

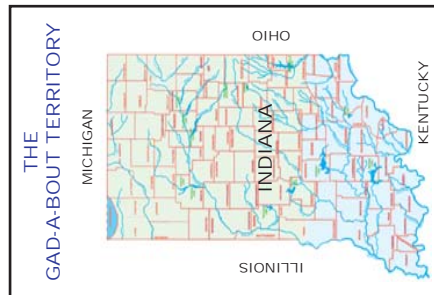
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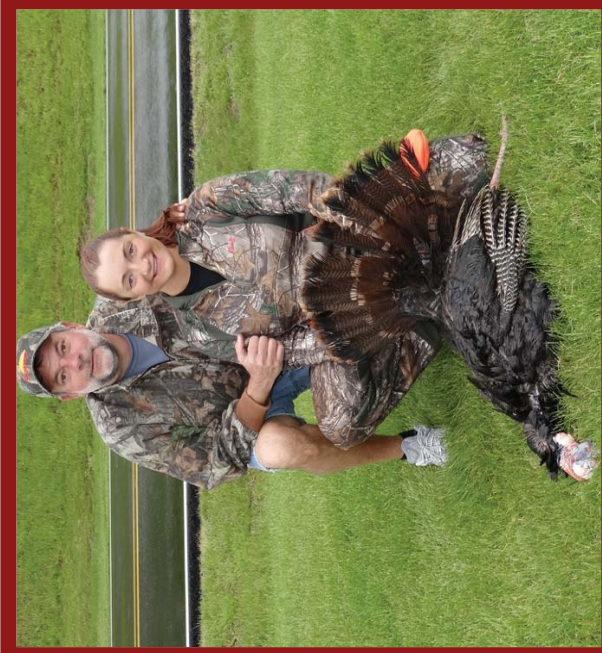
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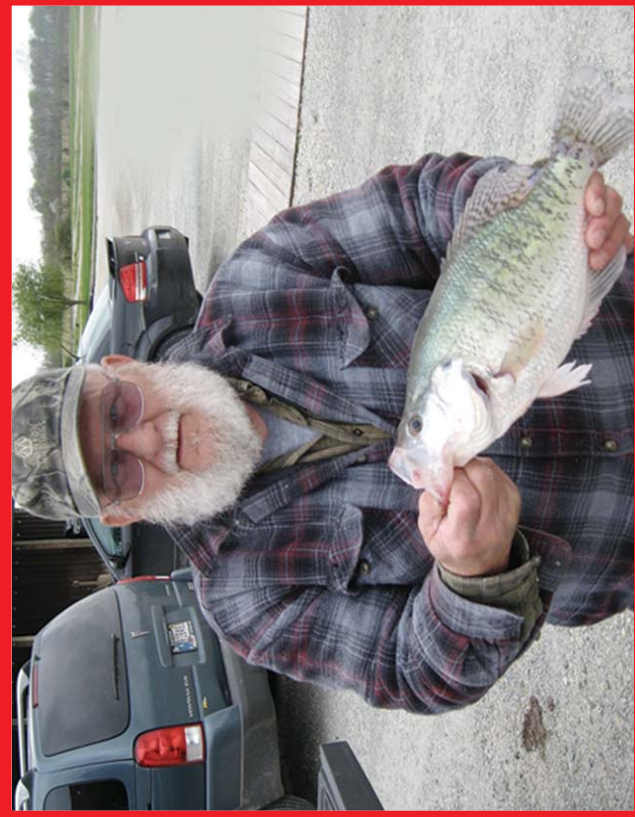
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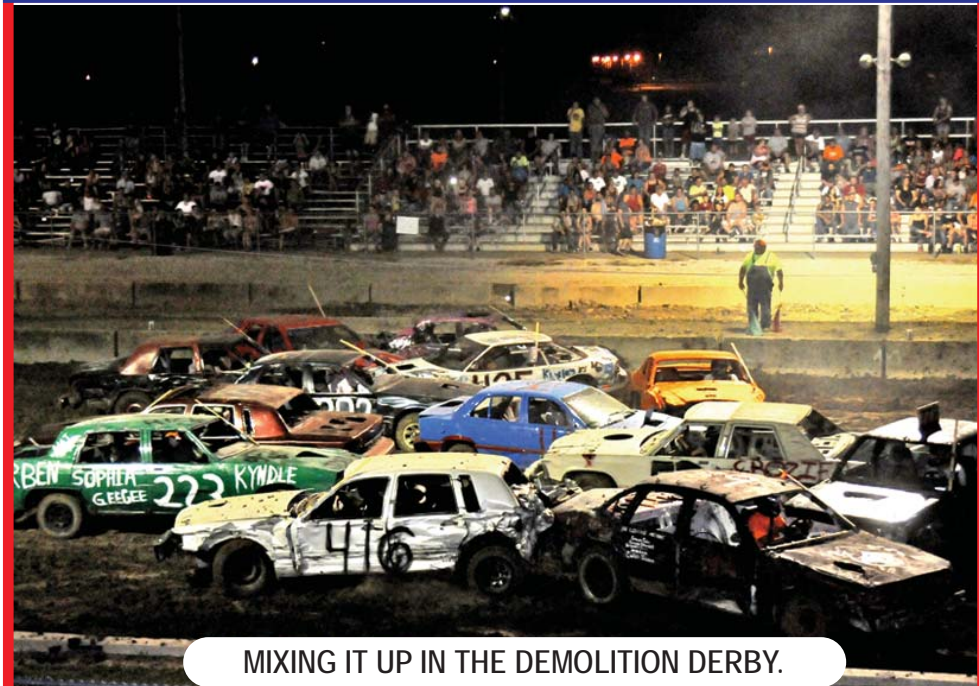
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Bottom Left: Indiana State Trooper Bryan Rumble was named District 51 Trooper of the Year, and Indiana State Trooper Thomas Harbison was given a Life Saving Award for his actions at a crash scene last fall. See Page 6 (Indiana State Police Photos)

Top Right: The Wayne County 4-H Fair will be at the Wayne County Fairgrounds June 17-24, 2017. Night glow hot air balloons open the fair, enjoy good food, Poor Jacks rides, antique tractors, horse show, demolition derby, lots of farm animals, contests, kid bronco riding, 4-H exhibits, tractor & horse pulling, etc. See Pages 14-19 (Photos by Sandy House)

Bottom Right: Dave Brinson holding the 2.11 lb. crappie he caught in the river below the Salamonie Reservoir on April 21, 2017. The crappie was 15.5 inches long. See Page 29 (Gad's Corner Photo) (Bozarth Country Store, Photo by Ryan Pershing)

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WAYNE COUNTY 4-H FAIR SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION IN THIS ISSUE SEE PAGES 15-18; ADDITIONAL PICS ON PAGE 14 & 19

In this issue I've had the good fortune of Sandy House's help in providing you with the Wayne County 4-H Fair Program and lots of photos she took at the 2016 4-H fair. I am very fortunate having Sandy's assistance in getting all this together for you readers. She like many other people I know and work with, do so much for their community, county and state with little or no regard to how much it takes to do their part.

I want to publicly thank Sandy House for her help in this, the third year, the Wayne County 4-H Fair has been in The Gad-a-bout. I also want to thank all the businesses who bought advertising to make this possible, see their ads on pages 15, 16, 17 & 18. If you get a chance, stop by and thank them for their generosity. See Page 2 to see where you can pick up your copy of The Gad-a-bout.

JAY'S MIDLAKE RESTAURANT / BAIT SHOP HAS MADE SOME MAJOR CHANGES & ADDED ATTRACTIONS

My good friend Jay Bias has been remodeling his original Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle shop located at 1908 West Old SR 101 Road, Liberty, IN. He has added to the name, it is now Jay's Midlake Restaurant/Bait Shop. The original bait shop building was built many years ago, long before Jay took it over. Since Jay took it over he and his family have completely renovated the

inside and outside. You really have to see it to appreciate the work they have done to the building, especially if you saw it just after it was originally built when Brookville Lake was in its infancy.

He and his family have been working day in and day out improving the building and adding attractions. See his ad below for a glimpse of his food and bait shop. What you don't see listed on his ad, he's added a beautiful new pool hall. When I say beautiful I am referring to the elegance of the room's decor and brand new pool tables in the pool hall. The pool hall also has a dining room.

On the rear of the building he has built a balcony that over looks the back yard, see photo below. Below the balcony is a stage where six bands will be performing beginning May 20, 2017. See list at the end. Beyond the stage is his "Party in the yard (back yard) equipped with fire pits and corn hole games. A place to eat, relax, play corn hole and listen to some great band music.

Here are the bands and dates they will perform at Jay's Midlake Restaurant/Bait Shop: Bands will be performing from 8 to 11 p.m., there is a \$5 cover charge: Band Nights - **May 20th**, The Mike Miller Band; **June 17th**, Kyle LeMaster & The Honky Tonk Heroes; **July 22nd**, Sean Lamb Band; **August 19th**, Edge of Addiction; **September 16th**, Back Draft Band; **October 21st** (Halloween Theme) Edge of Addiction.

Directions to Jay's Midlake Restaurant/Bait Shop: From I-70 exit south on US 27 (Rd construction on US 27 through Richmond) to **Liberty, IN**, take SR 101 south to Old SR 101 (Fairfield Ramp Road) Jay's is a short distance on your right. From I-74 exit north on SR 1 to U.S. 52 (Rd construction on US 52 between SR 1 & I-74) turn left (north) onto US 52 through Brookville, take SR 101 north to Old SR 101 (Fairfield Ramp Road) turn left, Jay's is a short distance on your right. From Indianapolis take I-70 to Cambridge, turn south on SR 1 to Connersville, take SR 44 east to **Liberty, IN** take SR 101 south to Old SR 101 (Fairfield Ramp Road) Jay's is a short distance on your right.

For updates check Jay's Facebook Page
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**SHIRLEY WILLARD'S COLUMN
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You may remember reading the story she sent to me and it appeared in the January 2017 Gad-a-bout for several issues. It was entitled, The Potawatomi Trail of Death is a Regional Historic Trail Part I. Shirley is the Fulton County Historian, she lives in Rochester, Indiana. I've known of her since the 1990's when I put on Frontier Days at Treaty Line Pioneer Village. She and her group
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by **Tag Nobbe**
Professional Fishing Guide

June Fishing on Brookville Lake

June is the month where fish move to the middle of the lake. If you want to continue to catch fish you got to move with them. If you stand on the shore and look across Brookville lake having never been on it, you may think it's like a big giant bowl. But you are highly mistaken. Brookville lake has so much structure that you will be busy for years trying to unravel the mysteries of how the fish relate to it all.

Brookville lake has about 12 different predator fish living in it, and they all have their own little ways of getting through the day. Some fish like



Jake Sewell from Indianapolis caught these two nice walleye fishing with me on Brookville Lake. (Author Photo)

walleye or catfish like living close to the bottom. Some fish like crappie like living in and around standing timber, while striped bass or white bass like spending their day roaming the main lake like one big giant eating machine. What they all have in common though is feeding and structure.

For example, when a walleye wants to feed it will position its self on a shallow flat lying flat on the bottom. Lying on the bottom motionless using the coloration of its skin as camouflage. It will wait till something comes close enough to it and flick its tail to catch it. If you have ever watched a blue heron feed along the shore it's like that.

While a catfish may use the same flat it has a different approach. It will swim all over the flat smelling tasting and sensing for anything that seems like food. Just getting something in its mouth is the name of the game. A catfish will eat live food or dead food while a walleye will only eat live food. That is why when your catfishing you can just cast your bait out and let it lay in one place, and when your walleye fishing you must keep the bait moving. What you want to remember though is walleye or catfish don't live on these flats they just feed on these flats. I think when they're not feeding they will move to deeper cooler or better oxygenated water and lay motionless to conserve energy.

On the other hand, crappie don't use the bottom to feed at all, and they live where they eat. They

feed in the standing timber, under water brush piles and never leave the protection of the cover. I believe the reason for this is their size and the fear of getting eaten by a much bigger fish.

Now striped bass and white bass have a completely unique way of doing things. These fish stay in schools, big schools. The white bass and striped bass don't intermingle though. I have seen the white bass schools meet the striped bass schools and it does not end well for the white bass. They are very similar in the way they feed, live and move around the lake, but the white bass is no match for the sheer size of the striped bass. They both feed on the big schools of shad in the lake. What they do is corral the schools of shad and move them close to an underwater point. At the last minute, they will rush the school of shad and in a panic the shad school will come apart. This is where the white bass or the striped bass will be able to target them and pick them off one at a time. I explain this act like this. If you and your buddy was riding on an elephant's back in Africa and you came across a pack of lions. The lions would look at you like you were one big thing and just think that's too big to eat. But if the elephant bucked you and your buddy off its back and you all ran in separate directions it would be game on. This is why little fish stay in schools so they can look like one big thing not 10,000 little things. If your ever on the water and you see something on the surface of the lake that looks like piranhas feeding on the surface. It's a big school of white bass or striped bass pushing big schools of shad to the surface to disorient them so they can pick them off one at a time. Only difference is you can visually see this happening. It's an exciting and humbling site to see.

