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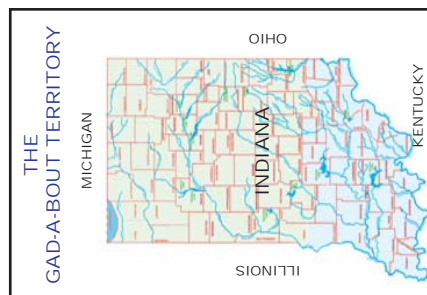
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**Top Right:** Lions Club Bulls N' Barrels Rodeo presented by the Everton and Connersville, Indiana Lions Clubs to be held at Roberts Park Amphitheater Saturday September 30th, 2017. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. and Rodeo begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$12.00 for ages 12 and above; \$8.00 for ages 4 to 11; Kids 3 and under get in free. Advance Ticket sales at Tractor Supply Company (TSC) \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Group Rates buy 10 Adult Tickets and get 1 free. 1/3 of all proceeds will be donated to the Fayette County Cancer Society. See Pages 15-18 Special Souvenir Pull-out Section. (Photo by Bette Jones)

**Bottom Left:** Captain Mike Schoonveld standing near

the back of his boat, Brother Nature, holding a nice Lake Michigan coho salmon that he caught. The Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame recently announced its latest class of inductees. Included in this elite group is Hoosier Outdoor Writers' past president and current board of directors member, Captain Mike Schoonveld. (Photo by Tom Berg, Executive Director Hoosier Outdoor Writers)

**Bottom Right:** Hunters who brave the cold, north winds of the dwindling days of the season have something in common with the birds they pursue; they are survivors. The hardest of ducks eke out a meager existence, working hard for what's left of the waste grain in the fields and aquatic vegetation in the spring-fed ponds, creeks and ditches. Roosting on rough, open expanses of big water or in the tiniest of hidden holes. (Avian-X Topflight Late Season Mallard Decoy Photo)


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Captain Mike Schoonveld (Photo by Tom Berg)

## HALL OF FAME TAPS SCHOONVELD

Hi Ray,

I would like to share a short press release with you concerning one of your writers, Mike Schoonveld. It is about the recent announcement by the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame, recognizing Mike as one of the 2018 Fishing Hall of Fame inductees. It seems appropriate that I send the release since I have known Mike for almost 30 years and I am the one who nominated him for induction into the Fishing Hall of Fame!

Best regards,  
Tom Berg  
Executive Director  
Hoosier Outdoor Writers

## HALL OF FAME TAPS SCHOONVELD

The Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame recently announced its latest class of inductees. Included in this elite group is Hoosier Outdoor Writers' past president and current board of directors member, Captain Mike Schoonveld.

The Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame is the international headquarters for education, recognition and promotion of fresh water sportfishing. Based in

Hayward, WI in its famous four-story tall musky-shaped museum, the FWFHOF annually selects for enshrinement persons, organizations and institutions who have made significant and lasting contributions to the sport and heritage of fresh water fishing.

Schoonveld, who has lived most of his life in rural northwest Indiana, is a life-long fisherman. In his younger years, nothing was as important to Schoonveld as fishing and the outdoors, so he attended Purdue University to study Wildlife Science. This led to a thirty-eight year career with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Probably nothing captured his love of fishing more than the introduction of salmon, steelhead and other trout into the Great Lakes. Schoonveld's bio on his blog-site ([www.brothernature.info](http://www.brothernature.info)) reads, "I started fishing for Lake Michigan salmon in 1969 and finally caught one in 1972." He's caught many more since then, launching his first Lake Michigan boat in 1979, becoming a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain in 1997, then starting a successful charter fishing business in 1998 which he still operates. He has helped thousands of anglers of all ages experience the thrill of catching salmon and trout on his charterboat, and he has volunteered his services for many youth fishing outings over the years.

Most inductees into the Hall of Fame have proven excellence in one facet of fishing. For instance, Curt Gowdy and Virgil Ward were pioneer TV fishermen. Hall of Famer Roland Martin is one of the most successful professional bass fishermen, ever. The Hall has inducted legendary fishing guides, noted fisheries biologists, fishing tackle innovators and others. Schoonveld drew the attention of the induction committee in numerous categories.

Already mentioned was his career as a biologist with the Indiana DNR and his nearly 20-year career as a fishing captain/guide on Lake Michigan. In 1986, Schoonveld started a career as an outdoor journalist. Since then his by-line has appeared in more than 40 different state, regional and national publications. He's been on the editorial staff of several magazines and still pens regular columns and feature stories for a variety of print publications and on-line media outlets. He has written thousands of fishing articles which have reached millions of fishermen, young and old. His stories have undoubtedly influenced and inspired many young fishermen.

Besides Schoonveld's long association with the Hoosier Outdoor Writers (HOW), he's also a past-president and current board of directors member of the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers (AGLOW), sits on the board of directors of the National Association of Charterboat Operators (NACO) and on the board of supervisors of the Newton County (Indiana) Soil and Water Conservation District.

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(Editor's Note: See Capt. Mike Schoonveld's October Article in this issue "Great Lakes, Great Waves" on Page 11.)

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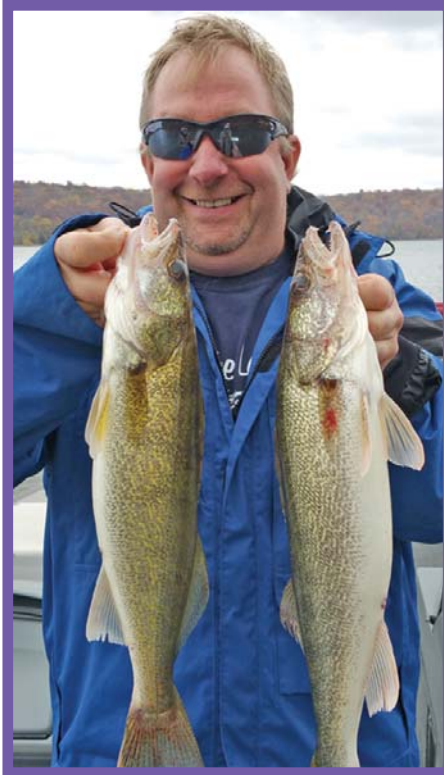
# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**  
Professional Fishing Guide

## October fishing Brookville Lake

October is one of those months where things start to change. The lake will start to go through a transitional period. As the water temperature starts to cool on the surface, things will change down below. For the last 4 months, the water temperature has been hovering in the low 80's. This can be quite stressful for some of the fish in the lake. Black bass, catfish, crappie, and bluegill seem to take it in stride, but cold-water fish like walleye and striped bass tend to struggle a bit, but as the water starts to cool these fish get their second wind. In the summer, striped bass will hover at the thermocline and walleye will hang around the drop off edge. As surface temperature gets in the 70's and into the 60's these same fish will be kind of released to go to the surface and chase bait at will. This pattern will hold true till the lake starts to be drawn down for winter pool. The Army Corps of Engineers draws the lake down 8 feet starting in the fall on or about October 15th. The entire Brookville lake complex is built for the level of the lake to be at 748 feet above sea level. The Corps of Engineers tries to maintain this level starting in late April till October 15th. If you can remember the lake was up over summer pool by 8 feet twice this summer, and both times it was drawn back down to 748 feet above sea level. This is how the Corps of Engineers controls flood waters not only in and around Brookville, but the Ohio river as well. You always should remember



Left Photo: Mike Brenner from Portland Indiana caught these two nice walleye fishing on Brookville Lake and Right Photo: Mike Weaver caught this really nice walleye on Brookville while fishing with me. (Author Photos)

the lake is a flood control project first. Brookville lake and several acres around it are owned by the federal government. The federal government leased the lake and property around it to the state of Indiana. The state of Indiana got the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to maintain it all except the overlook, the control tower, the dam and everything below it to state road 101. This is all controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers. Another thing to remember if the lake is coming up that puts fish on the banks. If the lake is going down it pulls fish off the banks. The problem I have and you will too is as soon as the shallow bite starts to get good the lake starts to be drawn down to winter pool. Now the fish think the lake is drying up so they move out and suspend over deep water. But wait, there's more. In the summer time, there is a thermocline that prevents the fish from going deep do to the lack of oxygen. In October, you have what is known as fall turn over. This is where the surface temperature gets colder and heavier and sinks through the deep water and re oxygenates the water all the way to the bottom. So now when the fish move out to the deep water due to winter draw down they can hold close to the bottom instead of suspending over deep water. What this means to us as fisherman is now their catchable. Don't give up on that shallow

bite though, after a while fish will get use to this draw down and occasionally chase bait into the shallows. The entire ecosystem in the lake knows that cooling water means winter is coming. Some animals put on the feed bag while they can while other animals like bugs worms and crawdads merely hibernate. Keep this in mind when choosing what to fish with.

Good Luck Tag

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Master State Trooper Randy McPike, Country Singer Troy Gentry and I in the Indiana State Police booth at the Indiana State Fair. (Author Photo)



Master State Trooper Randy McPike, Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch (holding bottle of water) and I in our Indiana State Police booth. (Author Photo)

### News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling  
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

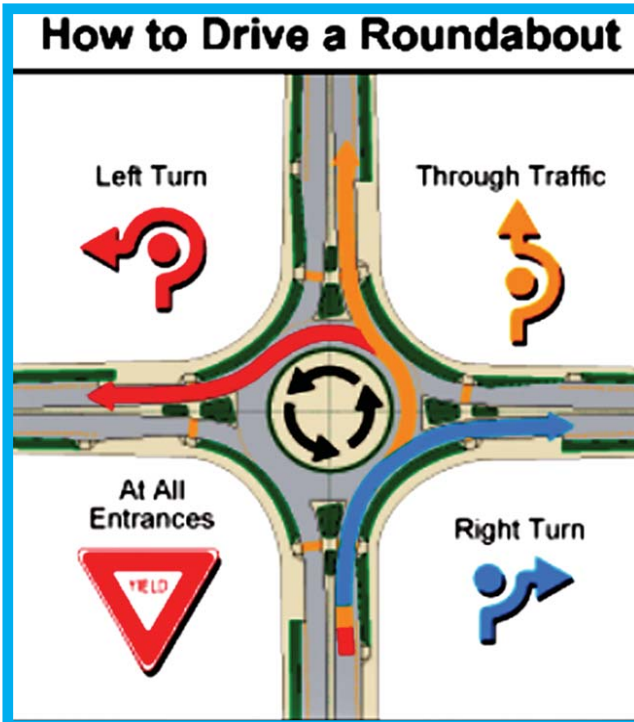
### Do You Know how to Navigate Through a Roundabout?

Roundabouts have been around for many years, but they are new to a lot of areas here in Indiana. Every time I see a roundabout I think of the Chevy Chase movie, "European Vacation," where he and his family drive into the roundabout in London and get caught in the traffic, driving in circles for hours. "Look kids, there's Big Ben, Hey look kids, there's Big Ben."

I've got to admit, I sometimes feel like that as some roundabouts are very large and seem confusing. Below are some "helpful hints" for navigating roundabouts.

#### Proper Way to Drive through a Roundabout

- Slow down and stay in your lane.



- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout.
- Obey one-way signs at all times.
- When traffic is clear, merge to the right and continue to stay in your lane.
- Continue through the roundabout until you reach your exit point.
- Avoid stopping in a roundabout.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicycles when there is a crosswalk.
- When exiting, signal and exit to the right.
- Left turns are completed by circling around the center island and then making a right turn to exit.
- Indiana law requires motorists to yield the right-of-way to semi-trucks while driving inside a roundabout.

Roundabouts are designed to reduce potential crash points within an intersection and improve the

flow of traffic. They also reduce crashes involving injuries and fatalities, according to Indiana Department of Transportation. I recall years ago an INDOT study on intersections, with one factor being how much electricity traffic lights use over the course of a year. So roundabouts are also more economical. Personally, I'm not sure I like them; but roundabouts appear to be here to stay.

### INDIANA STATE FAIR A Fun Place to Visit

I write this in late August and wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone who stopped by our information booths at the State Fair this year. I was in the north informational booth and had a lot of people stop in to say hello. If you've ever been to the state fair you know you'll see the Indiana State Police all over the grounds, as well as at three information booths. It's a popular but long detail for us.

