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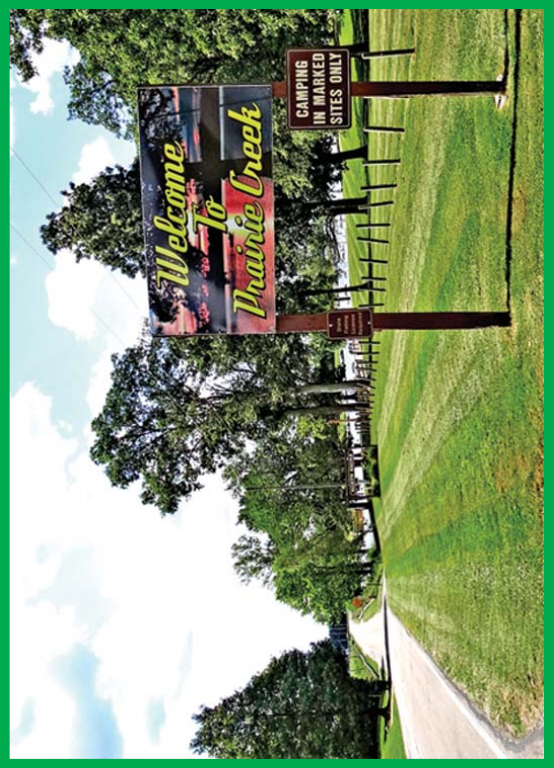
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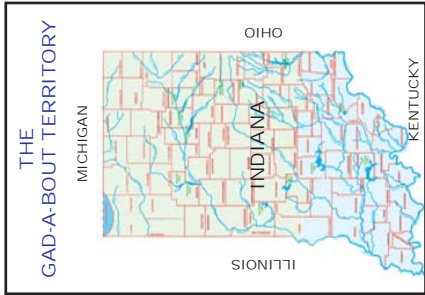
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by Ray Dickerson

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## FALLEN OAKS TAXIDERMISTRY STUDIO OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN UNION CO.

Keith Borst, a very talented taxidermist, has opened for business at 2107 West Hoppes Road just south of Liberty, Indiana. Keith works at Holland Colour's in Richmond, Indiana. His fiancée, Jackie Ard, works at Hobby Lobby in Richmond. They are soon to be married. Keith has two sons, Breyden and



Jackie Ard and Keith Borst.

Hunter. His mom and dad, Clayton and Annette Weaver own a 100 acre farm on Hoppes Road. Keith's house is located on their farm.

Keith attended a Taxidermist School in Pennsylvania. He showed me some of his game and fish he created and his attention to detail reminds me of Steve Harrison's work. You might remember Steve, I wrote several articles about him. He had to quit his Union County taxidermy business due to health issues. He is a good friend, I talked to him recently.

Listening to Keith talk about all the work he puts into his mounts indicates to me he has studied and learned the fine art of taxidermy. He is experienced in all types of game, fish and African animals, as well. When he explained the intricacies of carving the molds prior to mounting the hide or skin (especially fish) to make sure the mount was as perfect as possible, convinced me if I had taken or caught a trophy of any kind, I would want Keith to mount it.

Keith spent eleven years in the army. He wanted to make it a career. But due to mounting injuries suffered in combat zones and most recently as a crew member of Blackhawk helicopters he was given a medical discharge.

It gives me great pleasure to help a fellow Veteran who has served his country, who so willingly put himself in harms way and suffered the consequences. Keith deserves much more than I can give him

Thank God that America still has brave men and women who **want to** defend our country against those who would do harm to us.

See his advertisement below on this page.

You can contact Keith by calling **812-549-2744** to make an appointment. Best time to reach him is after 3:00 p.m. when he gets home from work. His e-mail address is [fulldraw.kb@gmail.com](mailto:fulldraw.kb@gmail.com).

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Anita McFalls

## ANITA MCFALLS DEBUTS HER POEMS IN THE NOVEMBER GAD-A-BOUT

Anita McFalls, owner of Gittin Jiggy With It Bait and Tackle Store is a poet, artist and wildlife photographer. Read her first poem to appear in The Gad-a-bout on page 25. You can see a lot more of her poems, artistic talent and photographs by visiting her business located near Summit Lake at 4277 E. SR 36 (Corner of 36 & Messick Rd), Mooreland, IN 47360. Her phone number is 765-524-6484 or visit her [Facebook gittinjiggywithitbaitandtackle](https://www.facebook.com/gittinjiggywithitbaitandtackle).

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I moved my column to page 2 due to growing pains. I may have to change back when and if I sell an ad for the bottom half of front cover. But I will remain here for awhile. For the last several issues I've had too much information and not enough pages for it. I hope to find a solution to this problem in the coming months.

## WILDFIRE MOTORS HAS OPENED A SECOND CAR LOT AT 3622 CHESTER BLVD. RICHMOND, INDIANA

Wildfire Motors located at 4741 National Road West (Corner of US 40 & Airport Road) Richmond, IN has opened a second car lot located at 3622 Chester Blvd, north of the I-70/US 27 intersection on the west side of the road. The Wildfire Motors North lot is now open so be sure to check it out. (Note: INDOT is doing some road work on Chester Blvd north of I-70, there is access to Wildfire Motors **CONTINUED ON PAGE 30**

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I caught him on a figure eight using a black mepps buck-tail spinner. We fished for another four hours, without a follow. I may go another ten years without a bite, but I'll always remember that morning, when I got lucky. We released the beast unharmed, hopefully he'll stretch someone else's line someday. (Photo by Jeff Anderson) Bottom Left: CHS Coach Keith Castelluccio and CHS 1953 Basketball team member Bill Harrison talking in the MCL Cafeteria where the 1953 Basketball Team reunion was held Thursday, October 5, 2017. See pages 28 & 29 for more. (Photo by Ray Dickerson) Bottom Right: North end of Prairie Creek Reservoir with a welcoming sign near the entrance to the campground and one of the many coves where yearly boaters and visitors park their boats. I will be doing articles for the foreseeable future about Lakes in my Gad-a-bout Territory. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Live Well full of walleye caught winter fishing. (Author Photo)

tight to the bottom to try to blend into the structure, and wait for an unsuspecting bait fish to swim by. With this all happening 25 to 50 feet deep vertical is the best way to go.

Your fishing pole should be medium to medium heavy six to six and half feet long, a bait caster or spinning pole. This is just a personal preference. I have 1 of each to give my hand a change of pace. You'll want to

spool up with 12 to 20 lb. braided line. I like Calcutta braided line. It works great and it's not too expensive. The braided line will let you feel the lure 25 to 50 feet deep. Believe it or not if you use mono you really can't tell what's going on. The down side to braided line is when you get the fish close to the surface your chance of losing it is high due to no stretch in the line, but the trade off is worth it.

Brookville lake is a flood control lake. In the winter they draw the lake down 8 feet to give the area more room for spring flooding. There are a lot of flats on Brookville lake that are 8 to 10 feet deep in the summer so be careful you don't run up on one running 50 miles an hour. Also try to stick to the main lake boat ramps like Bonwell and Fairfield. Bonwell's on the south end and Fairfield's on the east side north of Fairfield Causeway.

It's also a good idea to have a shovel, some sand and salt in the back of the truck just in case you get that unexpected snow or ice on the ramp.

You can expect to catch fish anywhere in the main lake and back in some of the deep coves. As winter grinds on the fish will move deeper and deeper. But mother nature threw us a curve ball last winter and the surface temperature never got below 40. You could catch fish in 12 foot of water all winter. So, keep an open mind if you're not seeing fish in the deep water on your electronics and the water temperature is not below 40 again this year, move shallow.

Good Luck, Tag

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To schedule trips contacted me at [tagnobbe@gmail.com](mailto:tagnobbe@gmail.com) or call my cell 765-265-3238.

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## So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe

Professional Fishing Guide

## November Fishing Brookville Lake

Winter fishing requires deep water fishing with good electronics. My personal preference is anything made by Lowrance. At the present time I'm using the HDS 12 carbon with chirp and structure scan. I like these units because there made to last. The outer case and screens are made to be in the harshest weather conditions. The ease of use, they're very quick, and they will not lie to you. If it says there is a fish on the bottom in 40 feet of water, you can believe it.

As soon as you launch your boat start looking for fish or some type of structure on your unit. In the winter fish will hold close to the bottom and close to structure. Structure can be brush, stumps, old house foundations, humps, or drop off ledges. In the summer fish will hold next to this type stuff in 8 to 12 feet of water, but in the winter, you must find this stuff 25 to 50 feet deep. You need good electronics to find this stuff and interpret what is there and what is not. Once you find a good-looking spot save a way point on your gps. Since you're going to be fishing deep its best to go vertical. This can be achieved with a spoon, blade bait, jigging rap, or a minnow tipped on a 1/4 ounce lead head jig. In the winter time the fish get lethargic so you have to give them something easy to catch. The way this works is the predator fish hug

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# Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

## FURRED AND FEATHERED COUCH POTATOES

*(The common belief is that a dog is the best friend you'll have. Try to remember that when you come home and find your house slippers looking like they've been run over by a lawn mower.)*

A few years ago we lost our dog to old age. Since then we've remained dogless because of our schedules and occasional travels. Since most lodges around the country don't cater to canines (I can dispute that because the snoring I've heard through the walls of adjoining rooms can't be human), it would become a question of, with whom would we leave a mutt. After a few past trips, we learned by experience as calls to our usual dog sitters began to go sour.

"Hi, say, we're going on a little jaunt and we wondered if you could—" The answers began to sound like this.

"Aw, gee, I'm sorry but we're going to be in group therapy that week", or, "I'd love to, but my uncle just got back from Africa and he brought his pet leopard with him. You know how a leopard just loves fresh dog".

Some dogs, ours included, when placed in strange surroundings, would tend to forget their house breaking training. I should know because we've served as dog sitters on a few occasions. Not only does the dog begin acting psychotic, but it forgets that the back yard is the preferred location for outhouse duties. By the time the owner returns, the carpet needs professional help and the dog looks like a concentration camp survivor due to a refusal to eat anything but caramel corn and barbecue flavored potato chips. Of course it seems to the owner that you locked his poor Pootsie in the basement for the entire time, and though he professes gratitude, you know that if you need the favor returned, your mutt will look like a subject for skeletal study in a veterinary college.

So, how would you enjoy the companionship of a loving pet without the hassle of finding temporary quarters when it's necessary? Simply find someone who owns the breed you're interested in and make arrangements to rent the mutt for certain periods. If it works out and the rental period is extended for a longer time, arrangements can be made for week-end visits by the owner. It's a win, win situation for both parties. You have the option of returning the dog if things go sour, like grand children, and the owner makes a little money while being free to take a vacation without worrying about having to return a favor to his worthless brother-in-law and his slobbering blue-tic coon hound.

The same plan would work for those who prefer cats over dogs. However, cats present problems dog owners don't have to face. A cat is an independent creature and due to its instinctive nature, less controllable. A cat in a strange environment is nervous and more likely to do something drastic, like suddenly disappear, especially the males. This is typical because we don't understand them as well as we understand dogs. We know dogs are subservient and obedient to humans, whereas cats are loners and bow down only to bigger or meaner cats. Cat sitting requires

special equipment, and if you are not particularly fond of felines, they sense the animosity and tend to be uncooperative. One of the things I've found to be indispensable when caring for a strange cat is a gun that shoots tranquilizer darts. Most cats, after a few days of waking up from a drug induced sleep and another sore spot on their rump, will grudgingly accept your authority and stop using the leg of your wife's priceless antique coffee table as a scratching post. I consider a cat sharpening its claws as being up to no good, anyway. Obviously, the critter is keeping its weaponry in good repair and ready for use. In my opinion this is no way to develop a warm personal relationship with your house mates. One way to show a cat that two can play at that game is to wait until it's present and start cleaning your shotgun. Of course, that is only saber rattling, much the same as the former Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union, but it can be effective. So, if your mom calls and asks if you would mind watching her little Squeakins for a few days, don't panic. Simply cover all the furniture legs with aluminum foil and buy a supply of liquid marijuana for the tranquilizers. However, don't try to explain why her little muff ball has an uncontrollable eye tic when she picks it up. I actually like cats because they're such free spirits, much like your barber who cuts your hair the way he thinks it should be instead of the way you want it.

Another pet that is suitable for a lesser number of people is a bird, especially one that can be taught to talk. Admittedly, carrying on a conversation with a bird can be boring, especially with a dumb one who can't get past "Pretty Bird" or "Kissee, Kissee". Some years ago we had a parakeet that had a simple vocabulary and at first it proved to be a delightful home companion. However, after leaving it with relatives a few times, its mood changed. It became distant and aloof, and we finally had to get rid of it when it began complaining that we never took it anywhere. Keep in mind that if you have a talking bird, be prepared to take it along or be constantly nagged at.

Keeping a pet can be like agreeing to let your 90 year old uncle live with you. If it doesn't work out you can't just dump him on a lonely country road at midnight. No one wants an old dog that can't be taught new tricks, especially one that can't be trained to use the back yard or spits Red Man chewing tobacco on the carpets.

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## News from the Indiana State Police



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

### Centerville's Connection with ISP

Centerville is a small town in central Wayne County platted around 1814, and currently has a listed modern-day population of just over 2500. Now this little town has the dubious honor of being the home town for me as well as this paper's owner, Ray Dickerson. But a recent conversation with a retiree got me thinking about how could a town so small have such a strong connection to the Indiana State Police?

It seems over the years the town of Centerville has produced more than its share of Indiana State Troopers. Although the ISP started in 1933, I'll just go back to the 50's and start with 1952, Robert Clevenger. Bob was a local Centerville boy who had went to the Korean Conflict as a young Marine and came back as a Marine Sergeant.

He started his career with the Indiana State Police in 1952 after returning home from the

"Conflict", and sadly, was killed in an auto crash on September 8th, 1953 while chasing a wanted parolee in Henry County. Bob was only 22 at the time of his death and left behind his young wife. I got to meet her years ago, and talking with her is an experience I'll never forget. Bob Clevenger is buried in Cambridge City and as long as I'm alive I'll make sure his grave is decorated every May for Law Enforcement Memorial Week.

