

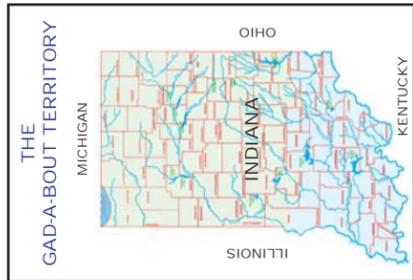
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Top Right: It's that time of year again, the 45th Liberty Festival will be held on June 30 - July 1 & 2, 2017. UCDC Executive Director has saw to it for you to have a wonderful time this year. Read about all that is hap-

pening in her article on Page 17. You can also fill out the official Entry forms for the 39th Freedom Run and the Parade. Sign up now, don't delay it's a lot of fun. See Pages 16 & 17 (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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For all you readers who would like to RUN in the 39th Annual Freedom Run there is an official entry form on Page 16. On that same page is an official entry form for the 4th of July Parade which will be held at 7 pm again this year. On page 17 is a complete list of all the activities planned for this year's event.

Melissa Browning, Executive Director of the Union County Development Corporation has again written a very informative article inviting all of you to the 45th Annual Liberty Festival and giving you an inside look at all that is going to happen this year.

Melissa is doing a terrific job for Union County. In an upcoming issue you will be reading more about this lady who has accomplished so many things for Union County.

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FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL EVERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. JULY 8, 2017 4 P.M. TILL MIDNIGHT

Chad Gronning, Deputy Fire Chief of the Everton Volunteer Fire Department called me about advertising their Fireman's Festival in this issue of The Gad-a-bout. The festival will be held July 8, 2017. Dinner will be served from 4 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. The cost for dinner is only \$8.00 per person - bring your family and friends for good food and a fun time. The menu is: Fish (Alaskan Pollack) Wedges, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Lemonade, Ice Tea and Coffee. There will be an Adult Beverage Center from 4 p.m. till midnight and Adult Card Games 6:30 p.m. till midnight. Music will be by DJ C.W.B. from 8:00 p.m. till 11:30 p.m. There will be Pull Tabs, a Dunk Tank, Basket Raffle and 50-50 Drawing.

In this issue is a complete story of how this small community had a dream in 1956 that became a reality in 1957 and continues today with 34 Volunteer Firemen, 5 Fire Trucks and a commitment to their community that excels above and beyond the call of duty.

They are Firemen yes, plus their Fire Department has ten certification (see list on page 9).

It makes a guy like me feel very humble when standing in the shadow of a group like these dedicated firemen. Read their story on Pages 8, 9, 26 and 27.

79TH NCB LOSES ANOTHER MEMBER I RECEIVED WORD FROM HIS SON

John H "Jack" Taggart, age 92, of Colledgeville, PA died at his home on Tuesday May 23, 2017.

Shortly after Jack passed, his son Edward left a message on my home phone telling me the sad news. In his message of his father's passing he asked if I could contact the 79th NCB friends of his fathers for him. I called him back and left a message I would take care of it.

Every 79th NCB Seabee knew John Taggart as Jack. The first time I met Jack was in Lancaster, PA at a 79th NCB Seabee Reunion held October 7-11, 2007. My sister, Wilma and I was invited to attend after she found the 79th Seabee website on line. Our friendships with the 79th NCB Seabees was welded from then on. That first reunion was ten years ago.

I only met Ed Taggart once, he brought Jack to the 68th Reunion of the 79th U.S. NCB held in Ephrata, PA August 25-29, 2013. Fred and Lenore hosted that one too. Jack Taggart was the only 79th NCB Seabee in that group that served with

my father on Kodiak Island, Alaska. He and Dad was in the same photo at a dinner that is in Dad's Alaska Cruise Book that I now have. Every 79th NCB Seabee I met who knew Jack liked him. He was very personable. The 2013 reunion was the last one Jack attended as far as I know. The 2015th Reunion was more than likely their last reunion. Their memories will last forever, but World War II was quite a long time ago, at their age now, many of them can't travel too far.

I was able to contact Seabee Joe Accetta's wife, Dot in Pearl River, NY telling her about Jack. I got no answer at Seabee William Burk's home. I called Seabee Fred and Lenore and got to talk to both of them at the same time about Jack and us. Lenore was able to tell me about Vern Seikmann's wife, Joyce's passing. I called Carolyn

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This is what the surface of the lake looks like when white bass are feeding on the surface. (Author Photo)

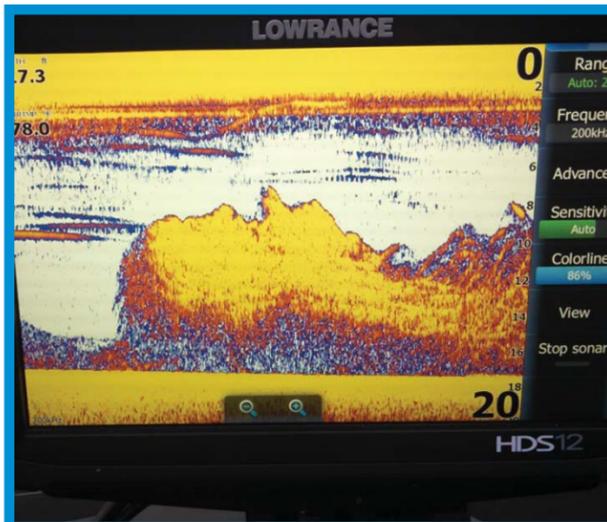


This is a lot of walleye and a few bluegill in my boat live well after a good day of fishing on Brookville. (Author Photo)

So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide



This is what a school of white bass looks like on my lowrance HDS 12. (Author Photo)

Fishing Brookville Lake in July

July is the month where the young shad schools of the year show up in the lake. This is not an edible fish, at least not for humans, but other fish love 'em. They are a schooling fish that feed the masses. The way they survive is by deception. When they're in a tight bait ball to other fish they look like one big swimming thing instead of 10,000 little things, this is the deception. Every predator fish swimming in the lake is trying to feed on them, but the sheer size is puzzling to the fish that are trying to feed on them.

White bass are also a schooling fish, but they

are predator not prey. They know they are being deceived and they have a plan, and you will see it in action in July. Somewhere between 8 am and 10 am on the lake you will see what looks like piranhas feeding on the surface. What this is, is a big school of white bass feeding on a big school of young of the year shad. Their plan of attack is simple they work as a team to corral the big school of shad. Once they have them surrounded from all sides they will force them to the surface where they become disorganized and the bait ball comes apart. Now the white bass can zero in on each individual shad and feed on them as long as they can hold them at the surface. This is only accomplished with team work.

Walleye feed on shad also, but their tactic is a little different. What they will do is move up onto a shallow flat or somewhere where the water is thin and wait for a 15-foot-high bait ball of shad try and squeeze into 10 foot of water. When this happens the shad that are forced to the outside edges are picked off 1 at a time. This all takes place in shallow water in July when the lake water temperature has been 80 degrees plus, for a month. Shad thrive in this hot water, but most predator fish do not. I believe this is nature's way of keeping them separated for the most part.

Two big differences in these two feeding styles is the one you know when it's happening because you can see it, as the other one will be just good timing. I have found over the years that fish feed better in the morning as it's getting light and in the evening as it's getting dark. This is why you would never catch me swimming in the ocean first thing in the morning or right before dark. Just food for thought.

For white bass anything white works. My favorite baits are white rooster tails or white curly tails. You want something with a little weight to it. Try to stay in the 1/8-ounce range. You want something that you can cast along ways, yet the white bass can still get it in its mouth. The best method is to keep your eyes peeled when you're traveling around fishing spots on the main lake. Try and look for activity on the surface. When you see it start the big motor up and high tail it over close to them. Not to close though you will make them scatter. Once you are close to the feeding

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The Indiana State Police Pendleton District held their annual memorial service on May 24th to honor those members of the department who gave their lives in the line of duty. Motor carrier inspectors, troopers, and civilian employees present were brought to attention to prepare for roll call. Retired department personnel and surviving family members of deceased employees were also in attendance.

Captain Bob Burke and Pendleton District Lieutenant Tony Delello each read the names of the 46 fallen members of the Indiana State Police, all those who have died in the line of duty since the department's inception in 1933. A description of the circumstances surrounding each member's death was also read.

Since the early days of the Indiana State Police, memorial services have been held each May at all Indiana State Police districts to perpetuate the memory of those who have died in the line of duty. The service serves as a means of paying tribute to those who died in the line of duty, that their sacrifice was not made in vain, and as a reminder to those of us left behind that we should strive to maintain the level of professional service to the public our departed comrades so unselfishly gave their lives for.

For a complete listing of Indiana State Police employees killed in the line of duty and a summary of their deaths, visit the Indiana State Police website at www.in.gov/isp and click on the "In Memoriam" link on the left side of the page.



Indiana State Troopers in Pendleton District attend Memorial Service. (Author Photo)

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Indiana Fireworks Law

The Indiana State Police would like for all Hoosiers to have a safe Fourth of July holiday. Due to many Hoosiers celebrating our nation's independence with the use of fireworks, the Indiana State Police would like to inform citizens of the Indiana fireworks law which is in place for the safety of everyone.

Only individuals over the age of 18 can purchase fireworks.

A person 18 years of age or older has to be present when anyone younger than 18 is using or possessing fireworks.

Fireworks can only be used on the user's property, the property of someone who granted permis-

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ISP Have Changed How News Releases Are Sent To The Media & Public

Over 18,000 folks use 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 starting to use the Granicus GovDelivery service already in use by many other State agencies in Indiana. To make this a smooth transition,

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

Sink or Swim? Summer Water & Boating Safety

Summer has finally arrived in Indiana and outdoor enthusiasts are rejoicing. I myself am pleased to have warm weather and sunny days. This allows myself to get outside to fish, canoe or even camp, along with getting my family outdoors to enjoy equally. I am certain others feel likewise with that statement and have already been enjoying these activities. For other this allows the boat to be taken out of storage, cob webs cleaned off, and water underneath their feet. All in all, water can be a joyous outing but the dangers need to be taken into account and given their due respect.

As Conservation Officers we respond to water related incidents and give it our greatest and utmost effort to save a life. With that said drownings still occur statewide and hopefully this article can bring to light a few tips you can use to prevent one.

This year ICO's have investigated 11 drownings already. In 2016 we investigated 43 total deaths from drowning; and 41 in 2015.

I am hoping to get these numbers down by using this article and not have to hear the reports of officers or even myself investigating a drowning.

Three years ago Franklin County ICO Travis Wooley put to use a Type IV PFD. He observed a

man fall overboard his sailboat, after which caught wind and started to drift away. ICO Wooley was able to throw the overboard boater a Type IV PFD that allowed him to stay afloat until he could get closer and assist him into the boat. This was prime example of using the right equipment at the right time.

So How Exactly Can You Try and Prevent A Drowning?

The first thing to realize is that water is always dangerous. Regardless if it's a lake, river, pond, reservoir, or whatever the case may be. The circumstance can change rapidly and create extremely dangerous situations. I've seen water change rapidly before and will again. So keeping that in mind, anytime you are around water you need and have to have situational awareness. This means that you need to be cognitive of not only yourself but what others are doing around you in the water. It could be you operating a boat, and another boater barrels past you full bore and cuts right in front of you. To a boat operator not giving it their due respect, a boat accident would be imminent. Many examples could be given to this but I will remain to the one. You also need to be aware if you are just swimming or around the water, especially with kids. Kids are naturally curious and can tend to wonder off. Parents need to keep a keen eye on their kids when around water; it only takes a blink of an eye for something to change and go astray.

Another thing to remember is that even if you think you are a fantastic swimmer, not saying you are not, can you tread water for 10 minutes, 30 minutes, maybe even an hour if it comes to that? Can you swim across a body of water, with or without current and still have strength to keep your head above water and arms raised high so a boat doesn't run over you? I bring this to mind because some of the exhaustion from swimming can be eliminated simply by wearing a PFD, a personal flotation device. At the very least having one readily accessible, which does not mean stowed away in a compartment and buried underneath piles of items.

These are called life jackets by some, but they can do no such thing if they are not used and are not properly maintained. A PFD has to be sized for the person who is going to use it and US Coast Guard approved. This information can be obtained from the information panel located on the device itself. A Type IV, either ring buoy or "throw cushion" is not a wearable device.

I have spoken with adult boaters, not going to name any names, who have shown me a kids size PFD and attempted to pass that as theirs because they did not have one that properly fit. In that situation it would do nothing more than sink with you.

I am not only speaking to boaters, but anyone that will be around water.

