

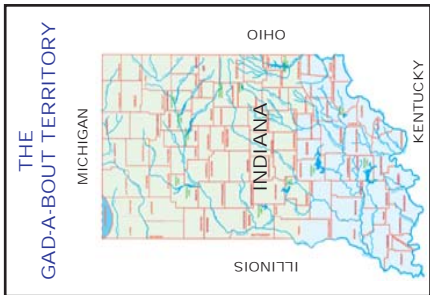
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**Top Right:** Sherry and I traveled to Massachusetts to visit Amy, Paul and our grand kids - Dylan, Breanna and Logan. Photo is Battleship Cove in Fall River Massachusetts, The Destroyer on the left is the USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. on the far right is the Battleship USS Massachusetts and in between them is a

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**Bottom Left:** Hagerstown's Flying Circus on July 18th, this is their 10th Annual Fly-In. See Pages 26-27 (Photos provided by Hagerstown Fly-In News Release and their Facebook Page)

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## **OUTDOOR WRITER JACK SPAULDING IS IMPROVING AFTER BEING IN HOSPITAL PAST TWO MONTHS**

I got the following word today from Tom Berg, Executive Director of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers, that Jack Spaulding is improving and has been moved to a rehabilitation hospital. He is doing much better, but he is understandably weak and can't walk yet after spending two months in a hospital bed. He seems to be in very good spirits, though.

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# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**  
Professional Fishing Guide

## Fishing Brookville in August

Keep an open mind when fishing Brookville in August. The reason I say that is all the fish are done spawning in the lake for the season. What this means is the fish can be almost anywhere except below the thermocline. A thermocline is where the warm upper layer of water meets the cold lower layer of water. The reason the fish can't be below the thermocline is there is not a sufficient amount of oxygen for them to survive. To find out where the thermocline is, just look at your fish finder in deep open water. You will notice that there won't be any fish below a certain depth. Another way is to turn your sensitive up on your



Shawn Barry from Oldenburg, IN and his two brothers fished with me, all in one day. Top Left Photo: Shawn caught this nice Walleye. Top Right Photo: One of his brothers caught this hefty Smallmouth Bass. Bottom Right Photo: The other brother caught a real nice Largemouth Bass. (Author Photos)

fish finder and you should see a dark band. What this does is eliminate time wasted on trying to catch fish below the thermocline.

Another place not to fish is the shore line. The reason for this is all the fish are done spawning so there isn't any reason for fish to be on the shore. What you can catch on the shore is little buck bass about 12 inches long. But with the minimum size limit at 14 inches this is not where you want to be. The exception to this rule is fishing at night or fishing at the crack of dawn.

What you're looking for is the summer pattern. In August, the lake is full of shad. Shad is a bait fish in the lake that feeds the masses. They swim around in schools trying to look like one big thing instead of 10,000 little things. As they are doing this they come close to off shore structure like humps, points and flats. These are the places where you want to focus your efforts.

If you're a troller, now is your time. The fish are feeding on shad and not so much on crawdads. So, stick with baits that look more like fish then crawdads. What trolling does is enable you to cover a lot of water while keeping your crank bait in the strike zone.

Another good method fishing in August is spoon fishing. What you do is find a good-looking spot on your depth finder, back away from it a bit. Make a simple under hand pitch to the spot and frog hop the spoon back to the boat. The fish will usually hit it on the fall so be ready. Another tip, if you fish a spot that is super sticky switch out the treble hook for a single hook.

Don't give up on the jig and nightcrawler though. It's not that the fish quit hitting it. It's just that now the fish have more options. There is a lot of different species of fish in the lake and they all have their own little ways of doing things, but they all eat crawdads, shad and each other for that matter.

Temperate Bass like striped bass and white



bass will lay near the bottom in the main lake just above the thermocline. When it's time to eat, the entire school will roam the main lake looking for those big schools of shad like one big eating machine. Look for these fish in the deeper part of the lake feeding on suspended shad schools. What a striped bass will do is try to feed in the coolest water it can. It would be very rare to see one on the surface in August. Whereas a white bass will just about go anywhere. While a walleye will move up in a likely feeding spot like a flat or hump and just lay with its belly on the bottom using the coloration of its skin as camouflage. Catfish on the other hand will just roam all over the lake feeding on anything that they can get in their mouth. To them it doesn't matter if its dead or alive. To catch 1 to 5-pound catfish all you have to do is put something on a hook and throw it in the water. If you want to catch 30 lb. catfish you have to be fishing specific spots. Big catfish don't get big swimming around they get big from laying around in a good feeding spot.

Good Luck Tag

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# News from the Indiana State Police



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

## Special Events 2017 - "Now in Full Swing"

If you've ever been to a large event in Indiana, chances are you've seen an Indiana State Trooper there. More than keeping roadways safe, doing investigations, assisting motorists and responding to calls to service, we also provide security at most large special events in Indiana.

All of these manpower needs are coordinated by the Special Operations Section of ISP. Here are just some of the events we provide security for; all the Indy 500 pre-race and race day activities; The Brick Yard pre-race and race day activities; The Indianapolis GP race; Indiana Black Expo; Three weeks of the Indiana State Fair and the National Drags on Labor Day weekend are just some of the events we cover.

This is not even a complete list as there are other events we cover throughout the year as well. It can be a daunting task bringing troopers from all over the state to one location to cover a special event-but it's what we do.

Speaking of special events, if you're at the state fair this year, I'll be in the north information booth the first half of the fair. Make sure you stop by and say hello.

## ISP Museum - "A Great Place to Visit"

This summer, if you're looking for an interesting place to visit that's free, consider the Indiana State Police Museum located at 8660 East 21st St., right next to the Indianapolis Post. The Historical Center is part of the Youth Services Program which funds and facilitates the ISP youth summer camps each year around the state.

The museum offers free tours of displays that

include items from the gangster era, including famous items from the Dillinger gang and others; ISP police cars from the 1930's through the 2000's; an Indian Motorcycle just like the ones ridden by the first troopers in 1933; a moonshine still; numerous guns and weapons with historical significance, as well as some interactive displays like the two headed police car that allows kids the chance to sit behind the wheel and turn on the lights, as well as a new distracted driving simulator.

The museum is chocked full of historical items donated and seized through the years dealing with law enforcement. The museum was built in 1993 with monies from private donations. A lot of the items in the museum were donated by retired troopers and their families, with a lot of personal items and stories that go with them.

While at the museum, make sure to check out the ISP logo items for sale there. You can buy items ranging from blankets to t-shirts, sweat-shirts, pants, miniature ISP cars, Christmas ornaments and wall clocks, all with the ISP logo. They truly have a souvenir for everyone's budget and taste.

Sure, I'm biased; but I think our museum is the best kept secret in Indiana, and is truly one of the neatest places you can visit for free. The museum is open 9a.m-3p.m. Monday through Friday, and every third Saturday from 12N-4 p.m.

You can just walk in and browse on your own, or schedule a guided tour. Contact Lauren Baker, Curator at [ISPmuseum@isp.in.gov](mailto:ISPmuseum@isp.in.gov) or call (317) 899-8293. Follow the Museum on [Facebook](#) at Indiana State Police Museum.

## Indiana State Police Have Changed How News Releases Are Sent to the Media & Public

Over 18,000 people used to receive District 51 press releases and road closure updates directly to their computers and phones, courtesy the old NIXLE service. Sorry to say, but the Indiana State Police have now transitioned away from NIXLE and are using the Granicus GovDelivery service already in use by many other State agencies in Indiana.

To receive District 51 news releases and road closures directly to your phone or computer, please follow the directions below to subscribe to the new GovDelivery Service. Visit the Indiana State Police website at <http://in.gov/isp/>.

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## Cops Cycling For Survivors

Indianapolis, IN –Monday, July 10, 2017, marks the departure of the 16th annual Cops Cycling for Survivors bicycle ride around Indiana. The cyclists' journey will last 13 days and cover nearly 1,000 miles.

Cops Cycling for Survivors Foundation, Inc. annual bike ride consists of active and retired police officers, law enforcement survivors, law enforcement family members and friends of law enforcement. The group rides their bicycles around the perimeter of Indiana to raise funds and awareness of the sacrifices made by Hoosier law enforcement families across Indiana.

Funds raised from this event are used to perpetuate the memories of officers killed in the line-of-duty and to aid surviving family members and co-workers of officers killed in the line-of-duty. Previously raised funds have been directly donated to foundations, scholarships and camps that have been started in memory of fallen officers or by Indiana survivors in honor of their fallen heroes. In addition, funding has been donated to Concerns of Police Survivors, the Indiana Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors and Project Blue Light at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

The ride is scheduled to conclude on the afternoon of Saturday, July 22nd, 2016, at Crown Hill Cemetery, Heroes of Public Safety Section.

Additional information on specific locations of meals and overnights can be found by clicking on the Calendar tab of the website. Click view calendar and the month of July. <http://www.copscycling4survivors.org/events.php>.

To track the rides progress, stops, and activities, please like and follow them on the Cops Cycling for Survivors Foundation Facebook page (Cops Cycling for Survivors). For more information about the organization, donations made, or this year's ride, visit their website: <http://www.copscycling4survivors.org/>.

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# Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

## Digging for Gold or Digging for Trouble?

Making a quick and easy dollar is on the top of anyone's list. Who wouldn't want to spend an afternoon walk and generate some cash? Why can't this be an easy solution to everyone's money issues? The reason is there are strict guidelines and regulations to the industry that I am speaking of that must be abided by. Ginseng digging is a popular fall and winter activity for some, but is also one that gets many folks in trouble with Conservation Officers.

The goal of this article is to get ginseng enthusiast on board with the rules and regulations of ginseng digging. An issue that Officers are dealing with on a yearly basis is ginseng diggers trespassing, stealing ginseng off landowners, selling it illegally, harvesting it early, or harvesting illegal ginseng.

Ginseng is a naturally occurring plant that can be harvested. The uses for ginseng range to additives of drinks to a natural remedy. It can be classified as a herbal remedy. This plant is slow growing and can take a few years to come to full maturity, thus where one problem is created.

### Harvest Season

First things first, when does digging season begin? Ginseng is not allowed to be dug prior to September 1st of each year. This is called the harvest season. No one is allowed to dig or harvest ginseng

prior to September 1st. This allows ginseng to be ready (fruitful) and matured for harvest. I will get into what ginseng can be dug later on. Ginseng can be harvested until December 31st.

There is a far too common issue with ginseng being dug out of season. Anyone that is caught digging outside of the harvest season is subject to this violations, being a Class A Misdemeanor, and subject to incarceration.

### Selling Season

Secondly, ginseng can be sold from September 1st until March 31 of the next year. This again means ginseng cannot be harvested before September 1st nor can it be sold before that date. Once ginseng has been harvested, it must be sold to a state licensed ginseng buyer. A list of buyers can be located online through [IN.GOV/DNR](http://IN.GOV/DNR).

Buying ginseng without a permit is a violation of these regulations and will ultimately get that buyer into trouble as well.

### Where to Dig

Ginseng can only be harvested on PRIVATE property with the consent of the landowner. The landowner has to give consent for the digger to harvest ginseng prior to the digger being there. Consent cannot be obtained after the harvest of the ginseng.

Ginseng cannot be harvested on state properties. This is another issue far too common where diggers harvest ginseng on state property. The harvest of that ginseng is not only illegal but is considered theft from the state.

On private property, ginseng is the property of that landowner, and not the public. Harvesting of ginseng from a landowner without their consent is considered theft of their property.

The key to this section is similar to that of hunting; gain consent from the landowner prior to digging and never dig ginseng from state property.

### What Can Be Legally Harvested

Identifying the correct and mature ginseng is a must. As noted before, ginseng is a naturally occurring plant. Over harvest-

ing of the plant, or harvesting the plant before it's fully matured will ultimately deplete the resource. That is why the plant has to come to maturity, otherwise there will have no ginseng left for others to enjoy. We as conservationist have to look into our past to prevent the depletion of resources. An example being: Indiana used to be abundant with bison. Over harvesting devastated the population, and thus we are paying the consequences of that. The same will become true with ginseng if we do not pay particular attention to what ginseng is being harvested.

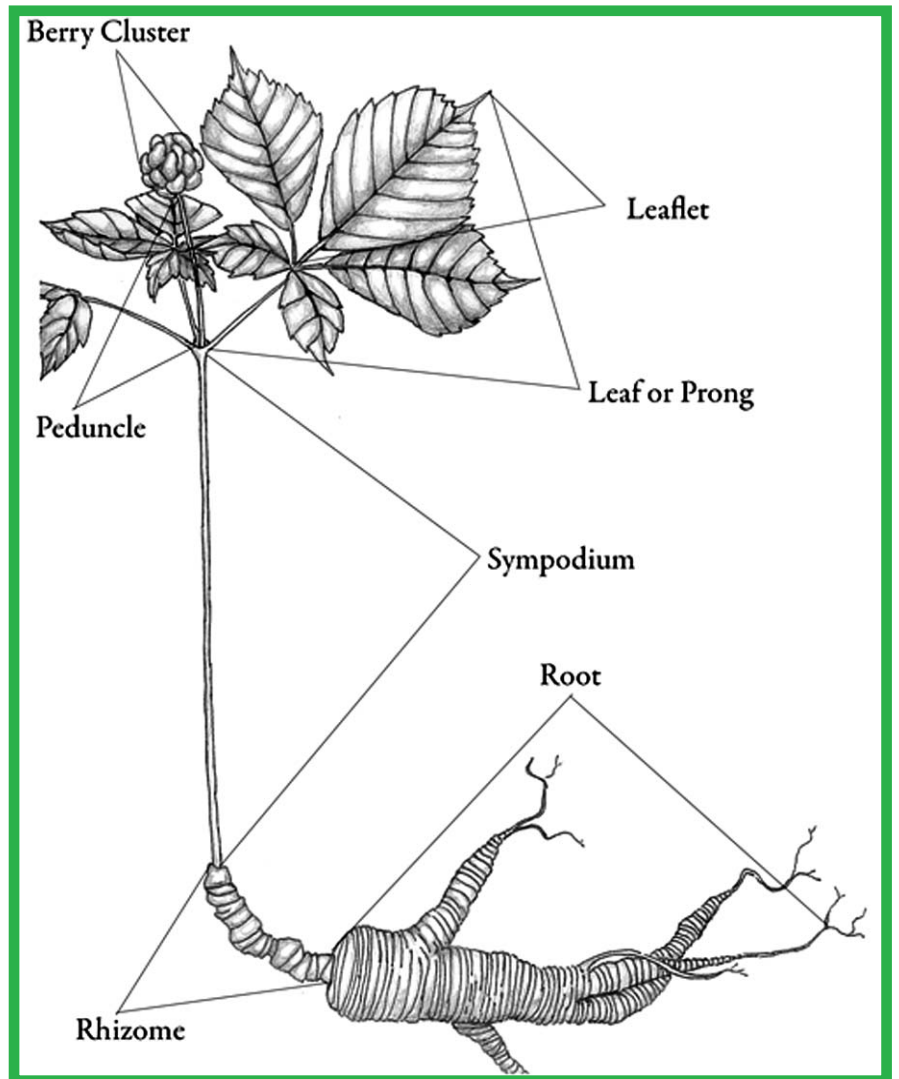
In order to harvest ginseng it must contain: at least 3 prongs and a flowering or fruitful stalk, OR at least 4 internodes on the rhizome. Harvesting of a plant not meeting this criteria is a violations of the law.