A lot of the people that stopped by our booth wanted to thank us for our service, which is always refreshing to hear. Often in this line of work we deal with a negative element. Working events like these can serve as a reminder to all of us just what a privilege it is to be serving all of you.

We met people from all over the U.S. as well as China. Its proof that people come from all over to our Indiana State Fair. One Wednesday we worked the North Booth was "celebrity day" for myself and my buddy Master Trooper Randy McPike. It started about 9:30 A.M. when a guy came walking down the street wearing a U.K. floppy hat and U.K. shirt.

With myself and Randy being I.U. grads, I yelled at the guy telling him even though he was wearing the UK gear in our "I.U. House," I would still tell

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# Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

## Get Outdoors Indiana

I still remember sitting there surrounded by overgrown brush. The leaves had started to change and fall to the ground. The brush created a backdrop perfect for hiding. It allowed me to blend in and see that deer before it seen me, or so I thought at the time. I was seated on a small camouflaged tripod seat, anxiously awaiting for something to happen. I would quickly look to my left or right at every rustle in the leaves, but not so to scare what caused the source. The bad thing is the sound always came from some squirrel running from tree to tree. Even then I sat there and wondered how something so small could get my ambitions so high; thinking that a deer was venturing in my direction. So I continued to sit there and wait. There was no handheld devices like there are today, no cell phones, or text messages, or Facebook; so you waited. Off to my left, farther up the field, positioned in a tree, was where my father was seated. This was one of the first memories I have of deer hunting, and this memory was made possibly because of my father.

Things have changed since then. We can now stream hunting videos straight to our phones, or find an answer to any question within seconds. But the change has also come into the way kids interact. Virtual reality and video games have grown exponentially. Technology has changed everything. It has become a part of our everyday living. Even as I write this article, I'm using a computer that can be taken anywhere.

Since October has come, November is around the corner, and hunting seasons are upon us, now is the time to turn off the technology and get outdoors. The weather is cooling off, leaves are changing, fall is here, and memories are to be made.

To the parents, I encourage you to get your kiddos in the woods. They can see all the wildlife from a computer screen or listen to the sound of a patch of woods from their cell phone, but that is no way to compare to the real thing. For many readers I am sure you spend time in the woods, and that's great. If you know families or even individuals that haven't had the joys of being outdoors and enjoying what it has to offer, now is the time. The weather is near perfect, and if they so wish they can partake in the sport of

hunting.

To kids who read this article, I encourage you to get outside and find out what there is to learn. A video or a book can teach you something, but getting out there and living it yourself is a better way; in my experience anyway.

Deer season begins with archery on October 1st; or for those firearms seasons starts November 18th. For those 17 or younger, youth season is September 23rd and 24th. This is where a fond appreciation for the outdoors can be created. By sharing a story about one of my first hunting experience I hope that you can see how this can create a similar fondness for you.

So there I sat on that seat, waiting for something to happen; and then it did. I heard the leaves being crunched to my right and behind me. I had figured it was the same squirrel that aggravated me already, but I had to look. So I slowly turned my head around, trying to get my eyes there before I could get my heard around. With my eyes pushed all the way to the corners, I could see he shape beginning to form. Finally my head came around and there it was; what I had been waiting for. Not one, but three deer were on my right. My heart was pounded, I could have thought out of my chest. I had a rifle in my hands but I was frozen for a moment. Finally my brain told me to move and take aim. The problem was before I could finish that connection between that thought and my arms, the deer had startled. Their tails flagged and they bolted. Astonishingly though, they headed towards me. I followed them with my eyes and then head, but as quickly as they appeared they were gone. My chance to harvest a deer that day may have faded quickly but the memory of that hunt still remains. As I stated before, that hunt was made possible because of my father wanting to give the opportunity to get outdoors and see how I enjoyed hunting. That passion has lived on and my hope is to pass it on to my kids.

It's one of those sports that isn't for everyone. If you have a desire to try something new though or think it could be for you, but haven't completed a hunter education course there's still a chance. IDNR created the apprentice license that allow individuals to purchase up to three apprentice license's within their lifetime. This allows individuals to get outdoor and try something before having to sit through the full hunter education course. So get out there Indiana! ■

## News From The Indiana State Police

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him good morning. He laughed, came over and we talked college basketball for about 10 minutes. He leaned towards me as he got ready to leave, and in a deep bass voice said, "You know I play with Montgomery Gentry."

I looked at him and said "I know who you are, and you don't just play with Montgomery Gentry, YOU ARE Montgomery Gentry." He grinned real big as he walked backwards, pointed at us with both hands and said "Thanks for you service guys, I appreciate you." He turned and walked on towards the Free Stage where Montgomery Gentry would be playing later

that evening. Thank you Eddie Montgomery for stopping by, and for being such a good sport!

A few minutes later his band mate, Troy Gentry, came walking up the street from the free stage. He also stopped and thanked us for our service, and I've included a picture Randy McPike and I took with him.

We joked with Troy, telling him to tell Eddie we would've taken a picture with him if he hadn't been "wearin' that UK Stuff." He said he would make sure to tell him when he got back to the bus. Troy said "I told him it probably wasn't a good idea to be wearing that stuff round' here." I've been blessed in my career to meet a lot of celebrities over the last 26 years, and I can say that these two men are two of the nicest, most respectful I've ever met. Just good guys.

Later that same day we were surprised by Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who stopped by our booth to visit and take a photo. Then later on, the Superintendent of the Indiana State Police Doug Carter stopped by and visited. It was just one great day out of many spent at the ISF. It just goes to show, you never know who you might meet or run into at the Indiana State Fair!

## Harvest Time Safety

It's hard to believe, but it's the time of year again to watch for farm equipment on roadways as farmers start the work of getting in crops. The Indiana State Police offers the below safety tip reminders.

### Tips for farmers:

- Have all lighting and placards on your equipment as required by law.
- When parking equipment along the road while in the field, make certain it is visible at night.
- Avoid traveling on state and U.S. highways during rush hour traffic.
- Wear reflective or Hi-Viz clothing when working in low light conditions, so as to be seen by motorists and farm workers.
- Indiana Code 9-21-5-7, Motor vehicles driven at a slow speed impeding or blocking traffic, requires operators of vehicles being driven on a roadway of not more than one lane in each direction, at a speed below the posted limit, to move over to the right at their first opportunity if three or more vehicles are following, to allow those vehicles to safely pass.

### Tips for motorists:

- Be patient when traveling behind farm equipment; farmers have the same rights as automobile drivers to operate their equipment on the roads.
  - When approaching farm equipment from the opposite direction, pull to the right of the traveled portion of the road and allow the equipment to pass.
  - Always be cautious when approaching farm equipment parked on the side of the road. Someone may be getting into or out of the equipment or performing maintenance.
  - Be especially vigilant in watching for farm equipment on two lane roads, and around dusk when conditions can make the equipment harder to see.
- Editor's Note:** Sadly Troy Genry passed away shortly before The Gad-a-bout went to print, may he "Rest In Peace". ■

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Top Photo: Hatzell Bros., Standing Seam Solutions LLC. Located at 8649 West State Road 67, Redkey, IN 47373. Bottom Left Photo: Hatzell Brothers, left Dustin Hatzell and at right Spencer Hatzell. Bottom Right: Rod Nichols, Office Manager at Hatzells sitting at his desk. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

## Hatzell Bros. Standing Seam Solutions LLC Redkey, Indiana

by Ray Dickerson

Dustin and Spencer Hatzell are two brothers who own Hatzell Bros. Standing Seam Solutions and Excell Metals located in Redkey, Indiana.

I met them both on August 31, 2017 for the first time together. Dustin Bantz, who was selling ads for me in that area sold them their ad in The Gad-a-bout on September 21, 2016. Dustin Bantz is the owner of 1 Shot Sports in Portland, Indiana. Since that time he had to resume working full time at his thriving gun shop. So I took over his customers in his area.

I had met Dustin Hatzell but not his brother prior to my spending the day with them on August 31st. I got to know their office manager, Rod Nichols, since I began delivering my paper and collecting for their advertising.

We set a date of August 31st for me to tour their

business and find out more about them.

These two young brothers, Dustin and Spencer Hatzell impressed me from the beginning that they not only knew what they wanted to do prior to going into business together, but also had the knowledge to make a success of it. They both were born and raised in Redkey and remain there today.

Dustin and his wife, Lisa have three boys, Dexter, Denver and Dirk. Spencer and his wife, Mandy have one daughter, Emma and two boys, Cooper and Porter.

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ing a dog house that these young fellas have so much knowledge and can manufacture all these metal products right here in their building. They also have crews that install residential and commercial standing seam roofing.

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**Note:** Due to an extreme amount of road construction in Indiana this year it is a good idea to check with INDOT for road closures. "INDOT's interactive map at <https://indot.carsprogram.org/> allows users to search their route before leaving home. It alerts them of construction and incidents along the route or directs them around traffic and closures. For your inquiry, users can plot their origin location (probably their home address) and the address they are going to, the site will direct them to the fastest route at the time.....Click the "magnifying glass" search icon near the top left of the screen, and it will open up the ability to search routes. Type in your address and destination address then route your trip accordingly.



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This young lady is my wife, Mrs. Gad-a-bout. Does she look old enough to have been married to me 50 years?

## Treasures of the Earth Gem & Jewelry Show 19th Annual Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show Sept 29 - Oct 01, 2017 by Ray Dickerson

Treasures Of The Earth Gem and Jewelry Shows 19th Annual Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry show is being held September 29 - October 01, 2017 at the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds in the Agriculture/Horticulture Building at 1202 East 38th Street in Indianapolis, Indiana Friday and Saturday 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm.

Adult admission is \$5.00. Tickets are good for all three days. Children under the age of 16 Free + Door Prizes.

While you are visiting Van Wimmer's Gem show you can have work and repairs done to jewelry while you enjoy the show. There is good food available with seating capacity to make your visit more com-

fortable.

The Agriculture/Horticulture building is a large building with more dealers providing you with a huge choice to make from them at this show. You will find Jewelry makers, goldsmiths and silversmiths from all over the United States who can construct, repair, design or make original jewelry from customer-selected gems, stones, opal and crystals. Gem trees, wire wrap, wire sculpture, pearls, stone beads, stone setting, southwestern jewelry, amber, opal, mineral, fossil dealers and even a meteorite dealer.

There are hourly door prizes including a ring with a precious stone to be given as a Grand Prize. Members of the 500 Earth Science Club and the Indiana Bead Society will be present with a display. The show is fun for the entire family, make a day of it, especially bring the kids. You will be surprised to see the look of awe on their faces as they witness a whole new world of fascinating color and mystery unfold for their young eyes to see.

All shows are open to the public.

Sherry and I spent April 1, 2017, at Van's Spring show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

It has become an annual trip for us. We enjoy visiting all of the booths, rekindling friend ships from the year or years before, it's kind of like a reunion each year. That's one of the things that I really enjoy publishing The Gad-a-bout, reuniting with old friends and meeting new friends along the way.

When I was much younger all of our relatives would get together at Glenn Miller Park in Richmond, Indiana for a pitch in dinner in the summer. Like wise, I hope to see you at this show.

For more information contact Van Wimmer, Show Director - Treasures Of The Earth Gem & Jewelry Shows, 5273 Bradshaw Road Salem, VA 24153 Telephone: (540) 384-6047.

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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

## Great Lakes, Great Waves

I've spent much of my life on the Great Lakes. I've seen the good, the bad and the ugly of each of the lakes. The sun rising over Michigan's west coast sand dunes is not an unfamiliar sight. I've seen light houses, condo houses, factories, ferry boats, canoes and freighters. Most of all, I've seen waves.

I've seen tiny small ripples made by surface



The Great Lakes can dish up all sorts of waves. (Author Photo)

feeding steelhead on calm days. I've seen huge, wind-driven waves large enough to keep me off the lake or pushing me back to shore. I've seen rogue waves and predictable waves. I thought I'd seen them all at one time or another, experienced almost all at one time or another and recognized each wave for what it was.

I was wrong. Not that I've not seen, experienced and lived to tell about the latest kind of wave to be identified on the Great Lakes. I just didn't recognize it when it occurred.

Researchers now claim Great Lakes boaters now should be on the lookout for tsunamis - at least the Great Lakes version of them called meteotsunamis.