Another thing to remember in respect to boating, is navigational rules. A body of water used for boat recreation is different than a two lane highway. There are no lanes of travel, no stoplights, no stop signs, and no one on the corner directing traffic. With that said, there are still navigational rules that need and

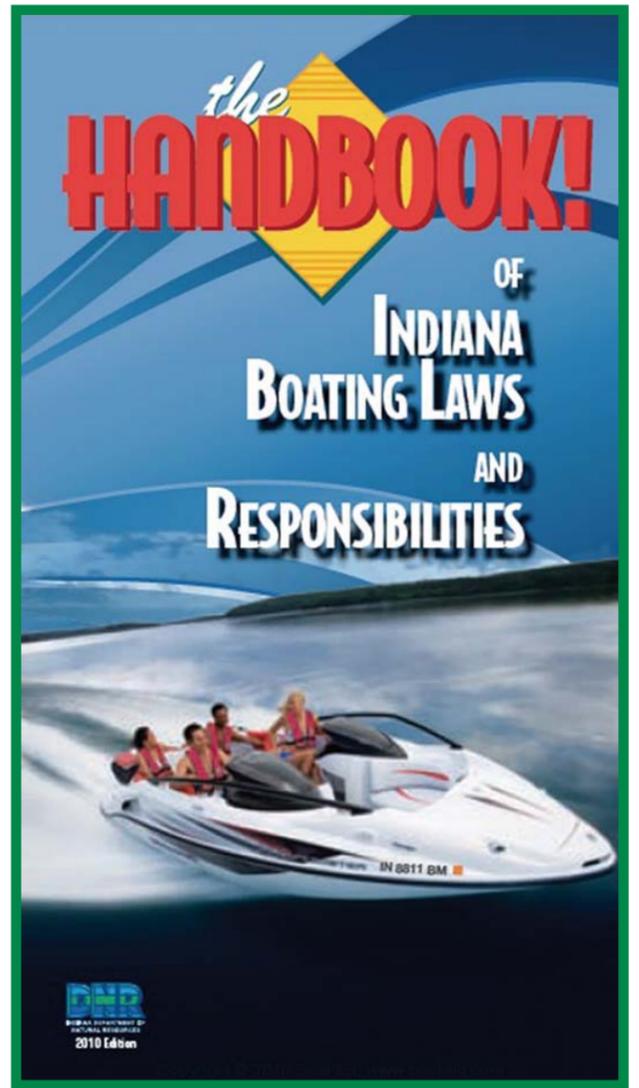
have to be followed. For a full list of these navigation rules, DNR has published "The Handbook of Indiana Boating Laws and Responsibilities". This can be picked up at any State Park or Recreation Office. It can also be found online simply by using a search engine or the DNR website and using the title as keywords.

For those not aware or uncertain, DNR offers a boater safety course. In this course you will learn the ins and outs of boating safely. You will learn your nautical terms, how to safely operate a boat, and further safety concerns about boating. This course is not just for kids, students of any age can attend. All that needs to be done, is contacting a local Conservation Officer to get one started.

With summer comes heat, and with this my last tip. As the sun beats down on someone during the summer it can cause you to become dehydrated and fatigued. This can lead to changes in behavior, or cause someone to have difficulty focusing, etcetera. Drinkable water is a necessity when outdoors. I'm not going to harp on this much, as most have heard it many times before, but trust me from experience, the longer you are exposed to the sun and heat the quicker you need to replenish your liquids. This does not mean by alcohol either. Going along that thought, a designated sober driver is always the safest option, next to not consuming alcohol at all.

Indiana has been conducted a campaign for the previous few years now called, "Wear It Indiana". Just as that reads, the goal is to get everyone to wear

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Everton Volunteer Fire Trucks L to R: #5, #2, #4, #3 and #1 in front of new Fire Station. (Photo by Chris Allen 2009)

The History of the Everton Volunteer Fire Dept. 1957 - 2017

by Jimmy Reese & Gary Hardin, Sr.
Article Researched at the Connersville Public Library

It only takes a few good men and women in a community to get a job done, when they set their minds to it. Some of the first projects of the newly formed Everton Lions Club was to purchase a fire engine and to erect a community building. The charter night for the Lions Club was held on June 19, 1956 at the Everton school.

The only fire protection that the community of Everton had at this time was some five gallon hand pumps located in Jim Lake's grocery store and bucket brigades formed by the townspeople. The Connersville Fire Department would assist when called upon.

The newspaper account on Monday, April 8, 1957, had a front page story stating that (Everton Fire Truck To Arrive Sunday; Building To Be Started Soon). That was quite a feat to undertake, especially in a small town like Everton.

The newspaper dated Saturday Evening, May 4, 1957, said that two buildings located where the present fire station is now, burnt to the ground. Apparently, the new fire truck did not arrive on the day it was supposed to, as the Connersville Fire Department was called to fight that fire. Some 200 persons rushed to aid in a bucket brigade after the fire was discovered shortly after six o'clock that morning. Every water well within a quarter of a mile was used, and Robert Leapley's well was pumped dry. The Connersville firemen pumped from a tank that was kept filled by all the volunteers helping with the bucket brigade.

Jim Lake stated that the fire truck was in Connersville, during that fire, being worked on for leaking seals, before being delivered to be put into service.

This new truck (new to the Everton Community) was a 1932 General, made by the American LaFrance Company. The truck was bought by the Lions Club at the cost of eight-hundred dollars.

There are differing times and location as to where the first fire was, but the main thing was, Everton's new truck was now in service. Jim Lake said, "I had bought two white helmets and they were both lost on the way to our first fire."



Everton Volunteer Firemen participating in a live fire training in January 2016. (Photo by Chris Allen 2009)

The main fund-raiser for this project of buying a truck and the construction of a building to house it in, was the Lions Club's annual two day fish fry. They planned one for June 1957. Their plans were to construct a building before winter as they could not leave the truck where it was, located in a double corn crib on the Frank Hudson farm.

There were numerous fires fought by the new fire department in the ensuing months, some with success and some not.

The new building was started in the summer of 1957. Ralph Johnson laid most of the blocks for the walls while on vacation from the Rex plant in Connersville. The roof was going to be raised on a particular Saturday and the call went out for volunteer help.

The worth of the fire fighting equipment and efficiency of the volunteer firemen were proved when a run was made to the Lowell Neff farm. A shed that was on fire was too far gone to save, but sparks had ignited the house in several spots, and those flames were extinguished by the firemen.

As of October 7, 1957 there were eight men on call, but the organization was not complete. A siren on the front of Lake's General Store summoned the volunteers with blasts in series of threes. It was hit once daily at noon, for testing.

(Cliff Fledderman, who joined the fire department in 1959, recalled that he hit the siren switch at the fire house a number of years ago, to alert the other fire-fighters of a fire and all he heard was a [umph],

then the motor locked up. It seems that a bird chose that spot to build a nest. Cliff said he went to the truck and blew the siren on it and waited on another firefighter to show up, then went to the fire.)

With the forming of a fire department, Everton received several opportunities to repay Connersville for their assistance at fires. One such case was at the Brockman warehouse fire in March 1958.

In 1959, an 800 gallon tank was purchased and placed on a new one and a half ton Dodge chassis. They were now ready to take on a bigger area to fight fires. At that time they had 300 members signed up for fire protection, at five dollars per set of buildings



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Everton Fireman's Festival Committee L to R: Joe Steinard, Bill Garrison, Chad Gronning and Chris Sweney. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Everton Volunteer Fire Truck #2 (Photo by Chris Allen 2009)



Everton Volunteer Fire Truck #1 (Photo by Chris Allen 2009)



Everton Volunteer Fire Truck #5 (Photo by Chris Allen 2009)

per year. They figured to protect an area approximately seven miles in each direction from Everton. The department made 17 runs in 1959, ranging from as far east as Quakertown and as far west as Orange.

The department had 12 firemen who were certified members of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

In June of 1960, the district inspector of the Indiana Fire Marshall's office commended Everton and area fire department's for their part in getting the Nichols Hotel fire under control as soon as they did.

Some of the first turnout gear to be worn by the Everton firemen was purchased by the Everton Lions Club in 1961. Money was raised by having a smorgasbord. Six outfits were bought at the cost of \$45.00 each.

Back in the early 60's, Sheriff Eddie Volz was

very instrumental in contacting the Everton Fire Department for various fires. If another call would come in while fighting a fire, he would find out where they were and go and tell them they had another call. The fire trucks were not equipped with radios at that time, but the sheriff was.

Newspaper accounts in the early years of the Everton Fire Department's existence credited them for doing an outstanding job.

In the Spring of 1962, a new GMC was purchased from the Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment Company of Indianapolis at a cost of \$11,500. The new truck was equipped with an electronic siren and loud speaker and it also had a 1,000 gallon tank with a midship pump capable of pumping 250 gallons of water per minute.

The 1932 General, bought by the Lions Club back in 1957, was no longer in service. The truck was scrapped out as it was no longer needed. It certainly served its purpose for a few years, but was replaced by much newer equipment.

The first run that was made in near zero weather for the 1962 GMC proved not to have any problems with freezing. There were 38 runs made in 1962, with 40% of them being grass fires.

During that period in time, Everton fire fighters were called upon to assist Laurel fire fighters many,

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Bluegills get tougher after the spawn, but still can be caught

Just about any day now, the bluegills will finish up spawning in area lakes and ponds and begin scattering out and moving into deeper water.

As one of the areas most sought after panfish, the bluegill has fishermen making regular weekend trips to places such as the strip pits near Linton, West Boggs lake, Dogwood Lake and Patoka in search of their sweet fillets. The bluegill – for some reason – is usually thought of as an easy fish to catch, due in large parts to its abundance. There are times, however, when slab ‘gills are anything but easy, thus sometimes duping anglers looking for a mess of fish. While there numbers are plentiful in many area lakes and reservoirs, and they can spawn multiple times a summer, there are still times when some techniques will far outperform others – and times when certain techniques can yield a strike-out.

I remember one fishing trip in particular years ago when a change in technique made all the difference. A friend and I were fishing a small farm pond and we hadn't boated a fish in a couple of hours, and we only had a few bites at all. The lack of action had made me lazy and I simply kept watching my bobber. My friend decided to start jigging his bobber, continuously lightly popping it back towards the boat. Almost immediately he began getting strikes. It didn't take long before I began employing his technique. As long as we kept the bait in constant motion by popping it back towards the boat, we consistently caught fish, but if we let the bait sit, the action would quickly halt.

It is also common for most of us to instinctively fish shallow when searching for bluegills. It is easy to feel that way when you see the males circling the nests near the shoreline, but during the pre and post-spawn periods, the large females may be found in deeper water, from say six to ten or even twelve feet of water. Just as you would during the pre-spawn, begin targeting deeper water again to increase your hook-ups.

Sometimes baits and lures can also make a difference. I have seen times when certain jigs or spinners outperformed others, or even when certain live baits put more fish in the basket than others. For this reason, consider switching it up a little if the action is slow.

Time of day can also be critical. While bluegills can be active all day long, peak times are usually mid



Bluegills are easy picking when they are preparing for or during the spawn, but can get tough once spawning is over. That doesn't mean they can't be caught though. A change of tactics and presentations is required, but good 'gill fishing can still be had during the summer. (Author Photos)

morning and early evenings. I have noticed that once it gets dark, the bluegill bite stops.

Also, if you have been on fish when the action comes to a sudden stop, it is likely that a predator such as a catfish or a largemouth bass has moved into the area. Be patient, in my experience the action will return in half an hour or so. If it doesn't, then try somewhere else for awhile.

Remember, even with what most people see as the least finicky fish, bluegills will tell you what they want if you pay attention. Experimenting with different presentations, retrieves, depths and areas will yield more fish. Sure, often times simply tossing a worm or cricket in the right places will yield enough gills to keep you happy, but when the fish are fickle, mix things up until the fish let you know what will work that day.

Sure, as the heat of summer kicks in, you aren't going to catch messes of fish like you could a month ago, but you still ought to be able to nab enough to keep it interesting.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

LUCKY ROCKS?

I don't understand luck, but I do believe in it. Buy a lottery ticket and win, you are lucky. Some say it's just mathematics. Some say skill, hard work or knowledge creates luck. People who say those things aren't fishermen.

When it comes to fishing, there's always a measure of luck involved. Sure skilled presentations often outproduce random casts. Fishing harder or longer often produces more caught fish. Knowing the habits, life history of the fish and



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

other seemingly random details can make you a better fisherman.

Still, dangle a hook in the water and if you are lucky, a fish will bite it. If you aren't lucky, well, the most skilled, hardworking, knowledgeable anglers comes home with little to show some of the time.

If one believes in luck, as I do, it only makes sense to believe in lucky charms. I've carried rabbit's feet. I've hunted for four-leafed clovers. I've had lucky fishing hats and lucky fishing lures.

How about a lucky rock?

I was filleting a lake trout caught from Lake Michigan recently and as the knife slit through it's innards, an unusually shaped chunk of something icky spilled out on the cutting board. Trout, like most fish, have lots of icky things inside, so I just grabbed the hose to wash down the work surface and ready it for the next fish. The gentle stream of water didn't wash the chunk away, it only washed it off - revealing it to be a small rock.