What they all have in common is in June this is all happening in the middle of the lake and this is where you need to be.

Tag Nobbe
Brookville lake Guide Service

If you need more info go to my web site www.brookvillelakeguideservice.com
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News from the Indiana State Police



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

Indiana State Police Changing How News Releases Are Sent to the Media & Public

Nearly 15,000 folks have been receiving District 51 press releases and road closure updates directly to their computers and phones the last 5 years. Sorry to say, but the Indiana State Police is now transitioning 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 for news organizations and the public, please follow these directions to subscribe to the new GovDelivery Service, so you can continue to receive traffic and road closure updates, and news at the same time the media receives it.

- Visit the Indiana State Police website at <http://in.gov/isp/>
- Once at the ISP Site you will see an overlay on the website with the ISP Door Shield Logo and the words "Stay Connected"
 - Enter the primary email address where you would like to receive ISP News Releases
 - This process can be completed for as many email addresses as desired
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 - You will receive a confirmation email from GovDelivery if your setup was successful
- ISP will issue simultaneous releases on both the GovDelivery and Nixle platform until the end of the calendar day of May 19, 2017
 - After May 19th ISP releases will ONLY be issued on the GovDelivery platform
 - The Nixle Platform will no longer be used by ISP after May 19th
 - If you have ANY problems signing up for GovDelivery, please call the GovDelivery support phone number **800-314-0147** during normal business hours Monday thru Friday, Eastern Standard Time, and tell them you are trying to subscribe to the Indiana State Police GovDelivery account



Indiana State Trooper Bryan Rumple

- Share this email with any others that want to receive ISP news releases direct to their email address or cell phone number, and they can set up their own account preferences

Two Pendleton Troopers Receive Awards

Indianapolis – Two Pendleton District Troopers received awards and were honored on the afternoon of April 21st at a ceremony held in the Government Center South in Indianapolis. Trooper Bryan Rumple was named District 51 Trooper of the Year, and Trooper Thomas Harbison was given a Life Saving Award for his actions at a crash scene last fall.

The "District Trooper of the Year" award is presented each year to a trooper at each district that personifies professionalism, integrity, a well-rounded work ethic and community involvement as determined by the district command. Criteria for the award include the areas of traffic and criminal enforcement, case and crash investigation, public information programs and community service.

Rumple received the award for his outstanding achievements in 2016 at the Pendleton District. Rumple grew up in Decatur Indiana and graduated from Bellmont High School in 2002. He attended Western Michigan University where he studied criminal justice and played baseball. Rumple graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and started his career with the Indiana State Police in December 2007.

Trooper Thomas Harbison received the Indiana State Police Life Saving Award for his quick actions at a crash scene on 9/2/2016 on SR 32 in Delaware County. Harbison had responded to a crash involving a vehicle hitting a motorcycle, whose rider had sustained a serious lower leg injury. Harbison applied a tourniquet to the man's leg which ultimately saved his life. Harbison, a Yorktown native, is a ten year member of the



Indiana State Trooper Thomas Harbison

Indiana State Police and is assigned to Madison and Delaware counties.

Rumple and Harbison both received engraved plaques from Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter recognizing them for their accomplishments in 2016.

Meth Troopers Held Annual "Ditch Walk"

On Good Friday DEA trained Meth Suppression Troopers from the Pendleton District held their annual "Ditch Walk," where they walked along country roads in Delaware County recovering dangerous meth trash. Troopers found a variety of meth trash ranging from drink bottles with white residue, to bottles with toxic liquids as well as used and discarded syringes. They found around 15 discarded "one pot" Meth labs.

Pendleton District Meth Suppression Trooper Rich Clay wants to remind the public to be vigilant while participating in outdoor activities. "If you're out mushroom hunting or fishing, or if your civic group is out cleaning up a roadside, beware!"

"Things to watch for are discarded backpacks or gym bags; liquid filled plastic drink bottles with white residue; a large amount of discarded coffee filters; discarded liquid drain opener bottles or camp fuel cans. If you encounter any of these items, don't disturb them. Call us and let us check it out"

Anyone with information about illegal drug use is encouraged to call the Pendleton Post at **1-800-527-4752**, or the Indiana State Police Drug Tip Line at **1-800-453-4756**. Tips can be made and kept anonymous. The Indiana Meth Investigation System or IMIS, can also take tips on meth labs. Just go to www.meth.in.gov and click on the "Report Suspected Meth Activity" Link.

For a listing of houses contaminated by Meth here in Indiana go to the link at <http://www.in.gov/meth/2371.htm>

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

Paying it Forward

As a Conservation Officer I have dealt with individuals on the wrong side of the law, either by choice or by not knowing the law. Being in law enforcement this is expected and is dealt with accordingly. On the other hand, there is another side to my job that allows me to experience the joys outdoor recreation can create. These experiences come in different forms and can be anyone just starting out in their outdoor adventures or after years of enjoyment.

I have had the opportunity to teach students of all ages in my knowledge of Hunter Education, and at times be there when these hunters are able to harvest their first animal. I have seen the joy in youngsters as they shoot a firearm or archery equipment for the first time during these courses, being able to see the enjoyment in their eyes. I have seen the older generation pass along their knowledge to the next generation from hunting to fishing and everything in between.

My focus for this article is the passion three individuals from Fayette County have in wanting to pass along their thrill and even equipment in turkey hunting to a Wounded American Veteran. Two brothers, Donald and Dave Steinar, and

Steve Davis are whom I am speaking of.

A quick back story of how these three came to know each other and get to where they are today. Steve Davis was injured in 1983. He sustained in a fall that caused him to be confined to an electric wheel chair, with limited mobility in his arms, for the remainder of his life.

Steve did not let that stop him from enjoying the sport of hunting, and with the help of the Steinar Brothers, they fabricated an old cattle trailer into a hunting blind with a portable pull out ramp for Steve to get into it. This blind was used for a few years during which alterations were made after trial and error to make it easier for Steve and to protect him from the weather. They still have that old blind and utilize it as a back-up or for additional seating while in the field.

The next thing they went to was a custom made 6 x 8 insulated handicapped blind by MB Ranch King Hunting Blinds out of Joshua, Texas, especially designed for individuals confined to a wheel chair. They used it for the next 5 years to turkey and deer hunt from after which a decision was made for a larger 8 x 14 blind to be made of the same make which they now hunt out of.

Steve has had the opportunity to harvest multiple birds from these blinds through the years with the gracious help of his friends Donald and Dave.

In 2016 I was first introduced to the Steinar Brothers and Steve. They wished to set up a turkey hunt for a Wounded American Veteran. They wanted to utilize the hunting blind Steve uses and guide the chosen hunter in an attempt to harvest a turkey. That year a release was made but we received no response from the public. Although the year did not have the outcome wished, their desire never wavered and they wanted to attempt the hunt again.

In early 2017 I spoke with Donald Steinar again about the guided hunt. He was more than enthused about attempting to get a hunter. The drive of these three came from wanting to do more for the community and give back to those who were injured while serving our country. So in March of 2017 I created and released information for the public asking if any Wounded American Veteran wanted to have the opportunity to get into the woods and partake in a guided turkey hunt. The release was a success and I was contacted by Ronnie McCulley. Even though the initial contact was via text message, I could sense the enthusiasm in his text. He stated he was very interested and wished to be given the chance to hunt.

I called Ronnie back and informed him he would be given the opportunity to hunt turkeys. During our conversation he informed me that he had hunted deer in previous years, but had never had the opportunity to turkey hunt. He was very enthused to get the chance to get into the woods and hunt the elusive bird. I finished that conversation with information about the ins and outs of turkey hunting as best I could and informed him success was not guaranteed. The excitement in the hunt comes from being able to 'communicate' with the bird and have him 'talk' back. He stated he was excited and already stated the hunt alone would be well worth it; harvesting a turkey would

only add a cherry to the top.

I informed the Steinar brothers and Steve about a chosen hunter, to which they were extremely excited it was a success recruitment effort to get a hunter. They immediately got to work on getting things lined up for the upcoming hunt.

Later in April we all met to discuss the hunt and meet each other. During the meeting the enthusiasm was high and excitement ran wild for the upcoming hunt. Details were put together for a meeting place and where the hunt was to be conducted. Ronnie was informed of further details into turkey hunting and again informed success was not guaranteed. Even with that statement again, he was thrilled to step into the blind and get the chance to turkey hunt; something he's never had the opportunity to do until then.

During the meeting I learned some back story into Ronnie's military career. I am leaving out some details of the events but will sum it up. Ronnie served in the Army from 2009 until 2013. During his career, he sustained injuries that ended his military career. He learned of the hunt from a newspaper article and made contact with me and the rest is described in this article.

Early Saturday morning on the 29th of April opening weekend for 2017 Turkey season came quickly for all those anxiously awaiting to get into the blind. I met everyone and could see enthusiasm in everyone's eyes. The down fall to the morning, was the area was pounded with heavy rainfall the night before and the morning of the hunt. Thus flooding occurred and caused creeks to rise. Where this became a problem was in order to access the field to be hunted, a creek had to be crossed. As everyone stood there at the creek crossing, lit by the headlights, it became apparent it was unsafe. The creek roared downstream and was too deep to attempt.

Everyone packed up and about called it a day until it was decided to attempt hunting the Steinar's family property. Ronnie hunted with their assistance until 9am but the rainfall and late start ended the day's hunt.

Ronnie didn't let the bad weather hinder his excitement and still wanted to get into the woods. The hunt was rescheduled for Saturday the 6th of May. Again Mother Nature did not want to cooperate and several inches of rainfall occurred the week leading up to the 6th. This caused the creek crossing to flood out and entry to the hunting property couldn't be made. The hunt was canceled. Ronnie couldn't get time away for the final weekend of turkey season, leading to an ending of this story that everyone hoped it wouldn't have come to.

Even though this story doesn't have the happy ending that everyone wished; enthusiasms are still high and Ronnie still wishes to get into the woods for the next spring season and try his hand at turkey hunting.

The Steinar Brother's and Steve have offered him a place to enjoy the sport of squirrel hunting later in the year, Ronnie seems excited to take them up on the offer.

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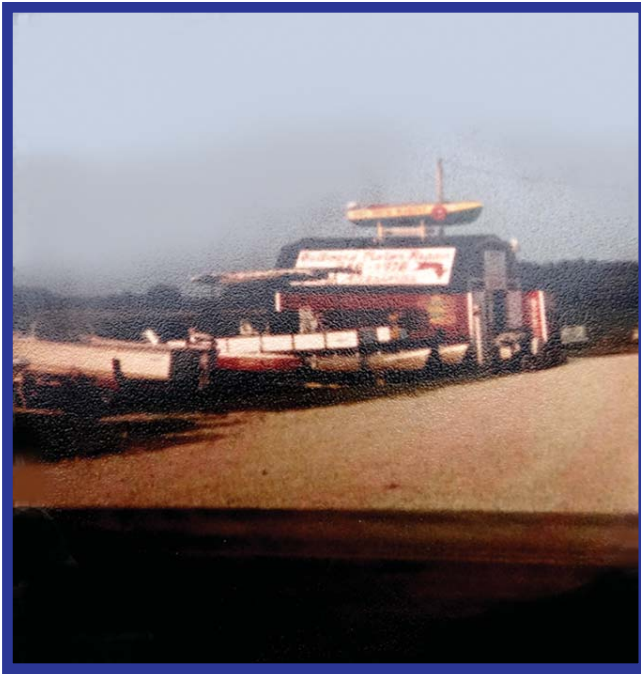
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Left Photo: Dry Dock Marina from this humble beginning (Dry Dock Photo). Right Photo: To today's 9 acre Dry Dock Marina. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

DRY DOCK MARINA

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

Dry Dock Marina is located on the east side of Prairie Creek Reservoir on Gates Road just south of Selma, Indiana. (See Directions below Prairie Creek Reservoir Map on page 9)

Dry Dock's story is well documented on the Office of the Mayor's Proclamation signed and dated on the 24th day of May 2014 shown below.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the dream for Dry Dock Marina started with the purchase of the famous Dairy World ice cream and short order restaurant, popular to visitors to Prairie Creek Reservoir; and
WHEREAS, on May 24, 1984, the property



Left to right: Chanette J. Harris (owner of Dry Dock Marina), Teresa, Cammy (Secretary), Tony, Chris Malloy (Manager), Scott, Tim and Tom. (Shane was missing) (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

was sold to Chanette J. Harris, a young lady of 23, with co-signed owners Joe and Deana Harris. After years of socializing with many boat owners, they discovered that there was a need for a motor repair shop; therefore, they built a small barn next to Dairy World and called it Dry Dock Marina. In 1986, they purchased a franchise for pontoons and motors and built a large showroom with two work bays across from Dairy World, calling it *Dry Dock Marina — Boat & Motor Sales, Service Repair and Storage*; and

WHEREAS, after the Famous Dairy World burned in 1999 leaving only the walls standing, Chanette Harris revitalized the building into a showroom for Dry Dock Marina, leaving the former showroom the opportunity to expand and offering fully equipped pontoons for rent so even a non-boat owner could enjoy the waters of Prairie Creek Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, Muncie and Delaware County are proud to recognize the efforts, experience, expansions and exceptional service that Chanette J. Harris and Dry Dock Marina have provided to boat owners and others interested in enjoying Prairie Creek Reservoir.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, the Honorable Dennis Tyler, Mayor of this great community, do hereby acknowledge and celebrate May 24, 2014 as

Dry Dock Marina Day

BY THIS ACTION let it be known that I, as Mayor of this great City of Muncie, Indiana urge all citizens to recognize the milestone that this business owner has had in our community.