It seems this special kind of what were called tidal waves when I was growing up, are somewhat common on the Great Lakes. Wave experts say on average, Lake Michigan has over 50 each year, Lake Superior experiences a half dozen most years with the others of Michigan's Great Lakes falling somewhere in between. Since I spend the bulk of my Great Lakes time on Lake Michigan and have been doing so for my entire adult life, I'm sure I've experienced one or more. Perhaps the rogue waves I've slopped across were actually meteotsunamis.

First, let's do some definitions.

**Wave:** The surface water of pond, lake or sea when undisturbed by any kind of external force is smooth and level. Waves are unlevel and unsmooth surface water, ranging from tiny waves called ripples to huge waves called "huge" or "look at the size of that...." (You fill in the blank.)

**Tidal Wave:** The rise and fall of the water's surface caused by interaction of the Earth's and moon's gravity is a true tidal wave. The Great Lakes do have tidal minimums and maximums, but the big lake tides max out around six-inches

and are mostly unnoticeable.

**Tsunamis:** Waves created by movement of the ocean due to earthquakes, underwater landslides, landslides slumping into the water, glaciers calving into the water, volcanic eruptions or meteor impact have the Japanese name, tsunamis.

**Seiches:** If you've ever sloshed water back and forth in a bathtub or small swimming pool, you only need to imagine a Great Lake instead of a tub to understand a seiche. When wind blows across the waters of a Great Lake, it actually

pushes the water ahead of it creating a storm surge affect as occurs on the onshore wind side of a hurricane when it makes landfall. At the same time as the surge piles water on the windward side of the lake, the water level goes down on the leeward side. When the wind stops, the water sloshes back in a big wave called a seiche. The seiche wave may rock back and forth across the lake two or more times before it dissipates, each slosh taking several hours to complete.

**Meteotsunamis:** Earthquakes, volcanoes and meteor impacts are quite rare on the Great Lakes so true tsunamis are just as rare. However, weather driven, larger than normal weather driven waves can occur and have been dubbed meteotsunamis.

These occur when a storm or line of storms form over or move out across a Great Lake. As with any wind, the storm winds push water ahead of them, but when the storm moves at the same speed and direction the storm winds are blowing, the wind driven wave keeps getting bigger and bigger until you or your fishing partner glances back at the storm you are fleeing and says, "look at the size of that...!" and may not finish the sentence using the word, huge.

Not all meteotsunamis create seiches but they can. Not all seiches are created by meteotsunamis. The important thing is to be aware there is such a thing and to not let yourself get into a position where you have to choose between the word huge or some other descriptive term.

In 2014 a meteotsunami overtopped the Soo Locks. These special, huge waves have been the undoing of countless boats, numerous shipwrecks and hundreds of lives around the lakes. Pay attention to weather forecasts, weather radio and fast approaching storms.

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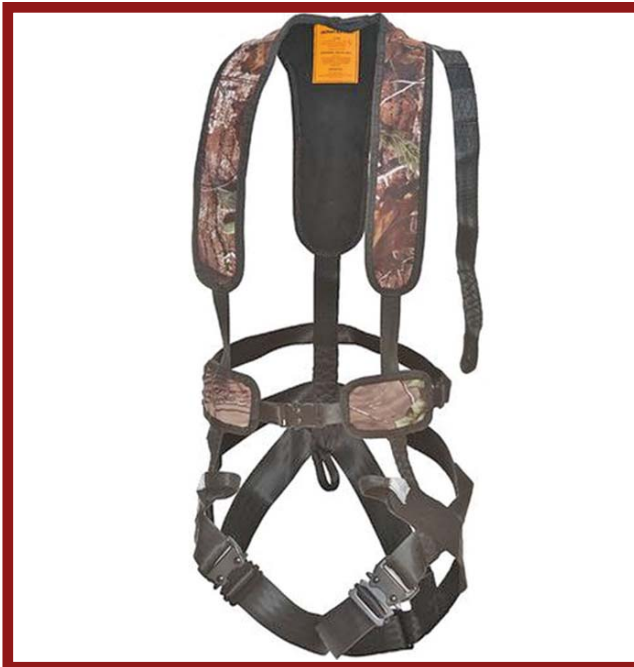
by Joe Martino

## Don't make your next hunt your last

Each year we hear horrific tales of hunters who have either perished or been seriously injured due to falling from a tree while deer hunting. Well, a fall from a tree years ago has made me look at hunting from treestands a lot differently than I used to.

So, as a reminder for the importance of tree-stand safety, I have following is a list of things that can help to avoid serious injury or death from a fall.

1. Always wear a fall restraint device while on stand. Be sure to use a full body harness only. In the event of a fall, a full body harness will hold you upright and prevent too much pressure under the rib cage, which could cause suffocation. While there are many models to choose from, but my favorite is the Hunter Safety System vest. ([www.hunterssafetysystem.com](http://www.hunterssafetysystem.com))
2. The vast majority of falls occur in the act of either climbing into or out of a treestand. Be sure to use a lineman's belt when ascending or descending trees to halt you in the event you slip or fall. An even better option is the Tree Stand Life Line (also made by Hunter Safety System) which is a length of rope that you attach to the tree and hook your safety vest onto. It slides freely while climbing or descending, but will stop you automatically in the event of a fall.
3. Affix your safety harness around the trunk of the tree before stepping onto the platform of the stand. In the event you should slip or the stand should give, this will prevent a nasty fall.
4. Likewise, do not detach your safety harness from the trunk of the tree until after you have stepped off of the platform.
5. When using metal tree steps, make sure they are screwed completely into live, solid trees. A correctly installed tree step should be screwed in so the back of it rests parallel with the trunk of the tree.
6. Never use branches or limbs as steps. They can appear solid but be rotten or cracked.
7. Be careful when using steps or climbing sticks in wet or icy conditions.
8. Be sure to clean off any mud from your steps or climbing sticks before using them.
9. Always clean off any mud, ice or debris from



Never hunt from an elevated platform without a safety harness or best. Hunters Safety System offers a full line of comfortable vests that can save your life. (Author Photo)

your stand platform prior to stepping onto it.

10. When choosing a tree for your stand, first check it out in the daylight for straightness and irregular shapes, knots or angles. Your first climb should never be made in the dark.
11. Be especially careful when using portable or climbing treestands on smooth-barked trees such as aspen, maple or oak as the stand may not hold tightly and slip.
12. Use a pull rope to raise and lower your bow or gun. Never attempt to carry them with you while climbing.
13. Purchase quality, comfortable treestands. Hunting out of an uncomfortable treestand can cause you to fidget and shift your weight which could lead to trouble.
14. Take your time and move slowly and deliberately whenever climbing into or out of your stand. Getting in a hurry can cause you to slip.
15. Never modify a commercially made stand or safety device.
16. When using climbing treestands, be certain to use a length of rope connecting the upper and lower sections of the stand. By doing so, if the platform section of the stand should fall down the tree, you can recover it by pulling it up with the rope.
17. Always wear your safety harness while climbing with a climbing treestand.
18. Climbing into a treestand should be avoided if you are on any medication or are extremely fatigued.
19. Certain types of clothing – whether bulky or tight – can hamper your ability to climb effectively.
20. Always maintain three-point contact when climbing into or out of your stand.
21. Read and follow all of the manufacturer's recommendations. Knowing how to use your equipment properly and safely – and its limitations – can go a long way in preventing injury.
22. Familiarize yourself with your equipment prior to the start of the season.



Most accidents actually happen while ascending or descending from your perch, therefore a Life Line like the one pictured from Hunters Safety System is a must. (Author Photo)

23. Always inspect your equipment before each hunting season.
  24. Never hunt out of homemade treestands.
  25. Treat treestands as you would a loaded gun. The minute you stop respecting them, you put your life at risk.
  26. If you don't hunt with a partner, make sure to inform others of when and where you will be hunting and when you expect to return. Leaving a detailed map for a family member or friend of the area you will be hunting and is also a good idea.
- In my mind, there is no better sport than hunting, so it only makes sense to protect yourself and take the necessary precautions to ensure that you have many more hunting seasons to come. ■

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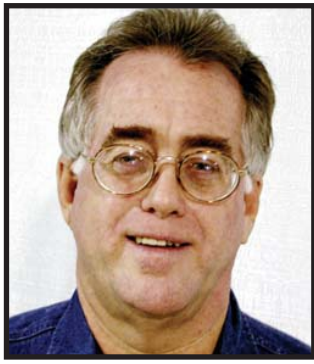


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# Outdoors



With Rich Creason



Trumpeter swan family in Indiana. (IDNR Photo)

## Trumpeter Swans Reproduce in Indiana

For the first time since bird watching records have been kept, a pair of endangered trumpeter swans (*Cygnus buccinator*) have successfully hatched an offspring in Indiana. The pair nested in Steuben County in the far northeastern corner of the state. The exact location is being withheld by the DNR because the swans tend to avoid people and a disturbance by the public could cause them to leave the area.

In 1937, it was estimated there were less than 70 trumpeters still alive. Then, a group of several thousand were located in Alaska. Some of these rare swans have been successfully reintroduced in several nearby states, including Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, and also in Ontario, Canada. The Indiana DNR decided with breeding pairs in these states, that some birds would gradually settle in the Hoosier state without outside help. Apparently, that is what happened. Before this year, trumpeter swan families had only been sighted in Indiana in the winter and had not been found breeding here. In 2010, the total population had increased to over 40,000 in the wild and is still growing. Alaska still has the largest breeding population.

These swans need clean, shallow wetlands or lakes with abundant aquatic vegetation both for food and a natural breeding area. They also want a nesting site over water such as on an island or on top of a

muskrat or beaver house. While other areas in Indiana may have some of this habitat, the northern part of our state has a larger concentration of these features. The birds also tend to be northern birds and probably wouldn't do well further south. The trumpeter does winter regularly in southwest Indiana, particularly on reclaimed strip mines.

Trumpeter swans lay an average of four or five eggs per clutch in April or May, but sometimes as many as 10. They incubate the eggs for about five weeks. While the swans mate for life and both raise the young, usually the female is the one who sits on the nest. Since this pair is only raising one cygnet (young swan), predators may have eaten the other eggs or even the young birds after they hatched, or the other young birds may have died of starvation. Perhaps this was the first breeding and the female only had one fertile egg or possibly didn't care for her young properly. Other mortality of eggs can come because of flooding. Trumpeters tend to return to their breeding territory each year, and females usually return to the same nest area where they were hatched. It is not known yet if the young of this year is a male or female, but either way, it will probably return to Indiana next year. Reintroduced birds seldom migrate, but these came here naturally.

Young swans don't reach breeding age until at least three years old. Mortality is very high for the cygnets in the first year or two, but once they become

older, they can live over 20 years in the wild. This one breeding pair in Indiana may begin a comeback of this endangered species in our state.

Trumpeter swans are large birds, with a wingspan from six to eight feet wide and sometimes up to ten feet. They are over five feet long, weigh 15-30 pounds with the male larger, and are one of the heaviest birds alive today that can fly. The adult is all white with the cygnets light gray with pinkish legs. The bill is all black. The swan swims with a long, straight neck distinguishing it from the mute swan which has a curved neck. The swans are dabblers, which means they put their head and neck underwater to feed, similar to mallard ducks. They eat almost entirely aquatic plants, feeding on the tops and even the roots and tubers of some plants. In winter, they occasionally eat grass and grains from nearby fields. The young birds, which can swim in two days will eat insects, crayfish, and some other small invertebrates for the protein for a few days before becoming vegetarians.

Trumpeter swans are just one of two native swan species in North America. The other is the tundra swan. Another species which is not native to our area is the mute swan. It is an exotic which has been imported. It can be distinguished from our native swan because it has a bright orange bill. Mute swans are very destructive to the aquatic vegetation which is important not only to other swans, but also to other waterfowl and fish. Mutes are very aggressive to other birds and even people and may be a limiting factor on the expansion of the trumpeter swan range.

I want to thank DNR biologist Adam Phelps for many of the facts in this story. Research of endangered species in Indiana is conducted by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife's Wildlife Diversity Staff which is funded primarily through donations to the Indiana Nongame Fund and federal grants. To help endangered wildlife, donate at [www.EndangeredWildlife.IN.gov](http://www.EndangeredWildlife.IN.gov).