The fish had eaten a rock! I've found many identifiable things inside fish bellies. Most are things commonly eaten by fish such as bugs, small fish, frogs and the like. I've found hooks, worms and plastic twister tails, but never a rock.

In Lake Michigan, one of the favorite foods for lake trout is an invasive species called a round goby. As invasive species go, it's one of the good ones - or at least one which has some redeeming qualities. Gobies eat invasive zebra and quagga mussels and apparently thrive on them.

More importantly, to a predator fish, gobies must taste like candy. Where ever in the Great Lakes gobies are found, fish like bass, walleyes, coho salmon, perch and especially lake trout seek them out and gobble them down.

If you want to imagine what a goby looks like,

imagine a bullhead catfish with no sharp spines. Bullheads and gobies are similar in shape, with large heads and gaping mouths. Most are four or five inches long. Like a bullhead, gobies are brown and like a bullhead, gobies are bottom feeders. A fish wanting to eat a goby has to go to the bottom of the lake to find them.

So along comes a lake trout looking for goby-candy and it homes in on one swimming over a gravel bed. The trout thrusts it's tail to strike forward and flairs it's gills to create a sort of vacuum sucking up the hapless goby - and a small rock.

I can imagine it happens frequently but since I filet lake trout frequently and have never previously discovered a rock inside, I can deduce most trout normally spit out the rocks they accidentally suck up - with or without swallowing the goby. This one engulfed the rock, then swallowed the rock and I found it.

I hosed off the stone, admired its somewhat polished surface, rich brown color and slipped it into my pocket. Then I wondered, "Is this a lucky rock? Should I carry it as a good luck charm? It's about the right size. It's smooth enough it won't scratch or scrape my fingers when I reach in my pocket for some loose change.

There are jillions of similar rocks in Lake Michigan. For one to be eaten by a fish and found by a human makes winning the lottery a sure thing. It makes it seem to be a lucky rock. There are millions of lake trout in Lake Michigan. Not many eat rocks. That makes that fish unique as well.

So is it a good luck charm or just another 10,000 year old rock shoved down from Canada by the last glacier? What do you think?

Personally, I have a rock in my pocket.

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by Dan Graves

GOOD ADVICE: DON'T DO IT

(Most of the time, the difference between what you should or should not do is a matter of opinion. Trouble is, that opinion depends on who's in charge.)

In every day life we try our best to make rational, sensible decisions. Based on common sense or rules and regulations, we try to keep our rudders from getting stuck in the mud. However, I've found that in spite of so-called rational reasoning, you can't always expect things to go your way. For instance, you're standing at a cross walk facing one of those "Don't Walk" signs and a button mounted on a light pole that you push to get the yellow hand to change to "Walk". We all know that the button does nothing. It isn't even hooked to a power supply. Some people will stand faithfully pushing it while others will defy the rules and walk across against the light. Do you or don't you disobey the yellow hand? The following are a few of my don'ts that I've learned by experience.

Don't buy re-loaded ammo from a yard sale. I found an ammo can filled with approximately 200 rounds of .357 for a measly ten bucks from a lady who knew nothing about ammunition other than what her husband had told her. And he hadn't told her much. She looked honest, so later I retired to the range with my S&W Model 66 Combat Mag, fortunately a stout stainless steel piece. The first shot resulted in a loud pop as the primer propelled the slug about ten feet with no powder to help it along. I wondered what brand of booze it took to cause someone to forget to put powder in a shell casing. The second round told me where he had put it, along with a little extra for good "measure". Then I knew how the Japanese felt at Hiroshima. The remaining 198 rounds were buried and I was out ten bucks.

When a non-fisherman asks you what you want for Christmas, don't expect them to know the difference between a light action rod with a Zebco Model 33 Micro reel and a surf fishing rig. The

rod I got was about as limber as a steel tank antenna and the reel would hold 100 yards of parachute cord. Needless to say, this outfit has been sitting in a corner of the garage collecting spider webs for the past three years.

If you're fishing with a partner and your seat is on the stern of the boat and his is on the bow along with the trolling motor and the fish finder screen, don't expect him to turn the boat around to allow you access to a school of crappie. In other words, sharing and friendship goes right out the window when it comes to who gets to the hot spot first. And don't try casting over his shoulder. That could end up looking like two sword fighters swatting at each other in a to-the-death duel. But, if worse comes to worse, you might inform him that if he doesn't give you a shot at the school of fish you'll jerk the drain plug out of the stern of the boat.

Don't expect too much from modern technology in assisting you in spotting good fishing spots. The latest craze are drones with cameras coupled with virtual reality headsets that theoretically could be used for fish spotting. I recently purchased one of the little whiners with the idea that I could get some interesting over-water scenes that might reveal some fish concentrations. So far, I've been unable to keep the thing out of the trees in the yard, so how can I expect to avoid dunking it into a three hundred acre lake. The only solution would be to equip it with a floatation device and an envelope with my name, address, and telephone number in case I let it get out of range of the transmitter and it ends up in the next county. But first, I've got to break it of it's liking for trees before I put it over the water.

As a final note, don't take a pill in the dark. Many people disregard the potential hazards of swallowing something without first reading the label. I once went to bed and realized I had forgotten to take a non-prescription night time pill that sometimes helps me sleep. Stumbling to the pharmacy in a kitchen cabinet, I didn't feel the need to turn on a light. I was confident I could identify the bottle by feeling its shape and the texture of the pill. After all, putting a round peg in a round hole can be done blindfolded. Five minutes after climbing into bed I discovered the difference between medications intended for men and those for use by women. In other words, women don't take Viagra and men don't use medication to prevent hot flashes. Admittedly, I didn't suffer a single hot flash, but I also didn't get any sleep. I don't know what it was but I lay awake all night thinking about different ways to arrange floral decorations and analyzing the benefits of using light or dark shades of nail polish to complement my complexion.

In other words, to paraphrase an old saying, "If it tastes good, smells good or looks good, avoid it". In other words, just don't do it. ■

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Random Notes on Guns



by **Marshall Smith**

Retired LEO, NRA Life Member, Gunsmith

GUN SAFETY

The picture that goes with this gun safety article is very graphic and very real. The hand belongs to a man whom I will not name, but who is a military veteran, currently in law enforcement, highly trained in the handling of guns and a hand gun safety instructor. It was during a training session that the gun, a 9 mm semi-automatic handgun often carried by both civilians and law enforcement was unintentionally discharged into the left hand of the instructor. I'm sure you already know and follow the 3 rules of gun handling safety. Yes, I'm going to repeat them here.

ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

If you are at the range that means keeping the muzzle pointed down range. If you are at home then in a direction away from all other people and animals. That includes the neighbor's house. Keep in mind that today's ammo is powerful and most 9mm and larger caliber ammo can penetrate and pass through most dry walls and siding. Think of the random or not so random drive by shootings that penetrate homes and have injured and killed people inside those homes.

ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Rest the trigger finger alongside the frame of the gun until you have acquired your target and are ready to drop the hammer.

ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

No better safety than an unloaded gun. If you use your gun for home defense use a handgun safe. The digital finger print recognition safes are great and a bit pricey, but well worth the investment when there are children or nosy family members around.

As I understand the incident the instructor unloaded the gun and removed the magazine. I'm not certain of his intention but he was trying to instruct a student on their particular weapon when it discharged into the palm of his left hand. The gun was loaded with 9MM Hollow Point ammo. You can see the amount of damage the load caused at point

blank range. This amount of damage was probably caused by the force of the hollow point bullet expansion and the explosive force of the powder charge, both blowing through his left hand with little restriction. What rules of gun safety can we deduce from this incident.

1. Was the gun pointed in a Safe Direction? No
2. Was the finger off the trigger until ready to shoot? No
3. Was the gun unloaded? Again No.

It appears that the

instructor failed to follow the three basic rules of gun safety. There are additional lists of gun safety rules listing 10 common sense rules. The most common sense rule of all is to ALWAYS be aware of where you are in handling a gun. Don't let anything distract you. If you get distracted, START OVER. An injury like that in the photo to yourself or to another can be disastrous. I'm still waiting to find out how my friend's brother is doing and if he will recover the complete use of his left hand. The incident does appear to be a loss of place in following the proper procedures while handling of the firearm. Getting distracted and missing a step only has to happen once.

Project Corner

I'm working on that Ithaca Double I mentioned in my last article. I've been busy with the shop, physical therapy, and spring time chores around the house and shop. I began collecting all the parts into one box and said "Now we'll get this double back together." NOT so fast. As the picture shows the parts are in bags, or were laying loose in a small bread pan. In the picture are two stocks, the top stock is the original which had the "ears" of the stock broken off from shooting the gun while the receiver tang was loose. The lower stock is new and will need to be inletted to fit the receiver tightly. I think all the parts are here but as usual with any project some parts may be missing. Well, it has been 20 or 25 years since I started this so I'm sure the parts are here someplace. Good reason for the shop spring cleaning. House too, particularly in my study where I took it apart. The left barrel was dented when I acquired the gun. I bought a hydraulic shotgun barrel dent remover at an auction several years ago and fixed the dent. Close inspection and you can't find where it was dented. Good tool. I then blued the barrels using Birchwood Casey's cold blue. That was 10 years ago and the bluing has turned a coppery brown. I'll blue the barrels and the receiver again with a rust bluing process. I'll keep you updated on the progress here in what I'll call the Project Corner.

Quote of the Month

You can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time. - *Attributed to Abraham*



Here's the pile of parts belonging to the Itaca Double. That's a new stock in the photo waiting to be inletted, fitted, linseed oil finished, and checkered. The top stock is the original and unsuitable for use. (Author Photo)



This grotesque photo is a prime example of not following the basic rules of gun safety when handling a loaded firearm. The gun was handled by a firearms instructor who had served in the U.S. Marines, is a law enforcement officer and a safety training officer. This injury occurred while he was attempting to show how to safely unload a particular firearm. A momentary lapse in concentration is all it takes to severely injure oneself or another. (Black & White photo, discretion of the Editor)

Lincoln

That's all for this month. These notes are mine alone and do not represent the opinion or position of anyone, just me. If you have a question or a comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or, would like to just make a comment email me with your comments at PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com. I'll 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 is a bad or stupid question. Only those not asked are.

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

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Left Photo: Jeff and a 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper preparing to board C-17. Right Photo: U.S. Air Force C-17 and paratroopers disembarking. (Jeffrey Fudge Photos)



Left Photo: Jeff when he graduated from Basic Training.



Middle Photo: Jeff while stationed in Iraq.



Right Photo: Melanie and Jeff at home in their basement.

Sgt 1ST Class Jeffrey A. Fudge 1983 - 2005 Combat Veteran Bosnia, Kuwait & Iraq

by Ray Dickerson

I first met Jeffrey "Jeff" Fudge when I visited the Centerville Post Office when he began working there.

I've written quite a few articles on veterans especially since 2007 when I got interested in finding out more about where my father went in World War II, he was a Navy Seabee.

In our idle conversations of my posting letters, buying stamps and sending The Gad-a-bout subscriber copies out I learned from Jeff he was an Army Veteran. Also Jane the Centerville Postmaster showed me where she posted a photo of Jeff in the lobby in a special Veteran display area. Under the photo it reads "We Honor Our Veteran Jeff Fudge."

A week or so ago after I completed work on my

June Gad-a-bout I asked Jeff if I could write an article about him in my July Gad-a-bout. He said it would be okay with him so we set a date and time for me to interview him at his home on June 3, 2017 at around 1 p.m.

I arrived a bit early at 12:55 p.m. at his home. He invited me in, he introduced me to his wife Melanie who had just come into the kitchen. He asked me where I would like to do the interview. I said the kitchen would be fine, the light was good and it faced the back yard.

We sat down in the kitchen and I began asking questions about him.

First I asked where he was originally from. Jeff said he was born in Richmond, he attended the Holy Family and Baxter elementary schools, then attended Dennis Junior High and he graduated from Richmond High School in 1982.

He belonged to Boy Scout Troop 20 and was awarded Eagle Scout on June 24, 1978. (Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America; Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process.). Jeff showed me his Eagle Scout Certificate, it was signed by President Jimmy Carter in June 24, 1978.



In January 1983 Jeff joined the Regular Army. He graduated after eight weeks of Basic Training earning the grade of Private (E-1) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Then he attended advanced individual training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma at the Field Artillery School.

In August of 1983 Jeff was sent to Kitzingen, Germany for 19 months duty. He was assigned to Field Artillery.