Then later in the 50's, 60's and 70's you had Cecil Melvin who was a Centerville product. He was well known around the Centerville area and was well liked by all. He left behind quite a reputation for the rest of us to follow. You also had Mike Owens, a Centerville graduate who went on to be one of the longest tenured commanders of the Pendleton District. I knew Mike and can say he was truly one of the fairest, kind and honest people you could ever meet and was a great man to work for.

I started my career in 1991, followed by Centerville graduate Eric Wandersee in 1999, who was followed by his brother Andy in 2008 along with Centerville Class of 2006 graduate Brandon Steffee. I actually knew Brandon, as he was on the track team at Centerville with my son. After turning 18 and doing a ride along with me one day, he decided to join the ISP as soon as he was old enough.

Over the years many other troopers have lived and raised families in Centerville, including Gerald Sons; Ted Runyon, Lt. Clarence Cleaver and at the time, ISP second in command Lt. Colonel Bob Klein. I actually went to school with Cleaver's and Runyon's kids in the 70's. They were all great people.

This is just a partial list, as I'm sure there are others I've forgotten; but it's still hard to imagine how a small town of 2500 could produce so many troopers. It's a true testament to the town, the community and the school corporation. I think

past leadership at CHS under people like James Howell, Bill Richardson, Phil Stevenson and currently Mr. McCoy, has always helped to build a strong sense of discipline and right vs. wrong for young people to follow, which translates well into everyday life for young adults.

Like those that came before me and those that hopefully will come after me as Indiana State Troopers, wherever I've gone and wherever I will go, I will always be proud to call Centerville my home. If you think you might be interested in a career in law enforcement and are at least 18 yrs. of age, you can sign up to do a one-time ride-along with a trooper in your area by going to <http://www.in.gov/isp/3474.htm>



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# Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

## Safety, Safety, Safety

### Tree Stand Safety & Full Body Harness's

Every year Officers have to respond to hunting related accidents. The surprising thing for most, is majority of these accidents are not firearms relat-

ed, but rather tree stand or elevated stand related. Falls from tree stands are becoming a problem with popularity of stands increasing. The subject itself is one that Officers are directed at pointing out during a hunter education course. With that said, accidents still occur, and hunters still get hurt.

So how can we help prevent these from happening?

"If they [hunters] are thinking safety, safety, safety, they should be fine", says ICO Lieutenant Larry Morrison. Weather you are the one climbing into the stand or watching someone climbing, that mindset has to be kept.

The key is whenever you are off the ground, to wear a full body safety harness. They come in different sizes for all age groups and physiques. The concept of each is the same; attach the wearer to the tree.

In addition to using a harness you can use a tether with a prusik knot and carabiner that attaches to the highest point above the stand and the ground. A name brand is "LifeLine", but others are out there.

By attaching yourself to the tree, you can prevent yourself from falling 12-15 feet or even farther depending on the elevation.

In my personal hunting endeavors, I always

wear a full body harness. The reasoning is more than just practicing what I preach.

Many years ago my father was using a climbing tree stand. During the days hunt, the stand broke lose from the tree. This of course caused him to fall with the stand. He was lucky and able to wrap around the tree, but still sustained injuries to his face and arms. During that hunt, he did not wear a safety harness. Now every time he's in the stand, he has his harness on.

I have heard horror stories through teaching hunter education classes, or from other officers responding to falls from tree stand incidents. They can vary from minor injuries to life threatening or even death. I could spend multiple articles just describing the different incidents but I believe everyone gets the picture, or even experienced it first hand personally or through an acquaintance.

Granted I know archery season is now in, and I have even had the opportunity to get out myself, but firearms season brings out more hunters. Thus getting this message across is important to not just the readers, but everyone they come into contact with as well.

It is recommended that safety harness be thrown away and replaced every 5 years or once a fall arrest has been made in them. Some may view this as a costly expense, but something I always say in hunter education classes, your life is well worth more than \$40 for a harness.

A few other safety aspects to keep in mind is letting a responsible adult know where you are hunting, as well as when you plan to be out of the woods and home. A few other items that could be on that list are emergency contact for that property; what you are driving (if they don't already know), and where on the property you will be hunting.

By providing this information, it can greatly benefit a first responder if a situation arises. Hunter Education guides provide a layout of these hunting plan sheets, but it can be completed on anything from a napkin to a text message.

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Top Left Photo: Hunter getting safety instructions from Ryan Fields. Top Right Photo: Hunters in the field. Bottom Left Photo: Hunters and their dog. Bottom Right Photo: Hunting dog retrieving downed game. (Fields Hunting Preserve Photos)

## Fields Shooting Preserve

by Ben Shadley

October marked the opening of hunting season at Fields Shooting Preserve in northwest Franklin County. Situated in the rural, rolling hills of southeastern Indiana, Fields' location makes for a beautiful and challenging hunt, especially as the crisp fall weather pushes out the summer heat.

With a mixture of corn, sunflowers and sorghum food plots, the preserve's 50 acres is managed specifically to provide excellent cover for the ring-neck pheasant and chukar they currently offer. Half the hunting area is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. For a small fee, Fields will provide a dog and guide for the hunt.

Safety is always top of mind at the preserve. Before entering the field, all hunting parties will be provided the rules and given the opportunity to ask any questions. Drinks will have to wait until the guns are stowed and the birds cleaned. Alcohol is not permitted during the hunt and Fields reserves the right to turn away anyone who's inebriated when they arrive at the preserve.

Ryan "Spanky" Fields is the manager of Fields

Licensed Shooting Preserve. The business is co-owned by Spanky, Mark and Jason Fields. Located within an easy drive of Indianapolis and Cincinnati, the preserve is just north of Andersonville off U.S. Highway 52. All hunts are by reservation only.

The standard package (per hunter) is \$95 and includes four pheasants or six chukar; The standard package plus a guide and dog is an extra \$25, for a total of \$120. Parties are limited to a maximum of four hunters.

Individual bird prices are \$20 per pheasant and \$15 per chukar. The individual hunting fee is \$15 and is included in the standard package. Not including the guide (if applicable), the minimum fee per hunter is \$100. Payment may be made with cash, check or pre-payment through Fields Outdoors.

### Contact Information

Contact Fields Shooting Preserve by calling Spanky at (765) 561-3139 or (765) 932-3964. Their email address is [jason@fieldsoutdooradventures.com](mailto:jason@fieldsoutdooradventures.com). The website is [www.fieldsoutdooradventures.com](http://www.fieldsoutdooradventures.com).

### Location Information

The Hunting Preserve's address is 27061 U.S.

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Top Left Photo: Quail hunters stand ready for the flush. Top Right Photo: Quail hunters take quick break before moving back into the field. Bottom Left Photo: Quail hunter and his dog work mowed a mowed strip in the food plot. Bottom Right Photo: Quail hunter educating QF members on how to hunt over dogs. (Tree County QF Photos)

## Tree County QF

by Ben Shadley

In 2005, Quail Forever was founded to address the continued declines in quail populations and habitat. With more than 700 chapters across the United States and parts of Canada, the approximately 149,000 members spend considerable time and money supporting their namesake bird. As an offshoot of Pheasants Forever, both groups share the tagline “The Habitat Organization.” This statement is both a fitting motto and call to action.

We’re lucky to have one of these chapters working hard on behalf of quail right here in southeast Indiana. Tree County Quail Forever is based in Decatur County and will soon be expanding as part of an overall revitalization of the chapter. Ryan “Spanky” Fields took over as president earlier this year. Along with other members, his goal is to use the solid foundation of the chapter as a starting point for an even more active agenda.

I talked to Fields about his goals for the future of Tree County QF. There’s much to be done, but he’s focusing on a few key ideas.

### Territory and Membership Expansion

Fields plans to extend the chapter beyond just

Decatur county and move into Fayette, Franklin and a portion of Rush counties. This ties in directly with the intent to increase membership and increase the overall activity level of the chapter. In addition to including more territory, he has ideas for increasing the effectiveness of the meetings and banquets. One example is including an activity, such as shooting clay birds, at meetings to make them more fun and engaging. In order to make the banquets more accessible, Fields said they plan to reconsider the locations with an eye toward making attendance as easy as possible.

### The Future

Quite possibly the most important aspect of Tree County QF’s revitalization is prioritizing youth involvement. Fields said that without the youth there won’t be a future in hunting or habitat, and that many young folks have no clue about either. He recently took a live cock pheasant to his niece’s school for her to present during show and tell.

The response was positive. Teachers and students were very interested, but surprisingly had little to no knowledge of what they were looking at. Fields was taken aback that a bird so common to many of us was a total mystery to the kids, and even teachers. The experience was pivotal in his conclusion that youth involvement had to be a major part of the chapter’s efforts.

The plan is for Tree County QF to hold multiple youth events and instill the interest and importance of habitat development and conservation early. Fields is betting that kids (and their parents) will have a good time, see value in the experience and become committed to QF’s mission.

I’ll take his bet. Having a bad time shooting, hunting and

spending time outdoors is near impossible. It’s also important to note that his comments address the troubling, larger trends we’re seeing across many traditional outdoor activities – especially hunting. The issue isn’t simple, but it’s clear that if the next generation doesn’t think conservation and hunting are important these traditions will exit when we do.

### Habitat

Even more so than other animals, upland birds can be very sensitive to environmental factors. Habitat, or lack thereof, plays a central role in determining the health of our quail population. Southeast Indiana has the potential to support birds, but not without the advocacy of concerned sportsmen. QF’s tagline makes the overall organization’s commitment to habitat crystal clear, and Fields sees the Tree County QF chapter increasing its time and money spent on the resource. Working extensively with private landowners as well as state and local government on habitat development and restoration is a primary goal for the group.

### More of Everything

In addition to specific goals and areas of growth for Tree County QF, Fields outlined a general mission of more members, more money, more projects and more benefits for quail. In short, he’s planning on a proactive approach focused on growth that benefits members of the chapter, Indiana’s sporting community and, of course, the wildlife.

For more information, or to join, contact Spanky Fields at (765) 561-3139 or visit the Tree County QF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/treecountyqf](http://www.facebook.com/treecountyqf).

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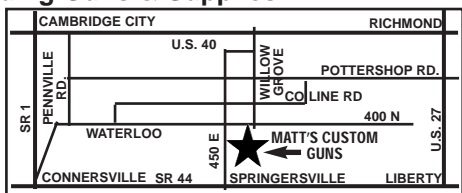
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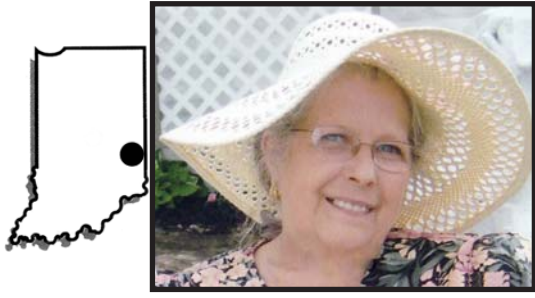
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by **Donna Schroeder**

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## Things That Go Bump?

I like fall. I would like it better if it were followed by spring. I really don't like winter. When other kids were outside having snowball fights or building snowmen, I always preferred being inside with cocoa and a book. Winter is drab and the days are way too short.

Fall, on the other hand, is colorful and crisp, and fall in the Whitewater Valley has to be one of the most enjoyable and beautiful seasons anyone could ask for. The vibrant colors and aromas of autumn are all around us. Apples, pumpkins, and the turning leaves wrap up the fun of summer and remind us that snow is just around the corner.

I think of the days when I was a kid, and I remember my mother "putting up" the last of the garden. School started right after Labor Day, and I would come home to the smell of apple butter simmering or a relish she was canning, made from the last of the green tomatoes, cabbage, and onions, spiced with vinegar and mustard and celery seeds. Mom made salsa fifty years ago, believe it or not. My brother and I have had a few good laughs about our friends who don't believe that, but it's true. Tomatoes, peppers, onions in pint jars sitting on the shelf, waiting to be slathered on sandwiches or soup beans or mixed into a meat loaf was a staple at our house. (Of course, there were no chips to go with it. That became fashionable later.) And, naturally, pumpkin pie was a fall favorite, too.

And, Pop picked corn. It wasn't done the way it is now. We had a real corn picker that was pulled behind a tractor, spitting out full ears of corn. Just like today, after picking, it was off the local elevator to wait your turn to sell your product.

The highlight of fall was always Halloween. Campfires when we toasted marshmallows with our friends and told ghost stories are great memories. We always worked hard on our costumes for the big night. I don't remember being able to go to a store and buy a costume. The goblins and witches that roamed the streets back then were dressed in whatever we could find in our mothers' rag bags. We knew which houses would have the best cookies and popcorn balls, and our parents didn't worry about checking our treats for safety because we ate them.

I still love Halloween, and I still love ghost stories. There's one are of Connersville where they



Mayor Harold Gordon in character as Jonathon John. (Author Photo)

seem to abound. The area known as Spring Hill on the south end of town appears to be full of dark figures and spirits. This is old town, the part of Connersville first platted by John Conner.

One house in particular, now abandoned and slated for demolition, is the source of many strange tales. A few years ago, a young woman told of living there as a child. It seems the family became accustomed to an elderly lady and two young children who were often seem climbing the stairs, as if she was putting the young ones to bed. Oddly enough, one of my friends knew an older woman who had grown up in the house. When asked, she told the very same story. The same apparitions seem by two unacquainted families over a span of fifty years seems very odd indeed.

The same area has stories of a shadow person who seems to zip from place to place. I ran into a couple who had recently moved into a house on the hill, so I asked if anything strange had happened to them since their move. Sure enough, they told of a shadow moving quickly across their yard. They added the story of a little boy who visits them. He peeks over the foot of their bed and giggles as if he's teasing them.

There's also the story of a Native American brave who seems to resent the encroachment of other humans in the neighborhood. In one instance, he appeared to tell a couple of people that they don't belong there and ordered them to get out! Not surprising, as the tallest point on the ridge is said to be the place where Native Americans built their signal fires.

One lady told of a tall man in old fashioned clothing who appeared in her kitchen and walked out through a wall. She said he was very tall, like Abe Lincoln, but it wasn't Lincoln. Some of us wonder if the visitor was Meredith Helm. Her house was built on the property which was originally the estate of Mr. Helm who was described as a man of over six feet in height, the tallest man in Fayette County when he died in the mid 1800's.