The mature fruits and any seeds of the harvested ginseng must be planted in the vicinity or area where the plant was dug to encourage germination. This allows the plant to regrow and generate another plant for harvest a few years later; thus helping eliminate the chance of the resource becoming extinct. It is illegal to remove the fruit and seeds from the vicinity where the ginseng was taken.

The entire stalk and leaves must be retained with the plant until it is taken to the harvester's residence; unless the root contains at least 4 internodes on the rhizome.

A picture of a ginseng plant is along with this article that illustrates the different components of a ginseng plant and the description described above.

Ginseng can be a profitable and enjoyable outdoor activity, if and only if the regulations are followed.



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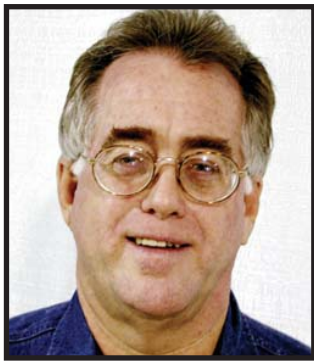
The nest of an interior least terns is a shallow depression in an open sandy area or gravel patch. (Photo by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)



Above is a nest with three Least Tern eggs in it. The nest is in a shallow depression in an open sandy and gravel area. (Photo by Don Gorney)



## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### Interior Least Tern on Endangered List

While most of us have never seen an interior least tern, they are present in some areas of Indiana. The Department of Natural Resources is asking the public to steer clear of these small birds and their nesting sites. But, we have to know what they look like and where they nest to avoid them.

This small bird is only eight to nine inches long, being the smallest of all the terns. It is a shorebird, similar to those birds seen along the coastal beaches which you see running in and out ahead of the waves. The adults have a black crown on most of their head, with a white forehead. The bill is yellow with a black tip. Their underside is white and they have narrow, grayish

wings and back and a forked tail. The tern's wing beats are quick and deep. They run on yellow legs.

The interior least tern breeds in isolated areas in the Midwest along the Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, and other river systems, but they are only here in the summer breeding and chick raising season. In the winter, they winter in coastal areas in the far southern U.S. and Central and South America.

The least tern's preferred nesting area is on bare or sparsely vegetated sandbars in rivers or along lake shorelines. Occasionally they will also nest on gravel rooftops. They can be seen hovering over water and will dive into the water to catch small fish. The tern's breeding season is April thru August and they usually nest in small colonies. The nest is a shallow depression scraped in open sandy areas or gravel patches. Both parents incubate their eggs for about 24 days. After hatching, the chicks will leave the nest after just a few days. The adults will continue to care for them, feeding them and leading the young to more protected surroundings.

One of the reasons for the decline of this small bird is loss of their historic nesting sites. The creation of large reservoirs has covered many of the sandy areas they prefer and has altered the river flow which formed the sandbars. When they nest on the sand banks of the lakes, it puts them in closer proximity to their natural predators. These include coyotes, raccoons, opossums, cats, and other mammals. Raptors such as owls, eagles, hawks, etc. also prey on the terns. Gulls, crows, and other birds will eat their eggs, nestlings,

and also the adults.

The Indiana DNR asks anyone who sees one of these terns, especially during nesting season, to immediately leave the area, and notify Allisyn Gillet, the non-game bird biologist at **812-334-1137** or [agillet@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:agillet@dnr.IN.gov) of the location. Those most likely to encounter the nesting birds would be those engaging in water activities or swimming or hiking near sandbars.

The most likely area in Indiana to find this bird is in the Cane Ridge Wildlife Management Area of Patoka National Wildlife Refuge in Gibson County. They have more than 50 pairs of birds nesting on two islands. There is an observation deck that is a safe distance from which to view the terns. The DNR asks the public to remain at least 200 yards away from the nests.

Another viewing area is at Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area in Greene County, just south of Linton, Indiana. There are fewer birds located here, but the area may be closer for some viewers. Some terns may also be found in the southern part of the state along the Wabash and Ohio rivers. Known nesting areas may be marked with signs warning viewers to remain behind the signs to avoid alarming the birds.

Since listing the interior least tern on the



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The nest with two Least Tern chicks in it. This nest is also in a shallow depression in an open sandy and gravel area. (Photo by Amy Kearns)



A single Least Tern chick resting under wild plants, partially hidden by them. (Photo by Amy Kearns)



The Least Tern is vulnerable to development and climate threats. Tropical storm Cindy wiped out most of the chicks on the Gulf Coast. (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Digital Photo)



Least Tern sitting on sandy beach with chicks exposed under it. Both parents feed the young. (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Digital Photo)

Federal Endangered List in 1985, population numbers have increased substantially along the lower Mississippi River. Unfortunately, Indiana numbers do not look as good. In 2016, the fledgling terns produced was only 80 young compared to nearly 160 chicks in 2015. This drop could be due to nest failure from high water levels, predation, or other causes of nest failure. Known nesting areas must be kept free of dense vegetation during the season when the birds are gone south. Some fencing and manipulation of water levels to deter ground predators is also employed. Biologists sometimes use decoys to attract birds to suitable natural or man-made sites.

There are a few things the general public can do to help protect the tern. If you are operating boats or jet skis in an area where sand bars exist, slow down, or take a wide berth around the bars so your waves don't wash over existing nests. If you plan on using a sandbar for a lunch or a swimming area, be absolutely sure there are no terns nesting there. Stay back and observe the

area through binoculars to avoid scaring nesting birds. If you are fishing or otherwise enjoying activities along the shoreline, once again be vigilant when looking for nest sites.

With the help of the biologists and the public who enjoy the waterways, perhaps the interior least tern will be able to make it off the Endangered Species list.

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A Least Tern forages by flying over water, hovering and plunging to catch prey just below water's surface. This Least Tern has caught a fish. (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Digital Photo)

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While it is certainly not a good idea to interfere or disturb any baby wild animals, it is okay to, say, place a baby bird back in the nest that has fallen out. Other than that though, remember that even though baby wild animals may appear to be orphaned, they likely are not. (Author Photo)

## Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

### Debunking an old wives tale

Animal parents will not abandon their young if touched by humans

A recent conversation got me thinking. And it's one that I hear or engage in almost yearly.

The majority of people firmly believe that touching, handling, or moving a young wild animal will spell disaster for it. They have been taught that once the baby animal has human scent on it that the mother will abandon it. The truth is; that this simply is not true. Wild animals are better parents than we sometimes give them credit for. Now, this doesn't mean that you should go and disturb a perfectly fine nest or anything like that, because there can be ramifications sometimes, but on the flip side, returning a baby to a nest is perfectly okay. Remember though, most times what we believe is an orphaned animal, actually isn't.

Mother Nature's creatures do not typically abandon their animals, but they will leave them for periods of time - sometimes long ones - in order to go forage and feed in order to provide for them. So even though you may think that those cute little furry babies are orphaned, trust me, they are not.

Sometimes though, things happen that may

require just a bit of human intrusion. Let's say you find a baby bird, for example, that has fallen from the nest. The age-old myth is that once you touch the babies of a wild animal that the parents will not care for them. Yes I said myth, because that belief is well, for the birds.

I hear it all the time. Folks do believe that if they touch the babies of a bird, rabbit - you name it, that the mother or parents will simply abandon their young because of the human scent that would be transferred to their young. And people are not dumb for thinking this, after all, folklore has ingrained this thinking into the minds of many for eons. But it simply is not true. This train of thought denies animal parents' innate drive to nurture their young and ignores an animal's basic biology.

Take the following information that I discovered in The Scientific American for example:

No matter how flighty birds appear, they do not readily abandon their young, especially not in response to human touch, says Frank B. Gill, former president of the American Ornithologists' Union. "If a bird's nest is disturbed by a potential predator during the nesting or egg-laying stage," he says, "there's a possibility that [it] will desert and re-nest. However, once the young are hatched and feeding, [their parents are] by and large pretty tenacious."

The same is true for other animals as well. "In general, wild animals bond with their young and do not quickly abandon them," explains Laura Simon, field director for the Urban Wildlife Program at the Humane Society of the United States.

In fact, most creatures find extraordinary ways to ensure the survival of their young. Killdeer and ducks will feign a broken wing to lure a predator away from their babies, and raccoons and tree squirrels will speedily relocate their progeny to more protected pastures when a potential threat is skulking about.

Wild rabbits are the exception to this rule. "These animals seem to be the most sensitive to human and other smells. They're a flighty, high-stress species,"

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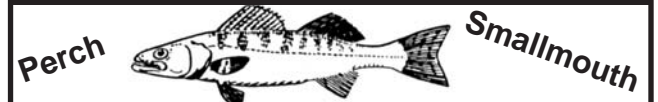
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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**  
**“IT” SNIFFERS**

It happens. “It” being a phrase made popular by the movie, Forest Gump - except the “it” was really a shortened form of a word a bit more descriptive of human or animal waste product. “It” happens and when it happens to get into lakes and streams, they become places unfit for humans, not so fit for most fish and wildlife. When human “it” happens to get into public waters, it’s either accidentally or on purpose.



Stray pebble or lucky rock? You decide.... (Author Photo)

In case of an unintended inoculation, it’s important to learn where and why “it” occurred. Chances are it will happen again and again if remedial action isn’t taken.

In the case of an on-purpose discharge of human waste into public waters, that’s an enforcement issue. The perpetrator needs to be hunted down and dealt with according to statute.

In either case, the detective work needed to locate the source isn’t overly easy and not very quick. To understand how the poop detecting usually works you need to know the following:

\*There’s a little germ naturally occurring an all human and animal digestive tracts called Escherichia coli, usually shortened to E. coli.

\*There are various strains of E. coli; some strains only found in birds, others in cows, others in humans, etc.

\*Each time something voids their digestive tract, some E. coli is contained in the waste product.

\*Water samples containing E. coli have been contaminated by waste products from something.

\*No one wants to swim, fish or otherwise recreate in water fouled by E. coli, from human or other sources - especially human.

Public waters are occasionally or routinely checked for E. coli by taking a water sample, delivering it to a lab, in the laboratory cultures of the bacteria in the water are grown and identified. If E. coli is found, further tests are done to see if it’s from birds, people, muskrats or whatever.

All this takes time. The testing, the culturing,

the further testing, none are done in the field and none are instantaneous.

If human E. coli is present, the next step is to identify the source, usually done by taking numerous additional samples upstream or down, up the shore or down the shore, tabulating the results and eventually mapping where the contamination is found and originates. That takes more time.

Or the “it” detectors can call Environmental Canine Services. That’s what dozens of cities, counties and other agencies have done here in Michigan.

The scenting ability of dog is revealed to me every time my little pound-puppy whiffs one tiny breadcrumb on the kitchen floor from two rooms away. Finding food is instinctive in dogs. But dogs can be trained to find drugs hidden inside tires, bodies buried six-feet under, cancer inside people and a number of other things - including the odor of human “it.” Not just any “it,” but waste only from humans and in tiny-tiny concentrations. That’s what the K-9 force from ECS has been trained to do.

What can take waterborne E. coli detectives days or longer to find, Abbey and Kenna (ECS’s “it”- sniffers based in Michigan) can find as fast as my little “it” - maker can find an errant breadcrumb. For more information check out [www.Ecsk9s.com](http://www.Ecsk9s.com).

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# Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

## Be Careful Of What You Say To Your Pet

*(Most people believe that animals are incapable of understanding what's being said to them. It's a known fact that you learn more by listening and not talking, so don't be surprised if, someday, your dog suddenly tells you to fetch the paper yourself.)*

Ask anyone to recall some of their most memorable childhood moments and they'll probably tell of times they had with a pet. Dogs and cats didn't force you to mow the lawn or scold you for messing up your room. Old Rover was always waiting for the afternoon school bus with an enthusiastic greeting and stood with a "hangdog" expression as you departed in the morning. Even though the cat was always aloof and never expressed such devotion, it stooped to rubbing against your leg and purring while you opened the can of Puss N' Boots cat food in the evening. After being disciplined for an infraction, sometimes with a hand to the south end and banished to your room, your pet was the only one to listen with a sympathetic ear to your plans to run away from home and become a cowboy. The cat, of course, could have been less interested in your troubles; it's only concern being the next time the can opener came out of the drawer.

As for me, I used to talk to my dog as though I expected him to understand every word and either agree or sympathize with me, depending on the reason for the conversation. It never occurred to me that all he heard was "blah, blah, blah, Bingo, blah,blah blah." He would seem interested and sometimes, as his ears flattened against his head, even sympathetic as I outlined my plans to abandon this child torture chamber, pack my belongings, and head for Texas. Even though I never carried through with offering my services to Roy Rogers, I had the feeling that my faithful companion would follow me only to the limits of his being able to hear the dinner bell ring at home. In spite of such shortcomings, I believed he understood every word I said and would stand by me when all the rest of the world had turned its back on me.

Not until I was old enough to realize that dogs and cats couldn't care less about our problems did I get the shock of my life. One day, while strolling

through a mall with Mom, we passed a shoe store from which came a series of sharp, ear piercing whistles. Inside was a cage holding a Myna bird. Mom walked up to the feathered noisemaker and said, "I'm Danny's bird." It cocked its head sideways and listened intently while she repeated the words. I wasn't sure which had gone off their rocker: Mom, or the bird for seemingly paying attention to her. We continued on and later as we again passed the store, a high pitched voice called out, "I'm Danny's bird." I was stunned. A bird that could actually speak? And, one that remembered my name? From that day on I watched what I said to my dog very carefully. After all, if a dumb bird could talk, my dog could be a mute Einstein, and calling him an uncomplimentary name might get me a painful bite on the ankle.