In June of 1985 Jeff was sent to White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. They had one bat-



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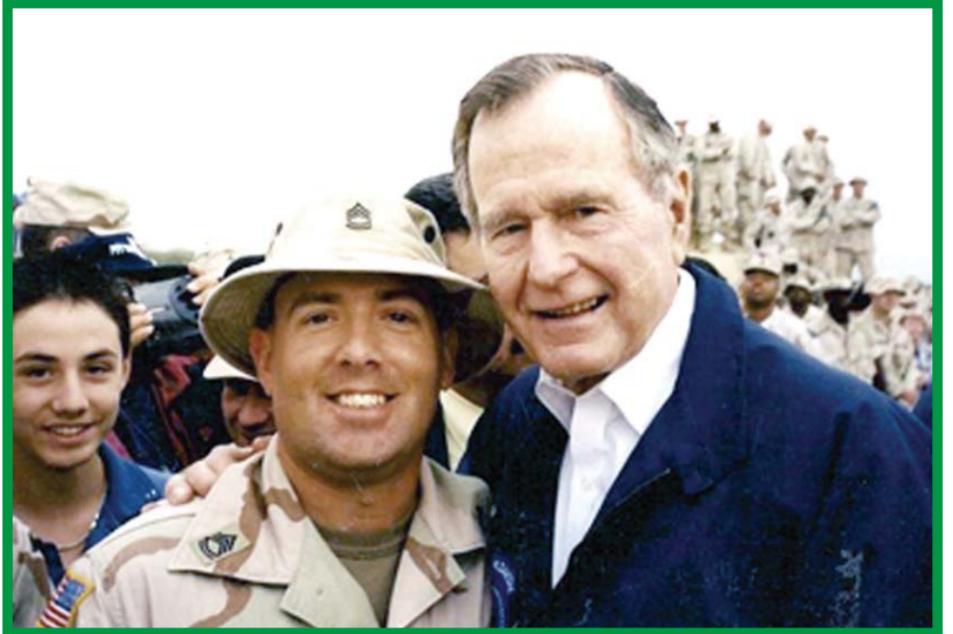



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Left Photo: Jeff at right with group who are leaving Iraq. Right Photo: Jeff standing with President George H.W. Bush in Iraq, see story below in blue box. (Jeffrey Fudge Photos)



Left Photo: Jeff working at Centerville Post Office.



Middle Photo: Jeff carrying the Bicentennial Torch.



Right Photo: Jeff wearing his 82nd Airborne Div. cap.

tery of artillery there.

Then in November 1986 he was sent to Wertheim, Germany for three years duty.

Then in January of 1990 he was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where his unit stayed until December 1991

In January 1992 Jeff was sent to Bamberg, Germany for two years.

In January 1994 he was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia where he attended paratrooper jump school. He always wanted to be a paratrooper and was finally achieving that goal. The school was three weeks long.

I asked him was he scared before he jumped the first time.

Jeff said when he made that first jump from the C-130 at 1250 feet it went real smooth and frankly he wasn't scared. But for his second jump that was when he was scared, because then he knew what was going to happen when he hit the ground.

I asked him what was the hardest part of jumping out of a plane. He told me the landing, it was always feet, butt and head hitting the ground in that order. No matter all of your pre-planning and concentration, landing can be the most painful and sometimes hazardous depending on circumstances.

Then on February 1, 1994 he became a Full Fledged Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division, assigned to a Field Artillery unit which would be

air dropped into battle zones.

He then had an opportunity to attend the Canadian Jump School in Edmonton, Canada, graduating in August 1994.

In March 1995 Jeff became a 82nd Airborne Division Jump Master. Jump Master's were in charge of paratroopers and equipment during airborne operations.

In March 1997 his unit was sent to Bosnia (Yugoslavia) on a peace keeping mission for nine months. They left there in November 1997.

In August 1998 his unit was sent to Kuwait for eight months, as part of Intrinsic action and Operation Desert Fox.

In March 1999 they were sent back to Fort Bragg where they stayed until May of 2000.

In May of 2000 he was sent to Camp Stanley, South Korea. He was assigned to 2nd Infantry Division.

May 2001 he was sent back to Fort Bragg for paratrooper duties.

In August 2003 they were sent to Kuwait where they were convoyed into Fallujah, Iraq. They spent 9 months combat in Iraq using M4 Carbines. They left there in April 2004.

Jeff retired from the Army in January of 2005 after serving 22 years active duty.

He came through his combat experiences more or less without external injuries, but he suffers from

Jeffrey meets President G.W. Bush - See above photo

An interesting story about the photo above of Jeff and President George H.W. Bush (U.S. President 1989 to 1993). President George H.W. Bush was visiting the troops in Kuwait where Jeff was located at that time. He (the President) was coming down the line of soldiers and Jeff was the last one at the end and they were ready to pull him away when Jeff hollered at him. "Mr. President I voted for you twice and for your son in Florida once!" (Because I was a registered voter there at the time.) The President stopped, put his arm around Jeff and said, "It's always good to see a republican son, where's the camera." Jeff said, "right there Mr. President." As a soldier snapped the photo. Later Jeff sent the photo off to a place where the President autographed it for him. The autographed photo hangs on Jeff's wall at home.

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

He added he was honored to have served his country and if asked he would do it all again in a heart beat to defend his country.

Jeff like most veterans who have seen war and participated in it won't talk about their experiences and I respect their wishes.

But I thank God that America has men and women who when called to duty, they go and many never come back, that is the tragedy. ■

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

FACILITIES: Very limited. Restrooms at the courthouse.

AWARDS: The age groups for men and women are as follows: 12 and under, 13-15, 16-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-47, 48-55, 56-63, 64-71, 72 and up. "Clydesdale" division: 200 lb and over.
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At left Tim Woodruff (Founder of Freedom Run) taking a video of Freedom runners near the finish line in Brownsville, IN after running 4.7 miles from Liberty, IN. Note the time 35 • 19 the time of the last runner passing finish line. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Sherry Dickerson and our granddaughter Breanna Smock, checking out some jewelry at one of the booths set up for the 2016 Liberty July 4th Festival on the Courthouse Square in Liberty, IN. Breanna spent the summer with us in Centerville. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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45th Annual Liberty Festival June 30 - July 1 & 2, 2017

Article by Melissa Browning

Executive Director of the Union County Development Corporation

This Hello all! I am Melissa Browning the executive director of the Union County Development Corporation. I am inviting you to come spend a traditional weekend with our community. Our 45-year-old 4th of July tradition will have some new flare and the rejuvenation of some old time fun. The plan for the weekend is family fun for all ages!



Melissa Browning
Executive Director UCDC

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

The UCDC is proud to sponsor the festival on the courthouse square in Liberty this year **June 30th, July 1st & 2nd**. Our celebration will have some wonderful entertainment and amenities. The Sons of the American Legion will have an adult beverage garden and live entertainment:

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Are you a ginger? Do you freckle in the sun? We invite you to our contest to see if you have the most freckles.

Honoring our Veterans on this holiday weekend is an important part of this celebration. Saturday afternoon the line of freedom will be displayed on the north side of the courthouse including past & present military service members. This is followed by a salute to veterans by the local honor guard!

I'm excited to announce that this year's theme for the annual parade is "STARS and STRIPES!"

The theme of the parade, which is scheduled for **Saturday, July 1st**, will be centered around support for our troops at home and abroad.

With this in mind the UCDC would like your help in making this year's parade an event to remember. Get your creative mind in gear, dust off some wonderful ideas and develop a unique way to display your individual, business or organizations Patriotic pride and your love of Union County.

Be inspired with original or time period outfits or show off an inventive mode of transportation. Whether you are walking, marching, 4-wheeling it, driving your truck or tractor pulling a trailer, a miniature car full of clowns or just clowning around - we want to see you there!

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Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas - Cataract Lake winners. (Author Photo)



Bill Rairden - Big Fish winner at Cataract. (Author Photo)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Jim Raymer

President & Founder of the Indiana Slabmasters

Indiana Slab Masters Tournament Trail Update

The 2017 Indiana Slab Master Tournament trail has really been heating up, in weights as well as fierce competition. The B'n'M Point Race Championship is up for grabs as many teams are stepping up their game to bring home the coveted title of B'n'M Points Champs. The points champs are usually a very special team. We have had some very skilled and dedicated fishermen awarded the points champs.

Our April 17 Tournament was at Cataract Lake. Everyone was expecting small fish and everyone was pleasantly surprised, as we had several crappie that exceeded one pound. Saturday was a very brutal day of fishing with the winds gusting in excess of 40 mph at times. Boat control was very tricky and difficult but in the end several teams found the fish, as we had nearly every team weigh a limit. Winning the event with an impressive weight for Cataract, was the team of Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas with a total weight of 7.35 lbs. Bret and Keith spider rigged and caught over 100 fish on the day. Bret and Keith also had a 1.33 lb. slab in their 7-fish stringer. That fish was not large enough to win the Spotless Big Fish Award. Those honors belonged to Bill Rairden with a 1.38 lb. slab. Bill said he caught

the fish while they were spider rigging and when a fast turn was made over shallow water the large crappie was in there. Finishing in second place was last year's B'n'M Points champs Larry Yates and Doug Allen with a total weight of 6.97 lbs. Larry and Doug were swimming jigs over brush to capture 2nd place. Finishing in 3rd place was the team of Jim and Rob Raymer with a total weight of 5.87 lbs. Jim and Rob were vertical jigging on shallow water structure for the 3rd place finish. Finishing in 4th place with a total weight of 5.53 lbs. was the team of Walter Moore and Rex Ellingwood. Fishing in 5th place was the team of Eric Millsaps and Rick Hancock. Rick and Eric had a total weight of 5.48 lbs. Finishing in 6th place is one of our past B'n'M points champs teams Glenn Gill and Tom Hankins. Glenn and Tom had Glenn's daughter Grace fishing with them for the day. Their total weight was 5.21 lbs. The 7th place team of Jason Snyder and Doug Sikora had a total weight of 5.07 lbs. the eighth place team was the team of Kirk Wyman and Bob Raymer with a total weight of 5.04 lbs. the ninth place team was the team of Matt and John Mappes. Matt and John had a total weight of 4.83 lbs. Rounding out the top 10 was the team of Rodney and Lloyd Hiler with a total weight of 4.72 lbs. congratulations to all the top 10 teams!

The Indiana Slab Masters next tournament stop was at Lake Freeman or Lake Shafer on May 13. These are commonly known in the area as the "twin lakes". The competitors in this tournament found out this year they were only twin lakes in name. There was one lake that seemed to have all the big crappie this year. Every team finishing in the top ten at this event were fishing at Lake Freeman. This lake is having a boom year on

crappie size. This entire area is very nice and appears to be a possible Super Event or Classic coming to this area in the future. The weather for this tournament was very good and some of the weights from Freeman were very impressive. Finishing on Top was the always tough team of Jim Long and Robert Williams. Jim and Robert are local to the area and were vertical jigging on Freeman and found the large fish at the end of the practice day before the tournament. Jim and Robert's 7-fish total weight was a very impressive 8.63 lbs. They had a 1.44 lb. slab as their tie breaker fish, which they did not need. Finishing in a

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Jim Long and Robert Williams - Freeman / Shafer winners. (Author Photo)

Steve Jeffers / Bob Land - Big Fish winners Freeman / Shafer. (Author Photo)

close second was the team of Joe Rosinski and Luther McDonald with a total weight of 8.19 lbs. Joe and Luther also had an large 1.85 lb. slab in their stringer. I am very proud of this team as this is the second year that they have fished the Indiana Slab Masters and seem to be finding the fish! Joe and Luther were spider rigging to catch this solid stringer. Finishing in 3rd place was the "Crappie Crusher team of Jason Shingler and Mike Arnold. These men are very familiar with these lakes and pulled off a nice 7.86 lb. stringer for 3rd place. Jason and Mike were spider rigging on Freeman to catch this very good weight!

Finishing in 4th place was the team of Noel Thompson who travels to the Indiana Slab Master events from Gary, IN. Noel was fishing with his daughter Iyonna Klimcycz and had a solid 7-fish stringer of 7.45 lbs. Finishing in 5th place was the team of Jim Wilson fishing alone. Jim's seven fish stringer was 7.23 lbs. Finishing in 6th place was the team of Gale Risner and Bob Baidis with a total weight of 6.98 lbs. Finishing in 7th place was the team of Doug Allen and Larry Yates with a total weight of 6.76 lbs. Finishing in 8th place was the team of Jason Snyder and Don Licht with a total weight of 6.71 lbs. Finishing in 9th place was the team of Allen Reed and Blake Morris with a total weight of 6.69 lbs. Rounding out the top 10 was Charlie Hildreth fishing alone with a total weight of 6.60 lbs. The Spotless big fish award went to Steve Jeffers and Bob Land with a 2.03 lb. slab!

cial, as local ordinances may restrict the use of fireworks.

A person who violates this law can be charged with a class C infraction.

Safe Travel For 4th of July

To help ensure the safety of all motorists during this 4th of July holiday period, the Indiana State Police will be participating in Operation C.A.R.E., Combined Accident Reduction Effort, and DUIEP, or Driving Under the Influence Enforcement Project. Both of these programs are federally funded programs that will allow extra troopers to patrol Hoosier highways during the upcoming holiday period.

With the expected increase in traffic, it's important that motorists follow the safety tips below:

Obey all speed limits and always use your turn signals.