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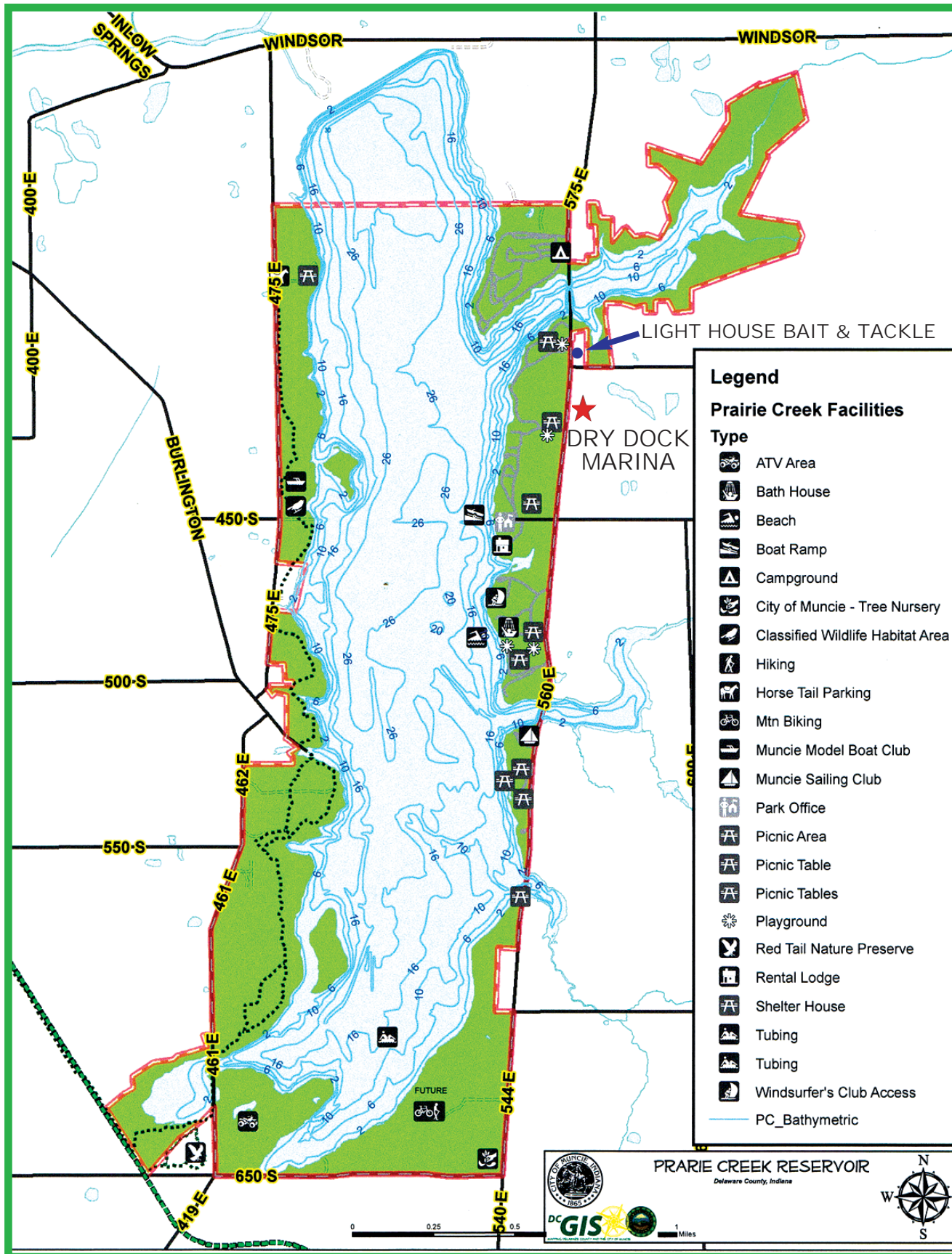
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Prairie Creek Reservoir is managed by the City of Muncie and the Muncie Park's Department. The information about Prairie Creek Reservoir I got from: <http://www.cityofmuncie.com/Department--PrairieCreekReservoir--General.htm>. Just about anything you need to know about enjoying your visit to Prairie Creek Reservoir can be found on the above website. If you have any questions or concerns call Ivan Gregory, Prairie Creek Superintendent at 765-747-4776.

Chanette told me a lot of love has been put in to the creation of Dry Dock Marina. Five years in building the business, then it was like miracle grow had been put on the business plan after that.

I've only recently took over the area that Dry Dock is located in and have found out a lot about Prairie Creek Reservoir I didn't know prior to coming here to deliver The Gad-a-bout. The first time I visited Prairie Creek to deliver papers to Dry Dock and Light House Bait & Tackle I took the wrong road and ended up on the west side of the reservoir. Needless to say I didn't find them that time. Since then I found the route to take from both the south and the north.

I've spent several days visiting Dry Dock Marina and I must say Chanette, Chris, Cammy, Teresa, Tony, Scott, Tim, Tom and Shane have all been very helpful and patient with the many questions I've asked them.

I hope that when you read about Dry Dock Marina and Prairie Creek Reservoir you will visit them this year. Before you leave home if you have a computer log onto <http://www.cityofmuncie.com/Department--PrairieCreekReservoir--General.htm>. You will find about anything you want to know about Prairie Creek Reservoir before driving there. Unlike lakes like Brookville where you just have to have a fishing license to fish from the bank, Prairie Creek Reservoir you have to have a \$3 daily or \$15 annual bank permit to fish from the bank. You can find all this information at the above website.

See the adjacent map to see on it where Dry Dock Marina is approximately located. The Red Star indicates their location. Directions to travel to Dry Dock Marina are as follows from some major cities. (Caution there is a lot of road construction in East Central Indiana to be on the safe side log onto the INDOT website for road closures, I have them listed in these directions that I know about)

From Cincinnati, Ohio take I-74 to the St. Leon Exit (SR 1) travel north to U.S. 52 (US 52 is closed currently between New Trenton and SR 1), turn left on US 52 traveling north to Brookville, stay on SR 1 north through Connorsville, across US 40 at Cambridge City (Bridge Construction at SR 1 & I-70) north across SR 38 at Hagerstown north to four-way stop at US 35, turn left onto US 35 traveling west/northwest towards Muncie, after you cross US 36 watch for the Prairie Creek Reservoir sign turn right onto South County Road 560 East (Gates Road) go north to Dry Dock Marina.

From Indianapolis take I-70 to New Castle Exit, go north on SR 3, travel north, North of US 36 watch for E County Rd 700 S on your right, turn right and stay on that road to Mt. Pleasant, turn right onto US 35, travel a short distance, watch for Prairie Creek Reservoir sign on your left and watch for S County Rd 544 E turn left on to it, it will turn into S County Rd 560 E or Gates Road travel north to Dry Dock Marina on your right.

From Fort Wayne travel south on SR 1 to Farmland turn right onto SR 32 to Selma turn left travel west onto East Jackson St, turn left onto South Albany St (S CR 625 E) (Caution narrow roads) continue south to intersection and turn right onto E CR 167 S (Caution narrow single lane iron bridge), it turns into E CR 172 S continue on south, road makes sharp left turn and you are on S CR 575 E continue south, road becomes S CR 560 E (Known as Gates Road) watch for Dry Dock Marina on your left.

Before I end this article I must tell you fishermen reading this, I'm told the fishing on Prairie Creek Reservoir has been fabulous, especially for walleye. I haven't fished for years, but I'm tempted to try my luck there.

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Bluegills are blooming

Get out the ultralight tackle, small flies and crickets or bee moth, the bluegills are comin'. Not too many weeks ago, you could scarcely find the start of bluegill bed. Now, the tell-tell honey-combed shaped indentions near the bank reveal the presence of plenty of them scattered along the shorelines of farm ponds, lakes, and reservoirs alike.

Bluegills begin to move up to shallow water from their deep winter haunts when the water temperature approaches sixty degrees Fahrenheit. While the temperatures in area lakes and reservoirs may not be there yet, it won't be long if this recent warming trend continues. In farm ponds and smaller lakes, it may be there now.

Bluegills are a great fish to introduce youngsters or new anglers to because if you time it right, they can provide fast action, leaving little time for newbies or children to get bored. Although small in stature, bluegills more than make up for it with spunk and attitude. These little fish feel like monsters on the end of ultralight or microlight tackle, or, as I referred to one exceptionally large 'gill I hooked into last week, they can feel like a "cinder block" when you set the hook.

Ways of catching them can vary, and all are fun. From floating and sinking flies to tiny topwater poppers, jigs, spinners and live bait, there are various ways to enjoy what I refer to as the "fish of summer." Who doesn't love watching a bobber or cork plunk downward as an indication of when to set the hook? Most bluegills are likely caught with a cricket, red worm or bee moth suspended under a float, but for a change of pace you can also toss live bait out and hop it or drag it across the bottom. Either method can also be employed when using artificial lures as well.

If the bluegills are not quite up in the shallows where you are fishing yet, try fishing in deeper water and putting your bait or lures a little deeper. Sometimes six to eight feet can make a huge difference. If they are spawning, you usually do not need to fish more than a foot or eighteen inches deep to catch them. Don't worry, the action is only starting to heat up and it will continue for most of the summer. Bluegills typically spawn when the water temperature is sixty-eight to seventy-five degrees, providing a lengthy window of opportunity to catch them. I often refer to the bluegill spawn as marathon, not a race.

An important thing to remember when catching



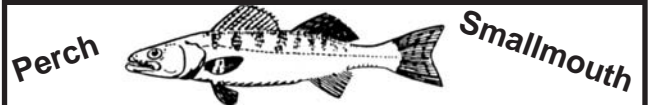
Bluegill fishing is as much of an American pastime as baseball and apple pie, and the month of June is a perfect time to catch them. These spunky little fish make up for their size with sheer fierceness and toughness. They remain one of America's greatest fish for good reason. They fight hard, eat well and are plentiful and fairly easy to catch. (Author Photos)

bluegills during the spawn is to practice conservation. Most anglers are pretty good about only catching what they can eat in one or two meals when it comes to most species of fish, but when it comes to bluegills the same principles should come also come into play. When they are spawning, they are vulnerable and easier to catch. That does not mean you should not enjoy catching them or that you cannot save a few to enjoy at the dinner table, but remember not to abuse the resource.

Another rule of thumb for keeping a mess of 'gills to eat is to not keep only the biggest ones you catch. Bluegills are a small fish so it is easy to only want to keep only the biggest ones of the bunch to filet, but by releasing some of the big slabs and keeping a mix of the medium sized ones also, you'll be doing yourself and future generations a favor by ensuring the DNA of those big 'ol slabs keeps reproducing itself.

So, as the days heat up and we get into the nest that summer has to offer, get out and go bluegill fishing and take a newcomer out with you. Just exercise some restraint when it comes to keeping some of those big 'ol knot heads.

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by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

SALMON SASHIMI?

Other than slick-talking car salesmen and pretty girls selling raffle tickets, people don't often "put one over on me" - especially, youngsters. I have nine younger brothers and sisters.

But a ten-year-old nailed me good one day after we'd been fishing. Long story shortened, we each had a freshly caught, freshly cut, small piece of salmon in hand and on the count of three, we



Freeze first, then serve, if you crave a raw fish snack. (Author Photo)

agreed we'd pop the salmon sashimi into our mouth.