To this day I watch what I say to the so-called lesser species for fear of offending or angering them. I watched a demonstration of the abilities of another bird, an African Gray parrot, where the trainer demonstrated its ability to obey voice commands and to speak on cue. Amazingly, the feathered prodigy seemed capable of making decisions on its own by responding in a human like manner to prompting by its owner. Boy, I thought, I wish I had known this years earlier. I would have bought one to help me get better than a "C" grade in high school trigonometry. Of course, as years passed, I realized that animals react to us by conditioned responses such as body motions and spoken commands. Dogs obey "roll over", "sit up", and "shake a paw" after being conditioned to the sound of these commands. Horses respond to "whoa", and "Giddyup" while mules react to "Why you stubborn, no-good bag of bones" and the sight of a two-by-four.

In spite of the knowledge that we can't actually communicate with the other species, old habits are hard to break. Recently, I fell back on my old ways. I like to roam around on moonlit nights, and on such a night I walked across a large field heading for a patch of woods, enjoying the quiet serenity of the countryside. As I approached the edge of the trees, I noticed a possum, sitting calmly in the short grass, watching me approach. With its white face glowing in the moonlight, its black beady eyes followed me as I walked to within a couple of feet, folded my legs and sat down facing it, nose to nose. We stared at each other for a minute or two until I became uncomfortable and decided to break the silence.

"How 'ya doin'?" I asked

No response.

"Nice night we're havin', ain't it?"

Apparently, he wasn't much for conversation about the weather, so I tried a different subject.

"You from around here?"

After a long pause, I tried to draw him out with his thoughts on politics, the economy, and IU's chances in the upcoming basketball tournaments. I figured I must have touched a sore spot, because he got to his feet, turned and walked slowly into the woods without making a single response. I thought about following and trying a different subject until I realized why he may have been so indifferent. Would you talk to someone who had just sat down on a not so dry meadow muffin?

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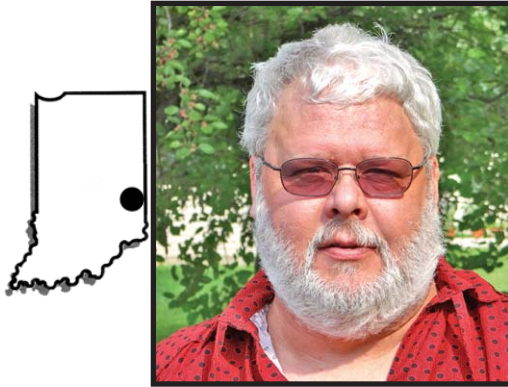
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by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

## FLAT SETS

In June, I described how dirt hole sets and trench sets were made. Quick review, in a dirt hole set, the hole is dug in the ground at 45 degrees so that the target has to stand in front of it to look down the hole. In a trench set, the holes are in the end of the trench, and the traps are set in the trench. The area in front of the holes is generally where the traps are set. These types of sets are the most popular canine sets out there. The dirt hole has been around since man discovered that some animals cache food for the future, and other animals tend to try to steal it.

This month I thought that I would discuss Flat sets, i.e. Blind sets, Urine posts, and Three (3) holes sets. A flat set is just what it says, flat. If it is blind set where there is no lure, no bait, and nothing to redirect the target in any way. Generally you are just setting the trap on a trail and maybe placing a couple of stepping sticks to get the animal to place its foot onto the trap pan as it walks normal down the trail. Blending the trap into the natural setting is very important. On a bare trail, this can be a challenge. You have to pick your spot carefully so that it does not stand out in any way. The stepping sticks are laid across the trail nine (9) to 12 inches back from the trap pan. Sometimes laying a few sticks on either side of the trap, perpendicular to the trail, helps get the target into a pattern of stepping where they end up with their foot on the pan.

If the trail is in grass, it is very easy to blend. The trick is not to dig a trap bead, and disturb the dirt in the grass trail, but to beat a trap bed in the

trail, with your trapping hammer or a small sledge hammer. You want a shallow depression that allows the trap jaws to rest firmly on the ground and stabilize the trap so that it does not tip or move if the animal steps on a jaw. The trap is then camouflaged or covered over with fine ground debris / duff, but absolutely no thick sticks, rocks or dirt. You absolutely do not want dirt because that will stop the target to investigate what is seen as digging. You just want the animal to walk straight through, normally. This is a great set for the corner of a field where the corner post has a trail in the grass going around it. Put a trap on either side and blend them in well. You may even put a shot of urine on the post to sort of "bait" it. A flat set with a burnt stick about 1/2" in diameter, eight (8) inches long, set at an 45 degree angle to the ground with the tip of the stick soaked in urine and five (5) to eight (8) inches from the trap, is a urine post set. A stick set closer to the trap will target fox, and placed further back, say 9 inches, will target a coyote. Watch where they place their feet, and adjust accordingly.

For a "baited" flat set, you dig, or beat, a trap bed as described above, but you do not dig a hole. Instead, there is some other sort of attractant nearby, in a bush, or on the side of a tree, that the animal has to step on the trap in order for them to investigate that attractant. Bill Lewis, taught a flat set where he bedded the trap and then "punched" three (3) holes in the ground around the trap. Sometimes they were in the shape of a half moon, sometimes a triangle arranged around the trap. He then baited each hole with something different. One would be a food attractant, one would be a curiosity lure, and the last may be some sort of gland lure. The idea was for the animal to get sniffing at these holes and shift from one to another, shuffling its feet about as it went. Eventually, they stepped on the trap pan and got caught. It is very important for the trap to be solidly bedded in this set, because if it moves as the animal shuffles about, the animal will probably dig it up to see what moved.

Don't forget about the next ISTA Convention, our 56th, being held at the Decatur County 4-H Fairgrounds, Sept. 15 & 16th, 2017. The Decatur County Fairgrounds are located just off of Hwy 3, in Greensburg, IN, at 1645 W. Park Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240. See you there.

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# Farmer's Pike Festival Sept 1-4 Labor Day Weekend by Ray Dickerson

I look forward to the Farmer's Pike Festival each year that September gets close. If you want to attend a festival that is chock full of entertainment, hundreds of exhibitors and great food all rolled into one big fun day, then join us in attending this year. This will be the first year to attend Farmer's Pike

and not worry about Sherry having to work at the hospital in Richmond. She retired from there at the end of 2016. In previous years she worked every other weekends and didn't get to attend with me all the time. But this year we will be there together. We both are avid fans of both rock and country music. Through the years we've had the good fortune of meeting and talking to many of the musicians performing at this festival.

Below is a couple of photos I took at the festival. The top one is the lighthouse that shines a beacon lighting up the

sky at night. You can actually let it lead you to the festival after dark. It's a beautiful sight to see. The bottom photo is one of several aisles that has shade trees for you to enjoy as you check out the exhibitors, food vendors and a multitude of various crafts, home made items and more.

Hope we get to see you at the Festival. Sherry and I recently celebrated our 50th Anniversary. ■



Top: At night the Lighthouse beacon's light will guide you to the festival, it's beautiful day or night. Bottom: Visitors can ramble through sun and shade areas visiting the hundreds of exhibitors and food vendors. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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Looking up at Holiday Inn Express Hotel from the Water Street Veteran Memorial Park. My wife said she was standing in our window watching me taking this photo. Our window has the black circle around it. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Cassandra Aponte, the front office Manager at left, Sherry and I on the right. Casandra saw to it that her guests were very well taken care of, even when she was short handed, she did double duty, taking care of the desk, stocking the breakfast room and filling the coffee urns. She deserves a big thank you for a job well done. "Thank You"



Desk Clerks Ashley and Meaghaon were exceptionally helpful during our stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Auburn, MA. We recommend it to anyone wanting a great place to spend a night or a week as we did. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Sherry trying to make up her mind what to have for breakfast. The Holiday Inn had a great morning breakfast for its guests. We both found it hard to resist sampling all of the different breakfast entrees. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

## The Gad-a-bouts Head East To Visit Daughter & Grand Kids & Celebrate Our 50th Anniversary

Sherry and I don't get away too often, but we were looking forward to the last week of June to leave Centerville and travel to Worcester, MA (if you are a native Massachusetts'ian it's Wooster).

Our daughter, Amy who lives in Wooster (I'm not a native, but Wooster is easier to pronounce than Worcester mainly because I invariably pronounce it Worcester so for this article I will talk about Wooster). Getting back to Amy, she contacted us some time back asking us if we would be able to visit them the last week in June. She was getting that week off for vacation from Umass Hospital there in Wooster. I told her I would check my calendar to see if we would be free that week and get back with her. I e-mailed her back telling her it would be okay we would leave home on June 24, but would have to be back home by Monday July 3rd to get the August Gad-a-bout ready (working on it right now writing this article). As it turned out we also celebrated Sherry and I's 50th Wedding Anniversary in Wooster also.

Everything worked out according to our plans, well almost. Sherry and I left at 12:07 p.m. Saturday afternoon, June 24 right on schedule. I figured out a route that would put us at the Holiday Inn Express in Auburn, MA at around 1:30 p.m. Sunday. The plan was to drive until the wee hours of Sunday morning stop at the last rest stop in New York. Get a few hours sleep then drive through the normal worse traffic, which is from Danbury Connecticut thru Hartford and on to Auburn, MA.

Our first major stop was at 7 p.m. at Players Buffet in Brookville, Pennsylvania for supper. We were back on I-80 at 8:18 p.m. heading east.

The route is an easy one, except for the bad condition of some of the roads we normally take going to Amy's. We take I-70 to just this side of Columbus, OH where we take the bypass to I-71 north to just this side of Akron, OH where we take I-76 which turns into I-80 just east of Youngstown, OH and continues to just north of Hazelton, PA where we take I-81 north past Scranton, PA then we take I-84 into New York. When we get to Newburgh, NY I always get the yen to stop and visit Stewart AFB, but of course I can't because it has become an airport for New York City. After returning from England back in 1963 I spent my remaining time in Uncle Sam's U.S. Air Force at Stewart AFB. In our earlier trips up to Massachusetts we stopped there so I could remi-

niscé at the base. In 2011 when we stopped there I missed seeing an armed check point on the former road to my barracks area (which were still there back then). I parked the car, got my camera and began taking photos of my barracks, service club, our headquarters and out toward the former flight line. About that time I heard squealing tires braking as a army-brown pickup jumped the curb and landed behind me and Sherry. A uniformed guy jumped out and wanted to know what we were doing. I simply told him I was taking photographs of my former base, that I was stationed there in 1963. He was evidently satisfied that I wasn't a foreign agent of any kind, got back in his truck and left. On the way out I noted the machine gun armed check point, where I turned onto the main roadway and headed for I-84. In 2015 we visited that same area and condo's were being constructed all over the former base.

Back to reality, we continued on I-84 to Fishkill Rest Area just west of Danbury, CT., still in New York. At sun-up, 5:05 a.m. we hit the road again on I-84 arriving in Auburn, MA at around 11 a.m. We found we couldn't check into our hotel until 1 to 1:30 p.m. so we drove to a Walmart we passed just this side of the I-90 Junction (didn't know it at the time but there was a Walmart about five minutes from our hotel). But in reality it was better going

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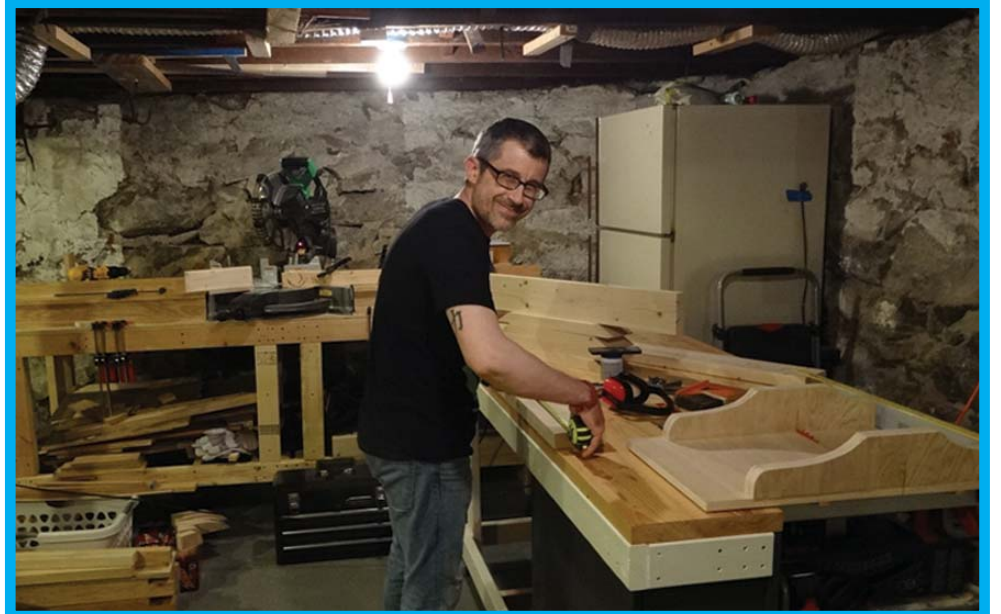
Sherry is one happy grandmother, standing between her grand kids Breanna and Dylan, when we first arrived at their home in Wooster. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



On Tuesday we visited Moore State Park, it was a beautiful day. Dylan, Breanna, Amy and Sherry with a picturesque waterfall behind them. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Left to right: Amy, Dylan, Breanna, Sherry and Logan relaxing on couch at Amy's house in Wooster. We have a lot of memories here. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Paul working in his workshop in their basement, he has a knack at making things out of wood. He's constructing a spice shelf for Amy. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

the distance due to having to kill a couple of hours before checking into the hotel.

We got checked into the Holiday Inn Express hotel after spending a good deal of time trying to find it. The computer map showed the hotel was on Southbridge Street, but it was actually on Johnson Street off of Southbridge Street. We found it after I stopped at a Shell Station and the guy gave me directions to the hotel.

The hotel room was really nice, lots of room to move around. We had a refrigerator, micro-wave, coffee pot fixings, large digital tv, a desk & chair, a rolling table, a king size bed, an easy chair with foot stool and one of the nicest showers I've ever used in a hotel or motel.

After getting settled in we went to Amy's house, which we had no trouble finding. She's lived in the same house since moving to Wooster in 2007. The one thing I have never gotten used to is driving in Wooster, for that matter all of the East Coast traffic. Hardly anyone drives the speed limit and if you want to keep on living you have to drive like they do.

After we had visited for awhile I was ready to go back to the hotel, I was quite tired from the long drive. Sherry wanted to stay for a while longer so I drove back to the hotel, Amy would drive Sherry to the hotel later, which she did.