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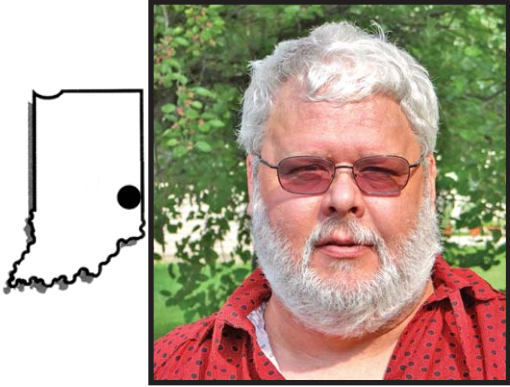
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by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

## Step-Down Sets

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Like a trench set, you begin by cutting out an area and digging down a couple of inches. You want the bottom edge of the set, nine (9) to 12 inches back from the top of the set. There should be a small backing or other obstruction at the top of the set to make the target work it from the bottom. The pattern may look like a short trench, to an inverted "V". That means the wide part is the bottom of the set. You may dig a hole at a 45 degree angle into the top of the set. The hole can be anywhere from the size of a stake wallowed out to a groundhog size hole. In front of that hole, the ground is lowered a couple of inches and the trap is concealed right at that bottom lip, nine to 10 inches back from the hole. The target canine has to step off the ledge, down a couple of inches, in order to inspect the hole. That step down commits the target, with all of its weight, to putting its foot down on the center of the trap. Ron Liggett and son perfected this set technique in Maryland for Fox. He shows how placing your trapping trowel across the set, from bottom to top, with the blade end into the hole and laying the handle down on the bottom of the set, should leave at least an inch of space between the trowel and the concealed trap. This set is not much harder to make than a standard dirt hole set, but it will catch canines with



Young lad wins the Young Man Award. Be sure to attend the ISTA 56th Convention and Rendezvous at Decatur Co. 4-H Fairgrounds in Greensburg, IN Sept 15-16, 2017. (Author Photo)

a little more consistency and a little higher on their pads, in general.

A post hole set is a deep step down set. You begin by digging a post hole down four (4) to six (6) inches. At that point you leave a ledge, and then dig down another few inches off to one side. Place a nice sized bait down deep in the hole, maybe even pin it in place with gutter spikes. On the ledge, set and conceal your trap, but leave the hole open otherwise. When you conceal your trap, dirt will sift down and conceal your bait, at least partially. This is a really good place to use that small skunk you caught a few days back, or helped the road crews keep the highways clean. Snow may cover this set over, but the trap rarely freezes down if you have it a few inches deep. The canine, generally a fox, will locate this hole and go for the bait. It drops down onto the ledge, trying to get lower, and of course is caught.

I have made a variation of this set when I was in a hurry, and cold, where I just dug the hole about a foot deep. Place a torn up

skunk in the bottom and covered with packed dirt. I then set a trap directly on top of that bed of dirt, and covered it lightly. My trap was at least four (4) inches below the grade. The skunk was from a dirt hole set about 30 feet away, where something killed it, and really tore it up. There was a nice Red Fox waiting for me the next morning and the dirt hole was undisturbed. All I could say was that he really wanted that skunk. I caught another Red Fox in that same set about a week later, after a few days of very cold, snowy, weather, that covered the country side with powder snow a few inches deep.

It was beautiful that morning with the shiny snow, disturbed only by the fresh tracks or the animals that had passed by that morning. One of the side benefits of trapping is seeing these marvelous landscapes, undisturbed, in their pristine states. Clear crisp days make for magical star lit nights that just light up the landscape. Get out and experience nature's wonders.

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If you want to see Bulls being or trying to be ridden by Cowboys, you need to attend "Bulls & Barrels Rodeo" in person September 30, 2017. The above action packed photos were taken at a previous Lions Club Bulls N' Barrels event held at the Roberts Park Amphitheater in Connersville, IN. (Photos Taken and submitted by Bette Jones)

## Everton Lions Club & Connersville Lions Club Presents The "BULLS & BARRELS RODEO"

Article by Jim Reese, Everton Fire Department Fire Chief

*(Editor's Note: I was contacted by Jim Reese, Everton Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief concerning a Rodeo they and the Connersville Lions Club wanted to get into the October Gad-a-bout.*

*A meeting was set up for Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Department fire house. As a result of that meeting Jim Reese accepted my request that he tell my readers about the activities the Everton Fire Department found important enough to spend a great deal of their time assisting without hesitation.)*

Dear Ray Dickerson,

To expand on the July 2017 edition of the Gad-A-Bout article regarding the Everton Volunteer Fire Department I would like to tell a little bit of the history regarding the Everton Lions Club. Why they were formed and what they have meant to the Everton

community and Fayette County since their Charter on June 19, 1956.

The Everton Lions Club was formed after a major fire in Everton destroyed a large apartment house in 1955, due to the fact that there was no fire department in the Everton Community. The closest fire units had to respond from Brookville and Connersville. Immediately after this fire a group of the local residents lead by Jim Lake, the local grocery store owner started researching how to establish a fire department for the Everton Community. They found that the best way to do this at the time was to do it through a civic group. They then approached the Arlington Lions Club for support in establishing a Lions Club in Everton. Arlington's Lions Club agreed to sponsor a Lions Club in Everton and so on June 19, 1956 in the Everton School the Everton Lions Club was chartered.

Immediately the Everton Lions Club began to make plans to raise funds to establish a fire department and to purchase the proper equipment for said department. They enlisted the entire Everton Community to assist them with fund-raiser's ranging from Carnivals to Fish Fry's, with many of them running multiple days. This effort was rewarded quickly as reported in the Monday, April 8, 1957 front page story in the Connersville News Examiner stating that the Everton Volunteer Fire Department's first fire truck would arrive on Sunday, April 14th. Promoting the many projects to raise funds for the establishment

of the Everton Volunteer Fire Department was the first of what continues to be the number one goal of the Everton Lions Club, member's mission to provide quality services to the Everton and Fayette County area.

To date the Everton Lions Club is directly responsible for several projects in the Everton and Fayette County area such as building the first fire house for the fire department which most local residence recognize now as the old Everton Community Building which is located next to the Everton Elementary school and is currently being used for the fire departments "Haunted Community Building" fund-raiser, they also established the Everton Water Corporation and purchased land for and enticed the Bentonville Bank to establish a branch bank in Everton. Many of the local residents recognize the Bentonville Bank now as the former Franklin County Bank (FCN). Another project the Everton Lions Club is directly responsible for was to establish street lights throughout the town of Everton, and until just few years ago was paid for by the Everton Lions Club.

Currently the Everton Lions Club still promotes and sponsors events in Everton and Fayette County such as.

Lions, manage the old FCN Bank building as a "Community Building" this building can be rented for special occasions such as business meetings, anniversary's, birthday parties, reunions, etc. For

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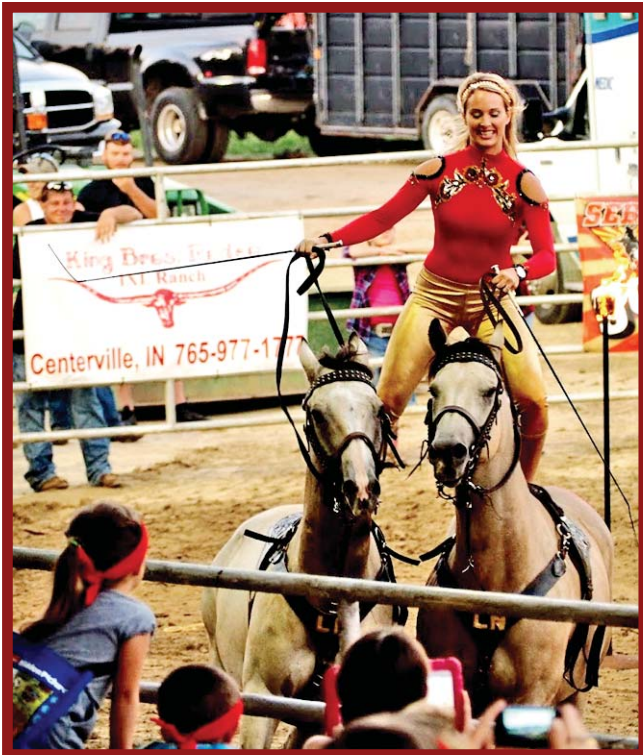
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Yippee yahoo Cowboy, hey you in the pink, yes you, - better get out of my way! (Photo by Bette Jones)



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Lions, host the "Connersville Bluegrass Jamborees" in Roberts Park, Roberts building in partnership with the Everton Volunteer Fire Department. This event is held one Friday each month. Doors open at 5:00 P.M. our opening act will start at approximately 6:00 P.M., the feature act will begin at approximately 7:00 P.M. but for exact dates and times you can go to our [Facebook](#). Or Call Jim Reese @ 765-265-2840.

Lions, still hold our annual spring "Chicken Dinners" in the Everton Volunteer Fire Departments fire station. This event is held on the Sunday before the general political election each year from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., our meals always include chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, homemade

pies and salads, and beverage for only \$8.00. But for exact dates and times you can visit us on [Facebook](#) at Everton Lions, or call Jim Reese at 765-265-2840.

For the past three years we have promoted our annual Lions "Bulls and Barrels Rodeo" in Roberts Park, Amphitheater in partnership with The Connersville Lions Club and Fayette County Cancer Society. This event takes place over two days each year on the last Friday and Saturday of September.

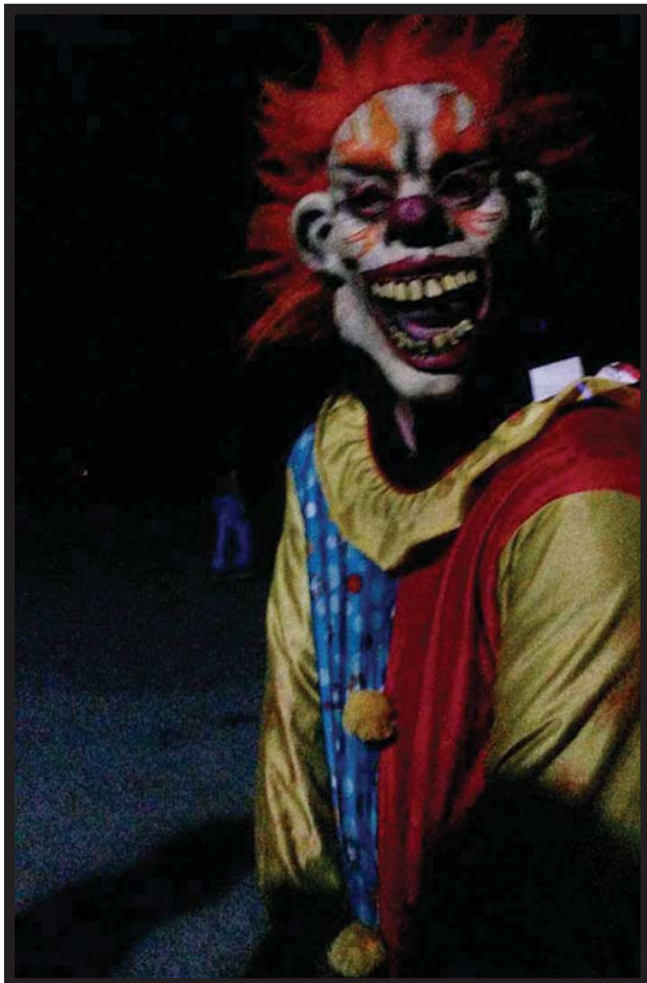
**Friday, evening, September 29th** starting at 6:00 P.M., **FREE OF CHARGE**, in the parking lot of the Connersville, Tractor Supply Company (TSC), we will host our annual "Community Wide Block Party" sponsored by **Tractor Supply Company (TSC), Kroger's and Iron Order Motorcycle Club**. This event is held each year to promote our Rodeo and to give the citizens of Connersville and Fayette County an opportunity to bring their families out for an evening of fun, food, games and fellowship with members of the Connersville and Everton Lions Clubs and Fayette County Cancer Society and to allow us to inform local citizens of our projects both current and past. All food and activities at this event

are free of charge.

For information contact Ellis McQueen who is Chairman of the Block Party and Rodeo 765-265-0805 and Hannah Hedgespeth the Manager of TSC 765-825-4450.