As I've heard folks tell of these encounters, it strikes me that none of them seem to be afraid of

whatever or whoever is wandering around Spring Hill. Surprised, perhaps, but accepting that these  
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Orange North Cemetery at dusk one evening. See the orbs? They're MAYBE spirits hovering. (Author Photo)




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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

## SUPERIOR DROPS TO THIRD

Growing up fishing in sluggish rivers, backwaters and inland lakes and ponds, I never fished in crystal clear water. Where I fished, the water was brown, except in the middle of the summer when it cleared up because there were so many weeds the wind and carp couldn't roil the water, stirring up the bottom sediments. Then, the algae in the water made the water green. It still wasn't crystal



Superior drops to third. (Author Photo)

Why not? It's deep, cold, much of the lake bottom is rock, indeed much of the lake shore is rock and the number of large, slow moving rivers flowing into Lake Superior are few - especially when compared to the other Great Lakes.

I was surprised, then, when news crossed my desk that Lake Superior no longer has the clearest water of the five Great Lakes. In fact, it's dropped to number three behind Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. Lakes Erie and Ontario trail all three.

"This is a change of significant historical

clear.

Perhaps that was a part of the allure of fishing in the Great Lakes. The water in Lake Michigan was clear - at least to me. Then, when I had the chance to fish Lake Superior I learned what "clear" really meant when it came to water clarity.

Scientists use a device called a Secchi Disk to measure water clarity. Invented by a guy named Secchi in 1865, it's still in every fish biologist's tool chest. It's a flat, 8 or 12-inch disk, divided into quarters like you would slice a pie, with alternate pieces of the pie painted either black or white. A cord is fastened in the middle of the disk. Lower the disk into the water on the cord and see how far down you can still see it.

Really muddy, turbid water may have a Secchi reading (the depth it's still visible) of only a foot or two. Actually, a foot is quite muddy, two feet isn't all that uncommon in slow moving rivers after a rain event. A really clear freshwater lake can produce a Secchi reading of around 30 feet.

Personally, my introduction to fishing ultra clear water was a much more fun experience. I was fishing in Lake Superior near Isle Royale National Park on a bright, sunny day. The waves were calm and I just happened to be reeling up a deep water lake trout on a reel with a line-counter meter on it. The sun was perfect, shining high and over my shoulder and the fish was being cranked up from almost straight below.

As the fish struggled at the end of the line I was able to first spot the flashes of sunbeams reflecting off the fish's flanks with 45 feet of line out and by the time I'd reeled in 10 more feet, I could easily see the entire fish. I don't know what the Secchi reading would have been but I'm confident I never saw a fish that deep under my boat previously. The water was the clearest I'd ever fished. At the time, Lake Superior was the clearest of all the Great Lakes.

and economic importance," according to scientists from Michigan Technological University, the University of Michigan, University of California Los Angeles and Colorado State University who conducted the research.

What accounts for the dramatic shift? Did Secchi readings in Lake Superior decrease or did the lower lakes get clearer?

The second premise is what happened. Lake Huron and Lake Michigan has become more clear in recent years and that has major ecological implications. The study, published in the Journal of Great Lakes Research, identified probable causes for this shift.

One cause is a reduction in phosphorus entering lakes Huron and Michigan, largely from agricultural run-off of fertilizers and poor waste treatment from shoreline cities. Phosphorus is "algae fertilizer" with a direct relationship between the amount of phosphorus in a lake and the amount of algae that can grow in it. Less phosphorus means less algae means clearer water.

More significant is the proliferation of the invasive quagga mussels in Lakes Huron and Michigan which feed by filtering plankton from the water. Their sheer numbers - an estimated 10 trillion blanket the bottom in each lake - and their ability to strain out the nearly microscopic plant and animal life from the water and have doubled water clarity in the past decade.

Clear water may look nice and seem a good thing, but the lack of plankton floating in the water means less food for creatures at the bottom of the food web. In the big-things-eat-little-things world of the Great Lakes, clearer water means less food in the food chain, including food for the game fish we all like to catch.

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# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino



## Tick's pose a big problem, Not just for hunters, But for our deer herd as well

Ticks suck. I don't mean just literally, but in other ways too. Besides being the carriers of over 16 viruses (including Lyme Disease and rocky Mountain Spotted Fever) which can wreck your life as you know it, they also pose a serious threat to the health and numbers of our deer herd.

The mild winters we have had lately have not been harsh enough to kill the ticks left over from the year before, increasing their numbers to alarming proportions. Without ticks dying off during the winter, the numbers that are present to reproduce are staggering, which translates into record numbers of the sickening pests of which to be careful of.

A study conducted by the Maine and New Hampshire Divisions of Wildlife indicates that for this same reason, ticks are taking the lives of moose at an alarming rate as well.

While tick-borne diseases are what we humans need to be on the lookout for, with deer, it isn't necessarily disease that kills them. It is the amount of blood loss; the same situation with the moos in Maine.

A lot of people do not realize the effect ticks can have on deer. They don't understand it because they think that once the tick gorges itself on blood it detaches from the animal. That is true, but what we are seeing now is that in many cases, the sheer number of ticks on a deer at one time, or over a period of time, can result in death to the animal due to vast amounts of blood loss.

It has never been uncommon to find deer with a few ticks on them, but now, we aren't talking about a few ticks. I have seen them with hundreds, or thousands, of ticks covering their bodies. That is simply too many ticks to be draining them of blood at one time. Fawns are especially susceptible to these disgusting parasites.

Don't think it's that bad? Consider this; ticks are killing up to 70% of moose calves in Maine and other states like New Hampshire and

Vermont. "They are winter ticks, which attach themselves to a single moose by the tens of thousands. Adult females can expand to the size of a grape and engorge themselves with up to four milliliters of blood.

The moose are being literally drained of blood. This is about as disgusting as it gets out there," said Pete Pekins, chairman of the Natural Resources Department at the University of New Hampshire.

If the reduction continues, researchers said, the range of New England moose is likely to shrink northward. And for many moose that survive, the ravages of winter ticks could render them less healthy and less likely to reproduce.

"It's like a sinister, evil horror movie," said Lee Kantar, the Maine state moose biologist.

If something doesn't change, a similar fate could affect our deer herds. Deer do have a better ability to groom themselves and remove ticks from their bodies than moose do. However, given the amount of ticks that are out there now, I still wonder if the deer will be able to effectively keep up.

In Maine, biologists call the moose that are inundated with ticks "ghost moose" because they are so ravaged by the parasites that they actually rub the hair off exposing their skin in many areas (such as the shoulders) as they try to rid themselves of ticks by rubbing against trees, and given their impending doom.

Will us Midwesterners soon have to adopt the term "ghost deer?" I certainly hope not. But judging from our recent mild winters and some of the

Ticks pose a serious threat to moose populations in Maine, and all of the southern reaches of moose habitat. Will they have a similar effect on deer? It's hard to say. Deer do have a much better ability to groom themselves than moose do, however, chilling trail camera photos such as these from the author's trail cameras can cast some serious concern as to how ticks will affect deer. Author Photos)

photos snapped by my trail cameras this year, I am beginning to wonder.

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# News of Native American Indians in Indiana

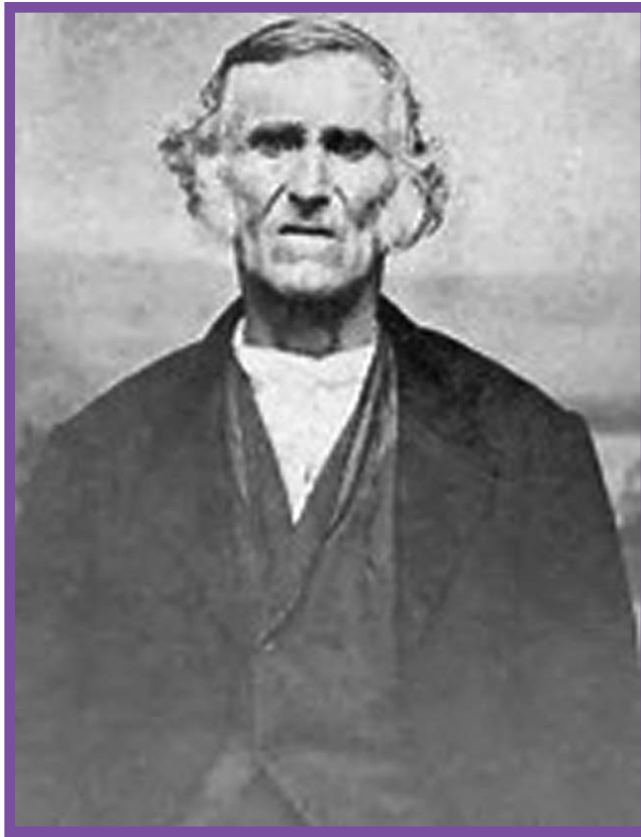


by **Shirley Willard**  
Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

## Navarre family from European kings to Great Lakes fur traders to Potawatomi Indian chiefs

The descendent's of Pierre Navarre, first settler in South Bend, Indiana, were the special honored Potawatomi family at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival in 1997 at the Fulton County Historical Society. They sponsored a Trail of Death historical marker at Stillwell, Kansas, in 2003, working with the Fulton County Historical Society, Rochester, Indiana. See [www.potawatomi-tda.org](http://www.potawatomi-tda.org) for photos of all 80 Trail of Death historical markers.

The Navarres trace their lineage back to the ancient rulers of Navarre, a province in northern Spain. Through the marriage of the Navarre heiress and Anthony de Bourbon, King of France, the family acquired French royal blood. Anthony's son, Henry of Navarre, was able to become King Henry IV of France only if he would become a Catholic so he did in 1594, remarking "Paris is worth a Mass."



Pierre Navarre 1787 - 1884

His slogan "a chicken in every peasant's pot every Sunday" made him popular with the common people and has been quoted and misquoted ever since.

Pierre's grandfather and the first Navarre to arrive in America was Robert, the four times great-grandson of Anthony de Bourbon. He came to Fort Ponchartrain at Detroit in 1739 to represent the French government as Royal notary. His original land grant now is Grosse Pointe. Robert Navarre's service was so important to the growth of Detroit that his statue was placed atop the Book-Cadillac Hotel along with those of General Anthony Wayne, Antoine Cadillac, and Chief Pontiac.

Pierre's brother, Francis Navarre, built the first log cabin in Monroe, Michigan, where he was later killed in the Raisin River massacre. His cousin Peter, known as "Peter the scout" for his service in the War of 1812, was the first settler in Toledo, Ohio. South Bend, Monroe and Toledo still preserve their Navarre cabins.

Pierre was born February 8, 1787, in Detroit. On September 13, 1834, in Pokagon's village in Berrien County, Michigan, Pierre married Angelique Kechoueckquay, daughter of a Potawatomi chief some say was Chief Wabaunsee. This marriage was a Catholic ceremony; they had been married years before in an Indian ceremony. They had 10 children. Pierre was described as six feet tall, slightly built, dark complected, and possessed of a very intelligent countenance. He is represented as being well educated for the times in which he lived.

In Father Benjamin Petit's baptismal records in the University of Notre Dame library is found: "I have baptized Theresa, daughter of Mr. Pierre Navarre and of Angelique Kichoneckonay his wife, 11 years old, Lake St. Mary, 5th April 1838."

Father Stephen Badin's baptismal records show Françoise, daughter of Pierre and Angelique, baptized 1830, and Antoin, their son baptized in 1825.

Pierre came to northern Indiana in 1820 as a fur

trader for the American Fur Company, the business that made a fortune for its owner, John Jacob Astor. Pierre built his log cabin by the St. Joseph River. Alexis Coquillard came in 1823 and took over Navarre's fur trading license. Coquillard prospered but Navarre lived like the Indians and did not take more than he needed to live.

Lathrop Taylor opened a second trading post in 1827 and his account books list many purchases of Pierre Navarre who traded animal pelts for tea, dishes, cloth, shoes, even a woman's hat for \$4 which was rather expensive compared to the other items. Angelique died in 1836. Pierre sent the younger children to live with relatives in Michigan. His older sons, Anthony and Peter, attended Choctaw Academy, an Indian school in Kentucky. In 1838 the Potawatomi in Marshall and Fulton counties were forced to go to Kansas on what is called the Trail of Death. In 1840 the Indians around South Bend had to go west too. Some accounts state that Pierre accompanied his children west in the 1860s but he came back to Indiana. His daughter Frances married John DeGroff and lived in Monroe, Michigan. Pierre died in Frances' home in 1864. Two years later Frances and her family moved to Kansas.

Pierre's old cabin became a cow barn. For many years South Bend nearly forgot its founder. In 1900 the Navarre cabin was given to the Northern Indiana Historical Society, restored and moved to Leeper Park. The cabin fell into disrepair and was restored by the Garden Club in 1953. Every spring it is the site of Cabin Days for school children to learn about pioneer life ways such as candle dipping, cooking over wood fire, weaving, hunting, etc.

Angelique Navarre was given a section of St. Joseph County land in the treaties of 1828 and 1832. The 1832 treaty was at the Tippecanoe River in Fulton County. In the 1833 treaty at Chicago, Pierre Navarre got \$100 for claims presented, and P. F. Navarre's child got \$100.

Pierre's son Anthony was a schoolteacher in South Bend. He went west with Brigham Young in 1848, became a Mormon and lived in Utah for 10 years. Returning to Kansas in 1857, Anthony Navarre first preached Mormonism and promised that when the Mormons had defeated the U.S. Army, all Indian land would be returned to its original owners. Anthony built toll bridges across the Kansas River and collected substantial payments from the supply wagons of the Union Army during the Civil War.

Anthony became a tribal leader, acted as attorney for the Potawatomi, and traveled to Washington, D.C., on their behalf. As a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi in Kansas, Anthony refused to sign the treaty creating the Citizen Band Potawatomi in 1861. This treaty was pushed by the railroad as it wanted their land in Kansas and to move the Potawatomi to Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. Anthony lobbied for and eventually signed an mandatory treaty in 1866 which granted quarter sections of land to all adult Potawatomi regardless of sex or family headship. This was considered a step forward for women's rights.