Monday morning, (June 26th) we got up early to enjoy the Holiday Inn's full breakfast. I mean a full breakfast, see photo on page 15. The hardest part

of eating their breakfast, is not eating too much. We were there for a week and didn't miss one breakfast. Amazingly though I was only up four pounds when we got back home from the vacation.

After breakfast we went to Amy's. After a brief discussion it was decided that we would visit the Mall located just a short distance from our hotel.

It was a nice mall with a store we haven't been able to visit for some time at home, Sears. We visited many of the stores in the Mall and ate lunch in their food court. Then we shopped a little bit more.

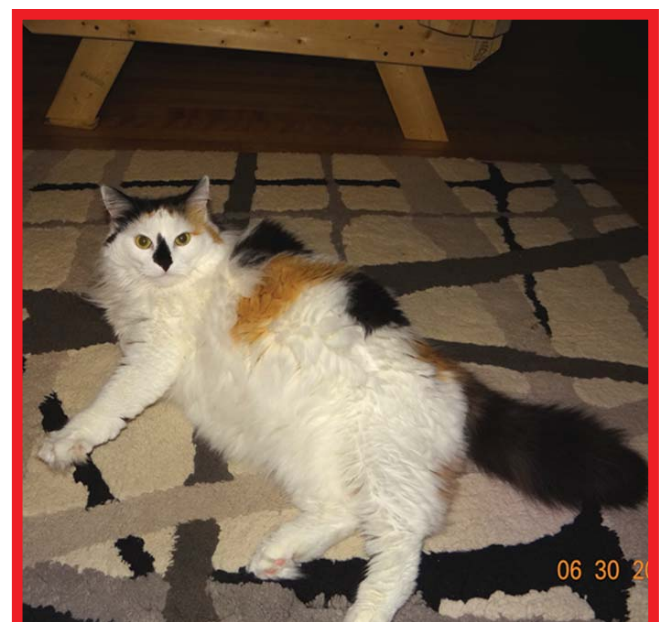
Afterwards we drove back to Amy's. Amy fixed Lasagna for supper. Which we all ate eagerly, lasagna is one of Amy's specialties. We all sat around after supper talking and petting the cat as she made several rounds sitting on our laps. Kitty is a very lovable cat, I like cats, especially other people's. I just don't want any of my own. Tiger was my "last" cat.

We left for the hotel around 9 p.m.

Tuesday morning, (June 27th) we got up early, had breakfast at the hotel and then drove to Amy's.

We all wanted to get out and do something, but we had visited about every city, attraction, historical place, wildlife area, coast etc. in the ten years Sherry and I have been traveling to Wooster. Finally Amy said we'll go to Moore State Park, it wasn't very far and had a lot to offer the visitor in scenery.

Amy has gps on her phone so "Sally" directed us to our destination through Amy arriving at the park



The family cat looking defiantly at me. Very lovable cat whose name is Kitty. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

at 11:51 a.m. (I don't have gps, I use maps.)

Everyone got out and we started down a road to the unknown. A short distance away we came upon a lake covered with lily pads. After looking at the lake and building I told Sherry I was pretty sure we had been there before. I mentioned it to Amy and she said we might have been there before.

Back of the dam water was spilling with a pretty good velocity. Amy, Dylan, Breanna and Sherry

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Paul, Breanna and Logan preparing to leave Wooster to attend Paul's son's graduation at the Great Lakes Naval Station in Chicago. (Photo by Sherry Dickerson)



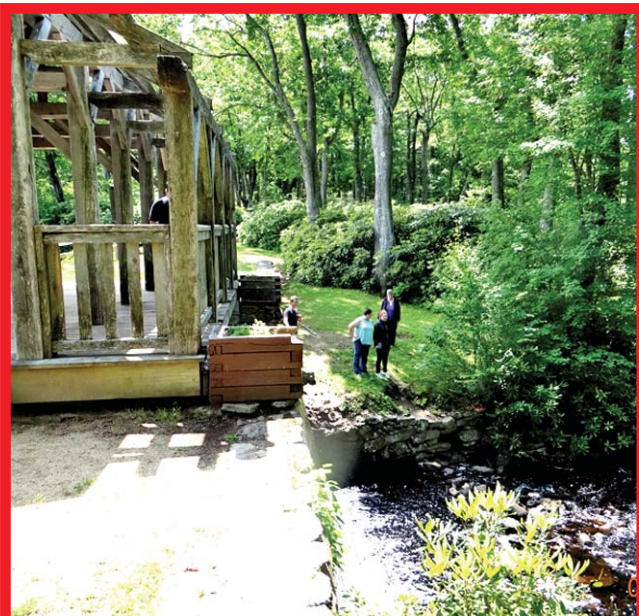
Sherry, Dylan, Amy and I visited Battleship Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts on June 29th. What a treat, we had a great time. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



On Wednesday I drove to Quabbin Reservoir to visit my Air Force buddy, Don Slessler. His daughter Marla is sitting with him. I will be writing about this visit next month.



On board the USS Massachusetts Battleship in Fall River, MA. I've saw battleships at a distance, but was never aboard one until now. (Photo by Sherry Dickerson)



We visited Moore Memorial State Park near Wooster. The park was beautiful. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

walked down near the stream. I walked over the spillway via a wooden open air building (see photo) to approach the stream on the other side so I could take photos of the rambunctious hikers, soon to be wet if they get too close.

I took some photos and then walked down the stream to a roadway and took some photos of the dam spillway from it. About that time a couple of DCR (Department of Conservation & Recreation)

employees came along and I struck up a conversation with them about the park and other things. It was then I saw the pink office building back of me and I knew I had been there before.

Soon Amy, Sherry, Dylan and Breanna came along, we took some more photos and decided to stop at the nearby Walmart in Leicester on the way back to Wooster.

After we returned to Wooster it was decided to go out and eat at the 99 Restaurant and Pub, it too was just up the road from our hotel. While we were waiting to eat I went outside to take a few photos, black clouds were rolling in and it started to sprinkle. I went back inside.

We had a delicious meal, since we were in two separate vehicles we went back to our hotel. It was raining pretty hard by the time we reached it.

Paul, Breanna and Logan were leaving at around 1 pm Wednesday (June 28th) for Chicago. Paul was going to be at his son's graduation at the Great Lakes Naval Station. From there his son will be entering a Submarine school. The three wouldn't be back before we leave on Sunday for home.

Wednesday morning, (June 28th) Sherry and I had our breakfast as usual. After breakfast I left to visit Don Slessler on the tailwater of the Quabbin Reservoir where Don has lived ever since he retired from the U.S. Air Force. Amy was picking up Sherry so she could spend some more time with Breanna, Logan and Paul before they left.

I arrived at Don's house at 10:28 a.m. Though living alone at the age of 95, Don is still very active in his wilderness wonderland. His daughter Marla arrived shortly after I did. We reminisced about the past. I met Warrant Officer W4 Don Slessler the first time at RAF Chelveston, England. We both worked at Base Supply. We didn't really become too acquainted until I joined the RAF Chelveston Pistol Team he had started. We became very good friends. I spent a great deal of time at his home, Hargrave Manor. Anthony Trezza (pistol team member) and I spent Christmas with Don's family. I still have the tie clasp with a 44 revolver image on it, they gave me that Christmas.

We both left England about the same time, 1963, never to see one another again until Sherry, I and Amy visited Don for the first time in 1983 at his home on the tailwater of the Quabbin Reservoir.

I will be writing about my visit with Don in the next issue of The Gad-a-bout. He truly is an American Patriot, he spent a life time in service to his country.

I left his home and drove to the hotel. Sherry and I then picked up Amy and Dylan to go get some supper.

Thursday morning (June 29th) we got up early, had our breakfast then picked up Amy and Dylan for a trip to Fall River Massachusetts home of Battleship Cove, arriving there at around 11 a.m.

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The Water Street Veteran Memorial Park was across the road from the Holiday Inn. It is dedicated to WWII and the Korean Conflict. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Sherry and I at the Chateau Restaurant west of Wooster celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary with Amy and Dylan July 1, 2017. (Photo by Amy Dickerson)



On the evening of June 30th Amy took us to the Texas Roadhouse for supper. We had a great meal. Amy and Dylan enjoying the evening. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Myself, Sherry, Amy and Dylan on our last evening together in Wooster. Paul, Breanna and Logan were still in Chicago. We had a wonderful time. (Tripod Photo)

Battleship Cove was one place that was at the top of my list to see, but never had gotten there. Thursday's visit was very special for me.

We visited the Fall River Heritage State Park first and took photos of Battleship Cove from its vantage point. Then we walked to where the USS Massachusetts Battleship was moored along with the USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Destroyer, the USS Lionfish Submarine and the Hiddensee the World's only exhibited example of the speedy communist attack ship. Displayed inside buildings is static displays of PT 617 and PT 796 both WWII PT boats.

I was in 7th Heaven exploring all of the above and losing sight of Sherry, Amy and Dylan. We got back together aboard the Battleship in the super structure at a small snack bar. I don't have the room needed to write about my experience that day, but let it be suffice to say we all had a wonderful time and I hope to visit Battleship Cove on our next trip to Massachusetts. I took 339 photos in the three hours we were there.

We left Battleship Cove around 1:30 p.m. heading back towards Wooster.

Enroute I asked Amy if we could stop at the place we did a few years before, the Red Robin Restaurant. I was sure it was off the road we were traveling this day. I told her they advertise the Red Robin on Channel 8 in Indianapolis, but they never tell the address. We would have liked eating there in Indianapolis, but have no idea where it is locat-

ed.

Shortly Amy told me we were approaching that shopping area, so we stopped at the Red Robin Restaurant and had a mid-afternoon lunch/supper.

After we had eaten and was on our way out I suggested might we go to the Cold Stone Creamery ice cream shop for dessert, I thought it was nearby.

Amy pointed us in the right direction and we went into the Cold Stone Creamery at 4:56 p.m. Their ice cream is delicious.

Then we headed for Wooster. Amy drove us, I handed her the keys, we got there in no time at all.

After arriving at Amy's home we all sat down and rested.

Sherry and I drove back to the Holiday Inn around 7 p.m. We relaxed the rest of the evening.

Friday morning, (June 30th) we got up early had our breakfast then lounged in our room for awhile. At around 10:15 a.m. I finally got to visit the Veteran's Memorial (See Photo above) which was across Water Street (Route 12) just a stone's throw from the Holiday Inn. The only major problem was getting across the street safely. It is one very busy street. I grabbed my camera and rain coat, it had been raining off and on. It's a small Memorial, but epic in the message's portrayed by seven plaques. There is a statue of a soldier in the center of the large cement V-shaped enclosure, on the front it reads, "Water Street Veteran Memorial WWII and the Korean Conflict." There is a Gazebo and flag

poles with a large American Flag and all the flags of the U.S. Armed Services and the P.O.W./M.I.A. flag.

Later Sherry and I drove to Amy's and we all spent the rest of the day visiting a nearby park.

Later that day we had supper at the Texas Roadhouse followed by a pleasant evening at Amy's.

Saturday morning (July 1st), our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We were married July 1st, 1967. An ironic fact surfaced that day, our wedding night took place in a Holiday Inn in Columbus, IN and fifty years later we were in a Holiday Inn.

Amy, Dylan, Sherry and I went to an Italian restaurant, called the Chateau-Westboro located west of Wooster to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We opened a gift box Amy gave to us at the restaurant. In it was a 50th Anniversary Plate which is now displayed in our home here in Centerville.

After returning to Amy's we said our farewells to Amy and Dylan, we were leaving at 5 a.m. Sunday morning so I could get back in time to finish the August Gad-a-bout, this one!

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# News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

## Hoosiers apologized to Indians April 22, 2017 at Rochester, IN

Part III

### Indiana Indian Day brought tears, facts

Indiana Indian Day was a one-of-a-kind event to apologize to the Native American Indians who were removed at gunpoint from Indiana, the Potawatomi and Miami. It brought a program packed with emotions, sharing of love and information, startling new facts, and a determination that we will keep trying until an Indiana Governor apologizes to the Native American Indians for forcing them to leave. With its name that means "Land of the Indians," Indiana should lead the way toward reconciling its history and its treatment of the Indians today.

Two police cars stopped traffic in front of St Joseph Catholic Church at 2 p.m. April 22 so that Father Mike McKinney could bless Main Street and reclaim it for peace. Since Sept. 5, 1838, when the Potawatomi were marched at gunpoint down Main Street on the Trail of Death, people have felt evil on the street.

Bill Friend, state representative of Fulton, Miami and Cass counties, read Governor Holcomb's proclamation to begin the program. When I woke up Saturday morning, I suddenly realized we did not have anyone to read the Governor's proclamation. So I phoned Bill Friend and he was driving home from Indianapolis as the legislature had just closed at midnight. He agreed to come, and I really appreciate that on such short notice.

I had been working with the Proclamation Committee for several days to get the wording accepted. The Committee would not agree to an apology nor criticize the government. Governor David Wallace in 1838 appointed Gen. John Tipton to hire 100 militia and round up the Potawatomi and remove them from Indiana to Kansas. We appreciate that the proclamation acknowledges the loss of homeland and the suffering and death of the Indians forced to leave. That is a step in the right direction, to acknowledge it happened.

Can Indiana apologize and still be proud of its



This is Joan Carpenter "Chief Pale Moon" McClellan, Rochester, chief of American Cherokee Confederacy local band. Her family has Cherokee, Potawatomi, Chippewa, Miami and Iroquois in it. She operates a food booth offering venison stew and fry bread for the American Cherokee Confederacy at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival and has a Chat Circle to share memories and history. (Author Photo)

accomplishments? Yes, because we are human and we do both good and bad things. What can Indiana do to make up to the Indians? Treat them better – equal to whites, allow Indian casinos and housing, accept responsibility, respect their heritage.

I learned a lot from this program. For instance, I did not know that people protested the Removal Act, wrote articles, and held meetings to denounce Andrew Jackson for his part in getting the Removal Act passed by Congress. That sounds like some of the news of today, doesn't it?

### Indiana Indian Day was a step in the right direction

Indiana Indian Day was a step in the right direction but much remains to be done to get the state to apologize to the Native American Indians. I still hope Indiana will apologize and lead the other states to do the same. With its name that means "Land of the Indians," Indiana should lead the way toward reconciling its history and its treatment of the Indians today.

In my speech I noted that Indiana is suffering and trying to figure why, trying to get better. I can't say God is punishing Indiana or all of America, but evil seems to grow where it gets a chance, a foot hold. And it is pretty certain that the world is suffering from all the evil that is alive and growing around the globe.