Never drink and drive-If celebrating make sure to have a designated driver.

Make sure everyone is buckled up and children are properly restrained in child seats.

Always watch for and expect slowed or stopped traffic ahead, especially when approaching construction zones.

When stopped in traffic be watchful of traffic approaching from behind and be ready to take evasive action if it appears traffic is approaching too fast to stop.

If you're planning to travel a long distance, make sure you are well rested. A fatigued driver is as dangerous as an impaired driver.

Avoid tailgating. Remember the two-second rule, and always increase following distance in construction zones.

Leave early, expecting heavy traffic, and give yourself extra time to reach your destination.

Remember to ALWAYS SLOW DOWN AND MOVE OVER for emergency, utility and highway service vehicles.

The Pendleton District covers the eight counties of Delaware, Madison, and Randolph; Henry, Wayne, Union, Rush and Fayette counties. Motorists are encouraged to report suspected impaired drivers by calling 9-1-1. Give a vehicle description, location, and direction of travel. Never follow an impaired driver.

For summer travel safety tips please visit <http://www.in.gov/isp/2968.htm>.

There was also a Super Tournament scheduled for June 3 & 4 at Mississinewa and Salamonie. We were inundated with rain during the later part of May and each of the lakes were up over 20' so The Indiana Slab Masters decided to postpone this tournament and add another to fill in for this one. The rescheduled tournament is a single day event on August 19th with a choice of Mississinewa or Salamonie for the lake to be fished. The Super event has been moved to the weekend of September 23rd and 24th and will be a day of fishing for each lake, with the winner being the heaviest 14 fish total for 2 days. We hope you can make it out to a weigh in or come out and fish with us!

Until next time, Tight Lines!

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sion for fireworks to be discharged, or a place designated by the Indiana State Fire Marshal for the discharge of consumer fireworks.

Fireworks can only be discharged between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. any day except on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and New Year's Eve when the times are 9:00 a.m. to midnight. It is important to check with local offi-

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Entrants for Treasure Fest lined up around field waiting for start. (Author Photo)



All the hunters are digging targets at the beginning of the first hunt. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason
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The 9th Annual Southern Indiana Treasure Fest will be held at Starve Hollow State Recreation Area near Vallonia, Indiana again this year. This seven day event will run from July 23rd thru July 29th. The main activities will occur rain or shine, except during lightening periods.

While Treasure Fest has been going on for almost a decade, most folks have never heard of it. This is a gathering of those hobbyists who enjoy metal detecting. Each participant pays an entry fee for a day, several days, or the entire week. Cost is \$50 per day if paid before July. There is a late fee of \$10 per day after July first.

This payment allows the entrant to hunt in at least three separate metal detector hunts a day. The money is used to purchase old silver dimes and other coins which are buried in different hunt fields, along with other metal "tokens" which are redeemed for a wide variety of prizes, ranging up to new metal detectors. Various manufacturers and donors give these prizes since 100% of the entry fee goes into the ground as coins.

The main hunts are scheduled to be held at 10 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM daily. A free kid's hunt will occur at 2 PM most days for those ages 3-12. Clad coins and prizes are hidden in a sand playground area. The youngsters keep what they find. The money and prizes are donated, usually by the older hunters and observers. If there are enough registered youths sign up, on Wednesday, there will be a Junior Hunt for those 13-15 for a \$10 fee.



Rod David, long time hunter was 85 when he won this detector at last year's Treasure Fest. (Author Photo)

Other special hunts will be held throughout the week for the adults, sometimes free, sometimes for an additional fee. These might be held in the grass fields, on the sand beach, or even at night, without lights! Several evenings have entertainment, including auctions, bingo, a Civil War relic display and talk, and more. Some of the hunt participants will have tables set up where they have coins, metal detectors and detector related items and other goodies for sale.

The hunts consist of a brief talk from the hunt master explaining what items are buried in each field. Then the participants line up around a marked field and wait for the starting horn. The buried items are usually less than two inches deep, sometimes even laying on top of the ground. Ages of the hunters range from youngsters up to several regulars in their 80's. Some of the entrants are first-timers, while others, including us, have been participating in these type hunts for over 40 years. Registered hunters in the past have traveled from California to the East Coast and Florida to Canada to participate. Every imaginable kind of metal detector can be seen searching the field. When the machine signals a target, a knife or small digging tool is used to remove the found item from the ground. It's then dropped into the hunters pouch, and he quickly moves on to the next one. This continues until the searcher gets tired or the design-



Our grandson, Benjamin, searching for targets in the kid's hunt. (Author Photo)

nated time limit is reached, usually 30 minutes. Any tokens found are then taken back to the registration table to be redeemed for the prize with the same number as the token.

I enjoy the hunts held on the beach. The targets are just thrown on the ground and sand kicked over them. During the hunt, I just have to find the signal with my detector, then scoop the coin or token from the ground with my sand scoop. It has about an 18 inch handle so I don't even have to bend over. That is great for a 70 year old guy with back problems. The night hunts are also held on the beach. The entrant has to locate the item with his machine, then retrieve it in total darkness, no lights allowed. A full moon always helps.

Between hunts, many folks sit in chairs and talk to old friends they only get to see once or twice a year. Others go back to their campsites, of which Starve Hollow has many choices. We stay in our 31 foot motorhome. Also available are

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L: Gary Manning, Civil War expert and huntmaster presents Susie a Garrett detector she won in last year's hunt. R: Author digging a target in the woods hunt. (Author Photo)



Benjamin holding a Civil War artillery shell found by a detectorist in Virginia. Benjamin (and his mother) both started detecting when they were 5. (Author Photo)

campsites, cabins, and tent areas, but these fill up fast and need to be reserved in advance usually.

This State Recreation Area is a great park. It's clean and well taken care of. There is a nice size lake for fishing, boating, and swimming. The entry fee is \$7 for in-state vehicles and \$9 for out-of-state. If you are staying overnight, the entry fee entitles you to in-and-out during your stay.

To visit Starve Hollow, get off I-65 at Exit 50 on US highway 50. Go west through Seymour, to Brownstown, then south on SR135 for four miles to Vallonia, then turn left at the sign. A couple more miles and the park entrance will be on the left. If you are coming from some other direction, check your GPS.

If you are interested in joining in the metal detector hunts, or just want more information, contact Terry Rittenhouse at 765-857-2400 or email at tlcorona@frontier.com or Rick Trout, 574-848-9345 or treasurerick@comcast.net.

You can sign up for one day or several, or just come to Starve Hollow and watch the activities to see what is happening. You might want to observe the action, then come back later in the week and try hunting for a day. Bring the family, reserve a campsite and spend a few days just enjoying the great area and watching a neat activity.

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So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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frenzy, just a simple cast and retrieve works the best. If your buddies catching them and you're not, speed your retrieve up or slow it down - that may be what you're doing wrong.

When you're in this amped up cast and retrieve situation beware of other people on the boat, you do not want to be the guy with a hook in his chin. I have been there, not cool. The limit is 12 white bass per person so be careful with your count you can easily catch 12 in 12 casts. There is no minimum size limit on them, but your only allowed to keep 1 over 17 inches.

As far as walleye goes, if you're a troller now's your time. Have you ever heard a fly fishermen in a stream say you have to match the hatch? Well this is true in the lake also. Most of the year so far, the walleye has been targeting bugs, worms, larva, and crawdads. But now there's a new food in the lake something that tastes like candy to a walleye and they are everywhere. There are so many shad in the lake in July that fish would have to swim backwards to keep from eating. If your timing is off your going home empty handed, but if your doing the right thing in the right spot your going to catch them one after the other. Just remember your allowed 6 per person and there is a minimum size limit or 14 inches.

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Roaming The Outdoors

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Huls, wife of Seabee Bob Huls who passed back in 2011, but she wasn't home. I called and talked to Seabee Guy Large who lives in Orange City, FL telling him about Jack. He's getting along, but doesn't get around like he used to. I called Seabee Lindy Lindroff in Bakersfield, CA but didn't get an answer or a recording. I called Seabee Don Palme in Greenville, OH, left a recording on his answer machine. I called Janice Plaskett, wife of deceased Seabee Delbert Plaskett. I told her about Jack and reminisced about the reunions with her. I called Seabee Chuck Sarahan who didn't answer. I've talked to him on many occasions, he lives in Maryland close to Washington D.C. I called Seabee Conrad Shoup in Fremont, OH, he answered and we talked quite a while. He was sorry to hear about Jack. I called Jeannie Winter even though I didn't expect her to answer. The last time we saw one another she said she was moving to Texas. However she answered the phone and we had a long and very interesting conversation. We both liked Jack, his son, Ed and all of the 79th Naval Construction Battalion members (Seabees), their wives and children.

FOLLOWING IS AN INQUIRY FROM ANNETTE McINTOSH ABOUT TREES "LETS TALK TREES"

Lets talk Trees and remind everyone to continue to Nurture and take care of all of God's beautiful and important creations like Our Trees and Woods. And that each and everyday all day should be Earth Day. I only have about an acre of land myself but with big dreams of maybe owning my own Ponderosa some day before I get too old, enough land to have my own horse and my very own woods to walk in and enjoy and keep safe and protect and add more to it. However, I have on my tiny acre planted 8 Trees and 2 bushes and I'm still trying to sneak in more things to plant without upsetting the balance of

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A Season of Patriotism

This is the time of year when we honor our armed forces, our flag, and our freedom. In May, the Farmers' Market paid tribute by placing an emphasis on Armed Forces Day. In June, we will celebrate Flag Day. Naturally, July will bring Independence Day.

Fayette County has a proud history from the very beginning of its existence. Several Revolutionary War veterans were among the first settlers. They came here in the early 1800's, bringing their families, ready to carve homes from a wilderness. They rest in several small cemeteries throughout the county.

When the Civil War began, men from all over the county joined the Union Army. In many cases, these men had been born in the south, so there was an extremely good chance that they would march to the places they had called home and face an enemy that they had known as childhood friends. Some came home and resumed their lives. Some came home disabled or diseased. Some never came home. The Veterans' Circle at City Cemetery contains many of these men. They are also here and there among the fourteen acres of the graveyard, as well as other cemeteries.

There are several of these men who come to mind when I think about the Civil War veterans. One is Andrew Neff – not a native of Indiana, but a soldier who came here after the war. In his later years, he was encouraged by his family to write about his adventures in the war. The result is a book available at the Fayette County Historical Museum. Neff was a farmer who should have been an author. His account of his service is priceless. I've read the book several times. His descriptions are sometimes a little racy, often humorous, and – many times –



This is a picture of my grandfather, Larkin Cullins who joined the Union Army at Nulltown in Fayette County. (Author Photo)

likely to bring a tear to your eye. Unfortunately, Andrew passed away before the memoirs were finished, but the record he left is an eye witness account of a horrible time in America.

Also in City Cemetery is a monument that bears the name of Oscar Wetherald. Oscar was one of those young boys who joined the army before they were of age to do so. Legend says that these boys would place a paper with the number 16 written on it. When the recruiter asked if the lad was over 16, he could technically say he was. Oscar and his brother went to war. The brother's name is on the monument, even though he died in the war and was buried in the south. Oscar, our little drummer boy, died of disease. When his mother learned of his death, she boarded a train and went south to retrieve the body of her youngest child.

Another war mother worth mentioning is Nancy (Hawkins) Hackleman. She was born here in 1821 and died in 1921, four months shy of her 100th birthday. Nancy was interviewed by the newspaper in her later years. When asked about her most vivid childhood memory, she told of Christmas when she was fourteen. She said that her father went hunting and brought home a bear which provided a Christmas feast that lasted for quite some time after. Nancy sent four sons to the Union Army. Isaac died in battle. Oliver of disease in a military hospital. Sylvester died of a malady contracted in the war after coming home. Only Edmond, the little drummer boy, survived the war and lived a long life.

At the Canal House, we have a portrait of Thomas Clark. His mother died during his birth. His father was

sheriff of Fayette County. Thomas joined the army as a fifer at fourteen. While he wasn't big enough to fire a gun, his slight stature allowed him to carry messages behind enemy lines. He also is said to have dragged weapons back to the troops from the soldiers who were killed and wounded. While in the army, he became infatuated with the workings of the telegraph. After the war, he became quite wealthy through telegraphy.

These are just a few of the brave men and boys who gave so much. Next month, I'll try to tell about the contributions of Fayette County to the two world wars, in both the areas of manpower and supplying the needs of a nation at war.

We invite you to visit us and explore our history, as well as enjoying the current events. The Farmers' Market is in full swing every Saturday at the Courthouse from 9 a.m. to noon. The Whitewater Valley Railroad has begun its summer schedule.

There's a tractor pull in the park on June 20th and a community wide yard sale. The Bird Sanctuary offers bird banding and other demonstrations throughout the summer. The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m.

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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 II

This year, working with Mennonites, Catholics and many others, I asked for an apology to the Potawatomi and Miami, the only tribes removed at gunpoint from Indiana. The other tribes had left Indiana because of the many white settlers pushing them out.