Saturday, evening, **September 30th** starting with the gates opening at 5:00 P.M. in the Amphitheater in Roberts Park, in Connersville we will host our third annual "Bulls and Barrels Rodeo" admission to the Rodeo is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 years and under. Advance tickets can be purchased from any Connersville and Everton Lions Club or Fayette County Cancer Society Member or at the Connersville Tractor Supply Company store for \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children 12 years and under. For additional information please visit us on [Facebook](#) at Everton Lions, or call **Jim Reese @ 765-265-2840**.

**Editor's Note: The Lions Club Bulls N' Barrels Rodeo is sponsored by the following:** *Everton and Connersville Lions Clubs; Tractor Supply Company; Kroger; CGS Services; King Bros. Rodeo IXL Ranch; SEBRA; Iron Order*  
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I'm just clowning around in the Everton Haunted Community Building come on in. (Natalie Garrison Photo)



Come my little one, I will show you the ropes in your new line of work. (Natalie Garrison Photo)



I'm glad you decided to come into our haunted building, I need some fresh meat. (Natalie Garrison Photo)



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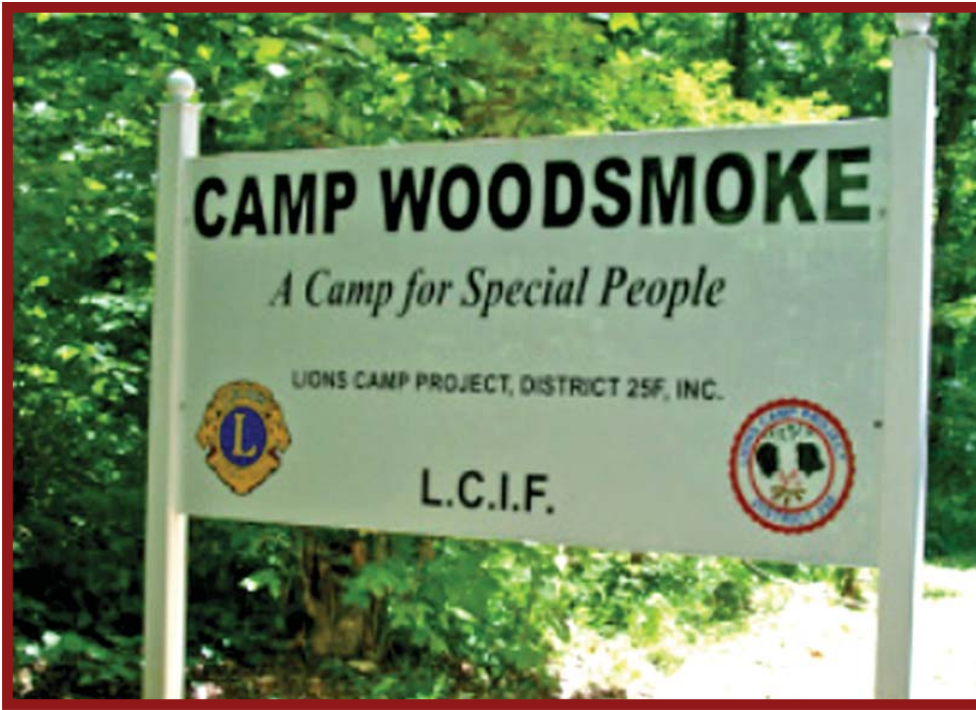
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Left and Right Photos: On September 24, 2017 District 25F Lions will be hosting a "Pork Chop Dinner" as a fund-raiser for Camp Woodsmoke from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. Please come out and visit the camp, have a great meal and support your area Lions Clubs. Camp Woodsmoke is funded entirely by donations from Lions clubs, individuals, and benevolent organizations. Camp Woodsmoke is located at 9219 East County Road 640 North, Greensburg, IN 47240. (Photos reprinted here with permission of Everton Lions Club)

## Everton Fire Department

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Although we currently work with several other organizations our heart is still with our original project; the "Everton Volunteer Fire Department". Therefore anytime we get the opportunity we will be shoulder to shoulder with our dedicated firefighters to help assure they have success at whatever they are doing. Visit the Everton Volunteer Fire Department on [Facebook](#) and check out their upcoming events. Here are a few upcoming events for the Everton Volunteer Fire Department that the Everton Lions Club will be assisting with

Fall "Fireman's Breakfast" in the Everton Volunteer Fire Station. This event will be held on September 30th from 7 A.M. until 11:00 A.M., the meal will include pancakes, sausage patties, potatoes, eggs, biscuits & gravy, coffee, milk and orange juice. All this for a free will donation. But for further information you can visit us on [Facebook](#) at Everton Volunteer Fire Department, or call Chief Jim Reese at 765-265-2840. (See advertisement on page 17)

Fall "Chicken Dinners" in the Everton Volunteer Fire Departments fire station. This event will be held on November 5th the Sunday before the general political election from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., the meal will include chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, homemade pies and salads, and beverage for only \$8.00. But for further information you can visit us on Facebook at Everton Volunteer Fire Department, or call Chief Jim Reese at 765-265-2840. (See advertisement on page 17)

### "Everton Haunted Community Building"

2017 will mark the eighteenth consecutive year that the Everton Volunteer Fire Department has hosted their annual Haunted Community Building, and the Everton Lions Club has helped them every year. This event is held on Friday and Saturday evenings throughout the entire month of October from 7:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. in the old Everton Community Building located next to the Everton Elementary School one block west of the fire station. The address is 2484 East Everton Road, Connersville, In. 47331. Cost is \$7.00 for all ages with no refunds if you're too scared to make it all the way through! For additional information you can visit us on [Facebook](#) at Everton Volunteer Fire Department, or call Chief Jim Reese at 765-265-2840. (See advertisement on page 16)

As you can see since our humble beginnings on Tuesday, June 19, 1956 when we received our charter thanks to the Arlington Lions Club, the Everton Lions Club has never wavered in our commitment and dedication to our community. We continue to strive and work hard for our family, friends and neighbors in order to give nothing but the best possible community services a civic organization can provide.

The Everton Lions Club is always looking to accept new members who are looking to make a positive contribution to our community.

The Everton Lions Club would like to invite you to visit us. We meet on the first and third Tuesday's of each month at 6:30. The first Tuesday's meeting is held at the Everton Community Building (FCN Bank Building) at 6:30. The third Tuesday's meeting is a dinner meeting and is at different locations each month. Please feel free to contact Jim Reese @ 765-265-2840 for the location or for additional information for any of the events listed above for the Everton Lions Club.

The Everton Lions Club also supports other important Lions projects in Indiana such as Camp Woodsmoke near Greensburg. This camp is funded and operated by the District 25F Lions Clubs in Central Indiana and thru tax deductible donations. On September 24, 2017 District 25F Lions will be hosting a "Pork Chop Dinner" as a fund-raiser for Camp Woodsmoke from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Please come out and visit the camp, have a great meal and support your area Lions Clubs.

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It is funded entirely by donations from Lions clubs, individuals, and benevolent organizations.

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**Misfires & Snags**



by Dan Graves

**FROM GRAPES TO GAG**

*(It's true that there are some things certain people should not attempt to do. I'm sure Evel Knievel had that very thought in mind about half way through his attempt to jump the Grand Canyon on a rocket powered motorcycle.)*

Thousands of years ago, mankind was just beginning to understand that there was more to life than going to war with your neighbor and trying to eke a living out of little or nothing. Life was hard and offered little in the way of relaxation and entertainment. The daily struggle consisted of scrounging for food, keeping the wolves out of the sheep, and paying your taxes. Apparently, we've come full circle because those are the main worries today.

But then, three thousand or more years ago, a poor farmer who worked from dawn to dusk to raise and sell the grapes from his arbors made an amazing discovery. After packing a bushel or two of the fruit in a barrel, he forgot to load it onto his wagon. After sitting in his small barn for months, he realized his error and opened the barrel, expecting to find a rotting mess of lost revenue. Instead, a pleasant aroma wafted out from the juicy pulp within. Mourning his loss, he decided to drink from the poisonous mess and end his suffering once and for all. Two days later, as he lay in the yard and buzzards circled overhead, he regained consciousness and suffered the first hangover known to mankind. Wine had made its appearance.

Since that momentous event, wine has been produced from every known ingredient, even common yard weeds. Apples, peaches, every type


of berry, and even persimmons have been used to create the alcoholic brew. The making of wine has grown into a fine art and connoisseurs of the liquid claim the ability to determine the quality of the brew by a single taste, while the common drinker can't tell the difference between a fine vintage and Thunderbird at a buck-and-a-half a gallon. Personally, I don't care for wine. It gives me a stomach ache regardless of its vintage or quality. However, I once decided to join the legion of wino's who brew their own. Or, try to, that is.

My mother had a dilapidated little grape arbor in her back yard that occasionally spat out a couple of buckets of rather tart grapes. Rather than let them go to waste, I gathered a zip lock bag full and stuffed them into the refrigerator where they sat for a month. Lost behind the lettuce and containers of shriveling, rather strange looking food stuffs, they took on the appearance of a bag full of shrunken heads. Rather than let them grow mold, I dropped them into a large jug, crushed them with a potato masher, added a pound of sugar, a half pound of active dry yeast and a quantity of water. Fortunately, because they had been stored in the refrigerator, no fruit flies went into the mix, at least none that I knew of. After capping the jug with a zip lock bag held in place by a rubber band to allow the gases to escape during brewing, it was placed in a dark, cool corner of the basement. This method of wine making is known as jug wine and is normally performed using a "clean" container with a penny balloon stretched over the neck to allow the gases to expand and keep fruit flies out of the "vintage". I didn't happen to have a balloon handy, but the zip lock bag looked like it would do the same job.

Weeks passed. Occasionally, I removed the bag and sniffed the brew to check its progress. After three weeks, the stuff smelled like a mix of kerosene and varnish remover, but I was confident it would eventually turn into something to give the Napa Valley wine producers a run for their money. I made plans to market it under a fancy French name such as Chateu Le Kerosen or Black Zinfandel Du Varneesh. More weeks passed and the aroma began to take on a more wine like smell, if there is a wine that smells like burning rubber. I noticed a black line beginning to form inside the jug at about the top level of the liquid. I dismissed it as waste from all the millions of yeast microbes turning the sugar into alcohol. Finally, the zip lock bag collapsed, signaling the end of the brewing process and my first taste of the concoction. Carefully tipping the jug to avoid stirring the layer of black goo on the bottom, I took a sip of the newest introduction to all the wine lovers of the world.

"PHOOTOOEE! HACK! GASP". Paralyzed from the lips down, I realized that I had stumbled onto the greatest discovery since bubble gum. That stuff would put every petroleum company in the world out of business. Use it to fill the tanks of a Boeing 747 and fly around the world non-stop at only fifty cents a gallon.

What went wrong? Had I not let it age properly? Then it dawned on me. I should have mixed a few fruit flies into the batter. They would have added just the right piquant and smoothness on the pallet. I could hardly wait for the next grape harvest to try it again. Fortunately, I lost interest and pursued other hobbies that posed less risk.



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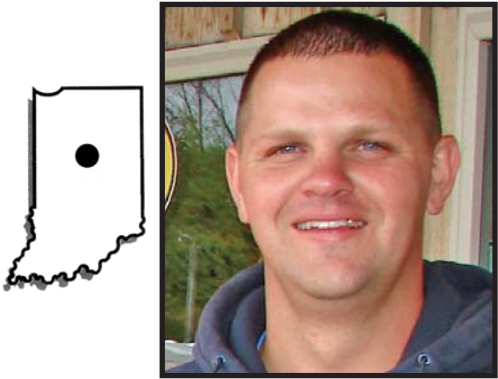


Allen Reed and Brian Justice with a few of their first place crappies. Their total weight was 5.12 pounds and they used their own custom Big Diddy baits. (Author Photo)



This is Steve Jeffers and Bob Land with their 2nd place fish that totaled 4.83 pounds. (Author Photo)

# Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing  
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

## Bozarth Crappie Tourney August 26th 22 Teams Signed Up

With the 2017 Labor Day weekend now in our rearview mirror we can begin looking forward to those cool, brisk fall days that lie ahead of us in the coming weeks. After a gloomy start to the 2017 camping season we can all agree that once the rain cleared out of our area the remainder of the summer season was filled with many great camping and recreation days. We can only hope this trend continues into the fall season and gives us many more weekends to enjoy what all the Great Lakes of the Wabash provides to us. All three lake properties have been abuzz over the previous months enjoying all the various activities they allow one to do whether it's camping, boating, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, or simply enjoying the outdoors. With that being said I hope you are able to come visit us here the Great Lakes of the Wabash (Mississinewa, Salamonie, and Huntington) and experience what a great family time these properties have to offer.