Evil was not invented by white people. There was evil everywhere in the world and all over America before white men came. Russell Means of American Indian Movement in the 1970s said that most of the modern world's troubles were caused when the European white men ran amuck. The Doctrine of

Discovery stated that explorers could plant their flag and claim new lands for their home country, regardless of the natives living there.

It was an amazing meeting with powerful messages. These people had told me their stories and I wanted to get them together to share and connect for future efforts. Maybe someone will organize an Indiana Indian Day next year.

### Apology from Indiana Citizens to Native American Indians for being forced to leave Indiana

Whereas, in the period of 1820-1851, many Native American Indians were forced to leave Indiana and go west of the Mississippi River so that white settlers could purchase their land, we acknowledge the loss of homeland, suffering, and death which resulted, and deep depression that still exists. The Indiana government did not foresee the tragic results. Our hearts go out to the descendants and we wish to make a treaty of the heart with them.

Whereas in this year, following the Indiana Bicentennial, the 200th anniversary of Indiana's becoming a state in 1816, we acknowledge the human error made by the Indiana Governor in 1838 in authorizing militia to round up the Potawatomi and forcibly march them to Kansas. This forced emigration is known as the Trail of Death because over 40 died on the way and are buried in unmarked graves.

Whereas, the Miami tribe was forced to leave Peru, Ind., in October 1846.

Whereas, today's Hoosiers regret these inhumane acts and wish it had never happened, we humbly express our sincere sorrow for this.

Therefore we, the citizens of Indiana, on behalf of the state of Indiana, do issue this formal apology to the Native American Indians whose ancestors were forced to leave Indiana. We ask for your forgiveness, and pledge to tell the stories of this tragic part of our state's history so that the suffering of your people may not be forgotten.

April 22, 2017  
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This apology is at the Fulton County Museum four miles north of Rochester, Indiana, on US 31. Anyone wishing to sign the apology may do so in person or by sending a statement with their name, address and email to [wwillard@rtcol.com](mailto:wwillard@rtcol.com) to be pasted in the apology book.

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**Editor's Note:** This is the last part of this article by Shirley Willard. You can read all three parts on line at [www.thegadabout.com](http://www.thegadabout.com) in the Archives in High or Low Resolution. ■

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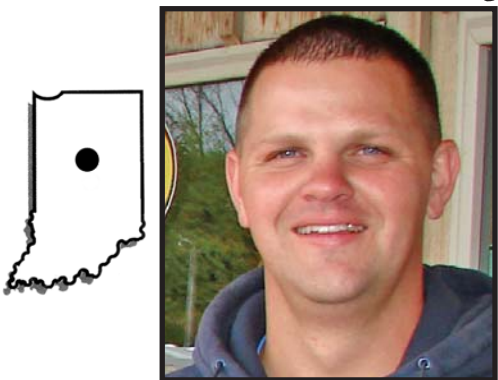


This is a photo of brothers, Mike and David Bowser, with the days biggest fish. The big crappie was 14 inches and weighed 1.4 pounds. (Author Photo)



David Pence and his grandson Aaron Scott landed 5.75 pounds for seven crappies to take home first place in total weight. Their big fish of the day was a 13.5 inch crappie that weighed 1.3 pounds giving them second place for biggest fish. (Author Photo)

## Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing  
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

### Great Lakes of the Wabash

Things are back up and rolling here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash as we have had a reprieve from the rain which has allowed all three lakes to return to their normal summer lake levels resulting in all visitors the chance to enjoy all the opportunities these properties have to offer. The high waters we encountered started in the middle of May and resulted in all three lakes being at least 25 feet above summer pool levels which made the start of the 2017 recreation season a difficult one. However, with the high water conditions in our rearview mirror we anxiously await the peak time of the season and look forward to seeing everyone return to get the chance to camp, boat, fish, horseback ride or any of the many things these properties provide to us.

The high water conditions didn't stop us from hosting the second of four Bozarth Crappie Tournaments on Saturday, June 10th. Although our first scheduled tournament on May 20th was canceled due to the unfavorable conditions we decided to go through with this tournament even though we were still roughly 15 feet above summer pool levels. We ended up having 10 teams sign up and battle the conditions on the Salamonie Lake. The duo of Aaron Scott and David Pence was able to come to the weigh in line with a total of 5.75 pounds for their seven

biggest fish. This was a very impressive catch considering the circumstances they were fishing. Not only did they receive top honors for total weight, they also came in second place for biggest overall fish with a 13.5 inch crappie that weighed 1.3 pounds. Congrats to Aaron and David on a great day on the lake. Coming in second place was the team of Myron Etchison and Patrick Stone with another impressive weight of 4.8 pounds. Rounding out the top three was the team of Marvin Yeakle and Jeff Duncan with a total weight of 4 pounds. The brother tandem of Mike and Dave Bowser took top honors for the big fish of the day with a 14 inch crappie weighing 1.4 pounds. Congratulations to all winning teams and we hope to see everyone again as we return in the fall with our third scheduled tournament on Saturday, August 26th. For more information contact us at (765) 981-4522.

While speaking of crappie tournaments I would also like to remind all you crappie fisherman about the Indiana Slab Masters making their return visit to the Great Lakes of the Wabash. Starting on August 19th they will have a tournament which allows fishermen the choice to fish on either the Salamonie or Mississinewa Reservoirs. Then on September 23rd and 24th they return to make up their super event which was canceled earlier in the year due to the high water conditions. This event will have all participants fish the Salamonie Reservoir on one day and switch to the Mississinewa the other day depending on the draw. For more information on these tour-

naments you can visit their website at [www.indianaslabmasters.com](http://www.indianaslabmasters.com)

If you are planning on making a visit to the Great Lakes of the Wabash you want to be sure to check out the events planned through the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Starting on Saturday, July 15th they will host the "Miami Harvest Project Plant Hike" on the Salamonie Reservoir. This event starts at 10 a.m. and allows you to roam the trails of the Salamonie Lake with Miami Plant Tradition Bearer Dani Tippmann. You will be able to learn the names

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This is Myron Etchison and Patrick Stone with some of their crappies that netted them a second place finish in total weight. They landed 4.8 pounds of crappie for their top seven fish. (Author Photo)



This is Marvin Yeakle and Jeff Duncan with their third overall fish in total weight. Their top seven fish weighed 4.00 pounds. (Author Photo)

of plants and how the Native Americans used them to their advantage. The following weekend, July 22nd and 23rd, will be Christmas in July at the Salamonie Reservoir. Salamonie Reservoir property will be celebrating their 50th birthday with a weekend full of activities. Friday night kicks off with a "50 photos for 50 Years" presentation to commemorate the history of Salamonie Lake. Saturday kicks off with a pancake breakfast at the beach and is followed by a "Party at the Pond" where there will be water games, youth archery shoot, and an adult cornhole tourna-

ment. This will be continued with Smokey's Birthday Bash and live music from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Along with all this fun there will be a campsite decorating contest with the judging beginning at 8:30 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendar and enjoy this weekend full of activities for all ages.

The Preschool program series returns on Wednesday, July 26th with "Butterflies and Birds – similarities and differences. You, along with your preschooler will have the opportunity to learn about the similarities and differences of butterflies and

birds as well as get the chance to observe them in action while taking a nature hike and finish doing a craft. The cost is \$2 per child with free adult. Then on Saturday, August 12th, the Salamonie property will host the Miami Harvest Project Plant Hike again with Dani Tippmann. This day will also mark the return of "Second Saturday's" with the event titled: Starry Night. Preregistration is required and cost is \$3 per person and will be from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. You will get the opportunity to observe and learn about the night sky this time of year. ■

## So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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## Indiana Outdoors

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Simon says. "Wild rabbits will sometimes abandon their nest when it's been very disturbed as when a lawnmower [runs it over or a] cat gets into it." The key word here is very. Most often, even rabbits will generally return to the nest and care for their young.

Of course, wild animals should be left undisturbed as much as possible. The general rule for finding a baby bird or any animal infant on the ground is simply to leave them alone. Most often, the parents are watching from a distance. But if a baby bird is found on the ground without its fledgling feathers and the

nest is easily within reach, it can be returned without harm. The parents will welcome it back with open wings. ■

## Fishing Lake Michigan

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cal diversity is purposely set to minimize time and travel expenses when states or municipalities call - and they do, and from all over the country.

The process is simple. The dog is taken on a walk along the edge of a stream suspected of being polluted with human sewage. The dog hunts around as the team travels along, sniffing the things only dogs can smell, but when it first detects "it" the dog sits - sending a signal to the handler. The hike continues upstream until the dog no longer alerts. That often identifies the source of the pollution or at least shows where to concentrate the search for the source.

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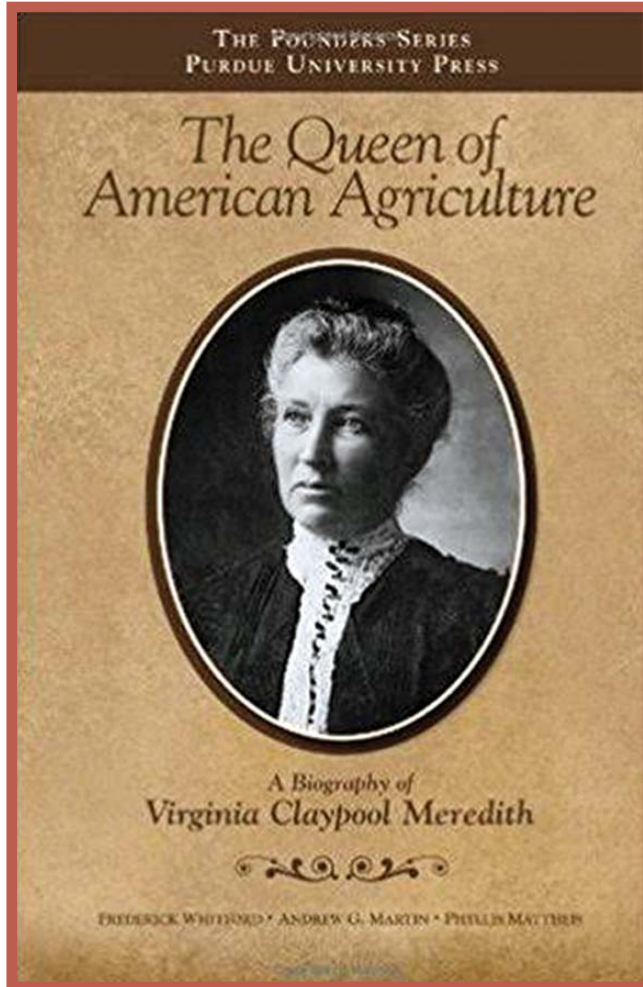
by **Donna Schroeder**  
President of Fayette County Tourism Bureau

## The Queen of American Agriculture

When time for the Fayette County Free Fair approaches, I think of being a kid. I remember sno-cones, cotton candy, and the Ferris Wheel. I remember rushing to finish my 4-H projects and the excitement of watching the judging, always hoping for a blue ribbon.

4-H was a big part of being a farm kid. Gardening, preserving food, and sewing were what girls were expected to do back then. Of course, I knew all about farm animals, too. Feeding the pigs, cows, and chickens were regular chores. We had goats, too, until they ate my mother's towels that were hung on the clothesline. That was the end of goat herding at our place. We had the occasional horse and pony, too, but I never considered showing animals as a project.

I might have felt differently about it if I had known about a Fayette County woman who made her mark doing just that. Her name was Virginia Claypool Meredith. She was born on the family farm in 1848, the daughter of an influential family in the community. Her grandfather, Newton Claypool, had come to Connersville in 1817 with his brother Solomon. The brothers traded with the Native Americans in the area, and Newton eventu-



The cover of A Biography of Virginia Claypool Meredith "The Queen of American Agriculture." (Author Photo)

ally opened a tavern and hotel. Her father was a farmer. The Claypool family was generous to the city of Connersville. Her father in law, Solomon Meredith, was a Union Army officer and friend of President Lincoln. The story goes that Lincoln's funeral train slowed and blew the whistle when passing the Meredith home in Cambridge City. Her husband made his mark in government, as noted in her obituary.

Virginia made her mark, as well:  
Birth: Nov. 5, 1848 Wayne County Indiana, USA  
Death: Dec. 10, 1936 Lafayette Tippecanoe County Indiana, USA

*Greensburg Daily News Friday, December 11, 1936 "AG" QUEEN DIES AT LAFAYETTE.*

Mrs. Virginia Meredith, 88, a Leader in U.S.A. and Friend of Robbins Family. Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith, 88 years old, known as "The Queen of American Agriculture," and Purdue University's only woman trustee, died Thursday afternoon at Lafayette after an extended illness which had held her bedfast three months. As a farm manager, a pioneer in home economics training and farm lecturing, and as a careerist in aiding women she was nationally notable. Farm-born in Fayette county, she was educated at Glendale College in Ohio and in 1870 was married to Henry Clay Meredith, one-time speaker in the state House of Representatives and a member of the state board of agriculture. The husband died in 1882 and she was left with a large farm near Cambridge City stocked with Shorthorn cattle and Shropshire sheep which she developed and showed at county and state fairs. She also raised fine horses. In 1889 she became an unpaid lecturer for farmers' institute and was the first woman to appear in this role. She represented Indiana at the Chicago World Fair in 1893. From 1906 to 1911 she was head of home economics in the State University at Minneapolis, Minn. In 1921 she located at Purdue University with her adopted daughter, Dean Mary L. Matthews. She was on the board of trustees of Purdue University for many years and organized the Federation of Women's Clubs in Indiana. She was indeed Indiana's "Grand Old Woman." **KNOWN IN THIS COUNTY** More than fifty years ago she became acquainted with the late James Gilman Robbins and his sons, William S. and John E. and often visited their Shorthorn farm near Horace. Her last visit there was in June, 1932 when Earl E. Robbins gave an exhibition of his herd and cattle breeders were present from Indiana and other mid-west states. Mrs. Meredith was one of the speakers at the Robinwood farm four years ago when 84 years of age. She recalled her early acquaintance with the Robbins family and paid high tribute to them. She was accompanied that day by Capt. F.G. King and