The 1860s was a time of great tumult as the Potawatomi split into two groups, the Prairie Band

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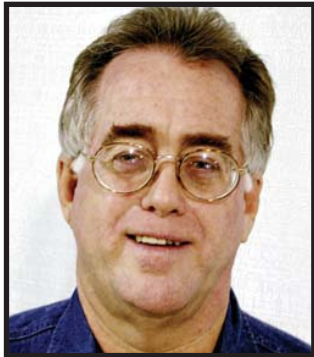


North West Angle has great scenery, huge muskies, and lots of ice fishing. (Photo courtesy of Lake of the Woods Tourism)



Joe Henry of Lake of the Woods Tourism with huge walleye. (Photo courtesy of Lake of the Woods Tourism)

# Outdoors



With Rich Creason

## Outdoor Writers on the Border

The last week of September found us on the Minnesota/Canada border in the town of Baudette, MN. We were there to attend the annual conference of the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers. The festivities actually started on Monday morning, but we arrived on Friday night. This was so we could enjoy a couple days of fishing before the main event.

We left home early on Thursday morning. I drove about 12 hours and we booked into a Days Inn at the north end of Duluth, Minnesota. Friday morning, we continued north to International Falls, where we stopped to do some souvenir shopping. We didn't buy anything, just looked at prices. We knew Baudette had several shops which would have the same type merchandise and it would probably be cheaper.

A couple more hours on the road and we arrived at Sportsman's Lodge, our destination for the next week. We checked into our room. It was a great room on the second floor. Our window overlooked the marina with boats tied to the docks and Ontario, Canada, just across the Rainy River. In this river, and the huge Lake of the Woods to the north, swam walleye, sauger, northern, musky, sturgeon, and other fish species. We were planning on catching a lot of these before we headed home.

Saturday morning, we headed down the dock to meet with Travis Campbell, our fishing guide for the next two days. We had on numerous layers of

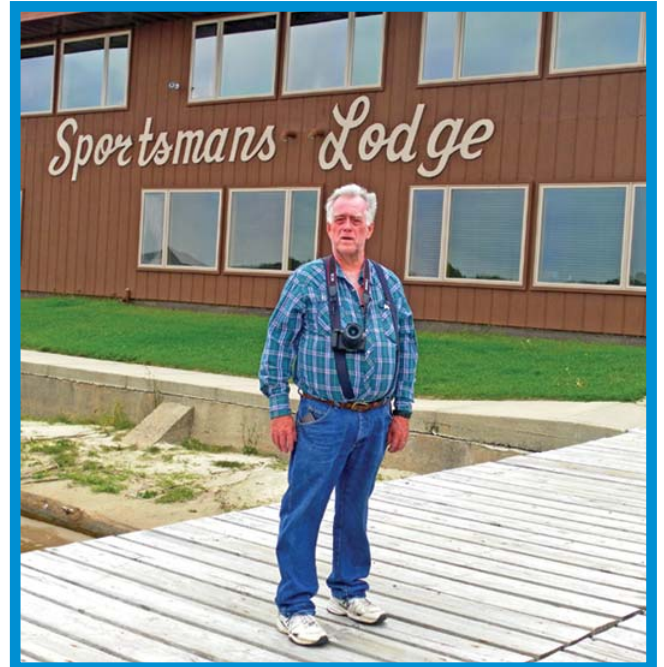


Guide Travis with Susie and her first sturgeon. (Photo by Rich Creason)

clothes, plus raingear. Temperature was in the low 50's, rain, and wind. Travis drove the boat north for almost 90 minutes (following most of the other charter boats), until we arrived in the lee of a line of islands where the waves were easy enough to allow us to drift for walleye.

We were dragging nightcrawler harnesses across a rocky bottom. While waiting for the fish to cooperate, I talked to Travis. He said he had guided for Sportsman's for five years, but had been a fishing guide altogether around 22 years. He was originally from Montana, moved to Superior, Wisconsin, then on to Baudette. We had just started discussing details about Lake of the Woods when Susie hooked the first fish. It was a keeper walleye, which meant it was under 20 inches. A slot from 20 inches through 28 inches was a size which you could not keep. One fish over 28 inches was allowed. The limit was four per person. If we caught any, we were allowed two sauger each to go with the walleye.

By the end of the day, we had our limit. We arrived back at the dock and headed for our room for a hot shower and dry clothes. A while later, there was a knock on the door. Travis had filleted our fish, packaged them, and brought them to our

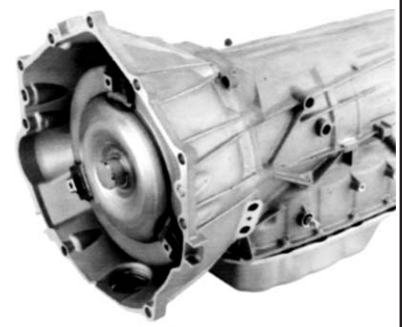


View of Sportsman's Lodge from lakeside. Our room was on the second floor overlooking the docks. (Photo by Susie Creason)

room. We had a deep freeze in our room to hold our catch until time to head home. Dinner that night was in the Sportsman's Lodge dining room. A large loaf of bread, a great salad, and a bowl of delicious soup kept us happy until our walleye entrée arrived.

Day two found us on the Rainy River, in several different spots, fishing for sturgeon. We were using circle hooks with a nightcrawler hooked on either end of a shiner minnow. We let it rest on the bottom

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Joe Henry, Lake of the Woods, jumbo perch; besides huge musky, pike, walleye, sauger, and sturgeon LOW has great ice fishing for these tasty perch. (LOW Photo)



Paul Johnson appears happy with his 47 inch northern caught in June 2017.



Mike Schoonveld with a 48 inch sturgeon caught on the Rainy River within sight of Sportsman's Lodge dock. (Photo by Rich Creason)



Cold outside, warm inside this ice fishing shack. Notice this truck is NOT parked on pavement! (Photo by Lake of the Woods Tourism.)

until one of the prehistoric looking fish wanted it for lunch. There are two sturgeon fishing seasons in MN. Catch and Release is from 5/8-5/15 and 10/1-4/23. Harvest season is 4/24-5/7 and 7/1-9/30. A keeper size is from 45-50 inches, plus you must be in possession of a \$5 harvest tag.

While Susie and Travis fished for the big monsters, I casted for northern. I had several hits and brought a large pike to the boat before he released

himself. I caught an 18 inch walleye on a number five Mepp's spinner. It was the first walleye I had ever caught on a Mepp's and Travis said it was a first for him also. While I was busy casting, Susie brought in two sturgeons, one a 22 incher and the other a 30 inch. The smaller ones have razor sharp scutes (scales) on the sides which are sharper on the smaller fish. Gloves are highly recommended when handling these! We also caught a couple very large

perch, a bunch of sauger and I finally landed a nice pike.

Monday morning, playtime was over. The conference started with new member orientation, Past Presidents meeting, Spouse Reception, a General Membership Meeting, then various seminars on topics such as advanced social media, lake sturgeon recovery and status, open water waterfowl strate-  
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## Highsmith Guns Offers Professionalism with a Hometown Feel

by Jessica Shrout

These days, you don't often hear the words "guns" and "family-friendly" in the same sentence. Not unless you're hanging out at Highsmith Guns in Greenfield, that is. Shane Highsmith, owner, describes his business as "a place where all kinds of people can learn proper use of firearms and experience them in a positive way. A place you can call home."

True to those words, Highsmith Guns is a warm, friendly place where customers can shop, get guns and bows serviced, attend safety classes, and practice shooting on the pistol and archery ranges – while often being greeted by name by anyone behind the counter. The facility caters to all people – and all ages. In fact, the business places a special emphasis on children and beginners.

### Welcoming Beginners of All Ages

Highsmith's own interest in shooting sports developed in his youth. "I grew up with a gunsmith shop in the house. I have a great respect for my father and his passion, so opening my own gun shop was a natural fit," he recalls. Mark Highsmith, Master Gunsmith (and Shane's father), offers full-service gunsmithing complimented by his decades of experience. Gun owners can request service on anything from action work to complete stock work – along with incredibly intricate carving. That passion and craftsmanship he has for guns left an impression on Shane Highsmith and developed in him his own passion for gun safety and education.

Most people are familiar with seeing firearms in the media and, unfortunately, this leads to improper – and unsafe – handling. "Views on firearms are very polarized right now," says Highsmith. "Our goal is to teach proper firearm handling. We don't want kids or adult beginners to see how guns are used in a movie and think that's how it's done. These are serious tools that can have a very positive

impact – or a very negative one. Whether is hunting or simply target shooting we want to ensure people who are interested in guns get educated on safe handling practices and learn how to confidently enjoy their new hobby. That's why we offer a range of courses based on your skill level and comfort zone."

Children are always welcome in the store and the Highsmith team prides itself on kid-friendly activities, like youth leagues. In fact, one such youth shooter, Harrison Milne, started out practicing on the Highsmith archery range and is now a competitive archer who holds the title of 2017 Indiana YA Shooter of the Year. The walls of the archery range are decorated with awards won by Milne and the other members of the Highsmith Archery Team.

### Breaking the Mold

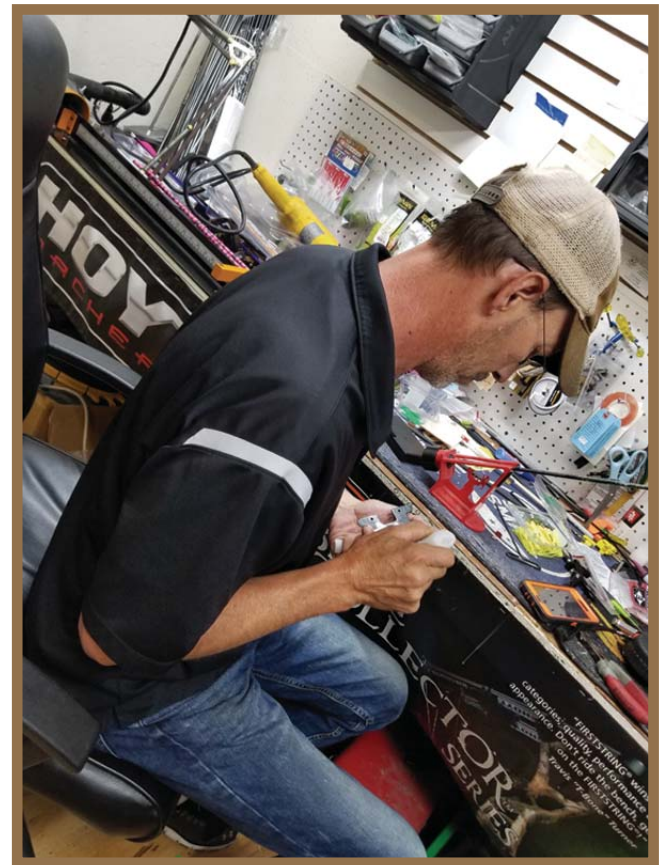
Typically in archery men and women compete separately...and there's a lot of pressure on the range. Not so at Highsmith Guns in their new co-ed archery league. "We just want our shooters to have fun. Yes, we keep score and yes, there is a trophy to win, but we decided this is about archers doing something new with their friends," says Highsmith on the groundbreaking co-ed archery league he recently started.

On Tuesday nights, the sound of laughter and arrows hitting the target fill the air as the shooters compete for the prize. Nearly 20 archers carefully keep score – and good-naturedly teased each other over missed bulls eyes.

"Our archers come in for their league nights already – men's and women's – but they also come in on the weekends to shoot together as a group, so we decided to make it official and turn it into a bit of a competition," continues Highsmith.

It's important to note that none of these archers are professionals and they come from a range of skill levels. New shooters are always welcome.

Ray Bruce, archery instructor at Highsmith Guns, supports the light-hearted idea: "A lot of archers get target panic where they over think the shot and end up missing it. With the co-ed league, the archers are practicing – which is always good – but they're also doing it in a way that takes the



Ray Bruce, archery instructor, fletches an arrow for a customer. (Highsmith Provided Photo)

pressure off. When they relax, they shoot better."

### Empowering Women

It's no secret that women tend to be an afterthought in the shooting sports. Some stores carry a couple of small pistols and a rack of pink camo and consider themselves "female-friendly." Highsmith Guns embraces this often under served market by offering a full array of equipment designed for women and staff who understand the different motivations women might have for learning more about firearms.

"Some women come to us because they want to learn how to bow hunt so they can go out with their husbands," says Highsmith. "We help them find equipment engineered for the female body so that it is safe and comfortable for them to use, but still makes a clean, humane kill for the animal they're hunting."

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Archers take aim at Highsmith's first co-ed league. (Highsmith Provided Photos)



Prizes up for raffle at the 10/28 Freedom celebration. Tickets may be purchased in the store. (Highsmith Provided Photo).

Other women are looking for self-defense. The store specializes in addressing those needs by consulting with the customer to learn her goals and her comfort zone before suggesting a custom solution – be it a specific gun, a concealed-carry handbag, or a class on weapon handling. Highsmith Guns offers a variety of shooting instruction classes and some of which are female-only in order to provide a comfortable learning atmosphere for all patrons.

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There will be giveaways throughout the day leading up to the 5:00 PM drawing where the biggest prizes are awarded. You must be present to win. Tickets may be purchased in advance or may be awarded to those who spend certain amounts in the store throughout the month of October. The archery range will be set up for those interested in learning how to shoot a bow. All are encouraged to attend this celebration and learn more about shooting sports and Highsmith Guns, as well as other helpful mini-seminars on topics like gun laws, basic gun maintenance, and more.