One, two, three...I popped, he popped towards his mouth but purposely pitched the raw morsel over his shoulder. Then he laughed at me. I laughed too, but if he'd been one of my five younger brothers, I'd have had the last laugh.

Good golly! I could have gotten Diphyllorhynchiasis.

A friend posted on Facebook about having good day of catching salmon on Lake Michigan. He got the usual, "way to go" comments and one claiming to be jealous because the commentator wanted some salmon sushi. That prompted a follow-up comment saying "it's unwise to make sushi with freshwater fish."

I'd heard that before, but never wondered why, not being a regular consumer of raw fish other on dares from ten-year-olds. So why?

Off the top of my head, I came up with three possible reasons - toxins, germs or parasites. So I dug into the subject a bit more and what I learned revealed science, pseudo-science and a few tales originating from old wives and promulgated on Facebook.

*Toxins - I found no evidence of poisonous freshwater fish, especially the species of fish most likely to be consumed raw, such as salmon, trout, walleye or panfish. There is a toxic saltwater fish commonly eaten raw, a dish called Fugu is made from puffer fish and almost all puffers contain a toxin over a thousand times more potent than cyanide.

Almost all fish, fresh or saltwater, contain some measure of chemical contaminants which can be passed on to consumers, whether cooked or uncooked. If these concern you, follow consump-

tion guidelines.

*Germs - Bacteria and viruses don't normally exist inside fish or animal meat, whether it's a steer from a feed-lot, a carp from the River Rouge or a wicked tuna. Microbes can contaminate the surface of raw meat. The presence or absence of germs on the exterior of the sushi is determined by the handling of the fish and flesh by the fisherman and the sushi-chef. A clean freshwater filet is much better than a not-so-clean saltwater tuna steak.

*Parasites - I took a course in college called parasitology. I've for-

gotten far more than I learned, but two things stuck. One is most parasites are host specific. That's why you can eat those "pepper-flecked" panfish fillets without harm. The cysts (pepper flakes) will only pop open and grow into worm if the fish is eaten by a bird.

The other thing is many parasites have a complex life cycle involving more than one host species. The pepper-flecked fish is a fish to bird to snail back to fish cycle.

That's why I could have contracted Diphyllorhynchiasis which is the what having a tapeworm (Diphyllorhynchium latum) is called. This tapeworm has a complex life style.

Adult D. latums live in the intestines of fish-eating mammals such as mink, otters, humans and others. The eggs produced by the adult tapeworm are passed in feces, get into the water, hatch and are eaten by copepods (a type of zooplankton) which are eaten by minnows or baby fish. The larva grows in the muscle of the parasitized fish and, when eaten raw by a mammal, grows into a tapeworm.

Does this preclude ever eating uncooked Great Lakes salmon or other freshwater fish? Not in the least! Heat or cold kills the tapeworm larvae. Cooking fish until it flakes (145 degrees F.) will kill any parasites. So will freezing - most sources suggest a week or longer in a home freezer.

Cold smoking, gravlax, salting or making raw fish into ceviche doesn't necessarily kill the D. latum larvae which could be present so freeze fish for a week before making these treats, as well. Then thaw and get out the soy sauce or wasabe.

Personally, I'm not all worried about it. Do you think the next ten-year-old will dupe me again?

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

SHOULDER SLAMMING AND MUSCLE ABUSE

(For some reason most people feel like they have to work and play hard to get the most out of life. If that's true, why do hobo's seem to enjoy doing nothing more strenuous than rattling a spoon around in a bean can?)

Now that the earth has rotated far enough on its axis to expose us to sunshine and warm days, it's time to enjoy more outdoor activities, both in work and play. However, it's like taking a horse out of the barn after a winter of doing nothing but eat and sleep and entering it into a race without first giving it a little exercise. We go at it like there will be no tomorrow and today is the last chance we have to get this or that done. As of this moment I feel like I have been used as a crash test dummy or as a subject to determine the effects of using a baseball bat on the human body.

I recall one spring when a friend invited me to join him and a number of other winter weary souls to join him on his acreage for a day of shooting sporting clays and other gun powder burning mayhem. At the time I would have accepted an invitation to a chicken plucking hoedown just for the opportunity to spend some time in the great outdoors on a warm spring day. Wives and girlfriends were also invited to swoon over their heroes as they displayed their shooting skills and also to prepare the food. The ladies weren't expected to participate in the gun play because none of us wanted to risk being short sheeted by any dainty woman who knew how to handle a gun, especially those of us who couldn't hit a barn with a cannon. It was a macho thing.

The mayhem began as clay birds flew and shotguns roared. Time after time we shouldered our weapons and blasted away, and with each shot my shoulder got pounded by the recoil of the 12 gage artillery piece. After pulling the trigger 75 times I

was calling for the bird in a weak whimper, hoping the thing would shatter in the trap and save me having to shoot at it. Finally, the winners could strut and I could start making plans for a shoulder transplant. Then it was time to demonstrate our prowess with the real heavy weights. I had brought along two rifles of high powered persuasion, one of which in .270 caliber that I had fired only once before. Light weight at only 6-3/4 pounds, it had given me a classic case of raccoon eye with the reticle of the scope. As I wrestled with the decision to shoot it, vanity won over common sense as the others oohed and aahed over the custom built rifle. Gritting my teeth I aimed at a small water filled balloon hanging from a cross bar 200 yards down range and squeezed off the shot.

Wham! The nasty thing smacked my shoulder like a powerhouse blow from Mohammad Ali. "Boy, that was fun" I said through gritted teeth. "Try it again" the others said. "You missed the target but you blew a good sized hole in the hill about three feet to the left." There's a popular saying from a movie that goes, "Stupid is as stupid does", so I tried it again. And again. Each time the hole in the hill got wider and deeper as my shoulder grew numb and my hearing went south from the blasts. I know that ear protection is highly recommended, but I couldn't exhibit any weak kneed traits like ear plugs among this crowd of knuckle dragger's. "Keep it up" the others shouted. "At this rate you're bound to strike oil eventually." Finally, deaf and with a shoulder turning a colorful shade of blue/black I decided to leave oil exploration to the Arabs.

To say I'm recoil sensitive is putting it mildly. A previous experience taught me that I'm suited only for anything of .22 caliber and under, like my .17 caliber air rifle. Physically, I'm nothing but skin over bones with no meat at the shoulder to absorb heavy impacts. So when my brother showed up with a rifle in .300 Win Mag I looked at the rounds like mongooses watching a cobra. Along with the rifle was a shoulder strapped recoil pad. When I asked why he didn't love me anymore, being a former Marine Corp. D.I, he snarled "Just shoot the d—ed thing". I found out how the Japanese felt at Hiroshima. Six rounds later I was on my knees begging for mercy or to be put out of my misery. After muttering that he and I couldn't have come from the same father he calmly demonstrated how a former leatherneck handles heavy caliber firearms while I sat off to one side sucking my thumb. Needless to say, the heaviest rifle I have today is a .30-.30 lever action that I bring out and hold on my lap while watching re-runs of old John Wayne westerns. Kind'a makes me feel like a real knuckle dragger as long as I don't have to pull the trigger on the thing. ■



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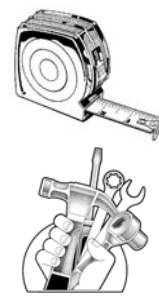
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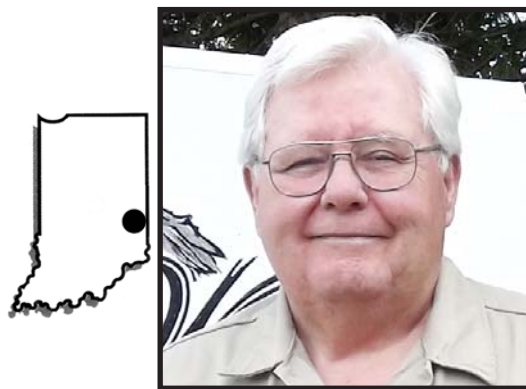
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Random Notes on Guns



by Marshall Smith
 Retired LEO, NRA Life Member, Gunsmith

to 40 years ago. About 8 years ago I got the old barrel out and with my brand new (at that time) hydrolic barrel dent remover, removed the dent and reblued the barrels. Its been setting in the safe since along with the parts in a stainless steel bowl and some plastic baggies. So, over the next few issues I will have some updates as I inlet and fit a new stock on the old Ithaca and restore it to as near new as I can.

I'll continue to have notes on Gunsmithing projects and repairs. I love the old guns and enjoy bring them back to life. I hope to have many good articles on the old guns. I'll be glad to answer any questions the readers may have and plan to have some reviews of new products being offered to the Gun Sports Community.

I'll also continue my watch on the Gun Control crowd and the progress of Constitutional Carry in Indiana. If you haven't noticed the election of Donald Trump to President of the United States of America hasn't slowed the anti-gun groups like Bloomberg's groups one bit. Bloomberg is dumping more cash into small local groups trying to get towns and cities to pass ordinances against gun possession and carry laws. He is supposedly going to dump \$25 million into campaigns to elect more anti-gun politicians and to fight the National Reciprocity effort going on now. It looks like he hopes to flood the country with these small town ordinances and and corrupt anti-gun politicians and try to bankrupt the gun owners groups fighting these unconstitutional ordinances and fascist attempts to change our constitutional government. We will keep watch and keep you informed.

Quote of the Month

"The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."
 - Samuel Adams

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

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Random Notes from Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

I want to apologize to my readers as I haven't been able to submit any articles since the February issue of "The Gad-a-bout". I had another joint replacement surgery at the end of February and have been recuperating since. I had a total reverse shoulder joint replacement done. I still have a lot of difficulty using my right arm and shoulder. At this point in the recovery I should be able to use the arm and shoulder more but it is not progressing as quickly as I had hoped, nor as the doctor had expected. Of course the usual recovery period is 6 to 12 months, I'm told. I expected this old man to be back up and running in 6 to 8 weeks. Well that ain't going to happen. However, I am back in my shop doing some work, slowly.

With this coming back article I thought I would outline some of the things I intend to have notes on in the coming articles of the Random Notes from PWGR. I have this old shotgun, an Ithaca field grade 12 ga double I acquired over 40 years ago. The stock ears behind the receiver were broken off and gone, the the left barrel had a large dent about halfway from the muzzle to the chamber having being caught in a car door. It had some rust issues which I took care of back then and decided to restore the double. I completely disassembled the gun, made a couple of attempts to fix the old stock but gave up as it was to far gone and began looking for a new stock. Well, that was 35

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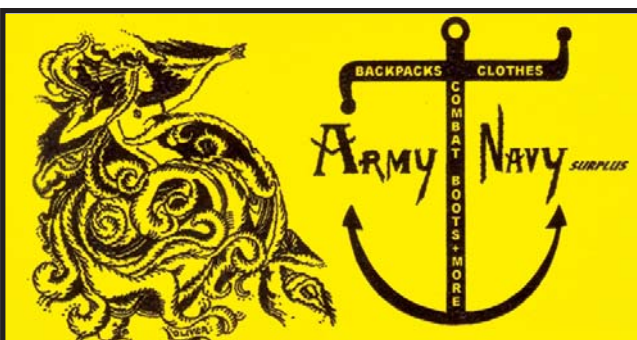
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Night-Glow Hot Air Balloons - 9 -10PM

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"the church" service - 11 AM - Free Stage Little
Miss & Mister Contest - 2 PM @ Free Stage
Bluegrass & Gospel - 3 PM - 8 PM @ Free
Stage Moto Cross Racing - 5 PM
Horse Pull - 7 PM - FREE Admission

Monday, June 19

Car Show - 5 PM - Kuhlman Center Parking Lot
Drag Racing - 7 PM
Cook and Belle - 7 & 8:30 pm @ Free Stage

Tuesday, June 20

Hoosier State Tractor Pull - 7 PM
Christine Nicole - 7:30 PM @ Free Stage
Silly Safaris - 5:30 & 7:30 PM @ First Bank Tent

Wednesday, June 21

Kicks 96 Lip Sync Challenge - 6 PM @ Free Stage
Truck / Tractor Pull - 7 PM

Thursday, June 22

Kids Day - 12 Noon to 4:30 - Armband Special - \$12
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Silly Safaris - 5:30 & 7:30 PM @ First Bank Tent
Gil Puckett & Bryan Baker Show - 7 PM & 8:30 PM @ Free Stage

Friday, June 23

4-H Livestock Sale of Champions Auction - 11 AM
Sean Lamb - 7:30 PM @ Free Stage
Mud Bog - 7 PM