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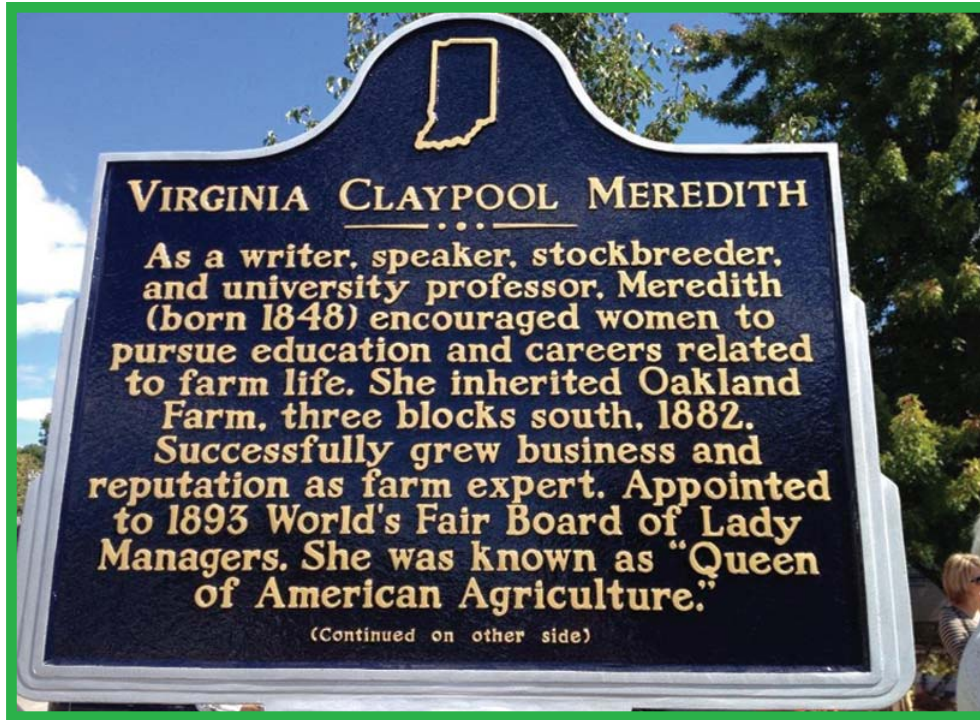

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Virginia Claypool Meredith was born on the family farm in Wayne County Indiana in 1848. She was known as "Queen of American Agriculture." (Author Photo)

In 1938, the Virginia Claypool Meredith Memorial Forest was dedicated near Shoals, Indiana. (Author Photo)

Miss Matthews and others of the Purdue staff. The funeral of Mrs. Meredith will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Burial at Cambridge City. Besides Miss Matthews she leaves an adopted son, Meredith Matthews, of Oakland, Calif., and a brother, Frank J. Claypool, of Muncie.

Not only did I spend years as a member of 4-H, I spent many childhood hours with my mother and her friends at Home Economics Club meetings, unaware that a Fayette County woman was the founder of that organization. Purdue's connection with both those organizations makes Virginia more interesting to me. Widowed at 33, she carried on the work of her husband and left a lasting legacy. In 1938, the Virginia Claypool Meredith Memorial Forest was dedicated near Shoals, Indiana.

So, having given you this history lesson, I will move to the present.

The Farmers' Market is in full swing every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon with local produce, plants, and crafts.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad is offering excursions throughout the summer. The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 til 4 p.m.

And last, but certainly not least, the fair is coming soon! July 29th to August 5th!

As always, we invite you visit Fabulous Fayette County! You're always welcome! Visit us on the internet at [www.tourconnersville.com](http://www.tourconnersville.com).

**(Editor's Note:** You can also read more about Virginia Claypool Meredith on line in Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia\\_Claypool\\_Meredith](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia_Claypool_Meredith) )

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### US Air Force Veteran Finds Healing After Children's Tragic Murder

*(Theresa James offers hope to others after ex kills her kids, himself)*

**CHICAGO, Illinois.** (April 24, 2017) – Veteran Theresa James awoke to the sound of her newly ex-husband breaking into her home. What happened next changed her life forever.

In "Healing Tears," James depicts every parent's worst nightmare, when her three children were violently taken from her.

"At the advice of my attorney, I began journaling conversations and situations throughout my divorce," James said. "After the death of my children, I continued to journal. I knew I had to relive the event, the anger, hatred and sorrow, in order to heal and offer hope to others."

James tragic story takes place in the small town of Jasper, Ind., where there hadn't been a murder in almost 150 years. That statistic changed one fateful summer morning in 1998.

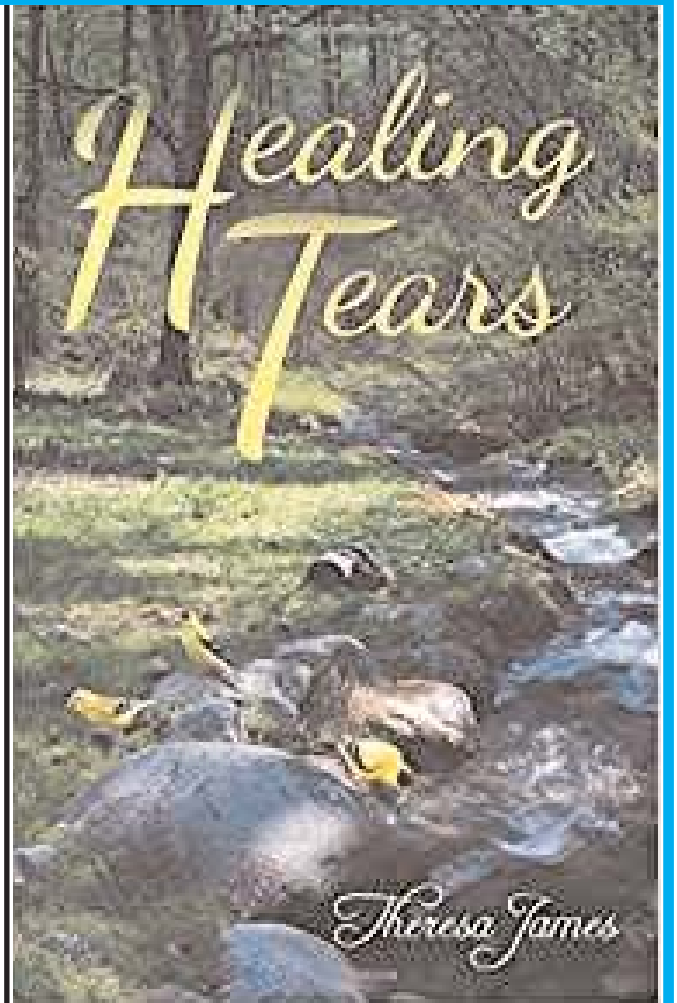
"My prayer is that others will read my story and it will give them inspiration and encouragement," James said. "No matter how dark a situation may be, we can always find strength and decide to make positive changes for our future."

"Healing Tears"  
By Theresa James  
ISBN: 978-1-5043-7365-4  
Available at Balboa Press and Amazon

**About the author**

Theresa James is a proud veteran of the US Air Force. She survived a life-altering tragedy, which she shares in her book, to inspire and help others in their own life struggles. James lives in the Chicagoland area with her husband.

Visit: [www.theresajames-author.com](http://www.theresajames-author.com).



**Healing Tears**  
by Theresa James

In the summer of 1998, just days after her divorce was final, author Theresa James' ex-husband, John broke into her home and murdered their three children before killing himself. James didn't share her tragic story for almost twenty years. Now, as a means to inspire and encourage others, she offers insight into that life-altering event.

Healing Tears narrates her story, beginning with meeting John in 1990, the joys and challenges of .....

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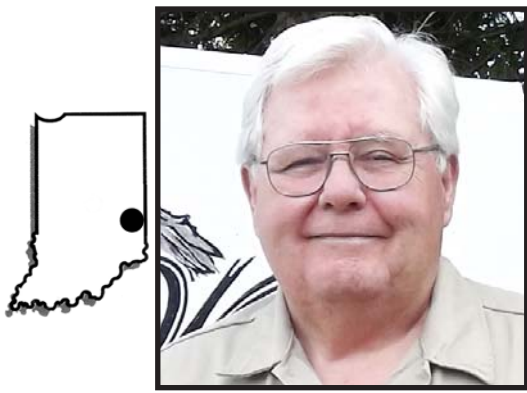


The top is the blank drill rod I chose to make the firing pin with. The Middle pin is the initial turning of the pin. Note the large portion on the right end of the pin, it is left on to support the smaller diameter of the pin to avoid breaking the work piece. The bottom is the original firing pin less its tip. This is what I am copying. (Author Photo)



Ah, the final product. I decided not to harden the firing pin. The drill rod used is already hard enough and heat treating it would make it too brittle. Anyway, I like it shiny. (Author Photo)

## Random Notes on Guns



by **Marshall Smith**

Retired LEO, NRA Life Member, Gunsmith

a new firing pin would be required. While searching the Internet and Antique gun parts Suppliers it became apparent that a used firing pin could be obtained at great cost. However, the condition would be questionable for such an old model gun. Since new firing pins were not available I decided it would be better to make a firing pin. I've made many firing pins for many different guns, just not a Marlin 1898, 16, 17, or 19 (all are basically the same gun just of different gauges or improvements with each model) and it shouldn't take long (lol).

With that thought in mind I needed to reverse engineer the firing pin I had. I also had to determine how to proceed in the manufacture of the pin and the heat treatment process to use or not. I began with quarter inch diameter drill rod which has a high carbon content and heat treats well. Drill rod doesn't lend itself to easy machining on a lathe because of the high carbon content. The pin had three channels to be milled into the pin, one a 90 degree channel, one a 30 degree channel, and the last a 5 degree channel leading into the 30 degree channel. My shop is not large enough to house a mill so I have to make do using hand tools and sometimes using my smallest lathe as a horizontal milling machine. I also lack having a lathe milling vice which attaches to the lathe crossfeed so I have to be inventive with my tool holders to do any milling with the lathe. After a few test runs (some would call them failures, I'll call them just part of the learning curve) I determined the best way to machine the firing pin to mill the two of the three channels first. That is the 90 degree and 30 degree channels. The five degree channel can be filed more quickly than milled after the chan-



This is a picture of the Marlin 1898 shotgun the firing pin is being made for. When it first arrived in my shop it was missing the forearm and came in several pieces. The brass screws I made really stand out in the picture. It has been an interesting project but is nearing completion. (Author Photo)

nels are cut. Cutting the pin diameter weakened the body of the pin in the first cut and the pin bent while cutting the channels. Bending the drill rod and then straightening it would cause a hardening at the point of the bend and when heated to 1400 degrees and quenched would cause it to crack. Getting the RPM of the cutting tool, the right depth of cut to not bend the piece took some trial and error. Once the channels were cut at the proper spacing I was ready to begin turning the rest of the pin diameters. Some of the mistakes are shown in the photos.

I was able to turn the firing pin in the lathe and cut the different diameters required. In the picture you can see that the firing pin in the middle has a large diameter on the end. That is the support to the live center of the lathe and keeps the very small diameter pin from bending or breaking

## Project Corner

A friend brought in a basket case Marlin 1898 pump shotgun asked me to reassemble the shotgun. He also asked if I could find and replace the pump action forearm which was missing. Someone had attempted to replace it with a forearm from another pump action but it didn't fit. Upon finding a suitable rough cut forearm from a stock maker in Missouri, I set about fitting the forearm to the action rod. I found the action rod connected to the forearm with screws which one had been stripped and the other was drilled out to a larger size. I was able to thread new mounting holes and made brass screws from brass rod stock I had in the shop. Inletting the forearm to the action rod took a lot of time since I didn't have the proper wood working rakes to make the channel for the rod to set in. I made a chisel and rake out of worn out files of which I have many, and set about chiseling out the channel for the action rod to set in.

Once the Forearm was inletted and fitted to the action rod I began reassembling the shotgun. As standard practice when working on the old antiques, I disassemble the bolt before reinstalling it and I found the firing pin tip was broken off and

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while it is being cut with the lathe tool. It will be removed and the final firing pin extension and the pin's head profile adjusted.

I've made several firing pins for shotguns and rifles but this one took longer to manufacture because of the differing diameters along its length and the unique challenges created by having to cut the channels into the pin without a working mill. I successfully completed the firing pin and installed it in the bolt. I function check it on an empty 12ga shell with primer only. Depth of the primer strike should be about .007" to .012" and it fell within those values. I wouldn't take the gun hunting as at its age it might fail and break a part which may not be replaceable nor easily remade. It'll be a working wall hanger.

**Quote of the Month**

"In all my years I've never seen nor heard of a law that prevented a crime." - Author

**Ruger Mark IV Product Safety Recall**

Ruger recently discovered that all Mark IV™ pistols (including 22/45™ models) manufactured prior to June 1, 2017 have the potential to discharge unintentionally if the safety is not utilized correctly. In particular, if the trigger is pulled while the safety lever is midway between the "safe" and "fire" positions (that is, the safety is not fully engaged or fully disengaged), then the pistol may not fire when the trigger is pulled. However, if the trigger is released and the safety lever is then moved from the mid position to the "fire" position, the pistol may fire at that time.

Owners of the **Ruger Mark IV™** pistols (including 22/45™ models) should go to Ruger's website, <https://ruger.com/dataProcess/markIVRecall/index.php> and look up their gun's serial to see if it is included in this recall. Mark I, Mark II™ and Mark III™ Pistols are not affected by this recall. Mark IV™ pistols (including 22/45™ models) with serial numbers beginning with 5 (five) are the new models and are not included in the recall. If you have any questions at all go to their web site, <https://ruger.com/dataProcess/markIVRecall/index.php?r=y> and watch the video or call Ruger at **336-949-5200** Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm.

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 answer your questions with the most up to date information available. Some answers may be included in this column as I'm sure there are others with the same question. No question dealing with guns or self-defense is a bad or stupid question. Only those questions not asked.