Canada apologized to the First Nations – their name for the Native American Indians. Our U.S. Congress apologized in 2010 but it was buried in an appropriations bill and not read publicly until the Indians learned about it months later. Kansas apologized in 2013.

What is so hard about apologizing? I guess if you are aware of your own shortcomings, you apologize enough to get used to it. But for governments it seems to be real hard to apologize. Perhaps they fear that reparations (money) will have to be made and that holds them back? But that is not what our apology is about.

The Indians have the highest suicide rate, high diabetes rate, alcoholism, family abuse. We think we got problems here but their problems are even worse, especially on the reservations.

With our apology April 22 we reached out in concern and love, in an attempt to make a spiritual connection with the Indians. We hoped to show them we really care and value their contributions and recognize their feelings, hoping to make a “treaty of the heart.”



Dan DeCrow, Rochester, Indiana, reads apology from the military to the Indians. (Author Photo)

Come on, we are all traveling on planet Earth together. Let’s be kind to each other, treat everyone with equal respect and opportunities, and offer our hand with friendship, neighborliness, and genuine words.

Apology to Indians Program features several speakers

Many people corresponded with me about Indiana Indian Day. This was a spiritual event that we hope will change Indiana and its image so that it will become a leader in treating the Indians as equals and showing friendship, neighborliness, respect, good will and yes, love. The public was invited to this free event.

Bob Pearl’s daughter Janet Pearl, passed out programs at the door. Pearls are members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, many of whose ancestors were on the Trail of Death.

Here are the speakers:
 Father Mike McKinney, St. Joseph Church, Rochester: "While the Catholic Church was ministering to the Potawatomi people even during the forced march out of Indiana, especially through the dedicated work of Father Benjamin Petit, I also feel we need to be a part of the healing of this ugly chapter of our history as a people from this part of the state. It is only in acknowledging past hurts and expressing our sorrow for them can there be true healing and God's deep peace for all of us who are descendents of these peoples and/or currently occupy these same lands."

Nancy Kauffmann, Denominational Minister, and Jason Kauffman, Director of Archives, Mennonite Church USA, Elkhart: "We confess that the Doctrine of Discovery was a horrible misuse of the Bible and something that God does not condone for one people to do to another. Our awareness of this document has caused us to re-examine our behaviors in the past and in the future." The Doctrine of Discovery is that explorers could erect a flag and claim lands as theirs regardless of who is already living there. This was law during the 1400s to recent times and was used by European countries to claim land in the New World.

M. E. "Peg" Willman, Treasures For the Heart

Ministries, Winona Lake: "With this public apology to our Native American friends, we will help change the spiritual climate to produce a healthier community for everyone who lives in northern Indiana."

George Schricker, Plymouth, author of song Menominee: "To me, a public apology is a long step in the right direction, and it is a first step in the act of atonement with the Potawatomi and the other Native Americans who were forced to leave Indiana. The whole act of removing the Potawatomi was not just a land grab, it was a failure of imagination and a failure of Christ's gospel of love. If we had let them remain, think what they could have taught us! Think how they could have helped right this attitude of viewing the land and all of nature as just a thing to be used up and thrown away." George Schricker brought his guitar and his wife Michele taught the audience to sign the words as we sang "Menominee – the man who won't sign." George wrote this song in the 1980s about Chief Menominee, leader of the band of Potawatomi who were forcibly removed on the Trail of Death.

Adam Friesen Miller, Bethany Christian School, Goshen: "One of my hopes is that Indiana Indian Day can be a starting point to raise awareness and tell the stories of the Native Americans in northern Indiana. These stories, almost forgotten from our school history books, need to be remembered and retold. When we do this, only then can we attempt to mend broken relationships and become a more caring and compassionate people." His Bethany Christian School fourth graders performed a skit about Billy Ward, a young boy in Rochester, who tried to go with his little Potawatomi friends but his mother brought him back home. They brought hoecakes for people to taste because Rochester housewives had given hoecakes to the Potawatomi to take with them. Many residents at the time did not agree with the government forcing the Indians to leave and felt sad to see them go.

Robert L. Pearl, age 90, an elder of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribe: "My great grandmother Theresa was a little girl on the 1838 Trail of Death removal of the Potawatomi from Indiana to Kansas. When I was growing up, my mother would gather my brothers and sisters and me around the kitchen table to tell us about the hardships endured during the 'long walk' and the crossing of the 'big' river (the Mississippi in Quincy, Illinois)."

Tracy Locke and daughter Erin Locke, Lafayette, Indiana, member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation: "Nanweshmah (Abram Burnett) was my fourth great grandfather and a hereditary chief of the Potawatomi. He spent a good part of his life living in Indiana until he was forcibly removed on the 1838 Trail of Death. It is my hope that the unfair treatment of the Native Americans will not be forgotten." Abram Burnett was the same age as Father Petit and accompanied him on his trip back from Kansas to Indiana. Petit was so sick that Burnett had to hold him on the horse, as he suffered from the open sores of typhoid, the disease that killed so many of the Potawatomi. Petit died in St. Louis on Feb. 10, 1839. Burnett took Petit's silver chalice and other personal items to Bishop Brute, Vincennes. Then Burnett went north to Rochester, where he had a trading post. He found that someone had broken into his trading post and stolen rifles, cloth, blankets, etc. Someone told him who the thief was so Burnett filed suit in the Rochester courthouse. These records are still in the courthouse archives.

Brian Buchanan, tribal chief for Miami Nation of
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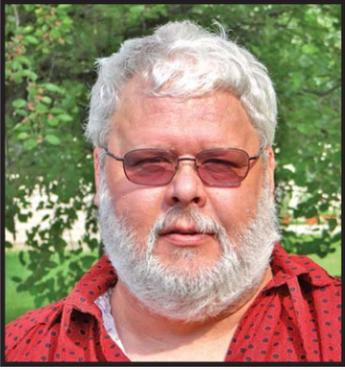
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Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

Carthage Trappers Education Class and More

The first Trapper Education (TE) class of the year, that the Indiana State Trappers Association (ISTA) was involved with was May 20 & 21, 2017 in Carthage. It was held at the Hoosier Youth ChalleNGe Academy's (HYCA) Home camp. CO Scott Johnson organizes this TE and the FTA and the ISTA help financially, provide food, and provide volunteer members. The volunteers for this class were; Fred Philips, DVM, Tom Setser, Joe Hensley, Tom Morelock and Dennis Cobb. We also had the benefit of CO Ted Stine of Shelby County and the new Co for Rush County, Grant Larsen, along with Indiana's brand new Wildlife Biologist Geriann Albers. CO Johnson goes through the Indiana Trapper Manual with the students, and after a brief exam, everyone received a TE Certification Card. Hopefully everyone learned a lot and had a good time.

Various sets are demonstrated and some Dog-Proof (DP) traps for raccoons are left overnight to see what they may catch. DP traps require the animal to reach into a tube and trip a lever within. The spring then traps the animal's paw within the tube where the animal cannot damage their paw and if the trapper so desires, they may still release the animal unharmed. Reasons for release would be a relatively small raccoon, or a non-target animal that just couldn't resist getting caught. I have seen FaceBook (FB) pictures of dogs and Black bears caught by their tongues. You got to admit that that was not an intentional catch. I never did see how they released that bear.

Tom Setser demonstrated how he catches moles, using the VICTOR OUT O' SIGHT mole trap. This is a very strong scissor type of trap, so be careful as you learn to set it. Tom first determines, to the best of his ability, where a mole is traveling between feeding areas. This will be a relatively straight long run of a tunnel, as opposed to the close meanderings, with many "push-ups" (piles of fresh dirt) of a feeding area. He then lays his set trap down, along side of the tunnel, and cuts out a section equal to the width of his set trap. He checks to be sure that the tunnel appears to be active and further cleans it out some. Using some of the cleaned out dirt, he squeezes it in his hand and forms a small "blockage" with it. (Looks like



Left: Tom Setser explains setting a Victor Out O'Sight mole trap. Right: Learning the finer points of trapping moles.



Left: Success, just a few hours later! Right: Tom Setser teaching a Trappers Education class on mole trapping. (Photos by Fred Philips)

a turd to me.) The blockage is then laid into the center of the tunnel and the set trap is set over it such that the trigger touches the top of the blockage. Now using that dirt and grass that was originally cut away, Tom packs all of that back around the trap to exclude as much light as possible, leaving about half of the trap above ground. The trap is set, and now you just have to wait. Moles are solitary creatures except during breeding season, so if you catch one, you should be good for a 1/3 to 1/2 of an acre. If you start seeing fresh push-ups, where a mole is cleaning out its tunnels, there is another one present.

Please understand that these moles are feeding on grubs found under your sod layer. Nature abhors a void. So if there is a food source, and there are no moles about, there will be, or the skunks will move in to eat the grubs for you, destroying your yard further. Spraying for the grubs may relieve your immediate problem, but please remember that spraying insecticide on your lawn may kill everything; spiders, worms, bees, butterflies, etc. So watch that label before you just go wild with the sprayer.

Joe Hensley demonstrated his method of setting for coyotes, primarily showing dirt hole sets and flat sets. Between bouts of rain downpours, some of the students practiced making these sets. One of Tom's moles became the bait for a dirt hole set. I wrote about dirt hole sets last month, so if you want to get deeper into them, (GET IT? DEEPER into them.) look at last month's Gad-A-Bout.

My job was to go through cable restraints

(snares) and teach the students everything that there was to teach on snares in @20 minutes. Yeah, well I gave them an introduction to snaring, but that was about it. I plan on having an article about cable restraints in the future, so I will wait to further describe and explain them, then. I also showed them other uses for cable and rebuilt snares. I really like working with slide wires from the bank, so I really do not have to get into the water. Trappers are always learning. I guess that is part of what I find so interesting about this sport.

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

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM

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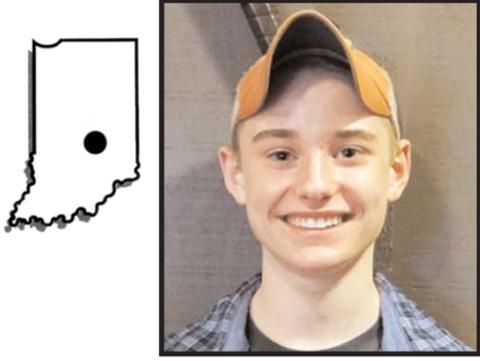
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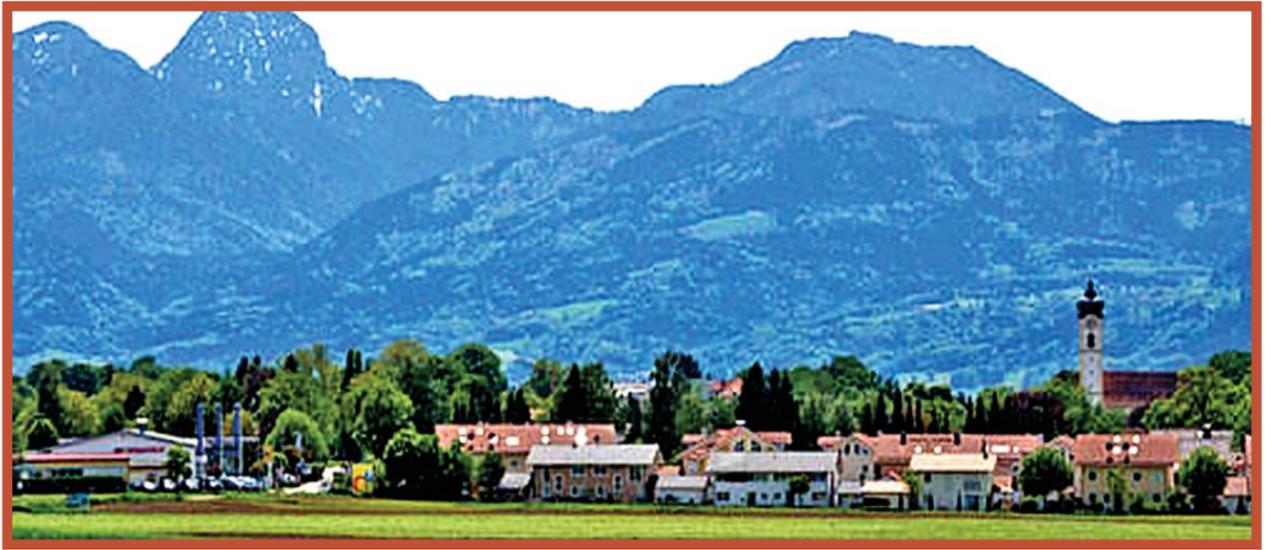
With Cole King

Upcoming Adventure Abroad

Before I begin this article, I would like to warn The Gad-A-Bout readers that I may be temporarily straying from my column title of "Adventures in Indiana." On June 13, I will be flying out for Germany. However, I am getting ahead of myself.

