The Montana Trap-Free Public Lands Initiative, I-177**

**The Montana Trap-Free Public Lands Initiative, I-177, has qualified for the November 8, 2016 ballot.**

I-177 would prohibit the use of traps and snares for animals on any public lands within Montana and establishes misdemeanor criminal penalties for violations of the trapping prohibitions. I-177, if passed by the electorate, will become effective immediately. A coalition of several organizations and interest groups has been organized to lead this battle. Strategies, message and talking points are being finalized. **This is a very straight forward issue.** Either we get our message out to educate the voters or we lose trapping on public lands in Montana. To accomplish this will require considerable funds to purchase media time in the major markets. It will require a large grass roots effort to raise the necessary funds. Many of you have already been contacted with request for financial support. I have received calls from some states regarding these requests. NTA is fully aware and supportive of these fundraising calls. Many affiliates have pledged support, many more could and some could commit much larger amounts. There is no need or reason to send your donations through the NTA. I would ask every affiliate, and every individual trapper who can, to send a donation directly to the **Montana Trappers Association P.O. Box 133, Gildford, MT. 59525.** Please don't put this off. We have a very tight window to raise the funds, purchase the media slots and get our message out. Saving your treasury for battles you might someday face down the road is fool-

hardy. We have to fight the battles as they come. Arizona, Colorado, California, Washington.... When will it end? Let's make it in Montana. Let's make the home of the famous "last stand" our best stand! Thank You. Chris McAllister, NTA President

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

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM  
 Pres. ISTA

## Adventures in Indiana with Cole King

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about squirrel hunting in August, and early fall bow season, and our annual Hunting Camp. Fall is also the signal for pulling out the snowmobiles and getting them tuned up for the first snow.

I try my best to take advantage of the outdoors, no matter what season. As most of our recreation do-dads go, our snowmobiles are a bit vintage as well, but fun none the less. There is nothing like taking a ride on a snowmobile in the evening during a heavy snow and watching the flakes fall in front of the headlights, or pulling over in a remote field and killing the engine to hear the dead winter silence.

I'm sure you have gathered by now, I try to get outside as much as possible. I think it's important to take advantage of the beautiful world we have been blessed with, no matter the weather, temperature, season, or location. I guess you could say I have a lot of interests or hobbies, and most of them revolve around the outdoors. Although I do have interests in many recreational sports, I have realized that it is not necessarily the sport itself that makes me love the activity so much. It is the experience that accompanies the activity that brings me back time and time again. When you are able to share your experiences outside with family and friends, that's huntin, fishin, and lovin every day.

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Aaron Schocke took this 20 1/2 pound 1st one of season Turkey on 04-27-2016. It had a 10 inch beard and 1 3/16 inch spurs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



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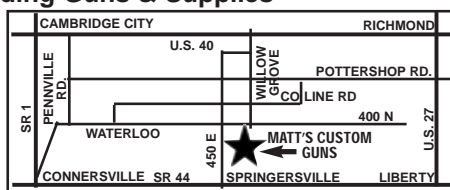
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