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

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**Roaming The Outdoors**

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**CENTERVILLE ARCHWAY DAYS  
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**Archway Days August 25-26** 29th Annual Archway Days in Centerville, IN with activities centered in Maplewood Park, Crown Creek Blvd and Water Street. Contact the Centerville City Building for information. **765-855-5515**

**FARMER'S PIKE FESTIVAL  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND SEPT 1-4**

The 2017 Farmer's Pike Festival with their huge "Acres of Treasures" and wide variety of Live Entertainment will be happening on Labor Day Weekend September 1-4. See page 14 of this issue to see what they have on tap for this year. In the September Gad-a-bout there will be a full two pages of information including their line-up of bands and musical acts. See ad on page 14 for contact information.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR  
JULY 14-23 BROOKVILLE, IN**

The Franklin County 4-H Fair is a favorite family-friendly summer activity for the residents and visitors of Franklin County. It takes place July 14 - 23 at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Brookville, Indiana. Visit us to see the incredible 4-H exhibits, quality livestock and animal shows, open class exhibits, rides, food, games, grandstand events and more. Admission to the fair is free. Check out our website at [extension.purdue.edu/franklin](http://extension.purdue.edu/franklin)

**4-H Fair 2014 Showman Contest  
Friday July 14**

Dog Show & Agility 10am  
Public Speaking 1pm

**Saturday July 15**

Horse & Pony Show 8am

**Sunday July 16**

Horse & Pony Contesting 8am  
County Hymn Sing 6pm

**Monday July 17**

Open Class Exhibits Entered 9:00 - 11:30am

Poultry Show 9:00am  
Meat Goat Show 9:00am  
Sheep Show 3pm  
4-H Exhibits Open 3:00 - 10:00pm Mon-Fri  
Red Barn Open 5:00 - 9:00pm  
Commercial Exhibits 6:00 - 10:00pm Mon- Fri  
Fashion Revue 7:30pm  
Public Speaking Champion Speeches 7:30pm  
10 Year Member Awards 8:30pm  
Armband Night Carnival Rides 6:00 - 10:00pm

**Tuesday July 18 - Rib Eye Day**

Beef & Starter Calf Show 9am  
Ribeye Dinner 11am - 3pm & 4:30 - 7:30pm  
Served by Cattlemen's Association  
Rabbit Ambassador Contest 1pm  
Red Barn Open 3:00 - 9:00pm  
Rabbits Show 5:00pm  
Dance Review by Vicki's Studio of Dance 6:30pm

**Wednesday July 19 Pork Day**

Swine Show 9am  
Pork Chop Dinner 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 7pm  
Served by Pork Producers & K of C  
Red Barn Open 3:00 - 9:00pm  
4-H Member Dinner after Hog Show 5- 7pm  
Sponsored by Cattlemen's Association  
Pet Show 6pm  
Horse & Pony Demo at Horse Arena 7:00pm  
Talent Show 7:30pm

**Thursday July 20**

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Day  
Dairy Cattle Show 9:00am  
Dairy Goat Show 10:30am  
Red Barn Open 3:00 - 9:00pm  
Kiddie Pedal Pull Registration 5-6:30pm  
Armband Night Carnival Rides 6:00 - 10:00pm  
Baby Show 6:30pm  
Showman of Showmen Competition 7pm  
Kiddie Tractor Pull 7pm

**Friday July 21**

Mini 4-H Building Tours 10am  
Mini 4-H Livestock Exhibition 11am  
Red Barn Open 3:00 - 8:30pm  
4-H Livestock Auction 6:00pm  
Red Barn Exhibits Released 8:30-9:30pm

**Saturday July 22**

Fairgrounds Clean Up 9am  
Red Barn and 4-H Exhibits Released 9-11am  
Armband Night Carnival Rides 5-10pm

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Tuesday 7/18 7 PM Lawn Mower Racing  
Wednesday 7/19 7PM PM Truck & Tractor Pull  
Thursday 7/20 7PM PM Truck & Tractor Pull  
Friday, 7/21, 7 PM Flat Drag Races  
Saturday 7/23, 5 PM Flat Drag Races

*Schedule is tentative and subject to change.*

Schedule from Angie Riffle, Franklin County Extension Photos by Extension Office & Terry Duffy

**2017 4-H Fair Queen**

2017 Franklin County 4-H Fair Queen Court: L-R Miss Indiana State Fair Becca Lax, Miss Congeniality Alexa Brehm, 3rd Runner Up Clare Weidner, 2017 Queen Ashlie Raible, 1st Runner Up Shelby Kolb, 2nd Runner Up Tori Volk and 2016 Queen Madison Payne.

From Extension Service Website Around The County Cutest Pet Contest - Fair Week Pet Parade 2011

Send your photos NOW for the Cutest Pet Contest, to be held during the Franklin County fair July 17 - 21. **Mail 3x5 photo to Franklin County Humane Society. PO Box # 272 Brookville, IN. 47012.** Please send a self addressed, stamped envelope, if you want your photo returned. Votes are a penny a vote. Pet with highest total at the end of Friday night can chose either \$50 cash or a free spay and neuter.

Submitted by Corey Crawford

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Indiana Office of  
Defense Development  
**July 6, 2017**

Indiana Office of Defense Development Now Accepting Applications for Defense Industry Adjustment Grant Program

**INDIANAPOLIS** - The Indiana Office of Defense Development (IODD) is now accepting applications for the Indiana Defense Industry Adjustment grant program.

This grant program, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), assists small and mid-sized companies reduce their dependency on DOD procurement activity by helping them to diversify into new markets. By diversifying their revenue streams, potential cuts or changes in federal defense spending will have less detrimental impact on Indiana-based contractors. The grant helps companies withstand reductions, allowing them to increase economic

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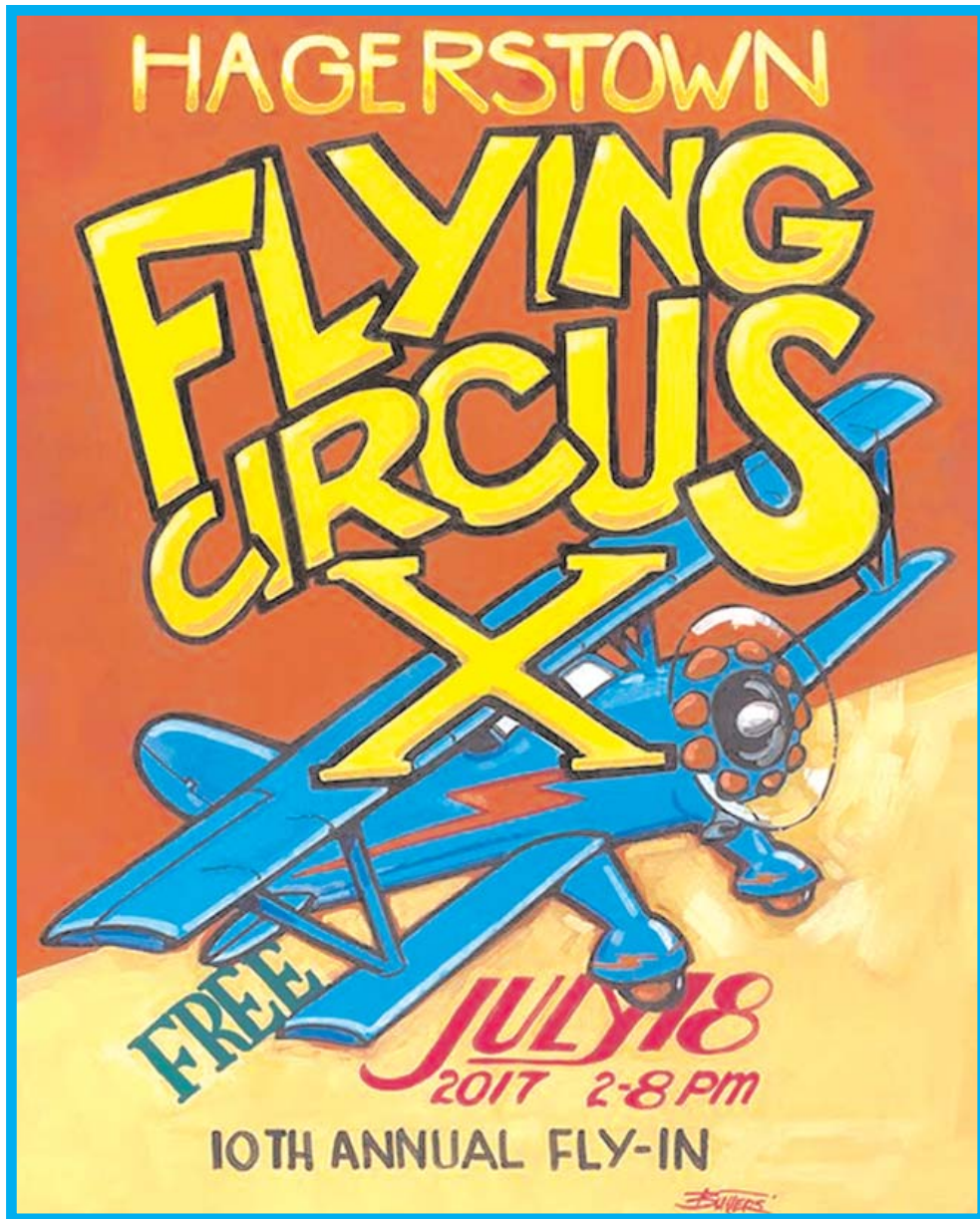
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## Hagerstown Flying Circus

Set For Tuesday, July 18  
(Rain Date Wednesday, July 19)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The 10th Annual Hagerstown Flying Circus will take to the skies over Hagerstown, Indiana from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 18. The free event promises to be bigger and better than ever since it began as part of the 2008 Ford Model T Celebration.

Many of the nation's top pilots, including those who are featured in aviation films led by Andrew King, will arrive all day and will be featured in the main event beginning at 6 p.m. There will be flying competitions, featuring precision landing and flour bombing on a painted X from high altitudes.

"More than 40 aircraft are expected to land here, including two open cockpit bi-planes that may be offering rides like last year," said Denny Burns who chairs the event, sponsored by the Hagerstown Optimist Club. "The 'gates' open at 2 p.m., but really there are no gates, the event is free so we don't need gates."

More than 3,000 fans attended last year, said Burns, adding, "The only problem we've had is the congestion on Washington Street between 5:30 and 6 p.m. "We encourage everyone to come as early as possible and for those who most leave early, it would be very helpful if they could plan leave the airport before 5:30 p.m. or after 6:30 p.m. this year."

The Optimist Club will be serving an expanded menu and there will be a wide variety of vendors offering: Ice cream, kettle corn, snow cones, cotton candy, honey, jams, molasses, candles, art prints, organic dog and cat treats, baby shower gifts, accessories, official t-shirts, all nine years' collectible Flying Circus posters and much more.

Brent Meadows will sing the National Anthem as the American Legion Post 333 Honor Guard presents the colors at 6 p.m.

"We expect pilots and aircraft from Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Maryland, North Carolina and Arkansas," said Burns. The pilots especially enjoy visiting with folks of all ages, explaining the workings of their perfectly

restored planes, nearly all from the World War II era and earlier.

The event has always been free, thanks to the generosity of the pilots who are flying on to the nation's largest vintage air show in Oshkosh, WI later in the week. The rain date is Wednesday, July 19.

Any vendors interested in setting up a tent at the airport may call Mary Anne Butters at: (765) 886-5098. And everyone's invited to visit <https://www.facebook.com/HagerstownFlyingCircus/>

For more information, contact:

Denny Burns, Optimist Club's Event Chair (765) 993-2240  
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Brent Meadows will sing the National Anthem as the American Legion Post 333 Honor Guard presents the colors at 6 p.m. (In the photo above Brent was singing God Bless the U.S.A. at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park "Vietnam Moving Wall" Ceremony September 24, 2016. Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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activity and create jobs in the State of Indiana.

“This is a great opportunity for defense firms in Indiana to diversify their revenue streams and strengthen their business as a whole,” said Brandi Hughes, IODD Director of Operations .

Companies are eligible for up to \$50,000 of consulting services in the following four areas: strategic planning, strategic communications, lean product development, and quality certifications. There are no cost requirements for participating companies other than time. Companies must meet the following four requirements to apply: (1) have been in operation in Indiana for a minimum of one year prior to application; (2) have at least one full-time employee; (3) be a defense contractor or subcontractor to a defense contractor; and (4) have experienced a loss of revenue due to reduced DoD expenditures.

IODD has engaged kglobal, a strategic communications firm with extensive OEA grant experience in three other states, to spearhead consulting and diversification efforts under the grant program. kglobal is working in collaboration with several other service providers, four of which are Indiana-based companies; Simon Everett, Indiana Strategic Research Group, Maple Hill Engineering, Mary Romeo and Associates, and QAI.

To inquire about the program, contact Randy DeCleene, kglobal Partner, at [randy.decleene@kglobal.com](mailto:randy.decleene@kglobal.com) or 202-295-7931.

About the Indiana Office of Defense Development:

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The Indiana Office of Defense Development (IODD) was created through an executive order in 2013 with a focused effort on growing the defense sector business in Indiana by keeping and growing high value defense and national security jobs for Hoosiers.

The IODD is part of Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch’s Family of Business which also includes the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD), and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA).

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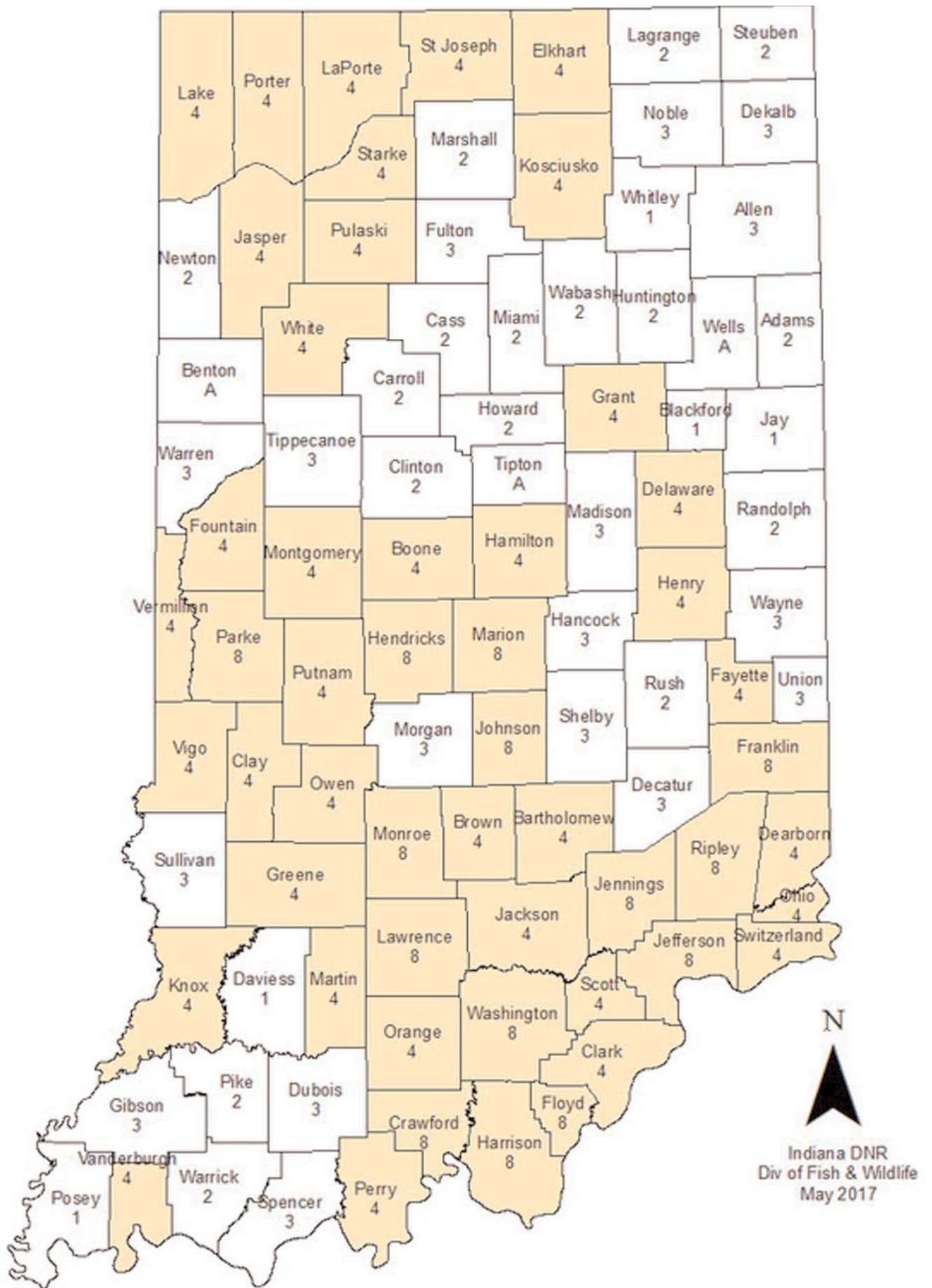
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Promise Kept During Ceremony Honoring Master Trooper Dave Rich

Wabash – “He will never be forgotten.” These words have been echoed many times since the tragic death

## Bonus antlerless county quotas set


The bonus antlerless county quotas have been set for 2017-18 deer seasons. Quotas are reduced in 30 counties and increased in three.