My grandmother Carla House was born in Leipzig, Germany, in 1940. She later met my grandfather Clyde (Jerry) House in 1965 while he was stationed in Bad Aibling, Germany with the US Army. They later married and moved back to the states, and settled down here in Anderson, Indiana. In 1969, my mother was born to Clyde and Carla. So, naturally, I have gone my whole life hearing stories of my grandparents' time in Germany. For years, I watched in awe as my grandmother and mother made conversation over the phone with our relatives in Germany. About three years ago, in the eighth grade, I was given the opportunity to begin my first year of German in school. Now, I have just finished my third year of German.

Last year, I was accepted into the German-American Partnership Program (GAPP.) This gives American and German students the chance to take part in a foreign exchange program in each other's countries. One of the two German teachers in our school is a chaperone for the program. She works with a teacher in Germany, who helps organize the trip. Twenty-five of us Americans are paired with twenty-five German students. We spend one week touring Bavaria, and another two weeks living and going to school with our German partner. It is a once in a lifetime experience to learn the language and culture of Germany. In that first week of sightseeing, we will see famous castles and other beautiful old architecture. We will also see several churches, and be exposed to the amazing religious artworks of Germany. During this first week, we will do several other fun things,



The hometown of my grandmother, Bad Aibling. (Photo credit bergfex.de)

including a bike tour of Munich, a trip to BMW World, and a chance to swim in the Olympic pool. However, as we all know, Germany's past is not all sunshine and rainbows. On our fourth day of sightseeing, we will tour Dachau concentration camp. This gives us yet another learning experience on this trip. Learning is sometimes necessary, and not exactly fun.

After our week of touring, we will arrive in the town we will live in for the next two weeks. The town is Muensingen, and has its own tourist treasures. In between going to school (yes, it is a foreign exchange program,) we will see their local sights, such as their close cave, churches, and small shops. We will also stop in at several local attractions that not every international traveler may know of. We will be making cheese at a local dairy farm, pretzels in a small bakery, and crafting our own candies in a sweets shop. Several castles are nearby as well, including Castle Lichtenstein, and Castle Hohenzollern. These three weeks will be packed full of fun learning opportunities and things I will never see here in Indiana.

On July 5th, the GAPP group will fly back to the US. However, I have been given another wonderful opportunity. On that day, while the others board the plane in Munich, my grandparents will be picking me up. I will be staying an extra week with my grandparents Clyde and Carla. After they pick me up, I will be meeting my family that still lives in Germany for the first time. They will show us around their village of Bad Aibling, and helping us squeeze in some more personal sight-seeing. My grandmother wants to show me where she worked as a nun and nurse during her life in Germany, and my grandfather wants to show me the places that affected him while stationed in Germany. I will venture down into Austria for a day, and see some sights there. One of the biggest

things my grandpa hopes to see is the Eagle's nest, or "Kehlsteinhaus." I am very interested in WWII era history, and the Kehlsteinhaus was a personal retreat for Adolf Hitler and other high-ranking Nazi officers. After all of this excitement, I arrive back in Indianapolis International Airport on July 13.

I am very blessed to not only get to travel to another country, but have an extended trip with my grandparents. We are fortunate that they are in good enough health to travel on a trip as extensive as this. This will certainly be a memory for the rest of my life. I will bring back my travel story in the September Gad-A-Bout, with a few pictures. Later this year, in October, the Germans will be coming here. Yes, the partners we lived with for this trip will get the chance to fly here and have the same experiences in another alien land. I am not only excited to show them our great country, but also our beautiful state of Indiana. But, like I said in the beginning, I'm getting ahead of myself. Bis dann!

IDNR News

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I ask that everyone who reads this article promote this campaign and wear your PFD as well. I also ask that you speak with friends, family, coworkers and anyone else you know who enjoys water activities and promote this. Again my goal and the goal of others is to reduce the number of drownings. This is a fight that we cannot do alone, we need your help. It may be your loved one or someone you know who falls victim.

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“There are always fun events and activities going on at

our campgrounds, and the #100DaysOfCamping gives our members and guests a chance to show how much they are enjoying their summer vacations,” said Annie Colletti, Sr. Marketing Manager. The annual social media campaign is in its third year. Coinciding with the #100DaysOfCamping, is the newly launched Thousand Trails’ venture, Petite Retreats, which kicked off this spring at the New York Auto Show. As part of the Thousand Trails and Encore network of nearly 190 RV resorts and campgrounds nationwide, Petite Retreats offers tiny houses as one option among a variety of destination rentals, including yurts, cabins, cottages, tents and teepees. Whether enjoying their summer vacation in an RV or Petite Retreat, guests will be able to use the hashtag #100DaysOfCamping throughout the summer while posting photos from any resort or campground.

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Roaming The Outdoors

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Home with my Husband. I Laugh as I type this because I told him since I can't afford to have my own 15 to 20 acres right now, I'm going to plant my own woods right in my backyard. Being outside and going hiking in the woods just brings to me such peace and renews my soul. It makes me so sad to see so much of this being cut down and destroyed for whatever reason. I'm 48 years old and I have seen so many changes in Indiana and less and less Country to enjoy...I understand change is going to come but when you cut down or remove, please find ways to give back. So that 50 years from now Fathers will have a place to take a Son hunting or hiking or a place to go hide out and camp. Always give back and care for what Our Good Lord has given us and understand the importance of our woods and what it provides to all of us on this

earth. Landowners with woods, I encourage you to hold on to it or pass it to your family or friends to whom you know will nurture and care for and create even more growth. I would much rather see Beautiful Country than tall buildings any day. So proud to be an Indiana Country Girl who Loves the Great Outdoors and all that it provides for each of us and all the animals big and small. Let us protect it together for all to enjoy. Perhaps you could squeeze my little article in your paper that has BIG meaning like I am trying to do in my yard by planting more trees that my Husband won't notice... Lol!!!

HISTORIC CENTERVILLE MEETING

Thursday, May 25, 2017 7 p.m.
 President Paul Elstro called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
 The Secretary's report was approved as received through email. Jane Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes, and Ruth Bane seconded it. Motion carried.
 Ruth Bane then passed around and explained the

Treasurer's report. Myra Baldwin made a motion to accept the report. It was seconded by Charlie Weiss. Motion carried.

Topics discussed under Old Business as presented by Carolyn Lafever were the work completed on the Court House with the help of Troop 16 of the Boy Scouts and several adults and work done by Earlywine to control the post beetles.

Topics discussed under New Business as presented by Carolyn Lafever were using the extra funds from the HIS Heritage rant for things such as a new air conditioner, two tables, and supplies. The Town Council has agreed to mow and trim the lawn. We cannot use their WiFi as it does not go outside the building. Three classes toured the Mansion House this year. The 1860's Boys and Girls School was discussed. The Mansion House will be open on Saturdays during the summer. Members were asked to sign up for a time to be there to give tours. The Garden/Home tour will be on July 9 and 10. The Court House will have a display of pictures of birds by James Bond and an Arts and Flowers exhibit. We will need to plan for the ice cream social. During Archway Days, we will be celebrating 50 years of the Mansion House being a museum. We need to be making plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Ruth Bane made the motion. Our next meeting will be on June 22 at 7 p.m. at the Mansion House.

Respectfully submitted,
 Myra Baldwin, Secretary

US 31 S OF SCOTSBURG RESCHEDULED TO CLOSE JUNE 8

SCOTT & WASHINGTON COUNTIES—The Indiana Department of Transportation has reset the closure of U.S. Highway 31 south of Scottsburg to begin Thursday morning (JUNE 8). Work to replace the culvert at Nest Run Creek in Vienna Township of Scott County had been slated to start tomorrow.

INDOT reopened State Road 56 just east of the Washington County line at 3 p.m. this afternoon. The state's contractor completed installation of a small structure at Weddle Creek as part of this \$1,032,400 2-structure project. Milestone is the contractor.

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

For highway information, monitor social media sites: www.Facebook.com/INDOTSoutheast and [Twitter @INDOTSoutheast](https://twitter.com/INDOTSoutheast).

History of Everton Fire Department

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many times. One such case was when the Lions Club was having a ladies night dinner meeting. Everton arrived in time to help save nearby houses in the extreme cold. The fire hydrants in Laurel were frozen and could not be used. The only truck Laurel had at that time was a truck just to carry hoses to hook onto the hydrants. It couldn't have been timed better, to demonstrate for Lions Club District Governor Don Reid what a fast-moving organization the Everton Club was. Hardly had he finished his talk when the fire call from Laurel came in.

The ladies' night meeting broke up with sirens screaming as Fire Chief Jim Lake and Herb McQuinley wheeled out with half the club hanging onto the trucks.-

"No wonder this club gets so much accomplished—they move so fast!" Reid was heard to remark.

Looking back at the beginning of this fine fire department, also looking at where it is today. This department has always tried to improve in their fire

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fighting techniques. This is evident of the trucks that have been purchased over the past forty years and the improvement of the turnout gear, the willingness to venture into other fields, not just firefighting.

The building of a safety house, a few years ago, to show how to get out of a burning house alive, is a fine example of what this department is all about. The willingness to give of themselves to teach adults and children how to prevent a fire or to escape from one is better then to wait until it happens.

The building of a rescue truck proved to be a rewardable task. It has responded to a lot of auto accidents, medical emergencies and even one time when a girl had her hand caught in the tubing of a trampoline.

This truck was originally purchased to be used as a pumper and also to fight grass fires as it was equipped with a pump mounted on the back.

With the purchase of this 1969 Ford, with a 750 gallon tank and with their existing GMC, with a 1000 gallon tank, bought in 1962, they sold their 1959 Dodge to the new Abington Fire Department.

This new truck was purchased from Howe Fire Apparatus Co. of Anderson. Jim and Mary Lake flew to Roanoke, Virginia to deliver this new truck to Everton.

was the building of a new fire station. This was going to be a joint venture between the Everton Volunteer Fire Department and Everton Water Corporation. Gem Builders of Bentonville were the contractors. The old fire house, located near the school was going to be used for additional space for the community building and for some general storage. The contractors estimated about eight weeks for completion.

James Lake, the fire chief at that time said that the actual work was done by members of the fire department, including the plumbing which was done free of charge by Edwin "Dude" Hanna, a licensed plumber.

Jim's wife, Mary, also a very ardent Everton booster, put her artistic talent to work and painted a 15x24 front and side view of the new building.

The fire department borrowed \$18,000 to purchase the building materials and the debt was paid back by the \$5.00 annual dues paid by the members which now exceeded 700 in number.

The bell from the 1932 General was removed from the truck before it was scrapped out and chrome plated by Cliff Fledderman. The handsome reminder of the early days of the Everton Volunteer Fire Department is now permanently mounted in the new Fire Station.

This \$15,136 truck was bought from a fund built up with five dollars per year annual membership fees per property, and the amounts received from non-members.

The next piece of equipment to be added was a 1973 International Scout. This new truck had a 100 gallon tank with a 500-lb pressure nozzle which enabled the 100 gallons to last for approximately 19 minutes. The truck was equipped with 4-wheel drive, automatic transmission and power steering. It was purchased from White Implement Company complete with radio at a cost \$6,000.

This truck was purchased to battle field fires and car fires and in the case of other fires it could get to the scene ahead of the larger trucks. It proved to be money well spent, as it was used many times and did the job well.

As was said earlier, Everton was called upon to assist Connersville many times. They were called to assist them when the old Philco-Ford plant on Western Avenue burnt on January 31,1973.

One task that they were called to help on was a triple-fatality that occurred in Nulltown on February 25, 1973. It was a head-on collision that happened close to the store building. There is more to being a volunteer fireman, then just fighting fires.

The next event that was about to happen in Everton The Everton Fire Department went to the Monty McDaniel farm in Waterloo Township on November 18, 1977 at 10 a.m. and were at the scene until 7 p.m., the nine hours being the longest time spent on any one fire call in the history of the department.

As recorded in the Connersville News-Examiner on May 10,1978 a new "mini pumper" was delivered to the Everton Volunteer Fire Department this week from Indiana Fire Apparatus at Mays. The truck, sold by J.D. Lake, salesman for Indiana Fire Apparatus, will be used for quick attack and will be the first truck on the scene.

The equipment on the truck includes four-wheel drive, a 16,000 pound winch, a tank which will carry 265 gallons of water, 100 feet of booster line, and connections for two 1 1/2-inch lines and one 2 1/2-inch line. This truck was later sold to the Blooming Grove Volunteer Fire Department in Franklin County,

A 1980 Dodge was the next addition to the fire department. This truck replaced the International Scout which was purchased in 1973. This truck has an automatic transmission and is a four-wheel drive. There is a skid-mount unit, consisting of a 250 gallon tank and a pump on this truck. This truck is mainly used for grass and brush fires. This truck was purchased from Reidman Motors of Connersville.