Saturday, June 24

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Saturday, June 10

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Friday, June 16

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Sunday June 18

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10 AM Color Guard Grand Entry - 4-H Horse & Pony - English Show
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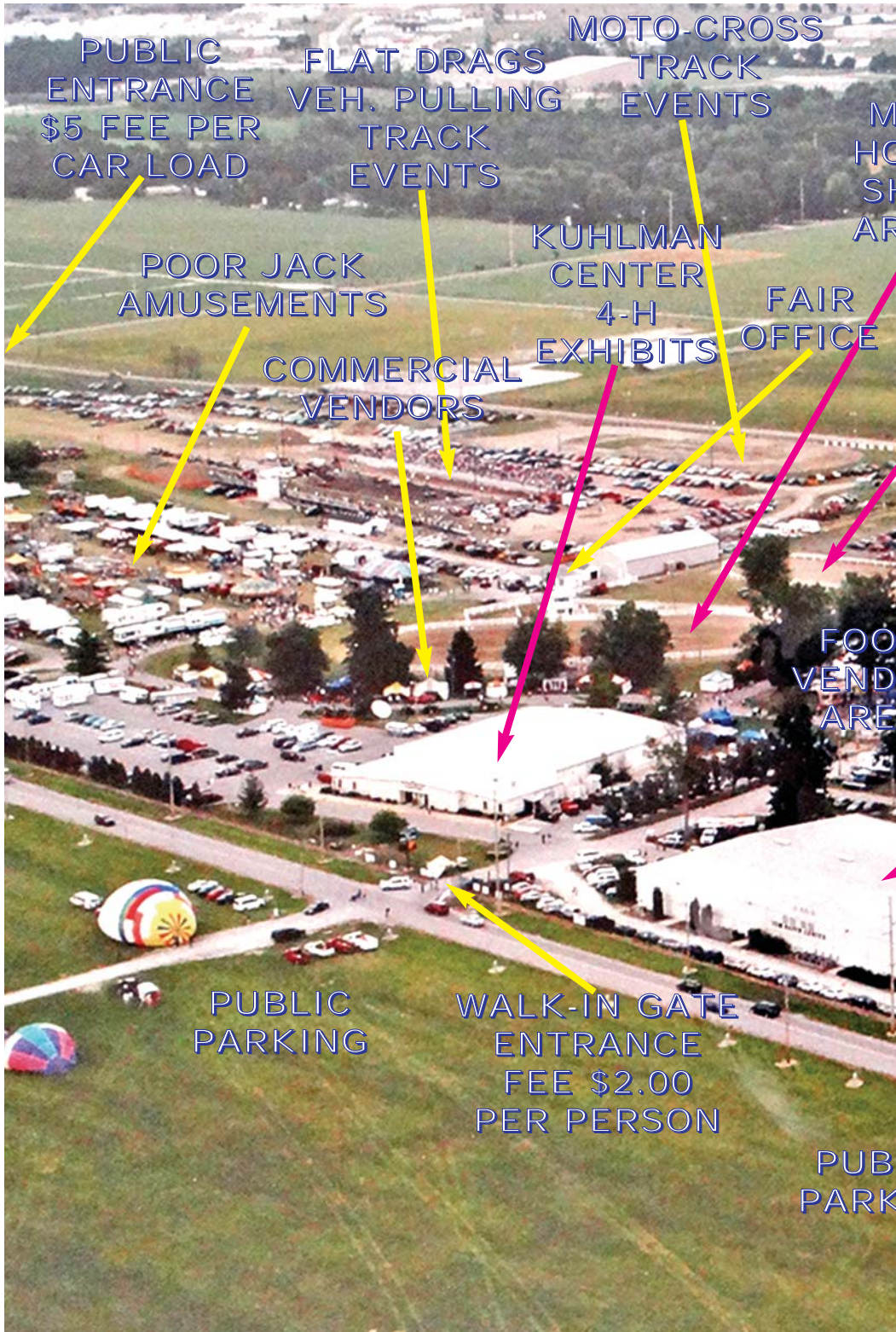


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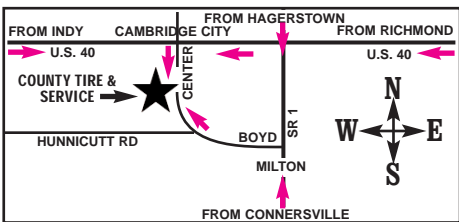
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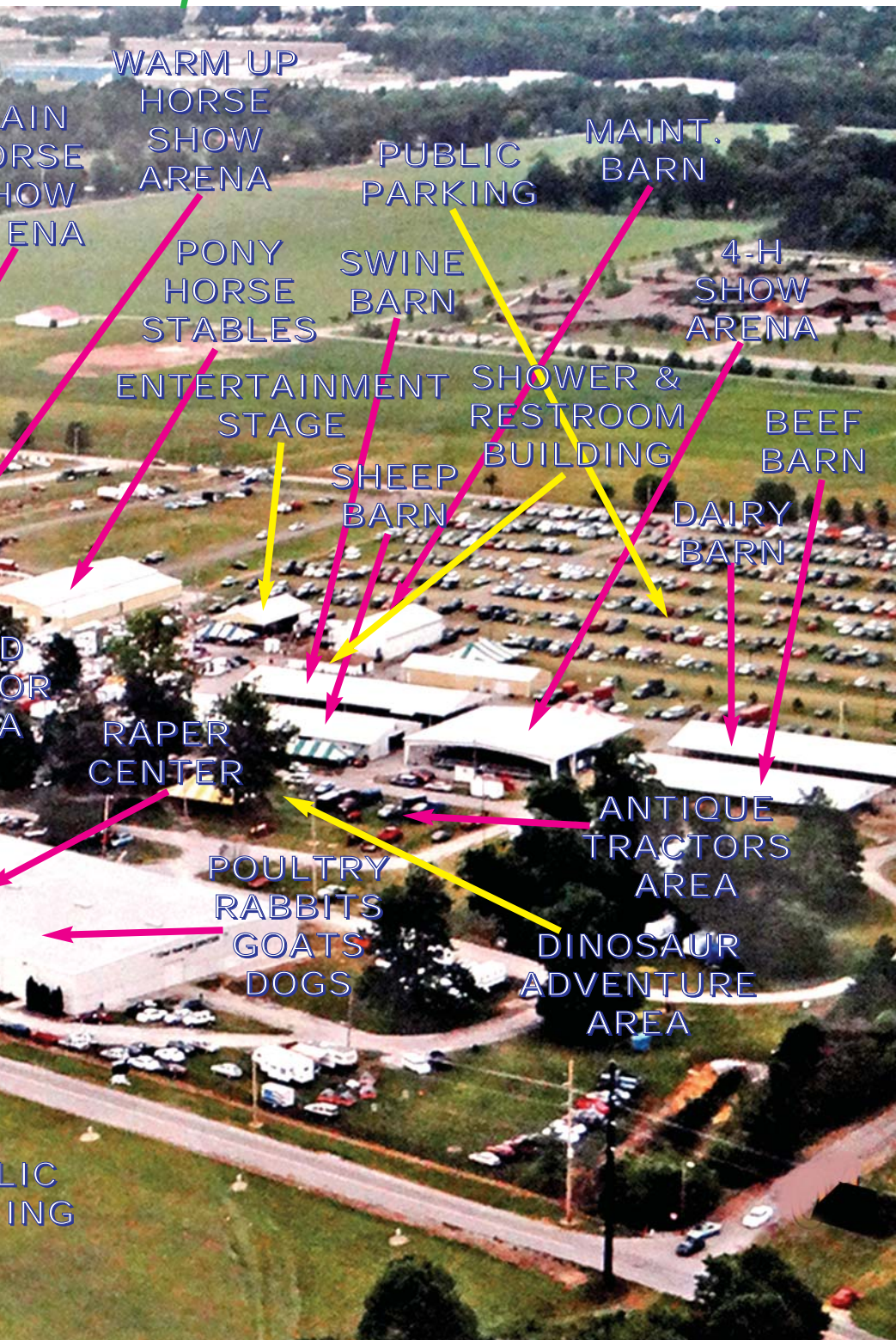
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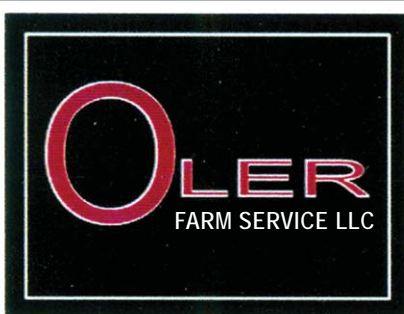
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- 5:30 PM 4-H Horse & Pony Show - Special Skills
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- 9 AM 4-H Pet Show - Kuhlman Center
- 9 AM 4-H Cat Show - Kuhlman Center
- 9 AM - 9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center
- 9:30 AM 4-H Goat Show - Meat Wether's & Meat Goats - Showmanship Dairy Wether, Jr. & Sr. Dairy Doe, and Jr. & Sr. Pygmy Goat Show - Raper Center
- 10 AM & 2 PM Demonstration Workshop with Living Statue Mark Abbati - First Bank Tent
- 12 PM 4-H Beef Show - Grooming, Showmanship, Minis, and Heifers (Show Order)
- 4 PM Mime School with Mark Abbati - Registration Required sandyhouse1@yahoo.com - Grades 5 and above
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- 3 PM 4-H Horse & Pony - Fun & Games
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- 5:30 PM Silly Safari (Animal Show) - First Bank Tent
- 6 PM Supreme Showman - Horse Arena Opening Ceremony, Then completed in Livestock Show Arena
- 6 PM Antique Tractor Parade, Games & Ham & Bean Supper - Antique Tractor Area
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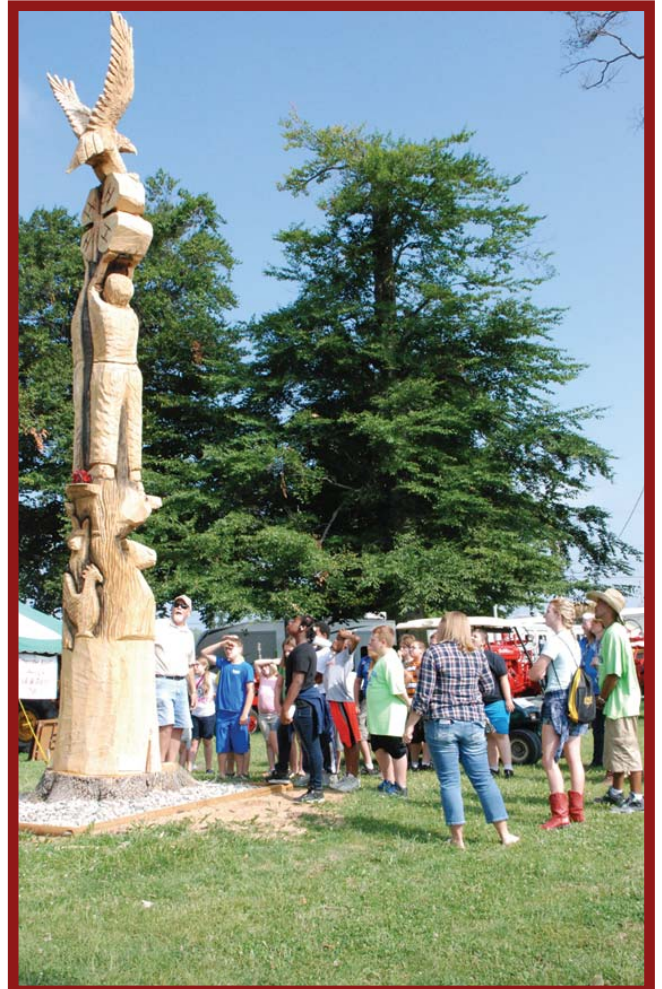
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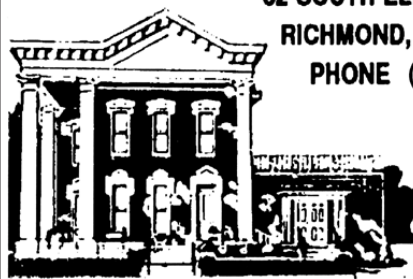
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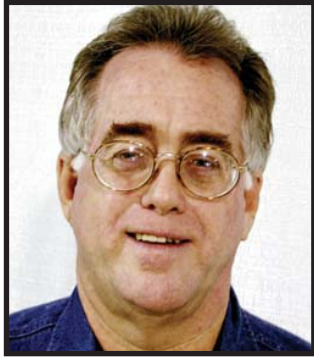


DNR biologist Jed Pearson holding trapped musky from Kuhn Lake, one of the lakes in the Barbee chain. (IDNR PHOTO)



Jed Pearson, DNR biologist holding a 28" walleye caught last month on Jones Lake. (IDNR PHOTO)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Update on Musky Stocking

As this issue of *The Gad-a-bout* is getting ready to go to press, Department of Natural Resources biologists should be finishing up their spring stocking of young muskies in Indiana waters. This process should have occurred the week of May 8th.