Shaded counties are participating in the special antlerless only firearms season, Dec. 26, 2017 - Jan. 7, 2018.

of Indiana State Police Master Trooper Detective David Rich on July 5, 2007. The promise was kept yesterday as police officers from various departments, firefighters, paramedics, community members, friends and family members gathered at Master Trooper Dave Rich Park to memorialize the 10th anniversary of the fallen trooper’s death. The approximately hour long ceremony opened with a benediction from Pastor Kenny Cole who was followed by five guest speakers. Indiana State Police


Peru Post Commander Lt. Jeremy Kelly spoke about how Dave’s example made Kelly strive to be a better police officer, husband, and father. Wabash Mayor Scott Long spoke about missing the warm greeting he always received every time he saw Rich. Indiana State Police Sergeant Jan Maller, Dave’s best friend, talked about how he misses his friend and how humbly embarrassed Dave would be for all of the people who showed up to honor him. He also told Connie, Dave’s wife, how proud Dave would be on



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**INDIANA CHAPTER OF THE NWTF**

by Alan Garbers

NWTF Indiana – **Turkey Tips:** Most used firearms function properly and are safe to use. But there are weapons that have been abused, misused, or altered. Any of those things can cause a family heirloom or flea market bargain to become a bomb that injures, maims, or kills the next person to shoot it. Always have suspect firearms thoroughly inspected by an experienced gunsmith. Never use a firearm that has malfunctioned, until it has been properly repaired and inspected.

Never use questionable ammunition. Age, corrosion, or unsuitable storage can cause propellants and cases to breakdown resulting in improper venting or higher than expected pressures, all of which can cause damage or outright destruction to a firearm.



A firearm failure caused an avid shotgunner to lose part of his thumb. (Author Photo)

**Here's another tip:** Join the NWTF and support your local chapter. Many chapters are active in improving turkey habitat on public lands. The best part? If the habitat is perfect for wild turkeys, it's perfect for deer and other wildlife, such as ruffed grouse and quail. **Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt,** for all of us.

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the way she has raised their children. Bob Rich, Dave's brother and retired Indiana state trooper, told the crowd that Dave's death should remind them to hug their loved ones a little tighter, when leaving home, and never let an opportunity to make a positive impact on another person pass by. Indiana State Police Colonel Mark French thanked the Rich family for their ultimate sacrifice and reminded them that they are a legacy legend within the Indiana State Police Department. Not only did Dave and Bob Rich serve as troopers, but their father, Jack, and their grandfather also wore the Indiana State Police uniform. Jenny Graber sang Heaven Was Needing a Hero followed by the playing of Taps by Garrett Rodgers. The ceremony ended with a prayer from Reverend Jack Hess. Synopsis of the Incident that took the life of Master Trooper Detective Dave Rich.

On July 5, 2007, at approximately 3:55 p.m., Master Trooper Detective Dave Rich, who was on his way home in an unmarked police car, stopped to help what he believed was a disabled vehicle on U.S. 24 near State Road 115, in Wabash County. While approaching the vehicle, the lone male occu-

pant opened fired, with a shotgun, striking and killing Detective Rich. It was later determined the disabled vehicle had been stolen, the previous day, from Gaylord, Michigan. Detective Rich was not aware of that fact.

The suspect, from Gaylord, Michigan, shot and killed himself.

Master Trooper Rich had served with the Indiana State Police Department for over 17 years. At the time of his death Rich was assigned to the Indiana State Police Peru District as a detective.

He was survived by his wife, a seven-year-old daughter, twin four-year-old sons, his parents, a brother, and a sister.

**STATE REP DICK HAMM TO SERVE ON WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUCL STATEHOUSE (July 6, 2017)** — State Rep. Dick Hamm (R-Richmond) was recently selected to serve on the Workforce Innovation Council.

The goal of the Workforce Innovation Council is to establish comprehensive career readiness and employability skills standards, and ensure these are available to students well before graduation.

"As a state representative, I remain committed to

helping Indiana maintain its business-friendly environment by keeping our historic jobs numbers growing," Hamm said. "Part of this larger effort is ensuring Hoosier students are prepared to enter the workforce."

Hamm said interim study committee hearings, which typically occur at the Statehouse in Indianapolis, can be viewed live online at [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov). This site also provides committee calendars and meeting agendas. Members of the public are welcomed to attend and testify.

**US 52/MAIN STREET TRAFFIC SHIFT MOVES TO EAST SIDE NEXT THURSDAY**  
BROOKVILLE, Ind.—The Indiana Department of Transportation plans to move traffic to east-side lanes on U.S. Highway 52/Main Street at Brookville next Thursday (JULY 13) as Phase II construction of sidewalks, curb ramps and installation of street lights begins. Motorists will be shifted to 11-foot-wide lanes—one in each direction—between the U.S. 50/State Road 101/S.R. 1 intersection and First Street. Inclement weather could postpone the traffic pattern change.

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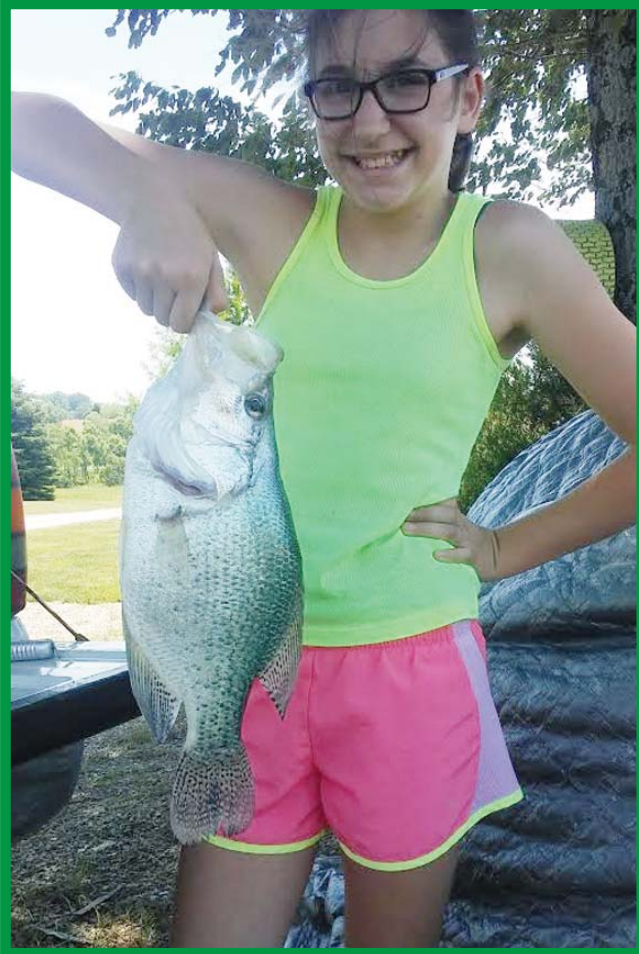
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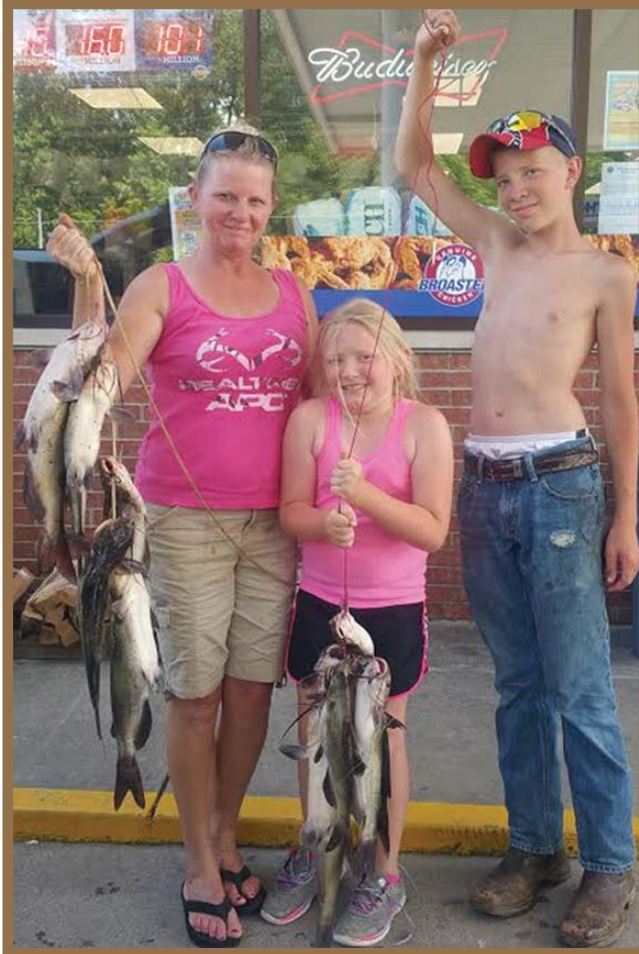


# Gad's Corner

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Twelve year old Nadine Davis caught this 18 inch 3.4 pound white crappie on 06-10-2017 in a farm pond in Rush County. (Photo submitted by Nadine's proud father, Ted Davis).



L to R: Nancy Peters, Nevaeh Banks and Isaiah Peters from Laurel, IN. caught 2 big stringers of catfish on 06-12-17. Tag Photo, 52 Pickup Marathon Convenience Store, Brookville, IN



This is my son Forrest Rihm with this year's spring turkey. The bird had a 9 in double beard and 1 1/2 in spurs. He worked on this bird after I had missed him a few days before. (Rihm Foods Inc. Photo, Dublin, IN)



Lane Bohlander, 18 killed this 430 pound Black Bear at Black Creek Outfitters in Ontario, Canada. His Granny Sheila Hood gave him the hunt as a high school graduation present. He killed it on June 11th which happened to be his Granny's birthday too! The Outfitter told us it was the biggest bear killed there that season! Lane and his dad Jason Bohlander of Bohlander Taxidermy are planning on making a rug and doing a skull mount. We enjoy reading the Gad-A-Bout very much! (Submitted by Nancy Bohlander)



This is my husband Jason Rihm with his spring turkey. He took this nice bird on opening evening on public land in the brookville area. (Rihm Foods Inc. Photo, Dublin, IN)

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Parking will be allowed on the west side of Main Street where contracted crews are not working.

Dave O'Mara is the state's contractor for this \$2,739,500 project to repair and repave U.S. 52/Main Street at Brookville from the bridge at Butler's Run to south of the Blue Creek Road intersection. The contract completion date is October 13. Motorists can learn about highway work zones and other traffic alerts at [indot.carsprogram.org](http://indot.carsprogram.org), 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or 511 from a mobile phone. For highway information, monitor social media sites: [www.Facebook.com/INDOTSoutheast](https://www.facebook.com/INDOTSoutheast) and [Twitter @INDOTSoutheast](https://twitter.com/INDOTSoutheast). Subscribe to receive text and email alerts at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INDOT/subscriber/new>.

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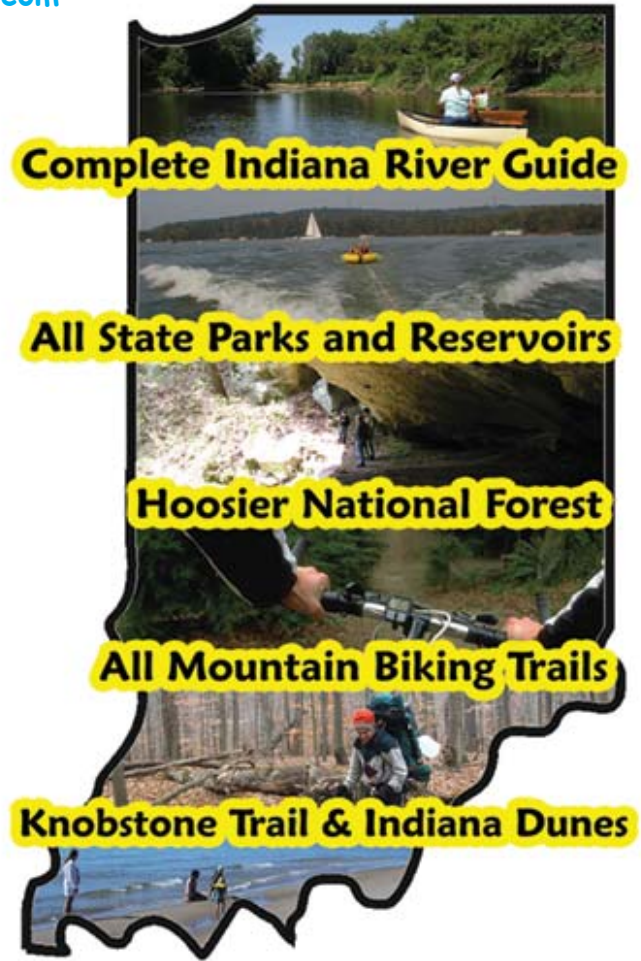
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