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- February 1 – March 22 (Thursdays)
- Contact Highsmith Guns

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This is Dave and Mike Bowser showing off some of the first place finish crappies. Their winning weight for their top seven fish was 6.01 pounds fishing on the Salamonie Reservoir. (Author Photo)



This is Nate Noblilt and James Lasswell with their second place fish. They had a total of 5.50 pounds for the day. (Author Photo)



This is David Pence along with his grandson Aaron Scott showing their third place finish fish. They had 5.48 pounds fishing on the Salamonie Reservoir. (Author Photo)

## Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing  
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

### Bozarth Tourney Classic Saturday, September 30th

With the temperatures beginning to steadily fall and the leaves showing signs of change it's a clear sign we are in the midst of the fall season. The autumn season is my personal favorite time of the year and I want to highly encourage anyone looking for a great mini getaway to consider taking the time to come visit the properties here at the "Great Lakes of the Wabash". With so many events along with the wonderful scenery this is truly a great time of the year to come see what the Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Huntington Lake properties provide to all you outdoor and nature enthusiasts. Both the Salamonie and Mississinewa lake properties will be hosting their annual fall festivals during the month of October and there are several other exciting events in which I will cover further in my article. Gather your family and friends and plan a day to experience all the great things the outdoors provides us as well as all the opportunities to make long lasting memories with your family and friends!

Speaking of the fall season, on Saturday, September 30th we hosted our final Bozarth Crappie Tournament of the 2017 season. After enduring a few weeks of above normal temperatures in the weeks leading up to the tournament we lucked out and had a beautiful cool brisk day to enjoy fishing which allowed our anglers to fish the Salamonie and/or the Mississinewa Reservoirs. We had a total of 19 teams entered to compete and try to take home top honors in our season ending Bozarth Tourney Classic. The

brother tandem of Mike and Dave Bowser came away victoriously once again as they netted 6.01 pounds for their top seven crappies. Mike and Dave have become notorious for always being near the top of the finish line and they didn't disappoint on this day as they were able to fend off the rest of the field with their impressive catch while fishing the Salamonie Reservoir. Congratulations again to Team Bowser on a great day of fishing.

Our second place team featured James Lasswell and Nate Noblilt as they finished the day with a total of 5.50 pounds. The third place finish went to the team of Aaron Scott and his grandpa David Pence with a weight of 5.48 pounds which just narrowly missed a second place finish by .02 pounds. The team of Steve Pershing and Tom Curtis fished their way to a 4th place finish while bringing in a total of 5.33 pounds. Rounding out the top five was Kyle Kress and Clay Stanley as they were fishing in their first tournament together and finished with 5.05 pounds. The biggest fish award went to Allen Reed who brought in a 13 inch crappie that weighed 1.26 pounds. The second biggest fish went to the husband and wife duo of Bill and Sherry Rairden whom caught a 1.19 pound crappie. Congratulations to all winning teams and a big thank you to all that have competed throughout the 2017 season and looking forward to seeing everyone back again for the 2018 season.

As we enter the tail end of the 2017 camping season here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash there are still a few activities you will want to mark on your calendar. At the Salamonie Lake property they will host their annual Fall Fest on the weekend of October 20th - October 22nd. Pumpkin decorating, costume contest, trick or treating, and hayrides are a few of the many activities planned for this exciting camping weekend. Also slated for that weekend will be the Miami Harvest Project Plant Hike on October 21st. You are invited to wander the trails off Salamonie Lake with Miami Plant Tradition Bearer Dani Tippman. This event takes place at 10 am and allows one to learn names of plants and their traditional Native American uses. On Wednesday, October 25th the Interpretive Center will host the preschool program: All about Owls. Times are 10:00 to 11:30



This is Allen Reed with the days biggest crappie. His winning fish from the Salamonie Reservoir was a 13 inch crappie that weighed 1.26 pounds. (Author Photo)

a.m. and again from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. The fee is \$2 per child with a free adult and will allow your preschooler the chance to learn all you want about owls as well as meet a live one. Lastly, on Saturday November 11th Second Saturdays returns with their program: Night Sky Activities. Start time is 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. Event is \$3 per person and will allow one to observe and learn about the Aurora Borealis and then make art from what you learned. For more information on any of these planned activities you can contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at (260) 468-2127.

In closing, I would hope you find one of the aforementioned activities and plan a trip to visit here to enjoy what all these properties have to offer. While visiting be sure to stop here at Bozarth's Country Store and check out our store that has one of the largest cast iron selections, fishing and hunting supplies, and an upstairs that has a "little bit of everything". While visiting be sure to take time and enjoy one of our delicious food items off our very popular food menu. Hope to see you soon!

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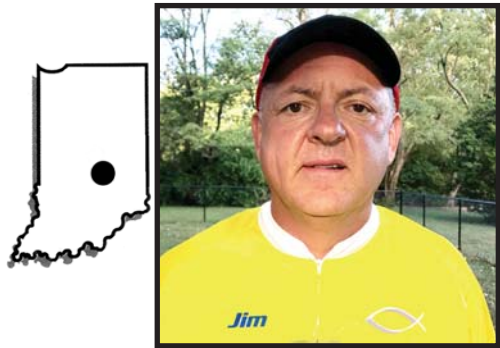


3rd place Jason Shingler and Mike Arnold.



4th place super event Doug Allen and Larry Yates.

## Indiana Slab Masters



by Jim Raymer

President & Founder of the Indiana Slabmasters

### Indiana Slab Masters Tournament Update

The Indiana Slab Masters have had two tournaments since my last article. Both were our fall tournaments leading up to the classic. This year the classic is at Tanner's Creek on the Markland Pool of the Ohio River. It is looking like we may have a record breaking attendance at the classic this year. The previous record for a classic field is 35 teams that was set back in 2012 at Patoka Lake. Since it takes physically fishing in four qualifiers for the classic, generally the classic averages about 30-32 teams. We have averaged 43 boats a tournament for the 2017 season and have about that many that have committed to

coming to the classic this year. This is an impressive number of members that follow the Slab Masters. Far exceeding my expectations when I was forming the club and some of the nicest people I have ever known.

On September 9th the Indiana Slab Masters had a tournament on Brookville Lake. This year the weather was very good and we had a record turnout of 41 teams to compete and gain classic qualifications. Brookville has a great population of crappie, the only problem is that they are what we call "cookie cutter" crappie. There is not a large difference in the size of the year class crappie that are keeper sized, and it ends up causing the finish to be very close. Our members weigh their heaviest crappie from their 7-fish stringer for a tie breaker. This was a tournament where the tie-breaker was needed. Coming out on top by manor of a tie-breaker fish was the team of Doug Allen and Larry Yates with a total weight of 6.25 lbs. Larry and Doug had a 1.05 lb. tie-breaker crappie compared to the second place team largest tie-breaker fish was .97 lb. crappie. Doug and Larry were vertical jigging and swimming jigs to catch the winning stringer. Coming in a very close second with only difference of the tie breaker was the team of Jason Collins and Jason Sayres with a total weight of 6.25 lbs. as well. Collins and Sayres were fishing minnows under floats. Coming in third place was last years "arctic tournament" champ Bret Cunningham and Mike Spieker with a total weight of 6.01 lbs. Bret and Mike were vertical jigging Nothead Jigs to finish very strong. Finishing in 4th place was the team of Doug Sikora and Mike Bledsoe with a total weight of 5.44 lbs. Doug and Mike were spider rigging Bobby Garland and Live bait all day to finish solid in a very good field. Rounding out the top 5 teams was the team of Jim Raymer and Rob Raymer with a total weight of 5.37 lbs. They were vertical jigging all day and was culling fish 15 minutes into the tournament. Unfortunately in this day of electronics, our camera crashed after the Brookville tournament and we lost all the photos from the event. That is why there will be no photos from Brookville.

Our final tournament of the year was the super event that had to be postponed earlier in the year due to flooding. This was held on Mississinewa and Salamonie on September 23rd and 24th. This tournament was worth two classic qualifiers and was a double payback from a normal tournament. The first day the entire field fished on the Salamonie Reservoir and on day two we switched over to the Mississinewa. We had an excellent turnout of 47 teams for this event and competition was very tough. Finishing in the top spot with a 2-day total weight of 12.17 lbs. are first time winners for the Indiana Slab Masters, John Buckler and Harold Hibbard. John and Harold were quite a ways down the list with 5.75 lbs. after day one, but came in the second day with the

winning weight of 6.42 lbs. and big fish of 1.77 lb. slab that catapulted them into the lead. Great job men and congratulations on your first Indiana Slab Master win! Finishing in 2nd place with a total weight of 12.02 lbs. was the team of Durel and Greg Nichols. Durel and Greg were jigging to finish with a very solid total weight. Finishing in 3rd place with a total weight of 11.96 lbs. was the team of Jason Shingler and Mike Arnold. Jason and Mike were spider rigging to finish the final event of the season strong and move them into the top 5 for the B'n'M points race. Finishing in 4th place was the team of Doug Allen and Larry Yates who secured another B'n'M Points race championship for 2017. Larry and Doug's winning weight was 11.94 lbs. Larry has been involved in 4 straight B'n'M Points race championships. Doug Allen was unable to fish with Larry last year, but returned this year to slowly take control of the points race as the year went along. Rounding out the top 5 was the team of Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas who was in the lead after day 1, but held on to solidify 5th place. Bret and Keith opened the tournament on day 1 with a solid weight of 7.05lbs. and wound up with a total weight of 11.86 lbs. This also moved Bret and Keith into a solid 2nd place finish in the B'n'M Points race for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to all our winners! As I am writing this article the 2017 Indiana Slab Masters Classic is upon us and classic champs will be awarded. The next article will include classic photos and stories on how the top finishers did! Until then I hope you all get out and crappie fish as the water and weather is getting better each day of fall! Tight lines and good fishing!

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Left Photo: Two fishermen fishing on main body of Prairie Creek Reservoir on a week day. Right Photo: Looking north from South Shore toward the Prairie Creek Campground on the North Shore. Pontoon and other boats are tied to their Pier locations along the South Shore, North Shore and Cove. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Left Photo: The Muncie Sailing Club docks, see map on next page for their location. Right Photo: Boat launching ramp, see lake map on next page for its location. There is a Legend of all facilities with a small symbol that cross references with the same symbol at their location on the lake map. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

## First of a Series of Lakes in The Gad-a-bout Territory "Prairie Creek Reservoir"

by Ray Dickerson, The Gad-a-bout

I'm beginning with the Prairie Creek Reservoir because for most of my writing career 1972 till now I have neglected this beautiful area. My only recollection of visiting Prairie Creek Reservoir prior to taking over this part of Indiana since April 2017 was when my wife and I visited there way back in the 1970's. Since this past April though I've visited Prairie Creek Reservoir on a monthly basis delivering The Gad-a-bout and collecting from the advertisers.

Since April I've got to appreciate the changes of the seasons at Prairie Creek Reservoir from bare trees and bushes with blooms and buds beginning to appear then spectacular vistas of green foliage, fields and nearby farmer fields. During all those seasons there has always been fisher persons out on the water or fishing from the bank.

I've got many friends who fish all over Indiana, one of those is Randy Davis, owner of Davis Transmissions in Richmond, Indiana who talks about the walleye he catches at Prairie Creek

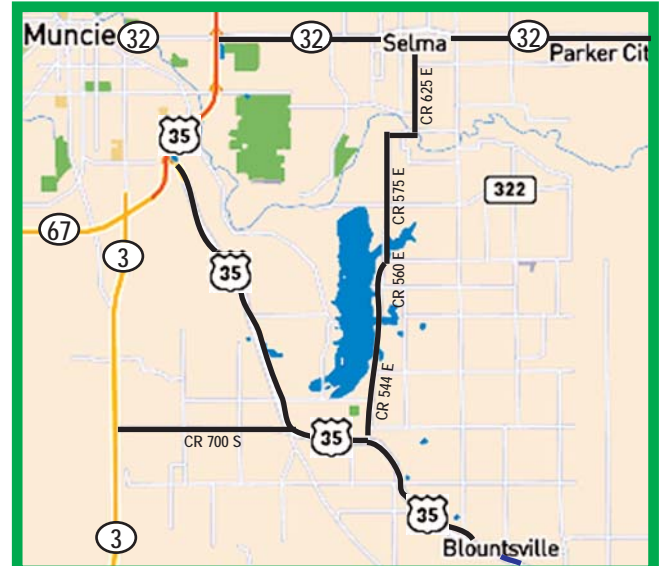
Reservoir.

Prairie Creek Reservoir was built in 1954 with 1252 acres of water. It is 3.3 miles in length, it's widest part is .9 mile and the average depth is 18 feet.

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To find all the information you need to really enjoy Prairie Creek Reservoir log onto the City of Muncie website: <http://www.cityofmuncie.com/muncie-prairie-creek-reservoir-office.htm>.

To the right is a small map I made to help you find Prairie Creek Reservoir with directions underneath. When you get to Prairie Creek Reservoir stop in at Dry Dock Marina and talk with Chris Malloy if you have any questions about the reservoir. Chris will be glad to help you, they are open year around. See map on page 21 look for the red star I've placed on the map just below the cove at the top of the reservoir. See their advertisement below, you can pick up The Gad-a-bout there too.