Hopefully, all of you read my story last month in this publication about biologists trapping muskies on Lake Webster to obtain eggs to raise fingerlings for stocking in the future. If you missed that article, go to www.thegadabout.com and look in the May issue. Go to page 20 under "DNR Working to Increase Musky Population"

IDNR began stocking muskies in the 5,260 acre Brookville Reservoir back in 1974. While I have never fished Brookville for these fish, I have heard

of numerous large muskies taken there. Seven years later, in 1981, they began stocking fingerlings in Lake Webster, a 774 acre water in Kosciusko County in northern Indiana. Fifteen years later, Webster was a hotpot for musky, drawing anglers from all over the Midwest.

For a variety of reasons, the musky population declined in the last decade. In the spring of 2016, DNR biologists were unable to reach the quota of 15-20 "ripe" females from Lake Webster to secure enough eggs for their stocking program. They obtained additional females from James Lake.

Fortunately, the population in Webster is recovering and the biologists were able to trap enough fish from Lake Webster this spring to get the 11 quarts of eggs (about 500,000) necessary to produce the fingerlings required for stocking 13 Indiana waters. Two of the females were 45 inches long. This year, all of the released youngsters will be tagged allowing biologists to recover a lot of information on success. The fish released this spring will be one year old and about 12 inches long. Another group will be released this fall and will be smaller. Muskie stockings are necessary because few muskie eggs and newly hatched fry can survive in the wild.

In April of this year, 88 muskies were trapped in nets set over an eight-day period on Lake Webster. Fifty were adult males and 24 were adult females. The rest were juvenile fish. Twenty seven muskies less than 30 inches long were captured during the trapping operation. Biologists were well pleased with this number as it indicates the population in Lake Webster is recovering. Biologist Jed Pearson

told me the foot long fish released last year and trapped this year had increased from 12 inches to 20 inches. He said that was the highest number of young muskies caught in 10 years.

Webster is not the only lake in Kosciusko County receiving the young fish. The lakes in the Barbee Chain and Tippecanoe Lake also get a total of over 5,000 fingerlings. Various pits, lakes, and reservoirs in Indiana will also benefit from the stocking program. Bass and Duck lakes in Sullivan County, Bluegrass pit and Loon pit in Warrick

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A couple of Purdue students from a few years ago helping with measuring and sexing of muskies caught during egg taking process. (IDNR PHOTO)

County, Brookville Reservoir in Franklin/Union County, Bruce Lake in Pulaski County, Eagle Creek Reservoir in Marion County, Everett Lake in Allen County, Plover/Sandpiper pit in

per acre, and the rest get 5 fish per acre. While this may not seem like a lot of fish, if these were all to reach 40-50 inches, the lakes would be overrun by big muskies.

Another DNR press release I received in early May indicates there will be a muskie program soon in Greene-Sullivan State Forest to evaluate the population in Bass and Duck lakes. Anglers may encounter a DNR employee asking questions about their fishing experience and what species they caught. This survey actually began in April and will run through October of this year. This is being done to determine how the muskie stocking program in these lakes is progressing.

The creel survey will identify what types of fish are being targeted, how many fish are being taken, what anglers think about the muskie program, how many fishing trips to the area were taken and more. The survey will also measure any fish the anglers presently have in their possession.

Previous sampling in 2016 accounted for 29 muskies ranging in length from 33 to just over 45 inches long in Bass Lake and two muskies at 32 and 36 inches in Duck Lake. A DNR fish-community survey using electrofishing, gill nets, and trap nets will be conducted in these two lakes in June of this year. This will give an overall view of how the



Tom Meyer, assistant manager of the Fawn River Hatchery, stripping eggs from a female musky. (DNR Photo)

Bartholomew County, and Skinner Lake in Noble County will also receive the young muskies from the DNR stocking program.

The total number of fingerlings scheduled to be stocked in the above waters is almost 21,000. Brookville, Eagle Creek, and Tippecanoe will receive 1 fish per acre, Webster will get 4

fishery is doing.

Hopefully, all of this effort by DNR biologists will restore Lake Webster to its former musky glory. While the last decade showed a decline of the population in Webster, the last couple years show numbers and size on the increase. Three of our last four trips for musky in Lake Webster and surrounding waters have resulted in keeper size muskie. Of course, after a few quick pictures, they were released so others can enjoy catching these great fighters.

We are already planning our trip this year with Gary Enos of Gary's Muskie Experience. You can schedule your own trip with him at www.garysmuskieexp.com or calling 574-275-1885. I would also like to thank DNR biologist Jed Pearson for many of the facts and photos in this story.

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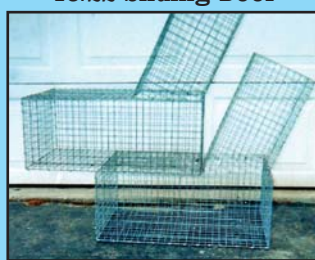
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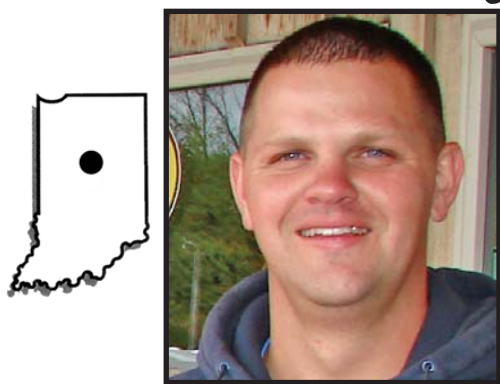
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Left Photo: This is the view from Dora Boat Ramp at the Salamonie Reservoir on May 9th. The large amounts of rain we received has brought the lake level to well above 20 feet over summer pool. Right Photo: This is the view standing on the Dam road overlooking the Salamonie Reservoir. The current lake level as of May 8th was 20 feet over summer pool. Hopefully the rain lets up and the lakes will be able to return to their normal summer pool lake levels. (Author Photo)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Happenings from the Great Lakes of the Wabash

As we approach Memorial Day Weekend which signifies the official start of the 2017 camping season here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash, we are dealing with conditions eerily similar to two years ago when we were dealt an abundance of rain which resulted in flood like conditions. As of May 8th, the Salamonie Reservoir sits 21 feet over summer pool, the Mississinewa Reservoir is 23 feet over summer pool and Huntington Lake is 38 feet over summer pool levels. As one could tell, conditions are not looking very promising with the anticipation of the heavy traffic that is expected at these properties over the coming weeks and into the always busy Memorial Day weekend. Now, we need to cross our fingers and hope the rain subsides and allows lake levels to go back to their summer pool levels and allow everyone the opportunity to do the things we all love doing here at these recreational properties.

Although we have been dampened by rain over the previous few weeks, those conditions weren't enough to keep outdoorsmen dormant as we have seen numerous people out mushroom and turkey hunting, fishing, camping, and horseback riding. People have shown up in droves to these properties hunting the ever popular morel mushroom. I was fortunate to round up my kids and venture into the woods and come walking away with over 140 mushrooms on a day in mid-April. If you have followed my stories from previous years then you know how anxious my kids are this time of year to get in the woods and start hunting "the big yellows"! It thrills me knowing my kids have the same passion and desire to get outside and do a lot of the things I use to do as a kid. With that being said, when I get home from a long day at work and all I want to do is shower and relax it gives me an extra bounce in my step knowing my kids are the ones begging me to get up and take them mushroom hunting. I would highly encourage all parents to take notice and embrace your kids desire to put the electronics down and be outside enjoying



This is my son, Cade Pershing, showing off one of his big yellows he found. If you look in the background you can see he still has some work to do! (Author Photo)



This is my 3 children, (Rayli, Hali, and Cade Pershing) proudly showing off their 140 mushrooms they found on April 17th. (Author Photo)

all the wonderful things nature provides us.

Even though our three lakes are battling flood conditions don't let that stop you from participating in the upcoming events scheduled by the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center. Events happening on the Salamonie Lake begin Wednesday, May 24th with a program for preschoolers called Flowers and Bees - How they need each other. This program will help teach you and your preschooler how bees and flowers work together, observe bees pollinating flowers, work on a craft and then finish with a hike. Time of program is from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and advanced registration is requested with a cost of \$2 per child with a free adult. The annual Youth and Family Fishing Derby will take place on both the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs on Saturday, June 3rd. Sign in begins at 8:30 a.m. you then fish from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Awards will be handed out around 11:00 a.m. There is no charge to participate so bring your

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adventure from Lost Bridge West boat ramp. Another event on June 10th is the Miami Harvest Project Plant Hike which takes place at 10:00 a.m. You are invited to wander the trails at Salamonie Lake with Miami Plant Tradition Bearer Dani Tippmann. You will get the opportunity to learn the names of plants and their Native American uses.

Mississinewa Lake hosts a Willow Trivet Weaving Workshop on Friday, June 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Instructor Viki Graber, a fourth generation willow basket maker, will work with you as you get the opportunity to create and take home a hand crafted piece of art. Cost is \$25 and includes all materials needed for your craft as well as a light meal. This session is limited to 10 participants so get your spot reserved quickly. On Saturday, June 3rd Viki Graber returns to host "Willow Bread Basket Weaving Workshop" from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This session will be limited to 6 participants and the cost is \$95. Along with these workshops, Mississinewa Reservoir will also host their annual Youth and Family Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 3rd as mentioned previously. For more information or to sign up you can contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at (260) 468-2127.

For all you fishermen out there I have a few dates you will want to mark on your calendars. Weather permitting there are a few crappie tournaments upcoming on the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. The first date to mark on your calendar is the Indiana Slab Masters 2 day tournament on June 3rd and 4th. For this tournament you will fish one day on the Salamonie and the other on the Mississinewa Reservoirs. This will count for 2 of the 4 tournaments needed to be allowed to fish in the season ending classic. For more information on this club and their tournaments you can visit www.indianaslabmasters.com. Another date to mark is Saturday, June 10th as we will be hosting our 2nd of 4 Bozarth crappie tournaments. For more details and information contact us at (765) 981-4522. In closing, I would like to encourage you to make the trip and visit us here at Bozarth's Country Store, a place you will find everything you need as well as a food menu to satisfy your appetite. ■



Bill Keaton

Fishing Cagles Mill Lake

by Bill Keaton

Most of us know what the Indiana DNR calls Cagles Mill Lake as Cataract Lake. Cataract Lake is located on the border of Owen and Putnam Counties near Cataract, Indiana in the Lieber State Recreation Area. It was created in 1953 by the Army Corps of Engineers with the construction of an earthen dam as a flood control reservoir protecting the Eel and White River watersheds. The lake is approximately 1,400 acres of water.

On April 23, 2017, I had the pleasure of fishing Cataract Lake with pro Crappie fisherman, Walter Moore in conjunction with the H.O.W. annual meeting. At 7:30 a.m. we met at the Cunot Ramp located just off State Road 42. One of Walter's main sponsors is Nothead Tackle which makes a very effective feather jig for Crappies.

The day we fished the weather was less than favorable. It was a cool morning in the low 50's which would have been quite tolerable if it weren't for the steady 25 m.p.h. east wind with gusts to 35 m.p.h. Fortunately, I put on my Lake Michigan rain gear before leaving the dock which was the only thing that kept me from being very cold. It was fairly sheltered from the wind at the launching ramp, so the temperature was deceiving. Walter didn't take his wind breaker, and spent a good part of the morning shivering, but he never complained or asked to stop early.

Crappie was not a fish that I had ever targeted, so I learned a lot about methods used to target Crappies, and the habitat favored by Crappies. This morning, Walter used the Spider Rig method. Using this method, we slowly pushed our 1/8 ounce jigs tipped with minnows or Berkley Crappie Bits in front of the boat. The target speed was about .3 m.p.h., but we found that very difficult to maintain due to the strong winds. The wind was too strong to wind drift, so Walter ended up dragging a big log chain to slow us down. We used very limber 14' Crappie poles which were dangled in front of the

boat with six rod holders (3 per person). Walter's boat was rigged for this type of fishing with double seats in the front of the boat and 3 rod holders located in front of each seat. We fished at varying depths from about 4' to 8'. Each pole was rigged with a 1/2 ounce bell sinker at the bottom of the line with one line coming off about a foot above the weight with a 3-position swivel. This line was about 12"-18" long with a Nothead jig tipped with a minnow or Crappie Bit attached at the end of it. 12"-18" above this line was a second line rigged the same way. This setup with six poles fanned out in front of the boat proved to be very effective at locating and catching Crappies.

Although we didn't catch any really big Crappies and the wind made fishing on the lake very challenging, we had a great time; and I got to know a really great fellow who I can now call my friend. After all, isn't that what fishing is really about?