On Saturday, August 26th we hosted our 2nd crappie tournament of the 2017 season here at Bozarth's Country Store. We had a total of 22 teams sign up and compete on what turned out to be a beautiful, warm sunny day. The team that had the best day on the lake and came to the weigh in line with a total weight of 5.12 pounds for their top seven crappies

was Allen Reed and Brian Justice. Using their custom made Big Diddy baits they were able to fend off the rest of the field and take home first place total weight and also had the third largest crappie of the day with a 13 inch 1.08 pound crappie. Congrats to team Reed and Justice. Coming in just behind the leaders with a total weight of 4.83 pounds was the team of Steve Jeffers and Bob Land. The third place award went to Pat Vowell and Myron Etchison whom had 4.73 pounds for total weight. Finishing in fourth place was Gary Reed and grandson Blake Morris with a total weight of 4.72 pounds. The husband and wife team of James and Sheila Lasswell caught the biggest fish of the day coming in with a 13 inch and 1.18 pound crappie. They also came in 5th place overall with a total weight of 4.68 pounds. Congrats to team Lasswell on a great day of fishing!

As we come near the end of the 2017 recreation season we still have a few more crappie tournaments left on the schedule. The Indiana Slab Masters make their return to the area on Saturday, September 23rd and again on Sunday, September 24th. This two day tournament will take place one day on the Salamonie Reservoir and the other day on the Mississinewa Reservoir. This will be their last tournament prior to their season ending classic held on October 14th and 15th at Tanner's Creek. For more information you can visit their website at [www.indianaslubmasters.com](http://www.indianaslubmasters.com). Then the following weekend Bozarth's Country Store will host their season ending crappie tournament classic on Saturday, September 30th. This tournament will allow fisherman the opportunity to fish either or both the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. For more information contact us at (765) 981-4522.

If looking to visit any of the properties here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash then be sure to mark these events on your calendar. The Autumn Camping Week-end will take place at the Mississinewa Reservoir property on the weekend of October 6th-8th. The second Autumn Camping weekend along with the Mississinewa 1812 event will take place the weekend of October 13th -

15th. The Salamonie Reservoir property will host their annual Riders Rendezvous on Friday, September 15 through Sunday, September 17th. Then on Wednesday, September 27th their preschool program will host Spectacular Spiders from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and again from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is \$2 per child with free adult and will allow your preschooler to sing, do a spider themed craft, and go on a nature hike to learn all about spiders. Another preschool event will take place on Wednesday, October 25th with a program to learn all about owls. This event is also \$2 per child and will allow your preschooler to learn and meet a live owl. There will also be the chance to do an owl them craft and take a nature hike. Lastly, the Salamonie Reservoir property will host their Fall Festival on the weekend of October 20th - 22nd. For more information you can contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at (260) 468-2127.

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This is Pat Vowell and Myron Etchison with their 3rd place fish that totaled 4.73 pounds. (Author Photo)



Husband and wife James and Sheila Lasswell showing off the big fish of the day. Sheila landed a 13 inch crappie that weighed 1.18 lbs to take home the top honors. They also had a total weight of 4.68 pounds to take 5th place overall. (Author Photo)

### Roaming The Outdoors

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#### TEXAS JACK'S LOCK, STOCK & BARREL

An old friend came back to these parts and opened up a fine establishment in Fountain City, Indiana.



Jack Bales is his name, at his business though he's known as Jack Bales- Trail Boss. Some time ago he



and I worked at General Telephone (GTE). He drifted off to Texas when GTE was making some changes. Then some years later (recently) I found out that he had returned to Indiana and was in the process of opening Texas Jack's Lock, Stock & Barrel, so I moseyed up to see him.

I was quite pleased seeing his business for the first time, it reflects his life well. Jack has been interested in western activities for as long as I have known him. He had a brush with fate once, but that is another story for another time, locals remember April 6, 1968.

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western home decor, saddles, tack, horse feed, Victor dog food, Leaning Tree greeting cards, metal art, jewelry, western clothes for adults, kids and babies, western quilts, local honey, firewood, hunting & fishing license and more.

Texas Jack's is located at 403 West Main St. in Fountain City, IN 47341 (P.O. Box 314). His telephone is 765-847-5225 and his e-mail is [texas-jacks403@gmail.com](mailto:texas-jacks403@gmail.com).

Stop in and see Jack, tell him Ray sent you. **GREENS FORK FAMILY DINER UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP OPENED 9-6-2017**



Top Photo: The Greens Fork Family Diner located at 17 East Pearl St. in Greens Fork, IN. Bottom Photo: The staff from left to right, front row: Cassy Owens and Bailey Owens; middle row: Sarah Varner and Ashley Mack; back row: Brian Willman and Rob Varner.

A short time ago the former Greens Fork **CONTINUED ON PAGE 25**



Stop by Gittin Jiggy With It Bait & Tackle Store located at 4733 East SR 36 (Corner of 36 & Messick Road, just south of Summit Lake and west of Mooreland, IN. See their ad below. (Photo by Anita McFalls)

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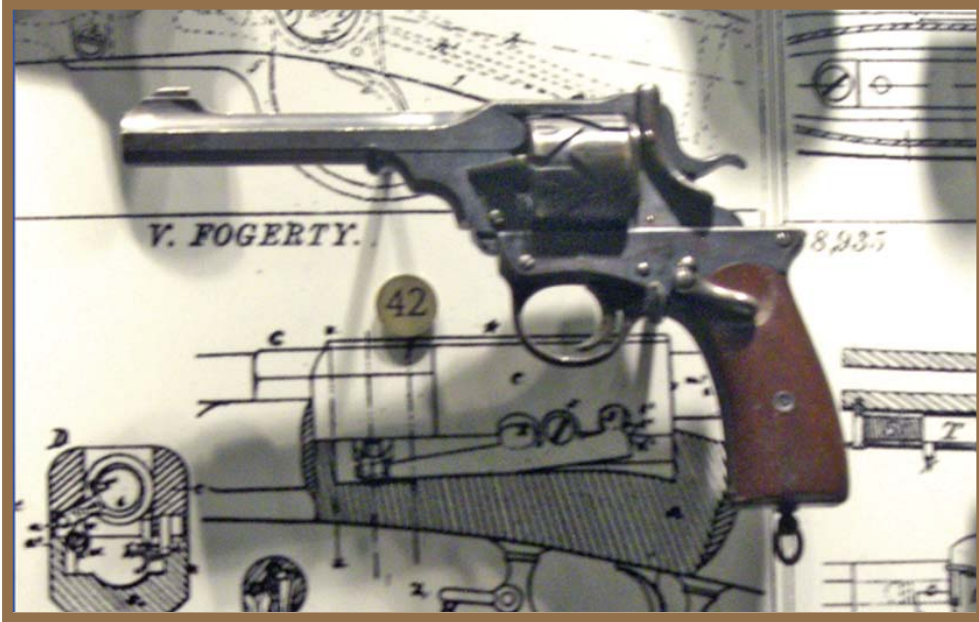
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Left Photo: Webley-Fosbery.png "This is from Wikipedia and shows the Webley-Fosbery Automatic Revolver overlaid on a drawing of the patent drawing submitted in 1895. Notice the grooves on the cylinder. I've explained them in the body of the article." Right Photo: "I first disassembled the magazine and as you can see in the picture found dirt, lint, and other unidentifiable debris all clumped together." Bottom Right Photo: "I also found the extractor channel full of carbon, unburned powder, lint, and other unidentifiable debris, all solidly packed in the channel not allowing the extractor to catch the rim of the bullet and pull it from the chamber. (Photos provided by Author)



## Random Notes on Guns



by **Marshall Smith**

Retired LEO, NRA Life Member, Gunsmith

### A Semi-Automatic Revolver?

I admit I have not seen an semi-automatic revolver. The term automatic revolver had been used in the past to describe the top break open revolvers which ejected the spent brass upon opening making reloading more quickly done without having to pick out the spent shells. Reloading could be done one at a time or using a speed loader of the time. These guns were manufactured in the late 1800s and early 1900s. A semi-automatic revolver design patented in 1895 by Lieutenant Colonel George Vincent Fosbery, VC. He took the design to P. Webley & Son of Birmingham, England, who after some design changes manufactured it for commercial use under the Webley-Fosbery Automatic Revolver. During that same period other semi-automatic revolvers were being introduced to the civilian market but the Webley-Fosbery Automatic Revolver was the most popular, particularly with the target shooters of the time. It was a very accurate pistol for target shooting since the trigger was set to single action every time the pistol was fired. The Webley-Fosbery Automatic Revolver was

originally produced in the .455 military service caliber with 6 round cylinder. Later commercial models were produced in .38 ACP which used an 8 round circular moon clip. Only 4,750 automatic revolvers were produced in its short run (1902 to 1939) of popularity. The British Army never bought into the benefits of the model due to its large frame, 11 inches, and hefty (44 ounces unloaded) weight. Some automatic revolvers did see service as privately owned officer's pistols. It was dropped from production in 1939.

The Webley-Fosbery Automatic Revolver wasn't the only semi-automatic revolver during that time. There were other attempts at a semi-automatic revolver such as the Union Automatic Revolver (1909-1912) by Union Firearms Company of Toledo, Ohio. The Zulaica Automatic Revolver a Spanish design in .22 LR. Few were made and none have survived. The Landstad revolver was an automatic revolver which originated in Norway. The gun was unusual in that it used both a 2 round cylinder and a magazine inserted into the grip. The Landstad never made it into production as it failed to pass muster in all of its tests. There were many patents filed in Britain for semi-automatic revolvers but only the Webley-Fosbery made any real impression in commercial use.

The operation of the action shows that the frame section containing the barrel and cylinder moved back by recoil and cocked the hammer and rotated the cylinder. The lines along the sides of the cylinder followed a pin in the lower frame section and turned the cylinder, 1/2 as it recoiled and cocked the hammer and 1/2 as it returned to lock up by spring action. A very interesting gun.

#### Gunsmith Notes

Has your .22 not been functioning and loading and ejecting like it used to? It could be that the gun has not been fully cleaned. Yeah I've brought this up before. On the older guns, the manufacturers sent out with the new gun the owner's manual which went

into great detail on how to take down the action and completely clean the gun. That's not done today because of liability claims against the manufacturers. The owner's manuals today have 20 pages of Safety Warnings and Don'ts. You read an owner's manual from Smith & Wesson and there is nothing on how to disassemble the gun to completely clean it, only "Field Stripping" the gun. The 36 pages contain maybe 5 pages of how to load, unload, and field strip the gun. It doesn't contain a parts drawing, nor a parts list. That's another article.

What I'm getting to is that the older guns have very good owner's manuals and most gun owners should get the manual and study it. In the pictures I show a Winchester Model 77, a semi-automatic .22 L, & LR. The outward condition of the rifle was nearly immaculate. However, it was functioning as it had many years ago. I first disassembled the magazine and as you can see in the picture found dirt, lint, and other unidentifiable debris all clumped together. OK, cleaned that. I removed the pinned barrel from the action, which is clearly explained in the Winchester owner's manual for the 77. I immediately found the extractor channel full of carbon, unburned powder, lint, and other unidentifiable debris, all solidly packed in the channel not allowing the extractor to catch the rim of the bullet and pull it from the chamber. I also cleaned the extractor hook and bolt along with the

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# Adventures in Indiana



With Cole King

## A Follow-Up On My Month in Germany

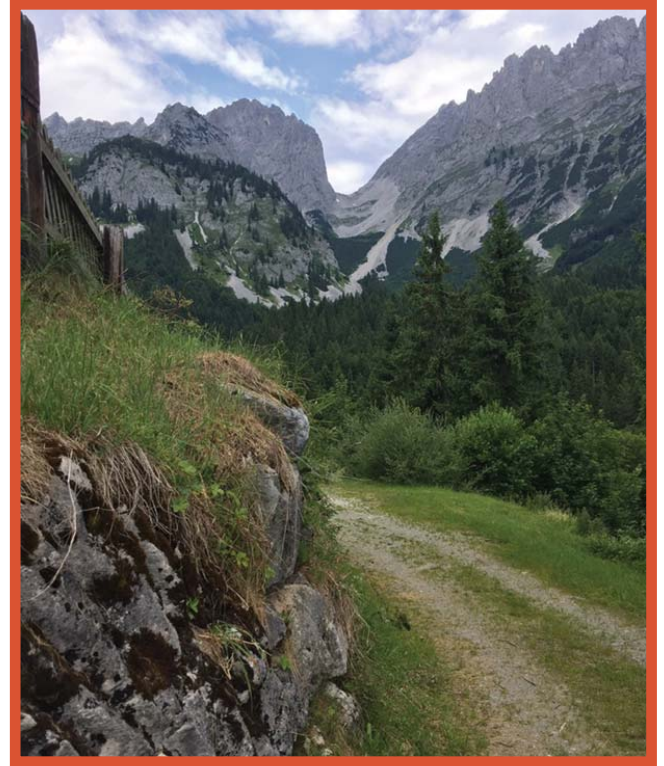
As many of the Gad-A-Bout readers know, I recently took part in a foreign exchange program in Germany, followed up by an extra week with family. Almost a week of sightseeing in Munich, then two weeks in a village by the name of Munsingen, in the state of Baden-Württemberg. My grandparents, (of Anderson, IN,) then flew in to spend an extra week with me in the area in which my Grandmother grew up from 1940-1967. My grandfather met and married her there while station in the U. S. Army in 1967.