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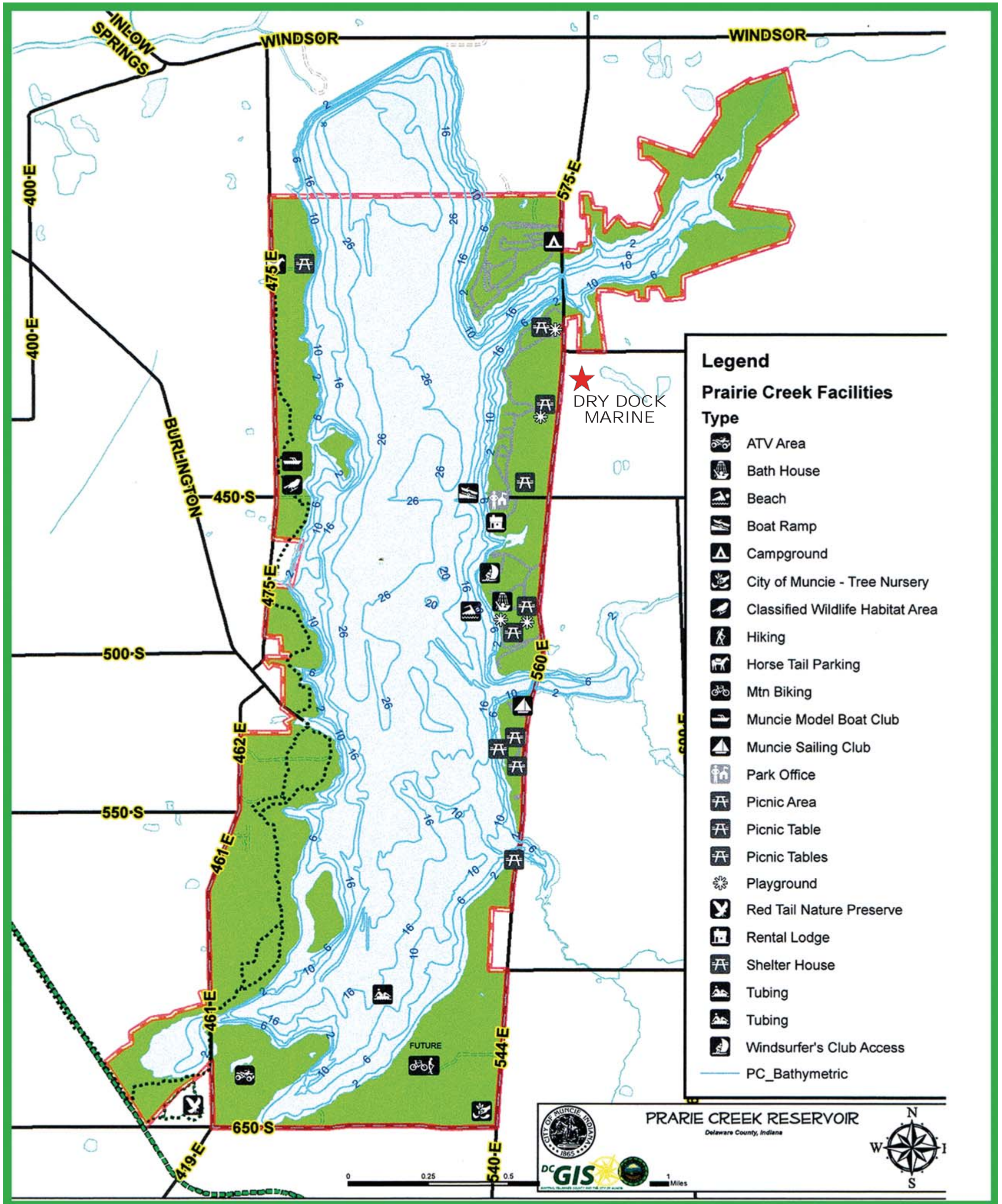

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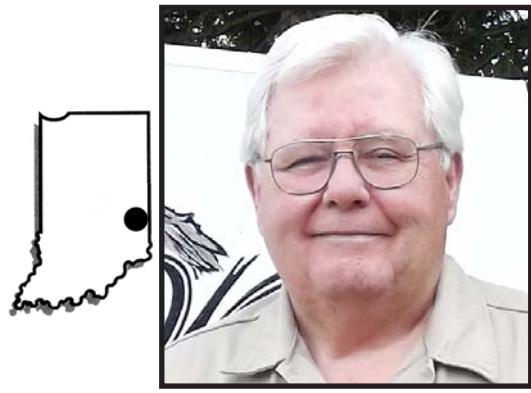
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# Random Notes on Guns



**by Marshall Smith**  
Retired LEO, NRA Life Member, Gunsmith

## Thanksgiving

I was agonizing over what to include in the November article for the Gad-A-Bout. My precious wife said "You should write something about Thanksgiving" and immediately it sprung to mind (with a little help from my wife), "What did the Pilgrims hunt with for that first Thanksgiving?" They had a bountiful harvest that fall and invited their friends the Indians to dine with them. I researched the weapons that the first Pilgrims would have brought with them and found that along with the usual axes, bows and arrows, they carried Muskets to protect themselves and their settlement as

well as hunt for squirrels, rabbits, quail, Eagles (yes there is indications that eagles were among the meats served), Turkeys, white tailed deer and other large game.

When I started my research, I was thinking that the Pilgrims probably had the old blunderhuss style of flint lock or match lock. My research led me away from the blunderbuss musket and to the flint lock rifled musket. The flint lock musket was produced in the late 1500s and was an improvement in the trigger design over the matchlock, wheellock, snaphaunce lock. The flintlock musket would have been widely available when the colonists would have been sailing to the New World. The blunderbuss was a very early shotgun which first came to market in early 18th century (1701 to 1750) and was in use by the military from the mid 1700s up through the middle 1800's. The firing mechanism had progressed from the very early match locks to the wheellock to the snaphaunce two piece flint lock to the flint lock.

The Pilgrims more than likely had the most modern rifles of their day. They were all outdoors men and women and would have been prepared to protect themselves and have the most modern tools of the day to hunt and farm with.

### Project Corner

I'm currently working on inletting the stock on my Ithaca double. Getting the fit tight to the receiver is important to keep it from breaking or cracking along the grain as it had with the original stock. The recoil of the shotgun is so powerful it can easily break a wood stock if not fitted well to the receiver and in line with the direction of the recoil. Once hav-

ing the stock properly fitted I'll finish the stock with linseed oil for a fine looking finish. Then I'll be ready to checker the grip. I'll use a simple diamond pattern that lays along the side of the grip and doesn't wrap over the grip. I'm trying to make it look as original as possible. That could change though...

### Quote of the Month

*The rifle itself has no moral stature, since it has no will of its own. Naturally, it may be used by evil men for evil purposes, but there are more good men than evil, and while the latter cannot be persuaded to the path of righteousness by propaganda, they can certainly be corrected by good men with rifles.*

Col. Jeff Cooper – Art of the Rifle

That's all for this month. These notes are mine alone and do not represent the opinion or position of anyone, just me. If you have a question or a comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or, would like to just make a comment email me with your comments at [PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com](mailto:PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com). I'll answer your questions with the most up to date information available. Some answers may be included in this column as I'm sure there are others with the same question. No question dealing with guns or self-defense is a bad or stupid question. Only those questions not asked.

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

Marshall  
[PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com](mailto:PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com)



Top Left Photo: A picture of a blunderbuss from around 1730.  
Top Right Photo: Wheellock mechanism on display at the Victoria and Albert Museum. The wheellock works by spinning a spring-loaded steel wheel against a piece of pyrite to generate intense sparks, which ignite gunpowder in a pan, which flashes through a small touchhole to ignite the main charge in the firearm's barrel.  
Bottom Left Photo: Snaphaunce mechanism (sometimes erroneously referred to as a Snaplock), External view, showing the cock and frizzen rotated back. When released the flint strikes the curved steel plate (frizzen) creating an intense shower of sparks which ignites the powder in the pan which in turn ignites the powder charge in the barrel. (Photos Courtesy of Wikipedia)

## Native American Indians in Indiana

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staying on the reservation in Kansas and the newly-formed Citizen Band moving onto individually-owned farms in Oklahoma. Some families even split, some joining the Citizen Band and others the Prairie Band. Many members of the Citizen Band lost their individually- owned land and became impoverished in the late 1860s as unscrupulous men and the railroads cheated them to get their lands. Anthony exerted considerable influence in tribal affairs in the

1880s. He died in 1893 and is buried in Washington, D.C.

Rossville, Kansas, is built on land that belonged to Anthony Navarre. Harrah, Oklahoma, is on land that belonged to Peter's son, Lewis Navarre. Part of Mishawaka, Indiana, is on Peter Navarre's former land.

Peter's son Gregory Navarre was postmaster at Rossville 1867 to 1871. Gregory's son Pete Navarre was the first graduate of the printing shop in 1901 from Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas. Pete owned and published the Rossville reporter for 40 years. A new building built in 1972 at

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Many Navarre descendants still live in Kansas and are members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi headquartered at Mayetta, Kansas.

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# Adventures in Indiana



With Cole King

## Glass Insulator Update

Many of you may remember from a brief mention here or there that I am an avid collector of vintage glass insulators. Almost everyone I discuss this with thinks back to their childhood... A young boy and a .22, taking aim at those insulators. Well, now glass insulators are no longer used, and those old things you shot at have become collector's items reminiscent of the bygone telegraph days. It seems to be that almost every American family has a couple Hemingray 42's (the most common insulator,) in their garage or landscaping. They do look beautiful in the sun, and that's why you see them at flea markets and antique stores now. Unfortunately, if I were to go into the entire history and background of glass insulators, this article would exceed the limits of how much I can write. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at cole\_king@icloud.com. Now on to the article!

Because of my trip to Germany, I wasn't able to write about the other things that happened this summer. So, I'll be playing a little game of catch up. Just a few days after I returned from my trip abroad, I was visited by Lynn Beleti, of Sonoita, AZ. We met via an insulator collector forum called Insulator Collectors On the Net, or ICON. I replied to a post of an older collector, who asked what the future of the insulator collecting hobby was. I described that I was a (then) fifteen year old collector who was very devoted to collecting. I told how I started collecting, etc. Lynn read this post, and replied to me directly. Her father, John D. Daniels, had been a collector for upwards of 20 years. Unfortunately, he was losing his memory in his old age and was unable to continue collecting. Lynn had had a slight interest when she was a girl and her father collected, so she was in charge of the collection. She wasn't in a position to keep all of these hundreds of insulators, so she had been slowly selling them over the last few years. At the time we met, she had sold just under half of the collection. She was worn out and didn't want to sell anymore, so she was looking for a young, up-and-coming, enthusiastic collector to give the remaining insulators to. After exchanging emails for awhile, she decided I was a worthy candidate to receive the gift. However, she is from Arizona, and I am of course in Indiana! How could we get these hundreds of insulators all that way? For some wild reason, Lynn decided to go even further in her generosity, and chose to drive all the



Lynn and I on the day of delivery. (Author Photo)

way across the country just to meet me and give me her father's collection. On July 16th, Lynn arrived. We talked insulators for a while and looked at my collection, then she backed her truck up to our back porch, and we started unloading the boxes. I was shocked! Even though I knew the quantity of what I was to obtain, seeing a truck bed full of insulators made me take a step back! It was like seeing the rainbow's end! We unloaded all the boxes, and unwrapped a few and discussed them. Unfortunately, when unloading the boxes, one tub was dropped and five insulators were shattered. But, the massive quantity of the remaining insulators made up for those broken. When we finished unloading the bed of the truck, Lynn pulled a small box out of the cab of her truck. She explained that on her way up to Indiana, she had stopped to visit with collector Chris Hedges in Kansas City, MO. She told him about me, and why she was coming to meet me. Without having met me, Chris gave Lynn four insulators that he wanted to give to me! The pieces had a lot of character and I am very glad to have them in my collection! Later, we went to dinner and talked a bit more, then we exchanged farewells and she departed to her hotel.

About a month later, a box was delivered to our door. It was from Lynn. I opened it, and she had gone through the effort of replacing the broken insulators! I was elated. Lynn made a huge effort of cataloging, wrapping, and delivering a massive amount of insulators. This was a colossal gift to me, even though she barely knew me. She is a wonderful, generous person, and I am very glad to call her my new friend.

Not too long after, I was invited to my aunt Sabine and my uncle Brian's house. They had a surprise for me. Shortly, a bit of background. On April 18th of this year, my cousin, the only child of my aunt and uncle, lost his life in a motorcycle accident. He was 26 years old. Kurtis Brian Gwaltney was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, having served in Afghanistan. He was a police officer with IU Health P.D. at the time of his passing. Through the grief and mourning, I have developed a close relationship with my aunt and uncle. While I was in Germany, they were working on my surprise. They converted Kurtis's bedroom into a room for me to stay in, all redecorated in an insulator theme. Fit with a wall-sized reproduction telephone pole built by my uncle Brian, a light box, and more, it was perfect. While searching for



The telephone pole and light box fabricated by my uncle Brian Gwaltney. (Author Photo)

decorations for the room, my aunt stumbled upon a site listing signed copies of the painting "Restoring Service". The painting depicts a lineman repairing a line on a pole full of glass insulators. She ordered one of these prints, and waited for a response. The artist, Alan Riegler, contacted my aunt back. They talked for awhile, and my aunt explained our situation to Alan. Alan was extremely sympathetic to us. After getting to know one another, Alan offered my aunt something extremely kind. He offered to donate the print, and a box full of insulators that are a must-have for the beginning collector. Sabine explained all of this, and I immediately reached out to Alan on facebook. We have since had many insulator discussions, and I definitely consider him a close friend in the hobby! After all of this, I believe I have given Sabine a bit of the insulator bug. She and Brian went all the way up to Richfield, Ohio with me to attend the annual Oktoberfest Insulator Show, put on by Western Reserve Insulator Club.

That's all the headlines in this month's insulator news, perhaps I will have some more exciting news later on. Once again, if you have any comments or questions, feel free to get a hold of me. If you have an interest in collecting insulators, I encourage all of you to take a trip to the Mid-Ohio Insulator show in Springfield, Ohio November 3-5. I will be there all three days! Until next month, happy collecting! ■

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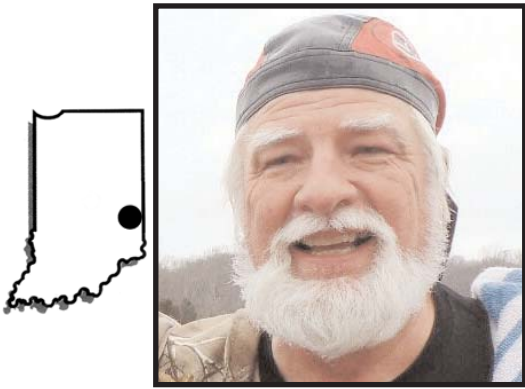
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Left Photo: Olive Garden playing softball with our team. Right Photo: Becky and her son Jacob receiving Coach of the Year Award for Area 9 Special Olympics - Left to Right: Marie Sassaman, Becky Miller, Jacob Miller, Beth Schweigel and Jess Mohler. (Author Photos)

# Outdoors With Lonnie



by Lonnie Snow

## Hello Special Olympic Fans

We prepared for our state championship softball tournament by challenging the Richmond Olive Garden to a fun game. The competition was fierce but what a fun night it was. This was our second opportunity for our athletes to compete with the Olive Garden staff. We are not sure who won but both teams enjoyed the competition and look forward to next year's challenge. Thank you all at the Richmond Olive Garden for a fun event.