Our main pumper is a 1985 FMC. This truck carries 1,000 gallons of water and can pump 1,000 GPM. This is a cab-over and has a standard transmission. This is the first truck to roll on any type of fire other then a grass or brush fire. It has a generator to run the exhaust fan and for the two 500 Quartz lights. It is also equipped with S.C.B.A.'s to enter a smoke filled structure.

The newest piece of fire fighting equipment is the 1992 Ford with a stainless steel tank. This truck carries 1800 gallons of water and has a quick dump valve in the back. It has a portable tank that can be set up to dump the water into it. This truck can also pump the water off at the rate of 500 GPM.

The Everton Volunteer Fire Department was started many years ago to provide the best fire protection that it could possibly give. I believe that is still true today. The fire service is an ever changing organization, and we have to make changes right along with it sometimes.

We have men and women that are always trying to be the very best that they can be. There is always something to train on. As soon as that is accomplished, along come some changes, then you start over again.

We are in the process at this time of getting a grant to purchase a new truck. There is never an end in the fire service, there is always something to replace or something to buy. The price of things in this day and time mean we can't just go out and buy them, so we have to try to find every dollar that we can.

The Everton Volunteer Fire Department, for the size of the community, has to be one of the busiest fire department's in the state. Most fire department's this size average very few runs in a year. ■

who were allowed to stay do carry the pain with us which is why we have the Memorial March." They do a memorial walk every year the third weekend of October from their tribal headquarters in Peru to the Wabash River. He invited everyone to come and join them. The Miami were loaded on boats and taken to Western Territory which is Kansas today.

Joan Carpenter McClellan, Rochester: "My family has Cherokee, Potawatomi, Chippewa, Miami, and Iroquois. We operate a food booth for the American Cherokee Confederacy at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival. We have a Chat Circle to share memories and history." She told about her Potawatomi mother and Cherokee father, living in Fulton County, Indiana. Joan's mother Edna Carpenter was one of the Indiana Bicentennial torch bearers for Fulton County Oct. 5, 2016. When she died three months later at age 104, Edna was the oldest resident of Fulton County.

Kerry Steiner, Indianapolis, executive director of the Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission, told about the Indiana Indians of today. "We have 17 people on the commission, eight of whom are Native Americans appointed by the Governor. We meet every other month at the Eiteljorg Museum. See www.in.gov/inaiac for more information. There are 40,000 to 60,000 Native American Indians in Indiana. Native American Indians are incarcerated at a high rate, second only to black males under the age of 25. The prisons have Native Circles to try to help them. Of the 567 federally- recognized tribes, over 100 are represented in Indiana. Indians are engaged in many occupations: truck drivers, factory workers, business owners, school teachers, and at least one space scientist, Brian Buchanan."

Katerina Friesen, Goshen, led the audience in reading the Litany she composed about the Trail of Death, which applies to all removals on which Indians died.

Lament and Transformation Litany
By Katerina Friesen, Goshen, Indiana
Leader reads first, others read lines in Bold font.
Standing where you walked,
We remember you.
Exiled under gunpoint,
Loss of sacred land,
We remember you.
Bruised feet and weary bodies.
Choked by dust and heat,
Sickness stalking young and old,
We remember you.
We lament this Trail of Death,
Trail of Broken Promises,
Theft of homeland for white man's profits,
We lament this Trail of Death.
We lament that our ancestors
Did not dwell in peace.
Creator of all, we long for new vision today,
Open our eyes and give us sight
To seek the things that make for peace,
To see the Image of God in all peoples,
Especially those persecuted and oppressed.
Make a new way for us together.
Guide our feet, O Lord, on a Trail of Life.

Dan DeCrow, Rochester, read Wes Clark Jr.'s apology from the military to the Lakota: "We fought you. We took your land. We signed treaties that we broke. We stole minerals from your sacred hills. We blasted the faces of our presidents onto your sacred mountain. When we took still more land and then we took your children and then we tried to make your

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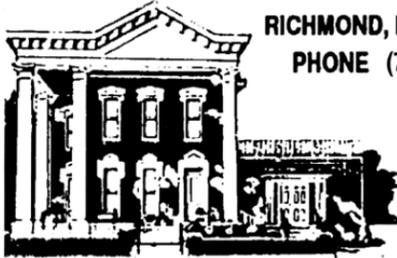
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Indians of Indiana, Peru – "Every year the Indiana Miami hold a Memorial March in remembrance of our removed ancestors on October 6, 1846. We hold a special place in our hearts for that period of time from 1830-1846 and we try to remember the horrifying experience that our ancestors lived during this forced removal from our homelands. Even though Oct 6 was the largest removal date, it actually started after the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Those of us

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INDIANA CHAPTER OF THE NWTF

by Alan Garbers

NWTF Indiana – Turkey Tips: Wild hogs, feral hogs, razorbacks, it doesn't matter what you call them, they can easily decimate future turkey populations by eating eggs, poults, or nesting hens, as well as by destroying habitat. Wild hogs also directly compete with turkeys for food. A growing wild hog population will leave no game animal unaffected, from grouse to deer. Sadly, there are those that are working to illegally import and spread wild hogs in Indiana, as well as other states. Support our turkey populations by reporting any activity that involves moving or importing wild hogs. Call (800) 847-4367 if you see or hear of any such activity. Do not give safe harbor to anyone that wants to spread wild hogs in Indiana.

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



The IDNR is working hard to eliminate the wild hog population in Indiana. (Image provided by the NWTF)

grouse and quail. Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt, for all of us.

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language and we tried to eliminate your language that God gave you, and the Creator gave you.”

At this point everyone read the “Apology from Indiana Citizens to Native American Indians for being forced to leave Indiana.” The Potawatomi and Miami were presented with framed copies of the Governor’s Proclamation.

The program concluded with singing of the hymn, “Peace is Flowing Like a River,” led by Father Mike McKinney. Refreshments were served in the Parish Hall, a separate building behind the church. The Goshen fourth grade girls manned the table with books for sale. Other fourth graders served hoecakes. The St. Joseph Ladies Aid provided cookies, coffee and Kool Aid. This was a time for all the visitors to get acquainted and talk about their feelings and hopes for the Indians of Indiana.

Editor’s Note: Part III, the last part of the Hoosiers apologized to Indians April 22, 2017 at Rochester, IN will be in the August 2017 issue. You can read the first two parts also on line at www.thegadabout.com.

Gad’s Corner Photos



Summer Helsel caught this 2.55 lb Largemouth Bass in John Hay Lake on 5-3-17. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Glenn Kelsey took this nice 9 pt. buck with his Remington 870 at 40 yards at the end of the 2016 season. (Glenn Kelsey Photo)

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Randy Davis, Owner of Davis Transmissions at 705 NW 5th St in Richmond, IN caught this 9.7 lb Lake Erie Walleye trolling a crank bait with a friend 5-14-2017. (Photo submitted by Randy Davis). (Editor Note: Behind that fish is a good friend of mine, hi Randy!)



Seven year old Wyatt Vest took this 21 1/2 lb Turkey on 5-13-17. It had 1 1/2" spurs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Todd Branham and his oldest son, Shane Branham harvested two turkeys on 5-6-2017 in Wabash County. On the left is Shane, his turkey weighed 23 lbs, it had a 10.25 beard and a 1 inch spur. On the right is Todd, his turkey weighed 20 lbs, it had a 10.5 inch beard and a .75 inch spur. In Todd's own words, "We got these at the same time. I know space is short but there is a story behind this. My son has harvested several birds that I have called in for him. I have been with him on every one of his birds. But he has never been with me when I have harvested mine so this year he was with me when I got one and for us to double was just awesome. Thank you." (Submitted by Todd Branham by e-mail)



Barry Hattabaugh took this 18 1/2 lb Turkey on 5-9-2017. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Jimmy Nicholson with Randy Bennett took this 23 lb. Turkey on 5-12-2017. It had a 11.5 inch beard. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



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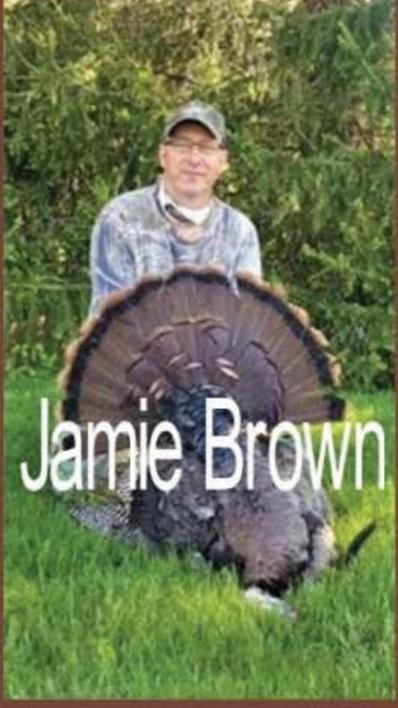


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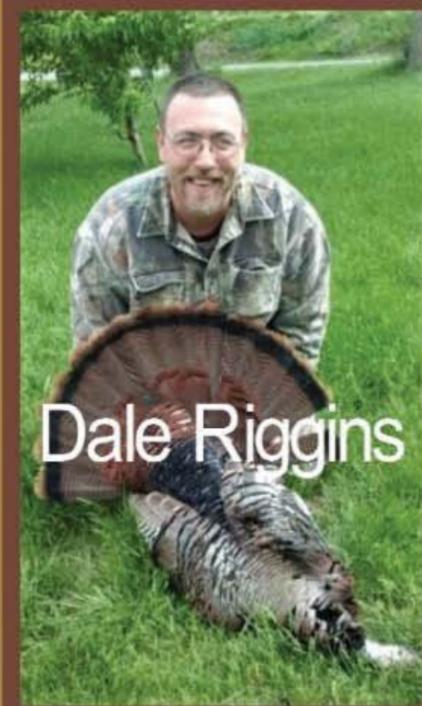
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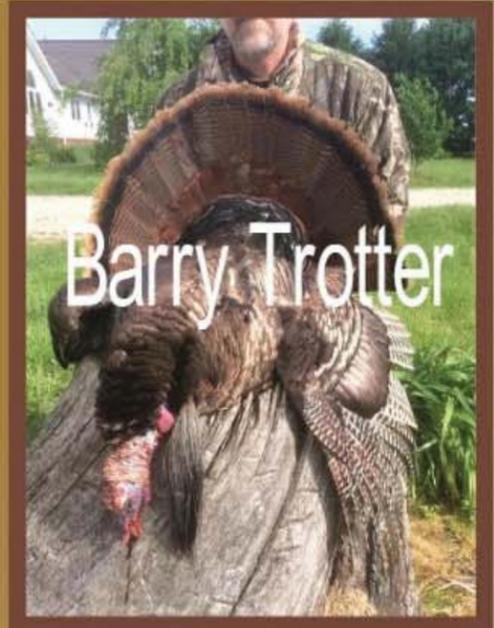
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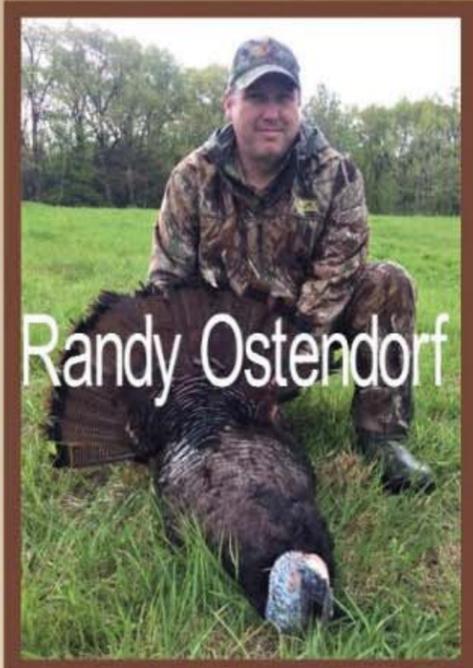
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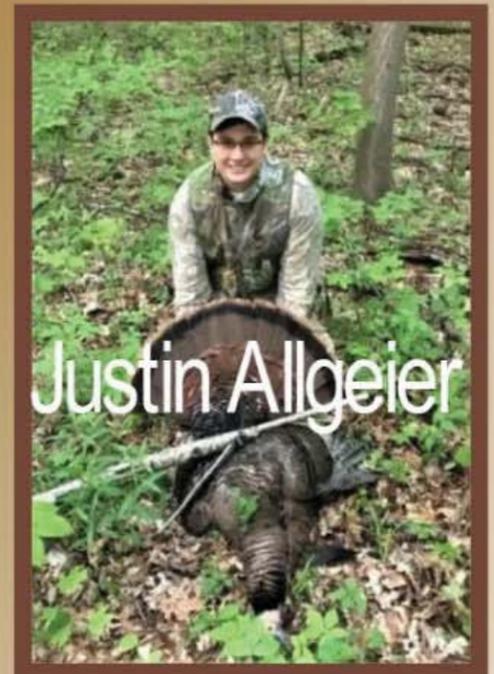
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