I flew out on June 13th. When we arrived in Germany after our seemingly endless flight, we immediately had to hurry to a train. Public transportation is very common in Germany, and as soon as we passed through the airport exit doors, it led to a train station. We gathered our large school group into a couple of train cars, and off we went into the inner city. After getting off the train, we walked for about a mile to the place we would be staying the next few nights. It was a youth hostel... a low cost hotel for kids and school groups. Not very fancy, but nice, considering the price of each room. The room I shared with two other boys on our trip looked out the backside of the hotel. Not six feet outside our window stood eleven train tracks. Constantly, night and day, passenger trains, cargo trains, street cars, bullet trains, passed by our window. A notable thing about Germany; there is no air conditioning. So on these hot summer nights, we were forced to open the windows for a small amount of cool relief. Because of this, there was no stopping the noise of the trains thundering by nonstop. Combined with the poor sleeping conditions and the six-hour time change, jet lag hits you fairly soon.

We saw lots of sights during our stint in Munich, but the most memorable experiences were Neuschwanstein Castle, and Dachau Concentration Camp. On the day of Neuschwanstein, we took a train to the nearest town, then walked to the bus stop. The bus (packed like sardines with other tourists,) took us to the bottom of the mountain. From there, we walked up the mountain road to the castle itself. After stopping at the castle to take pictures, we continued a bit up the mountain to a scenic overlook. As the other students took pictures off the scenic bridge, I snuck off for an adventure. I found an under-traveled path going up the mountain, about a foot wide. I continued up out of curiosity, faced with six foot rock ledges and steep terrain. Just what I wanted. I climbed as high as I could, and took some wonderful pictures. I made it back just as the group was leaving.



Views from a day spent in Tirol, Austria. Photo of me taken by Wolfgang.



My friend asked me to climb up again, but this time take a couple of pictures on his phone. I took a panorama for him, and then we joined the group again.

The next day we went to Dachau concentration camp. We were able to get a British tour guide, so we learned some things we may not have seen or heard otherwise. Although I don't have any stories or amazing photos for this day, I felt a need to include it in this article due to the deep significance of this historical landmark.

We then moved on to Muensingen. I lived and went to school here for two weeks. Here I observed just how different German culture is from here at home. Tiny smart cars are everywhere, no trucks, no guns, and no ice in drinks. Just to name a few. During our time there we saw many more castles, took a cave tour, I went for a long hike in the Black Forest, and even got a chance to go insulator hunting. While experiencing their day-to-day school activities, living with their town and people, I was able to make significant improvements to my German speaking. I was blessed with an experience to apply the skill I have been learning for three years.

On July 5, the school group flew out of Germany. But like I mentioned, I was there for another week. I met my grandparents in the Munich airport, and we soon took off in our stick shift rental car to my Grandmother's hometown of Bad Aibling, Bavaria. All around are snow-topped mountains, beautiful homes, and a beautiful culture. Bavaria is like a whole other country. After unpacking, we gave my Grandmother's cousin a call. My fourth cousin, Wolfgang is the only surviving relative to my grandma. He is 82, with no children. He lives in an extravagant home with his wife, Eva. Soon after calling them, we hear a tap on the door. We exchanged greetings, and climbed in the car for a drive into the mountains. Being locals, they knew their way around these amazing mountain roads and ski villages. Every night we would go for seemingly endless drives up one lane mountain paths, only to eat dinner with a stunning view. We spent two nights in this area, and then packed up and left to see some friends of my grandparents in a small town outside of Nuremberg. We found our way that afternoon to their quaint apartment in Neumarkt, Germany. They were incredibly hospitable, taking us for a tour of

Nuremberg, and their home town of Neumarkt. Their names were Peter and Birgit, and I will never forget how kind they were to us. After leaving our friends, we spent the remainder of our time at a Hotel and Restaurant called "Zum Fischer Am See." The place was on the beautiful lake of Chimsee, again nestled in the beautiful mountains of Southern Bavaria. We flew out of Munich on July 12th, arriving home early in the morning on July 13th. I loved my time in what seemed to be a whole other world, but the trip also gave me a whole new appreciation for America, and Indiana.

**Editor's Note:** This article by Cole King should have been in my September Gad-a-bout with the two photos that did appear in the September Gad-a-bout. I made a gross error of putting the same article in September that was also in August. No excuse on my part, I feel real bad about it especially when Cole came home from his trip to Germany expecting for his readers to read the article you see on this page. ■

## Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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rest of the rifle. It immediately returned to working like brand new. No parts needed. So the next time your gun starts having problems get out the owner's manual and really clean the gun well. If it continues to have the same problem, take it to a qualified gunsmith or call the factory service department.

### Quote of the Month

*The conclusions seem inescapable that in certain circles a tendency has arisen to fear people who fear government. Government, as the Father of Our Country put it so well, is a dangerous servant and a fearful master. People who understand history, especially the history of government, do well to fear it. For a people to express openly their fear of those of us who are afraid of tyranny is alarming. Fear of the state is in no sense subversive. It is, to the contrary, the healthiest political philosophy for a free people.*

*Jeff Cooper's Commentaries, vol. 4, no. 16, Dec., 1996*

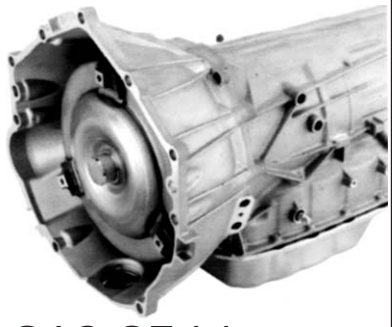
That's all for this month.

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.

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David/Mike Bowser with a total weight of 7.80 lbs. and 1.55 lb. big fish. (Author Photo)



Larry Yates and Doug Allen total weight 7.05 lbs. (Author Photo)

## Indiana Slab Masters



by Jim Raymer

President & Founder of the Indiana Slabmasters

## Indiana Slab Masters Tournament Update

The Indiana Slab Masters had a "choice" tournament on August 19, 2017. The "choice" is referring to the choice between the Mississinewa Reservoir or the Salamonie Reservoir. Either lake could be fished, or both lakes could be fished in the same tournament day. Sometimes as a competitor the choice makes it very tough and adds a whole new dimension of determining tournament plans. Earlier this year we had our first choice tournament for Lake Freeman and/or Lake Shafer. There was quite a difference in the size and the weights of fish in the two lakes, and those who went to Lake Freeman found themselves at the top of our leader board. Those such as myself that made the wrong lake choice, finished near the bottom of the leader board. This single factor of adding the choice between two lakes can determine the outcome of tournaments. It can level the playing field, and it can make the guys fishing the tournament second guessing themselves at times.

The August 19th Indiana Slab Masters tournament was a points event as well as a qualifier for the Indiana Slab Masters Classic. This year held at the beautiful Lawrenceburg through Madison area of the Ohio River. The tournament is going out of Tanners Creek Saturday October 14th and Sunday October 15th. If you can make it we would love to see you at the weigh-in. We will be crowning the new Classic Champs for 2017 and will be awarding the awards immediately following the weigh-

in. Keep an eye on the website for the location, times and information about the Classic as it is quickly approaching. Finishing in 1st place in the choice tournament was the team of David Bowser and Mike Bowser with a very impressive mid-August 7-fish limit of 7.80lbs. David and Mike also captured the Spotless Big Fish Award with a 1.55 lb. slab! David and Mike were fishing a minnow under a float at various depths to win a tournament with a very strong field of 44 boats!

Finishing in 2nd place with another impressive 7-fish stringer was the Ohio team of Doug Allen and Larry Yates. Doug and Larry are not strangers to finishing at the top and their 2nd place weight of 7.05 lbs. along with a strong 1.30 lb. slab for their big fish put them into the B'n'M points race lead with Brookville and the Mississinewa/Salamonie Super Event left on the tournament schedule. Brookville is the lake that Doug Allen considers to be his home lake, and Doug and Larry have a strong track record at Mississinewa and Salamonie. This is brewing up to be the team to beat in the point's race and the inside favorite! Doug and Larry were swimming jigs to take the 2nd place honors.

Finishing in 3rd place was the team of Charlie Hildreth fishing with his wife Laura Hildreth and having an excellent finish! Charlie and Laura had an outstanding weight of 6.60 lb. 7-fish limit! Charlie and Laura had the 2nd largest fish of the day caught, a very respectable 1.42 lb. summer crappie! Charlie has had a very good year with the Indiana Slab Masters this year, whether fishing alone or with his wife!

Finishing in 4th place was the team of Luther McDonald and Joe Rosinski. Luther and Joe were vertical jigging and spider rigging to take 4th place with an outstanding total weight of 5.97 lbs. and a big fish of a 1.20 lb. slab. Joe and Luther are an up and coming team. This is only their 2nd year fishing with the Indiana Slab Masters and have had two top 5 finishes so far! Great job men!

Rounding out the top 5 was the team of Randy Hooser and Shari Hooser. Randy and Shari have fished with the Indiana Slab Masters from the beginning and are always a solid and competitive team. They are also awesome members of our club! Two of the nicest people that you would ever want to meet and we are proud to have them compete with us! Randy and Shari had a very good total weight of 5.35 lbs. They also had a very impressive summer slab that weighed in at 1.33

lbs.! Congratulations to each of our winning teams!

The Indiana Slab Masters next stop will be Brookville Lake on September 9, 2017 and on September 23rd and 24th we will be completing our regular season at Mississinewa and Salamonie for the year end super event. This will be worth two classic qualifications but only single points. This super event will determine who is going to be the 2017 B'n'M Points Race Champion. Look for an update in the next issue! Until then, you can't catch them if you aren't out on the lake, so I hope I see you all out on the lake and I hope the crappie fishing is excellent for you! Tight lines! ■

### INDIANA SLAB MASTERS 2017 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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Charlie and Laura Hildreth with a total weight of 6.60 lbs. (Author Photo)



Joe Rosinski and Luther McDonald with total weight of 5.97 lbs. (Author Photo)

## Roaming The Outdoors

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Family Diner closed. But it wasn't for long, the Greens Fork Family Diner re-opened Wednesday, September 6th. Its new owner is Sarah Varner. The diner has been packed with customers since opening. I was in Greens Fork on Tuesday morning, August 31st getting a haircut at Marvin Wilson's barber shop. When I was leaving Marvin told me someone was opening the Greens Fork Diner. He added, you might stop in they are there now. I crossed the street and that is when I first met Walt Heaston, the owner's father. He told me they would be opening the following week. I visited

them on Saturday, 9-9-2017.

The Diner's phone number is 765-886-4663. They are serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. They are open Monday thru Saturday 6:00 am to 7:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

They are posting their daily special on their facebook page. Their only problem has been handling the large number of customers at meal times. <https://www.facebook.com/GreensForkFamilyDiner>.

Christmas's at Don's home. He, his wife Phyllis and five children opened their home to two home-sick G-I's far away from home at Christmas time. It was a special time.