Wayne County Special Olympics is very proud to announce that our men's softball team, The Sluggers, placed 2nd in the Special Olympics Softball tournament held at the Midwest Sports Complex in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our individual skills players Jeff Kendal I and Becky Powell placed first. Jacob Miller placed third. Congratulations to all our softball team players for a great season.

Our bowling season is under way at the Richmond 40 Bowl. Currently we have over 80 athletes bowling on Sundays for the next 7 weeks. They will be bowling to qualify for the Area 9 and state bowling tournaments.

Most of our athletes participated in a health fitness fair provided by our Special Olympic Volunteers while bowling at the Richmond 40 Bowl.

We would like to recognize our Coach of the Year for Area 9 Special Olympics, Becky Miller. It was an honor to recommend Becky for this award.

Spirit of Special Olympics  
Coach of the year Nomination  
Becky Miller, Wayne County, 2017

It is my honor as the Wayne County Coordinator to recommend Becky Miller for the Spirit of Special Olympics Coach of the Year Award. Becky and her husband Jim had been involved in Special Olympics with their son, Jacob, for over 25 years. Jim Passed away in 2013 and Becky has continued to volunteer and coach their son. They started out with a small group of kids and parents wanting to do something special for their kids and they became involved in Special Olympics. They began in track events and going to Winter Games. They both became certified Class A Volunteers.

Becky said this has been the perfect fit for Jacob and it has provided him with many opportunities that they could have never accomplished on their own. She feels it has been a privilege to be involved with so many other volunteers, coaches, and athletes that have the same common goal to have their child included and experience the joys and activities children without disabilities have.

Becky's son has been involved in track and field, unified golf, basketball, softball and bowling. Jacob played on the Pacers, level 4 men's Basketball Team. She felt that Jacob was struggling on this team along with some other athletes because they did not have the same understanding or ability to play a level 4. She brought this to my attention and my advice was to create a 3on3 men's team. At this point Wayne County had never had a 3on3 basketball team. Becky had no experience coaching basketball but was willing to try. She took the time to travel to some other local Special Olympic basketball games to get a good understanding of the game.



Top Photo: Our winning second place at the State Softball Tournament. Bottom Photo: Kelly (left) and Shane Day (right) placed third in the golf tournament at the state level. (Author Photos)

Over the course of two years Becky, Jacob's Uncle Kenny, and Tommy Day started a 3on3 men's basketball team. The athletes in this program became more attentive and reacted very well to this program. They spent more time playing basketball and learning the fundamentals. The game was less stressful for the coaches and the athletes. Once they learned they had to take the ball back after a turnover they seemed to adjust to the game. It was very enjoyable to see the athletes enjoying themselves.

This year they won their basketball sectionals and went to the state. Although they did win at state they had a great time. They got to travel as a team, stay at a hotel overnight and experience the thrill of playing

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I bid a bittersweet farewell to summer.

Yet an excitement builds within me, for I know that in a short time  
the forests will burst forth with every color in our Maker's palette.

Friends gather at fall festivals, sipping cider  
and embarking on hayrides under a full moon,  
while cornstalks twirl in the wind like ballerinas on a dance floor.  
The air turns crisp as the leaves now parachute from the trees  
spiraling downward to blanket the ground like a patchwork quilt.

All too soon, another season's come and gone.  
Each one revealing treasures more precious than gold,  
with traditions to be celebrated, and new memories to be made.  
Torn between future and past,  
I await the unveiling of yet another masterpiece.....

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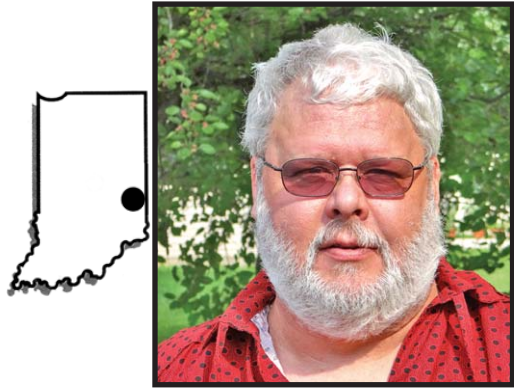
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# Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

## Post - Convention 2017 Newsletter

The Indiana State Trappers Association (ISTA) held its 56th Annual Convention and Rendezvous September 15 & 16, 2017 at the Decatur County 4-H Fairgrounds located in Greensburg, Indiana. President Fred picked this site to honor the wishes of those trappers who live south of HWY 70, as he does. Door Prize tickets have been used in recent years to get a decent count on the attendance to these events. Attendance at this Convention was down, considerably, due to a combination of factors, but those who came out, had a good time with plenty of fellowship.

Set up began on Thursday noon, with the indoor vendors being: Dunlap Lures / Jeff Dunlap, Damon Lures / Grant Arnett, IDNR / Wildlife Biologist Geriann Albers and company (I didn't get all of their names.), Sterling Fur Co. / Keith Winkler (One of our staunchest supporters), JR & Sons / Jeff Robinson (Another of our staunch supporters and source of quality entertainment), Brothers in Fur / Billy Cowan, Volker's Wire Cubbies / Mike Volker, FTA / President Chix Andres, Fur Harvesters/ Dave Linkhart (plays a mean washtub), NAFA / Terry Manley (cooked a fantastic Friday night fish fry, Grell Gunsmithing / Stu Grell, Mo's Uncommon Scents / Melissa Mansfield, NTA / Stu Grell, and new to our convention, the Trappin' Fool / Cal Dittmer. Outside we had multiple tailgater's, including, but not limited to those, as some came and went throughout the day, Byron Reichart, Jerry Schilling, Byron Tiede, Ron Scott, and our ever supportive Wilbur Cook. Wilbur, who said that he wasn't going to collect donations for the White Elephant auction, brought in several boxes of donations from a multitude of donors. (I hope he "doesn't" collect anything for this next year, as he sure fills up the tables when he "doesn't" make those collections.) Wilbur also backed up the Fish fry with his impeccable chili.

Deric Beroshok set up the daily demonstrations that ran the gamete from muskrats to coyotes, from water to land, and even took in lure making. The Kid's Tent was manned by Tom Setser building shifters and snares, and arranging for the usual hay pile dive. Those children present had a good time and were well entertained while their parents visited the booths and tailgater's.

Jim Lippens jumped in to cook lunch on Friday and Saturday when our planned food vendor had to back out at the last minute for emergency family issues. Fred provided a grill, and Noah Wilson provided the extra help that Jim needed to run a smooth ship. As luck would have it, the Semi-Truck show, going on at the same time, had a vendor of barbecue



Blake Hostetter, the 2017 Youth Trapper of the Year.



Gene Hopkins won a MB-550 trap.



Scott Hubert won a Dunn Knife on Friday.



Byron Tiede's tailgate setup. Lots of iron traps.



Billy Cowan, of Brothers in Fur, won a Dunn Knife.



Grant Arnett won a bottle of Reichart's #2 Beaver Lure.

sandwiches, so everyone really ended up with quite the choices for lunch. There were also many, diverse restaurants just a few miles away on HWY 3. Of course, on Friday Night there was the Fish fry sponsored by Terry Manley and supplemented with Wilbur's Chili. Everybody got fed, though a few missed out on the fish.

Prior to the White Elephant auction, Terry Manley present President Fred with the NAFA share check. That presentation set the tone for the White Elephant auction that was well attended with near 40 bidders claiming a number. Corbin Bultemeier served as our auctioneer and did a wonderful job eliciting rivalries for items up for bid. There were still many items that went for bargain prices, and overall the auction netted in excess of \$1400 dollars.

Friday concluded with a nightcap around the fire, listening to Jeff Robinson on guitar, accompanied by Dave Linkhart on base washtub, and Melissa on vocals. The antique jar, of the "Apple Pie", purchased earlier in the evening, was generously passed around for all to enjoy. Friday eased on into the sunset, with good conversation around a warm fire.


Saturday morning, found all of the vendors and tailgater's ready to sell, trade, or buy whatever was being offered. A few more tailgater's slipped in, and just spent the day. The Kid's tent was a little busier, and we could not have asked for better weather. There wasn't a storm cloud in sight.

Throughout the day on Friday and Saturday there were Door prize drawings and a silent auction table set up in the main building. Several of the winners

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John Allen, JR. won a Bridger #330 trap



Mitchel Rigby took home the \$250 Master card from the Raffle.



Cal Dittmar with his Silent Auction prize, a FBU engraved Ruger .223 Rifle.



Zach Lawson won a Kraatz Brothers' TS-85 Beaver trap.



Adrian South won a bottle of J.R. & Sons' Persimmon Paste Bait.



Jeff Robinson, Dave Linkhart and Melissa Mansfield provide some evening entertainment.

of the Door prizes are shown in the pictures here. Most important of the silent auction items was the FBU Ruger .223 Rifle that was never claimed, and which Cal Dittmar, the Trappin' Fool, successfully purchased. He took possession of the Rifle just prior to the Membership meeting Saturday night. The Convention closed with the drawings for the Raffles, where Billy Stott of Columbus took home the Hoosier Trappers Supply \$250 gift card, Mitchel Rigby won the \$250 MC, and Chad Wendel is the new owner of the Cricket .22 Rifle.

The Convention closed with the Membership meeting and the announcement of the future Officers. Stu Grell is going to be the new President come January 1st, 2018. Melissa Mansfield will continue as the Secretary, Jim Lippens will continue as a Director, and Charlie Davis will continue as the

FTA Representative. Be forewarned, the ISTA 57th Convention and Rendezvous will be in Tipton, IN, September 14 & 15, 2018. Watch for more information in the future.

By the way, the next ISTA Fur Sale will be February 10, 2018, at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds in Peru, IN. The Same place, and the same time that it has been for the past decade plus. Maybe we will do the same thing with future Conventions.

Watch your top knot. Keep your eyes along the skyline. Fred "DR" Philips, DVM

## Outdoors with Rich Creason

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gies, and other subjects. Breakfast, lunch and dinner was supplied every day to keep us happy and well-fed. (Sportsman's has great food!)

Other special events offered were more fishing for the group, grouse or duck hunting, a day at the shooting range, and, my favorite, Breakout Day where manufacturers show us their latest products like guns, fishing and archery equipment, and many other outdoor products. The spouses were offered daily trips for shopping, fishing, painting, and other activities.

Sportsman's Lodge is a great place to stay. This was our third (or maybe fourth) visit there. They are open 11 months of the year, being closed in November to get ready for ice fishing season. Fishing is outstanding on Lake of the Woods and the Rainy River. While I have never hunted this

area, we saw lots of deer, some of the other guys went grouse (three species available), and duck hunting and were happy with the results. There is bear hunting in the area also.

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Susie and I have been going to northern Minnesota and northwest Ontario since 1971. We have visited there in spring, summer, and fall. We have fished and hunted for all sorts of critters. After listening to the locals and seeing all the pictures of huge fish, I may have to try their ice fishing soon.

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## Outdoors With Lonnie

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at a State Champion Game.

Becky also helps coach our track and field sports and attends some of our management team meetings. She has helped coach our softball team in the summer. She is always willing to help out and has the interest of our athletes in her heart. She does an outstanding job encouraging athletes to just do their best but to try anything. She exemplifies the spirit of Special Olympics, courage, skills and sharing the joy it brings to so many athletes.

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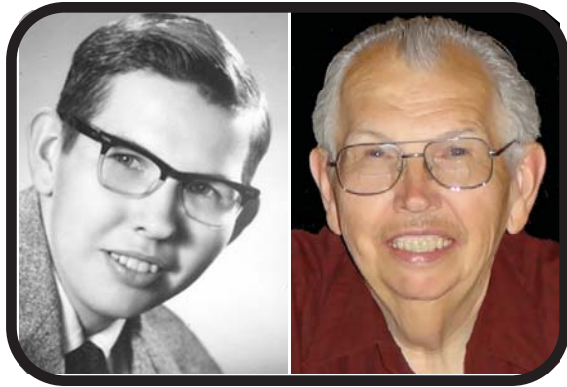
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Left to Right: Front Row (Sitting) - Bill Harrison (#44)(1953) (Team Number & Graduation Yr), Mary Lou Loudy (1953). Second Row - Paul "Pete" Widau (#22)(1954), Barbara Widau, Anita Beard, Bill Beard (1953), Sally "Jarrett" Cook (1955), Don Cook (1955) and Julian Johnson (1954). Back Row: Claude Soper (1958), Ron Harris (#32)(1953), Don Jobe (Milton), Bill Burris (#51)(1954), Coach Keith Castelluccio (Age 91), Raymond Meek (1956)

## 1953 Basketball Team Reunion October 5, 2017

I got an invitation to attend the 64th Anniversary Dinner being held at the MCL Cafeteria in Richmond Indiana on October 5, 2017 from 1953 Senior Class President, Ron Harris.

I've attended quite a few of their reunions, even though I was always an under-classman when they reigned in the halls of CHS (Centerville High School) in 1953. I was in the sixth grade.