Bill Keaton ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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put on the Trail of Courage Living History Festival in Rochester, Indiana each year. This year will be the 42nd Annual festival.

Shortly after Shirley's Potawatomi "Trail of Death March" story appeared in The Gad-a-bout I asked if she might want to write a column in my paper sometime.

See her photo in her Potawatomi Indian attire below. Read her column entitled, "News of Native American Indians in Indiana" beginning on page 27 and continued on page 28. This was a last minute opportunity with the June issue going to the printer tomorrow.

That's about it for the June issue. ■



Shirley Willard wears Potawatomi regalia copied from George Winter's painting of Mas-saw, chieftess at Kewanna, Indiana, in 1837.

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by Glenn Kelsey



Doug Ferguson

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Normally I write about archery, hunting or technology in the outdoor industry. By the time you read this we will be out of Wild Turkey Season and I wanted to share this.

A little story about a good friend of mine. Back in high school a few of us guys played music in our local rock band to make a little money and have a lot of fun. We had a good time doing this for many charity occasions and occasionally we would get paid for our talent. By starting young this activity kept all of us out of mischief. We were focused on creating our fame in the entertainment world. Things worked out for us as we performed an entire summer at the UC campus venues in Cincinnati.

As time went on some of the guys went on to college, a few got drafted, went to Vietnam to serve our country. Others got jobs, married and started their families. Needless to say we all split up for a time and we did our thing.

We were mostly of German or Irish heritage. We had mechanical and artistic skill set built into our DNA. One was a Mechanical Engineer, One became a brewmaster winning several Cincinnati awards. The others being Machinist / Engineer of tool trade. I trained to become a Goldsmith / Gemologist, none



Left Photo: The raw guitar body from a back view with routed insets for volume controls. Right Photo: The guitar body glued together ready for assembly. (Author Photos)

of us became Professional Musicians.

Every Spring Doug Ferguson and I would pair up with our wives for a golf weekend. We usually set up in Nashville Indiana at Salt Creek Golf Resort. This year we are trying to make the "Bean Blossom Festival" a bluegrass party time in a little town just north of Lil Nashville, Indiana. This event draws musicians from all over the Hoosier State. It will begin sometime in early June 10-17, 2017 at the Bill Monroe Music Park and Campground. We enjoy the Pickin' and Grinin' of the Bluegrass Music Artists.

Doug Ferguson, being a Manager of Manufacturing Engineering for a local firm in Cincinnati, has always amazed me with his skills and handy work. He came to me with an idea of his. Doug needed a new hobby to keep him busy.

He showed me a picture of a couple pieces of wood leaning up against a table saw in his shop. He asked me if I knew what I was looking at? I did realize that they looked like some handles from a garden tool or something. He went on to say that I was looking at an old wheelbarrow handle from a gift that his past father-in-law gave him. The best estimation of the tools age was 60 years old. Given to him back in 1975. He has been using it ever since. Now it needed some new handles so he thought what a shame to waste those vintage treasures. He had a vision of recycling the old handles. "What if" I could extend the life of this resource?

Ferguson said, "When I first started, I was building store bought guitar kits of natural wood replicas. Assembling, sanding, shaping, installing hardware and applying the final cote finishes on them." Then he wanted something more. A bit more personalized product. More passion and character.

He sent me a few images and I wanted to share the pictures from the start to the present state as he creates some magic from old pieces of wood. The pictures in the article illustrate some of his work. I may show a few of his original Fine Finish Collections as well.

The picture in grey wood is the layered sections of wheelbarrow handles ripped down and glued together. Sanded and shape to his model pattern was the start. Then the pickup holes and necessary other cutouts have been routed out of the solid body block of wood. He will install and attach the neck, metal frets, strings, pickups and tuning keys in the future weeks to come. The limited pictures you see gives you the idea. You can imagine the finished product quite a fantastic evolution from a couple pieces of old wood.

Doug replaced the wood handles on the old wheelbarrow and He is still using the antique tool today. It just goes to show. Have imagination and a dream of what can come about from things old and new. It's good focus for the brain to think and create the "What If Question" that we all come across now and then. WHATS YOUR DREAM? ■

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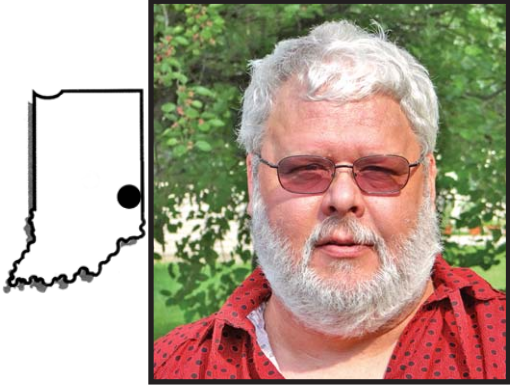
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Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

TRAPPER CLASS ACT

The first Trappers Education Class of the year, that the ISTA is involved with is May 20 & 21, 2017 at the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy Home Camp located at 8577 E. 300 S. (Hancock County), Carthage, IN 46115. You need to get signed up through the www.PassItOnIndiana.com website that redirects you to the INDNR website. Space is limited, so get signed up today. Lunches are provided and once again you may camp out over night if you wish. Please leave your alcohol and firearms at home.

In April, the trapping community lost a CLASS ACT and great supporter with the sudden passing of Tim Julien. Tim was a disabled Army Veteran, who ran a Nuisance Wildlife Control business, sold trapping Lures, and was very involved in the Fur takers of America (FTA), teaching trapper education classes as well as having been an instructor at the FTA Fur College for many years. I went through this Fur College in 2012 and Tim was one of my instructors. My group concentrated on coyote, bobcats, and other canines. Now I have been trapping for over 40 years, off and on, but I am always amazed at what one may learn, by watching how someone else does it. Tim showed us a lot of new ideas, and had lure samples from his ProLine Lures Company.

Tim had this big Hancock Beaver trap that he brought along as part of the general demonstrations for the class. It was huge, made of a metal frame, covered with chain link mesh, and having some pretty strong springs that closed the trap around a beaver and held it alive, as long as it was above the water line. Tim emphasized the need to keep enough of the trap above the water line so that the beaver did not drown accidentally and yet to be far enough into the water so that the beaver would get caught. Solidly anchoring the trap was very important so that the beaver didn't drag it into deeper water and drown. I watched as Tim set this Hancock Beaver trap on dry land. He showed us how to use a long piece of a 2"x4" to prop the trap open as he got the bait set right and explained the operation of the trap. I was just sure that he was going to end up inside of it, but he got her done, without becoming a catch.



Pictured here is the late Tim Julien teaching a trapper education class. Tim had been an instructor at the FTA Fur College for many years. I went through the FTA Fur College in 2012 and Tim was one of my instructors. (Author Photo)

Tim helped me refine my dirt hole set for canines, coyote and fox. It is said that more canines are taken in a dirt hole set than all of the other sets combined. In the construction of a dirt hole set, you basically create a hole back into the ground at a 45 degree angle, so that for the target animal to see down the hole, they have to stand in front of it. Bait and scents are placed in and around the hole to focus the target's attention on the hole. Small stones and sticks may be laid about the set to help

the trap pretty close to the hole. Tim figured that the coyote would stand behind the mound and look over it, to view down the hole. He wanted the set made pretty flat, with the trap pan back nine (9") inches and offset three (3") from the lip of the hole. Since he has caught a lot more coyotes than I have, or ever will, I deferred to his opinion.

A new set that was shown to me during that Fur College was a Trench Set. Basically you cut a trench in the ground the width of your full size shovel and a couple of inches deep. At either end, you burrow a small hole so that it looks like you have uncovered a small vole or mouse tunnel. Guess you could make it a little larger to mimic a mole. You then churn up the soil in the trench some, softening it up, but leaving it flat. Scent(s) and / or bait(s) go in the holes, and you place traps where you think a target will step in the trench, but basically in front of the holes, maybe offset some, and maybe in the middle of the trench. Mock up one of these sets during the summer months, and watch the sign accumulate. It is completely fascinating to see how the various animals check this trench out, and they will show you where to place your traps.

I am going to miss Tim Julien. I am going to miss his humor and his knowledge. I always looked forward to seeing him at a convention, a Trappers Education class, or at a meeting with the DNR. He was always there, everywhere, and I can feel him looking over my shoulder now.

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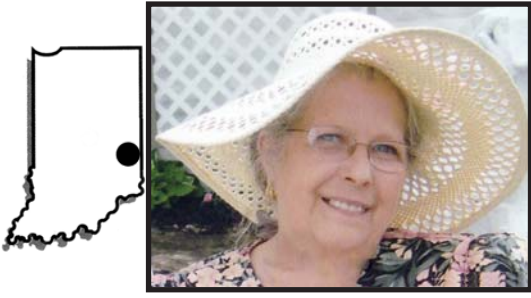




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guide the placement of the target's foot. After that, the variations become limitless. Smaller holes to bring fox closer looking for the mouse or vole that allegedly created them, and larger holes for more visual attraction in barren areas that coyotes might just otherwise roam through. Whatever you do, keep the mound in front of the hole down, so you do not "close the front door" as Tim used to say. I guess I had a bad habit of making the dirt hole look like it was dug by a ground hog set on making a large mound to sit on to view the world. I placed

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by **Donna Schroeder**

President of Fayette County Tourism Bureau

I've had an interesting few days

Last week, I was honored to be a presenter at the high school's Senior Scholarship Night. Thousands of dollars were awarded that night through the generosity of organizations and individuals.

On Saturday, I went to three plant sales in Connersville. I started at the Fayette Garden Club's annual perennial sale at Roberts Park and picked up some new varieties of lilies and such. Over in the adjacent 14 acres, the Kiwanis Club was hosting its annual pancake breakfast.

Then, it was on to the high school where the students were selling the annuals and vegetables they grew in the greenhouse. There was a great selection, and the kids were so nice and helpful. I got the royal treatment, and they knew everything about their products!

Finally, it was on to the Central Christian Church plant sale, with a variety of annuals and perennials. I rounded out my plant needs while I was there.

I spent a good part of today with the 3rd grade classes from one of our elementary schools. They visited the Canal House, Fayette County Historical Museum, City Cemetery, and our 1870 Hose House – one of Connersville's first fire companies. It's the only one of three still standing.

When I was finished with my day, I reflected on all of the places I've been and the people I've seen. The adults who organize the plant sales are people who always give back to the community, as do the Kiwanis Club members. Much of the scholarship money comes from various fund raisers. The money earned at the high school goes back into the agricultural program.

The Fayette Garden Club also cares for the garden at the Miller Building at the Roberts Park and the downtown planters.

In a world where we are bombarded with bad news, it's a nice change to see people who volunteer their time and talents to make their community better. It's comforting to see young people who are ready to go out in the world and further their education. It's encouraging to meet forty youngsters who are interested in the history of our county. It lets me hope that some of those students will become the volunteers of the future.

On the Saturday before Mothers Day, the Master Gardeners will have their Spring Fling at Roberts Park with plants, workshops, and crafters.

All these garden related events will be over by the time you read this, but I heartily recommend that you make a note now to be here next year! But – there's more to do in Fabulous Fayette County!

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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 I

Many people in northern Indiana planned a special event, Indiana Indian Day, to apologize to the Native American Indians. These people included Mennonites, Catholics and other churches, county historians, museums and schools. There were 14 tribes native to Indiana but most of them left because of the push by white settlers taking over. Two tribes were driven out at gunpoint: the Potawatomi and the Miami. Members of both tribes attended Indiana Indian Day to accept the apology. Most of them have some white ancestors too, as there are very few people who are 100 percent one ancestry.

It started with Adam Friesen Miller, fourth grade teacher at Goshen's Bethany Christian (Mennonite) School, and Shirley Willard, Rochester, who serves as Fulton County Historian, appointed by Indiana Historical Society in 1981. They met at Chief Menominee statue during a school trip and found that both thought Indiana should apologize for its forcing its Native American Indians to leave Indiana. They met a month later to make plans for an event to gather people who also wanted Indiana to apologize. They selected Earth Day, April 22 as a day to apologize and called it Indiana Indian Day.

Willard applied to Governor Holcomb for an apology to the Indians for the state government driving the Indians out of Indiana – "Land of the Indians." The governor did not issue an apology even though there are several other states, including Kansas, that have already apologized to its natives. Even the U.S. Congress apologized in 2010.

But whether he apologized or not, Hoosiers apologized. "If something needs to be done, don't wait on the government – do it yourself," is Willard's motto. She has spearheaded in the last 30 years the erecting of over 80 historical markers on the 660 mile Potawatomi Trail of Death from Indiana to Kansas. Over 30 markers were done by Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts with her help and guidance.

The apology program was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1310 Main Street, Rochester, beginning at 2 p.m. April 22. Because the Potawatomi were marched at gunpoint down Rochester's Main Street Sept. 5, 1838, Father Mike McKinney blessed Main Street with Holy Water and reclaimed the land for peace. The program then moved inside the church. Friesen Miller's fourth graders performed a skit of children on the Trail of Death. A jar of water from the



Brian Buchanan, tribal chief of Miami Indians of Indiana, Peru, Indiana; Erin and Tracy Locke, Citizen Potawatomi, Lafayette, Indiana; Bob Pearl and daughter Janet Pearl, Parma Heights, Ohio, Citizen Potawatomi; Shirley Willard, Rochester, Indiana, leading the reading of the Apology from Indiana Citizens to Native American Indians for being forced to leave Indiana. (Author Photo)

Tippecanoe River illustrated what they had to drink. The 42 deaths in 1838 were a result of bad water which spread typhoid fever. Rochester housewives gave the Potawatomi hoecakes to eat on their journey. Friesen Miller brought hoecakes for people to sample. Ten people told of their experiences and apologized for Indiana.

Willard got involved with the Potawatomi Trail of Death in 1988, the 150th anniversary of the 1838 forced removal from Indiana to Kansas. She saw a letter in HowNiKan, the tribal newspaper of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee, Oklahoma. This is the band of Potawatomi that were forced to leave Indiana on the Trail of Death. The letter was from George Godfrey, CPN member, who thought something should be done to commemorate the Trail of Death. Up until then, it was considered a shame and seldom spoken of. Godfrey and Willard organized commemorative caravans every five years to travel the 660 mile Trail of Death across Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas. See www.potawatomi-tda.org for photos of 80 historical markers, 1838 diary, history of Father Petit and St. Phillipine Duchesne, maps, etc.

Many people have been meeting to share their concerns about the high suicide rate and addiction occurrences in northern Indiana. They have been meeting at libraries, talking about how to improve the situation. Churches and discussion groups have been seeking answers through prayer. Revive Indiana started in Goshen a couple of years ago. Now local missionaries are traveling to Dallas to Revive Texas. A movement has started to appreciate the Native American Indians and regret how our government treated them.

"There is an old Indian prophecy that a Great Awakening will start in Indiana and spread across the nation and world, reviving Christianity. We believe it has started," Willard said.

This is a spiritual movement. Some report ghosts being seen in school halls, feeling evil on Rochester's Main Street, hearing reports of native

sacred sites that have been desecrated, and other phenomenon. With the idea that one reason might be the fact that Indiana drove the Potawatomi out on the Trail of Death, marching them at gunpoint down Rochester's Main Street, Willard contacted people and suggested that an apology to the Native American Indians would help make this a better place.

She contacted hundreds of people and sent 350 DVDs of the Potawatomi Trail of Death documentary to schools, county historians, libraries, museums, and churches. Every day people called, wrote, emailed or came to visit her. She had back surgery January 24 and was recuperating at home so was not yet recovered enough to drive. The documentary is titled "Like Birds in a Wind Storm" and was enabled by a grant from Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Many Citizen Potawatomi had ancestors on the Trail of Death. Susan Green, Rochester professional filmmaker "Your Story Digital" made the documentary which features clips from the six caravans from Indiana to Kansas 1988-2013, interviews with

Potawatomi elders, re-enactments from the Trail of Courage Living History Festival, and music such as George Schricker's "Menominee."

The DVD was offered free to groups that would show it for programs to educate the public. Cost of the documentary is \$15, which includes shipping. Send check to Potawatomi Trail of Death Assn., c/o Fulton Co. Hist. Soc., 37 E 375 N, Rochester IN 46975.

Many tribes left Indiana because of the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811 and they were being pushed west by the white settlers. But the last two remaining tribes, Potawatomi and Miami, were forcibly removed by the Indiana government, and the Potawatomi marched at gunpoint down Rochester's Main Street. The Miami were loaded on canal boats and taken west in 1846. The Indiana government wanted their land to sell so they could dig canals. Then the canals did not last 30 years, but were replaced by railroads.

Some people will not apologize for something they were not responsible for. We had no part in it either but we are apologizing on behalf of the state of Indiana. We hope it will be healing and spiritual, not political. Apologizing is probably not "politically correct." Or is it?

I never tried to be politically correct. I pray and then do what my heart tells me. I have felt for many years that God wants Indiana to apologize to its natives. That's why I helped put together the ceremony for Indiana Indian Day. We feel Indiana needs it for spiritual reasons, not political. There is no way we can make reparations to the Indians, but we can express our love, neighborliness, equality, respect, and good will. In the long run that is more valuable than money.

Examples of other groups recently seeking to make the public aware of Native American's importance in Indiana are the Circle of Stones erected at Prophetstown State Park, the state allowing the Pokagons to buy land for housing and a casino at South Bend, and programs at Elkhart and other places in

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by Alan Garbers

NWTF Indiana – **Turkey Tips:** Wild turkey hens often nest along the edge of grassy fields. While the hen is setting on the nest, she is relying on the thick cover to hide her and her brood from predators like dogs, coyotes, hawks, owls, feral cats, raccoons, and more. Mowing before the poults are strong enough to fly will make it easier for predators to flush them out into the open. The rule of thumb is to not mow from April 15th thru July 15th. If mowing is a must, use a flushing bar



Young poults need tall grass for refuge from predators. (Image provided by the NWTF)

to lessen the chance of killing a nesting turkey hen or other ground-nesting birds such as quail and pheasants.

Here's another tip: Join the NWTF and support your local chapter. Many chapters are active in improving turkey habitat on public lands. The

best part? If the habitat is perfect for wild turkeys, it's perfect for deer and other wildlife, such as ruffed grouse and quail. Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt, for all of us.

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Hoosiers Apologized to Indians

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Indiana. A new historical marker was dedicated at Pendleton for the murder of Indians in 1824. Over a dozen news reports have been published recently about Native Americans in Indiana.

The time has come. This is the right time for Indiana to apologize to the Indians.

What does apology to the Indians mean?

Originally the word "apology" meant an explanation. You see the word used this way in titles of old books, like "Apology of Socrates." Today an apology is used to say you are sorry for your wrong doing. But we also say we are sorry something happened, even though it was not in any way our fault. At a funeral, we say we are sorry but of course, we had nothing to do with the death.

When we began planning the event to apologize to the Native American Indians for being forced from Indiana, we were thinking we are sorry it happened. But we were not there, and probably none of our family ancestors were responsible either, even if they lived in Indiana in the early 1800s. Just as we do not always agree with our government today, many Hoosiers did not approve of removing the Indians.

Some of my ancestors were Amish and came to America in the 1700s. I am pretty sure they did not want the Indians to be marched out at gunpoint. The Amish were forcibly removed from Germany and then Switzerland, so they had suffered being removed themselves. I wonder if the Amish had been allowed to stay in Germany, maybe our world would not have suffered

under Hitler and World War II.

It is Christian belief that God allows the Devil to exercise his power on earth and people have free choice on what they do, but God then turns all things into good to fulfill His plans. We don't understand how that is going on, but maybe spreading Christianity to America had something to do with the Amish and others being driven out of Europe and over to the New World. So maybe that is one reason for the American Indians being allowed to be pushed west.

"No one knows why the One God let the White Eyes take our land." – Geronimo, played by Wes Studi in the movie "Geronimo – American Legend."

Indiana's shame is that the Indians here were already Christians. So forcing them to leave was definitely wrong. And Indiana should admit this and apologize for it. We have a great state and I love Indiana, would not want to live anywhere else. But it is not perfect and needs to try to change its errors.

Indiana Indian Day gets Governor's proclamation

Governor Holcomb issued a proclamation declaring April 22, 2017, as Indiana Indian Day. His committee's decision is that they will not apologize and not criticize government actions.

So our decision to apologize ourselves to the Native American Indians was still the focus of the program for Indiana Indian Day.

This is my third attempt to write an apology to the Indians. In 1992 George Godfrey, Sister Virginia Pearl (both Potawatomi who had ancestors on the 1838 Trail of Death) and I wrote "Apology to the Indigenous of the Americas" on the 500th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage to America in 1492. We got over 2,000 signa-

tures on it, but some groups refused to participate, saying they had a policy against carrying petitions and one church refused because we used the words: Mother Earth, which they consider pagan.

In 2014 I asked Governor Pence for an apology to the Potawatomi for the Trail of Death forced removal and instead his document declared Sept. 20, 2014, as Potawatomi Trail of Death Remembrance Day. It was read at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival and presented to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

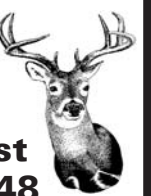
Editor's Note: Shirley Willard now has a column in The Gad-a-bout. In January she sent me her story entitled "The Potawatomi Trail of Death is a Regional Historic Trail. It appeared in several parts. Hoosiers apologized to Indians April 22, 2017 at Rochester, IN will be in several parts also. It is an honor for me to publish her stories in The Gad-a-bout.

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Isaiah Peters from Laurel Indiana caught this 5 lb. large-mouth bass in a farm pond. (52 Pickup Marathon Convenience Store Photo, Brookville, IN)



Dave Brinson with a crappie that weighed 2.11 lbs and was 15.5 inches long. He caught the crappie in the river below the Salamonie Reservoir on April 21, 2017. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Josh Smith took this 185 pound, 10 buck on 11-11-2016. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Matt Wells took this 190 pound, 13 point buck during the 2016 deer season. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Larry Minges group, Okeana, OH. Limit catch of walleye caught while casting aboard "Emily K" with Boytim Charter Service. (For info on Boytim Charter Service see Page 21)



Hagan Amburgey with two crappie over 14 inches caught on the Salamonie Reservoir on April 20, 2017. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



This is Eric Ballschmidt with his turkey he shot in Wabash County. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Dave & Danielle Wilcox, age 21, with Danielle's 20 lb. Turkey she took 05-09-17 with a 12 Ga. Mossburg shotgun. It had an 11" beard and 21mm spurs. (Dave's Triangle, Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)

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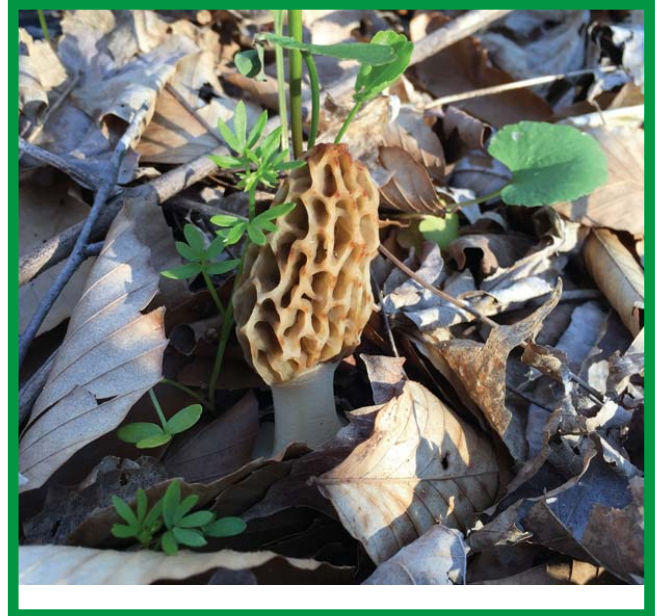
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Mark Kughen with his 25.5 lb turkey. It had 4 beards with the longest being 10.25 inches. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



This is Newt Vektor with his 25 lb turkey shot on April 27, 2017 in Wabash County. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Golden delicacy found in the spring time in Union County, IN. (Dave's Triangle, Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Trevor Cupp took this 9 pt buck on 11-12-2016. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Calvin Coomer took this approx. 180 pound, 9 point buck on 11-2-2016. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



These gray and yellow morel were found in Wayne County by Todd Waters this spring. (Todd Waters Photo)



Photo of yellow morel mushrooms sent in by Mike Mentz. (Guns and Tackle, Inc Photo, Greensburg, IN)



Avery Schoenlein, age 12, from Ridgeville, IN got his first turkey. The two year old gobbler weighed 25 lbs. Avery went turkey hunting with his grandpa, Bruce Snyder in Switzerland County, IN. This was Avery's second year turkey hunting April 22, 2017, a youth weekend hunt. (Photo was mailed by Avery's grandma, Connie Snyder)

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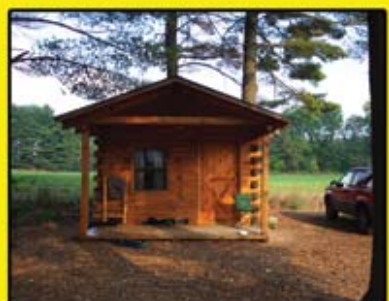
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