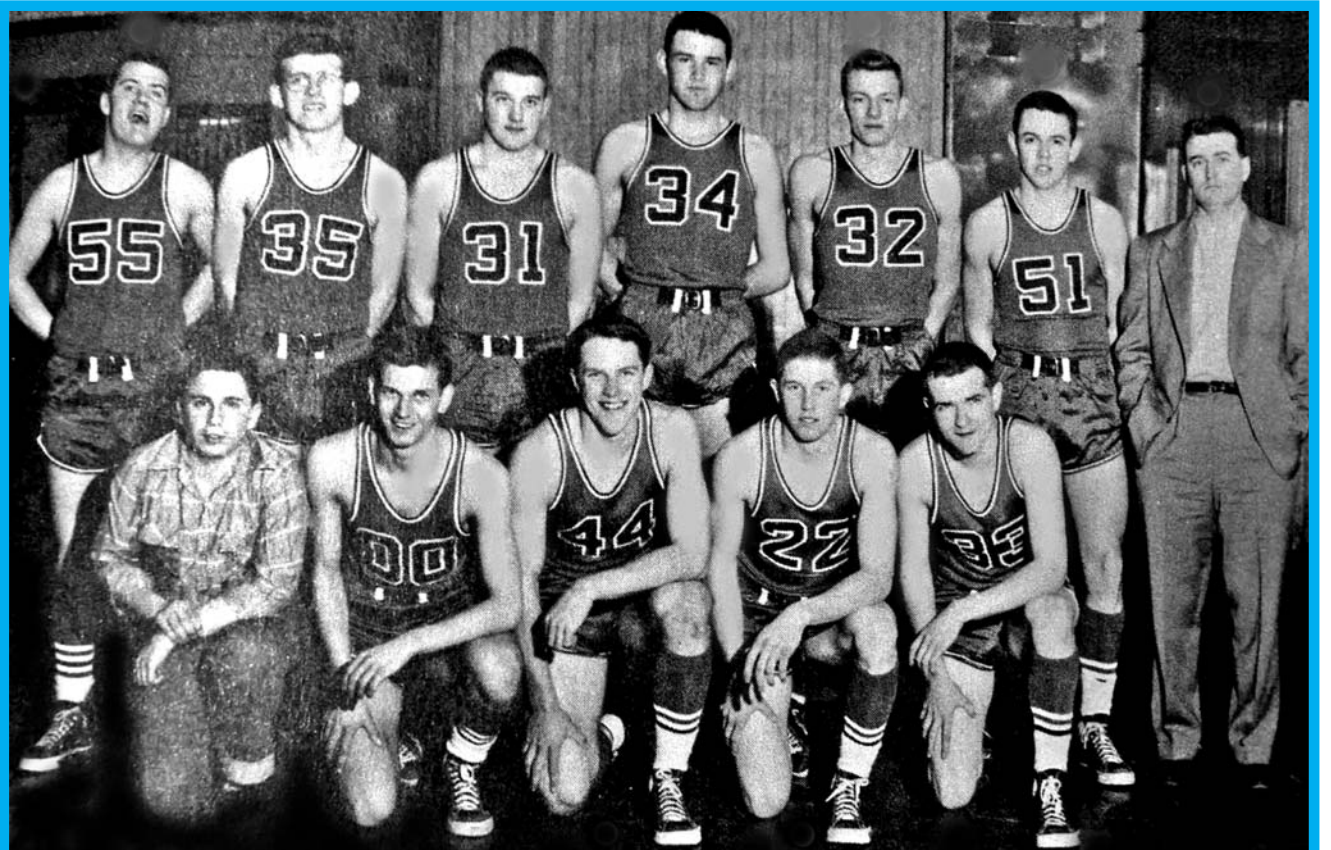
*(Side Note: I don't remember the circumstances, but for some reason when some of us moved from the fifth grade to the sixth grade we was sent to the High School Building. Mr. Arthur was our teacher. I was never enthusiastic about playing school sports, but I did play in the high school band. For some reason Mr. Arthur gave me a left handed baseball glove to play baseball. Evidently I played some baseball back then. I thought it was neat mingling with the upper class boys and girls while still being in grade school).*

When I got to the MCL Cafeteria I was pleasantly surprised to see so many in attendance. (See photo above for the list of names of those in attendance. One that wasn't there, that had always been there was Les Slinker, former head coach for the 1953 Basketball Team. If I remember right Ron Harris told me Les was 95 now. Coach Keith Castelluccio (Age 91) was there, looking healthy as ever.

Former 1953 Team members in attendance was Paul "Pete" Widau, Ron Harris, Bill Harrison, Bill Burris and Cheer Leader Mary Lou "Wickersham" Loudy.

Adjacent to this narrative is the original photo of the 1953 "most winning Centerville basketball team ever, according to team members. I copied it from the 1953 Mortonian I got from my brother's children after Bob passed.

Since writing about the 1953 basketball team in The Gad-a-bout and Western Wayne Newspaper, I've been told by classes since 1953 that they had the most winning basketball team. It doesn't really mat-



1953 Centerville Basketball Team, (Team Number & Graduation Yr) (D) Deceased, Left to Right: Front Row (Kneeling) - Student Manager Johnny Wambo, Jim Cihlar (#00)(1953)(D), Bill Harrison (#44)(1953), Paul "Pete" Widau (#22)(1954) and Jerry Wickersham (#33)(1953)(D). Back Row - Dale "Jocko" Temple (#55)(1953)(D), David "Red" Nuss (#35)(1953)(D), Don Chance (#31)(1954)(D), Loren "Lon" Hamilton (#34)(1953)(D), Ron Harris (#32)(1953), Bill Burris (#51)(1954) and Coach Les Slinker (Age 93)

ter who claims that title, it stands to reason that all those attending CHS would claim the title, as they should.

Besides the 1953 Basketball Team others in attendance was Barbara Widau, Claude Soper, Raymond Meek, Bill Beard and wife Anita, Sally "Jarrett" Cook, Don Cook, Julian Johnson, Don Jobe (Milton) and me.

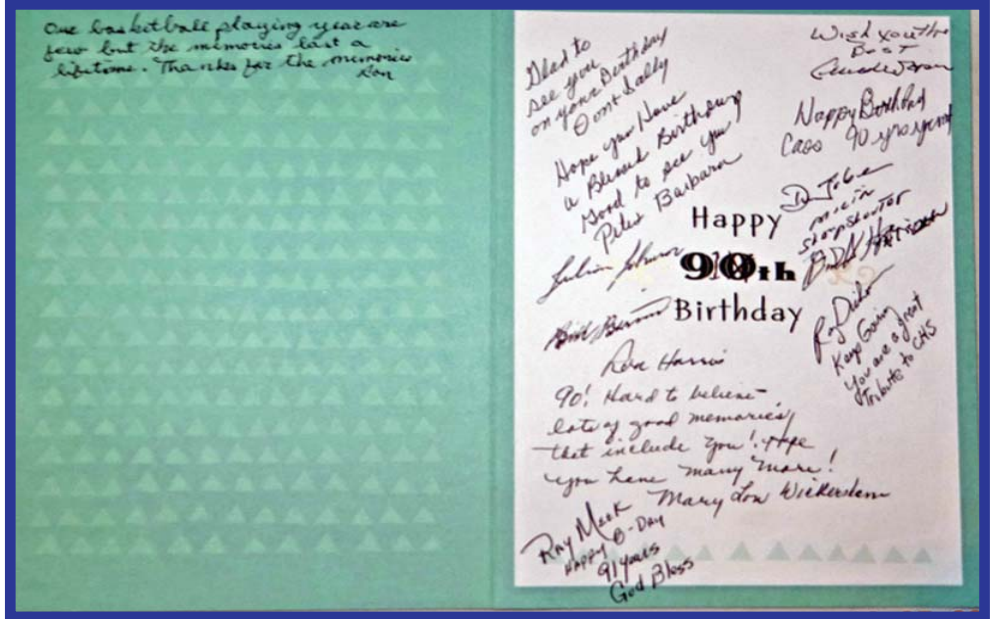
The 1953 Basketball Team won 21 of 23 games in

the 1952-53 season. They lost to Knightstown in the regular season and lost to Richmond in the final game of the Richmond Sectional.

After winning over the Brookville Greyhounds the 1953 team attained the title of East Central Conference Champions and received the traveling covered wagon from Cambridge City, the 1952 ECC champs. Centerville won the Hagerstown Tourney that year too.



Left to Right: Bill Harrison, Mary Lou "Wickersham" Loudy and Ron Harris were the only ones attending the reunion that graduated in 1953 and was associated with the Centerville 1953 Basketball Team. Mary Lou was one of the cheer leaders, Bill and Ron was members of the team. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Ron Harris passed around Keith Castelluccio's birthday card for us to sign in a hush, hush manner. Keith wasn't aware of the card, he was going to be 91 on his birthday. Keith and Les Slinker, both coaches of the 1953 Basketball team, have been at most of the reunions. Les couldn't attend this one. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Bill Beard sitting next to Coach Keith Castelluccio. Keith is having a hard time keeping from laughing. Bill is probably the most jolly person I've met in a long time. Bill graduated in 1953 (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bill Harrison won the 1953 foul shooting trophy and was also high individual scorer, followed closely by Lon Hamilton. Ronnie Harris was an excellent defensive team member and Bill Burris was a good shot from the floor, while Paul "Pete" Widau was a scrappy man on the floor, stealing the ball more than his share of the time. When they were called upon David Nuss, Don Chance and Dale Temple performed equally as well. (Information attained from 1953 Mortonian)

It was a fun day at MCL Cafeteria meeting with

friends of our youth, rekindling old memories and hoping to see everyone again at the next reunion.

**Editor's Note:** I've begun this column in the hopes of finally writing some articles about friends, notable people who deserve to be written about and family. I've met a great number of people since 1972 when I first took pen in hand and began a column in the Graphic Press, which led to other venues of publications, then of course The Gad-a-bout which is going on 28 years. As we used to say in 1960-63 England, Cheerio Matey!



That's me in the Band Uniform with the blue cap. Standing back of me is Band Leader Hank Fornoff. To my left is Jay and Ray Druley. The only other one I know for sure is the Tuba player, Jerry Nuss my cousin. Hank Fornoff gave me free lessons on the trombone the summer of 1952 on the condition I'd join the band. I stayed in the band through the 8th Grade. (Scanned photo on page 40 of Centerville Band in 1953 Mortonian)



Top Photo: Left to Right - 1st place/Grand Champion winner Brayden Bradburn; Little Fish award winner Desmond Irvin; and 2nd place winner Sara Gerard. Bottom Left and Right Photos: The winners also got to ride in the Canal Days parade in a new 22-foot bass boat distributing candy to all the onlookers on the parade route. Good job to all the contestants and we'll see you next year. Thanks to all the Sponsors, we couldn't have done it without you! (Photos by Arnold Worthington)

## 2017 Canal Days Kids Fishing Tournament Results

by Arnold Worthington

It was a cool morning but the kids were ready to get started. Who could catch the most fish and the biggest fish this day?

The bite started off just a little slow, and the kids may have had a hard time concentrating on their bobbers at first, probably because of all the sugar they were amped up on. All of our contestants started off with a big bag of candy and may have had a little sugar buzz. But before long the big fish started to roll into the scales. Kayden Duke started off the charge with a fish that weighed almost 7 pounds. He was feeling pretty good until Brayden Bradburn brought a 13.66 pound luncker to the scales. That fish won him the Big Fish of the Tournament award. He also followed that up by bringing two more nice fish to the scales for a Grand Champion total of 28.24 pounds.

Sara Gerard, who won last year's contest, came in 2nd place with a 9.07 pound fish for the Good Job

award and the Little Fish award went to Desmond Irvin with a Whopper that weighed only 0.19 pounds. He sure has a way of catching the little ones.

All of our winners were awarded plaques. The 1st and 2nd place winners received rods and reels, fishing tackle and gift cards for their outstanding efforts.

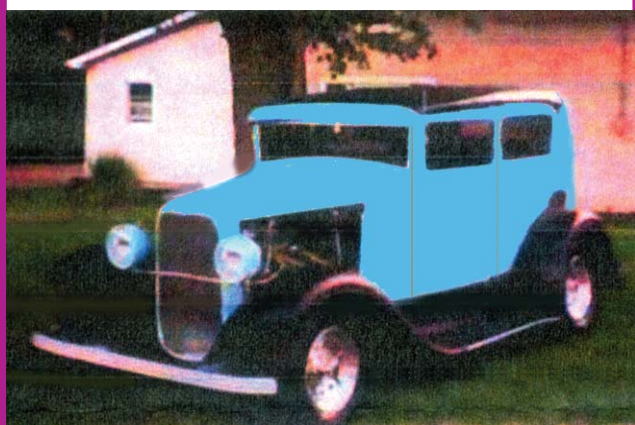
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A special thanks to Highway Springs and the Gerard family for hosting this event. We also want to thank the Evening Kiwanis Club and Premier Anglers for supplying the manpower.

We want to thank all of our local sponsors: Without their support this event would not be possible.

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Jason Hucceby caught this 50" Muskie on a bucktail while fishing with a buddy at loon lake in northwest Indiana on 9/29/2017 (Photo submitted by Jason Hucceby, See Page 3 for more details)



Holden Shera, age 8, took his first ever deer with a muzzle loader opening evening of the youth weekend 9-23-17. (Photo submitted by Patrick Shera)



Scott Palmer took his 21.5 lb Turkey on 5-13-17, it had 1" spurs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Mike Spurgeon took this 8 point, 175 lb. Buck on 11-18-16. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Michael Thomas took this 8 point, 180 lb. Buck on 11-13-16. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Ryan Thomas took this 9 point Buck on 11-13-16. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)

## Visit Fayette County, Indiana

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may be the essence of those who lived there in the past, they tell the stories and smile. No exorcisms have been attempted in the area.

A few blocks away, at the Fayette County Courthouse, stories of noises, heard by those who are there after hours, are common. Footsteps, creaks, etc. have been heard. Believable, maybe, since the original parts of the structure have served the community for almost two hundred years.

We've done tours of City Cemetery the past few years. There's an area near the doll house of little Vivian Allison that seems to bother children who visit. Oddly, it isn't the doll house that gives them the creeps. It's an area a little to the south where the young sons of a prominent local family are buried. Are the little boys trying to reach out to other children who come to visit, or are they scaring them on purpose?

During one evening tour, the photos we took were very strange. Regardless of whose camera was used, there seemed to be a red glow in the background of the photos. One photo of our present mayor, in character as Jonathon John - one of the town's early settlers - is particularly weird, as the mayor seems to be almost transparent.

Whether you believe or not, isn't it fun to think that the spirits of those who have gone before still wander among us? My grandma always said you should be more afraid of the living than the dead, and I tend to agree.

Come visit us in Fabulous Fayette County for a spirited time, and have a great Halloween! Check our website [www.tourconnersville.com](http://www.tourconnersville.com) for a list of things to see and do, including the Pumpkinliner at the Whitewater Valley Railroad. For details, call (765) 825-2054.

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North between the barrels watch for the opening. See Wildfire Motors' advertisement on page 19.

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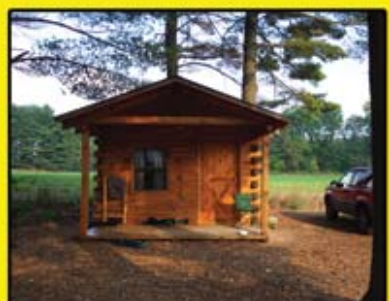
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