Before retiring from the Air Force in the late 70's after 30 years of active service from the end of WWII through Vietnam, Don found the place on Swift River. He was stationed at nearby Westover AFB and built his retirement home on his days off.

Amy, Sherry and I visited them the first time in 1981. We followed his directions but still had a hard time finding him. Instructions: "Past the fish hatchery, back the gravel road, name on tree, back the dirt path, between the two trees and you are there. **DON'T GET OUT OF THE CAR UNTIL PEOPLE ARE PRESENT.**"

Due to frequent unwanted visitors Don had two patrolling watch dogs guard his wilderness retreat at that time in 1981. He still had Chelvy (named after RAF Chelveston) the German Shepherd I played with at Hargrave Manor where he and his family lived in England.

We visited them again in 1985 which was a bad year for Massachusetts. Gypsy moths invaded the state defoliating every tree in their path. Being an engineer Don figured a way to defeat the worms and save his trees on his property. He kept the worms from climbing the trees, at a certain height on the trunk of the tree he had material ringing it and some kind of liquid on it that caused the worms to stop. When the worms were climbing up the trunk he would be there killing them by the thousands until they stopped climbing the trees anymore.

His efforts proved successful, his property had the only green trees we saw on our visit in October of that year.

However he paid a toll for his efforts, the breathing in of the worm dust caused him health problems soon afterwards. He recovered in the time since.

Don is 95 now living alone in his home on Swift River. Still very active. When I arrived I honked the horn until he came around the house. I followed him back to where he was working on a damaged shelter frame. I helped him attach a screw, then we went inside to talk about the Air Force, his life and mine.

I spent most of the day with him and his daughter Marla, who lives the closest and keeps an eye on him from time to time.

When it was time for me to leave I told him I would visit him next year when we visited our daughter and grand kids again. Then said goodbye.

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Ninety-five year old Chief Warrant Officer 4 Donald Slessler (Retired) saluting at a Belchertown MA. Military event.

### VISITING DON SLESSLER IN JUNE 2017

When Sherry and I visited our daughter Amy and our grand kids this past June I spent June 28th visiting my good friend, Don Slessler who lives near Belchertown, Massachusetts. His home is actually on Swift River, the Tailwater area of the Quabbin Reservoir.

I'm going to reprint part of an article I wrote in my November 1990 Gad-a-bout on a visit October 24, 1990. At that time Don's lovely wife, Phyllis was still living, she passed away on June 30, 2015. We visited with Don and two of his daughters Lori and Marla who happened to be with him the day we were at his house on Swift River August 27, 2015. Don's son, Mark, had given us the news via an e-mail of his mom's passing shortly before our visit.

The main reason for reprinting my 1990 visit, is that it will be more accurate since my memory isn't as good as back then.

Don and I shot pistols in Air Force competitions while stationed in England in the early 1960's.....Don is one of those fellows you never forget. Though he was a Warrant Officer and I was an Airman 2nd Class, we became very close friends. Another close friend and fellow shooter, was Airman 2nd Class Anthony Trezza, we spent a couple of

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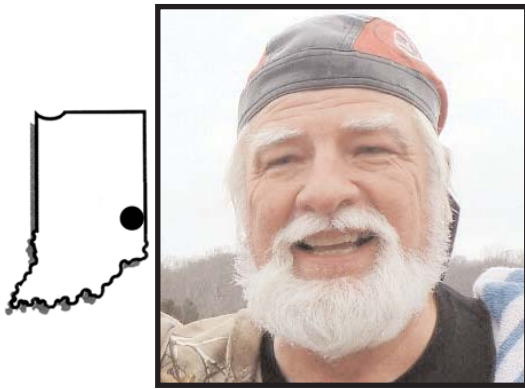
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Left Photo: Left to Right, Mike and Brandon Suttles, Bruce Gregory (LCC Golf Pro), Shane and Kelly Day. Right Photo: Left to Right, Front Row - Sarah Hoffer (Special Education Teacher UCHS), Logan Sanford (graduating Senior UCHS), Danka Kline (Executive Director Union County Foundation). Back Row - Lonnie Snow (Wayne/Union County Special Olympics Coordinator), Connie Rosenberger (Principal Union County High School), Richard Worcester (President Union County Foundation) (Author Photos)

## Outdoors With Lonnie



by Lonnie Snow

### Where did Summer Go?

It is hard to believe September is here. This means the end of summer softball, corn toss, and golf for Special Olympics athletes. Our softball team won both games at their regional competition and will be going to the state tournament on September 23rd at the Sports Complex in Indianapolis. Our Unified golf team just finished their regional golf tournament with Mike and Brandon Suttles winning first in their flights and Kelly and Shane Day winning third. Both teams qualify for going to the state championship games in September. Their home golf course is the Liberty Country Club. They want to thank Bruce Gregory for assisting them with their practice at the facility. It is a truly wonderful community golf course and we always feel welcome.

We would like to recognize the Suttle Family for winning the Spirit of Special Olympics Family of the Year Award for our Area 9 Special Olympics. This award is very competitive and it takes a great deal of family commitment to win it. Here is what it takes:

#### Spirit of Special Olympics Family of the Year Award, 2017

The Wayne County Management Team would like to nominate The Suttle family for the Special Olympics Family of the Year Award. Mike, his wife Janet, and their son Brandon have been involved in Special Olympics since Brandon was 8 years old. Brandon is now 29. They have taken Brandon to our Summer Special Olympics Games for over 21 years. The family became involved in Special Olympics



Left Photo: My favorite picture of Brandon playing on Pacers Team after winning a game...Congratulations and well deserved. At left Lonnie Snow, Brandon Suttle (member of Unified golf team) and Coach Tommy Shane. Right Photo: Suttle family award, at left Maria Sassaman (Area 9 Special Olympics), Beth Schweigel (Central Regional Manager Special Olympics), Brandon Suttles, Janet Suttles, Mike Suttles (Wayne County Special Olympics), Jeff Mohler (Special Olympics Indiana V.P. Programs). (Author Photos)

while Brandon was attending Rushville High School in Indiana. Brandon had been shifted around to several schools prior to Rushville because the only program the schools offered him was during school hours. His parents could not meet this requirement as they had daytime jobs.

At Rushville he was introduced to a very special education teacher who took the interest to make Special Olympics a priority in Brandon's life as well as other athletes who qualified for Special Olympics. Brandon became very excited about playing sports and was very competitive. His physical disabilities don't get in the way of him enjoying sports. He has won the Spirit Award from other basketball teams for his great display of courage and drive he competes with.

Mike and Janet became volunteers and coached some sporting events with Brandon. After a few years Mike became the County Coordinator for Fayette County and served in this capacity for almost 10 years.

Mike and Janet continue to be volunteers and help coach our athletes in Wayne County. Mike serves as a coach for the level 4, men's basketball team (Pacers). Janet helps wherever needed. The family is always there to support Brandon and his fellow athletes.

His parents take every opportunity to have Brandon involved in special programs such as the Colts and Pacer Clinics that the state office offers to our athletes. Brandon loves to compete in running,



softball throw, javelin toss, standing long jump, basketball, and golf. Brandon and his dad have played in our Unified Golf program for the last 6 years. Brandon and his dad volunteer with a local fire department. They also enjoy lawn tractor pulls at which Brandon is very competitive.

Brandon has completed a hunter safety course and enjoys target shooting guns with his parents. Brandon also shoots a crossbow. Recently we offered an archery class at Frames Outdoors for individuals with disabilities and Brandon and his parents stepped up to the challenge. He and several others did an exceptional job of shooting the compound bow and listening to the instructor. His mom picked up a bow and shot along with him.

Brandon has a smile that lights up a room and a voice that matches. He is full of spirit and nothing keeps him down. His parents have many, many fond memories of how Special Olympics has played a role in their lives as a family. CONGRADULATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY MANAGEMENT TEAM AND FELLOW ATHLETES.

Champions Together: Union County Schools have been very active in supporting Special Olympics and are in the process of meeting the criteria of receiving the Special Olympics Champions Together Banner for their school. They will join many other schools

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# News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard  
Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

## Trail of Courage Celebrates 42nd Year Sept. 16-17, 2017

The excitement and adventure of Frontier Indiana comes alive at the 42nd annual Trail of Courage Living History Festival Sept. 16-17 at Rochester, Indiana. Since 1976 it has been a place where history is depicted, where you can trace the very footsteps of history, and have a good time doing it. Over 1,000 people in historic outfits participate.

Frontier Indiana comes alive with foods cooked over wood fires, period music and dance, traditional crafts, historic camps and trading, canoe rides on the river, and much more. It is produced by the Fulton County Historical Society. This event combines genealogy of the Potawatomi Indians and the settlers who lived in Fulton County and northern Indiana in the early 1800s with rendezvous events, period music and dance on two stages, canoe rides on the Tippecanoe River.

The Trail of Courage will be held at the FCHS grounds four miles north of Rochester on US 31 and Tippecanoe River. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children (6 through 11), and free ages 5 and under. Hours are Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Dancing for My Tribe comes to Rochester-- Photos of Potawatomi Regalia in the New Millennium: Sept. 15 at FCHS museum

A free program and exhibit of nearly life-size photographic portraits of contemporary Potawatomi Indians in regalia will be presented Friday Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fulton County Museum. The portraits by photographer Sharon Hoogstraten (member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation) are part of a program the evening before the Trail of Courage Living History Festival Sept. 16-17.

Sharon's family is the honored Potawatomi family at the festival this year. Each year a different Potawatomi family is honored and their history published in the Rochester Sentinel and in a commemorative folder available in the replica Chippeway Village post office at the festival and in the museum.

The public is invited to the program and exhibit which includes several nearly- life- size photos of Potawatomi Pow Wow dancers and a transparent image (12 feet by 8 feet) of a scene from the Trail of Death - the giant oak tree found west of Jacksonville, Illinois. This old tree was there when the Potawatomi were marched past it in 1838 on the forced removal from Indiana to Kansas. The tree is so big that it takes eight men to link hands to reach around it.

Sharon will be honored at the opening ceremony at



Sharon Hoogstraten (Photo Courtesy Citizen Potawatomi Nation - Bo Apitz)

10 a.m. Sept. 16, during the Trail of Courage. She will be presented a Key to the City by Mayor Ted Denton. She will tell her family's history 10:30 - 11:00 on the Chippeway Village stage. She will also be honored at the Indian dances from 2 to 3 p.m.

Sharon lives in Chicago and has been a photographer for 45 years. Her studio is located in the Logan Square neighborhood. Interestingly, many of her Potawatomi ancestors lived in Chicago until 1838.

In 2010 Sharon began her project of photographing CPN members in formal regalia. With the help of a grant from Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee, Ok., she has photographed Potawatomi from the all of the Potawatomi tribe's nine Nations dressed in their personal regalia which they designed and created to reflect their own stories.

Sharon will begin work on a book of these portraits called "Dancing for My Tribe" later this year

### Join in the Indian dances

The public is invited to join in the Indian dances 2 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., which are held in an arena outlined by teepee's. The drum will be the Indiana Hawk Band Shadow Sept Drum led by Terry "Red Hawk" Harris, Walkerton, who will also serve as the Emcee this year. Head dancers will be Daniel Whitewolf and Little Bird Rivers, Kingston, AR. .

The Trail of Courage includes historic encampments representing the French & Indian War, Voyageurs, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Western Fur Trade, Plains Indians teepee's, and Woodland Indian wigwams. A re-created Miami Village includes wigwams and life ways demonstrations, such as making cattail mats.

Another re-creation is of Chippeway Village, which had the first trading post, post office and village in Fulton County in 1832. Food purveyors and traditional craftsmen set up in wooden booths. Craftsmen also sell pre-1840 trade goods from blankets and in historic merchant tents, offering a variety of items from clothing and jewelry to knives and candles, everything needed to live in frontier days.

### Fun frontier activities for all

Canoe rides, muzzle loading shooting and tomahawk throwing contests, and a Mountain Man Tug of War add to the frontier activities. Local Girl Scouts offer candle

dipping to all children.

Two stages with frontier music and dance present programs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Since the early 1980s FCHS has received grants from the Indiana Arts Commission/ National Endowment for the Arts to help pay for musicians and dancers. This year they include River Valley Colonials Fife & Drum Corp, Aztec dancers, Shakin' Hammers String Band, Mark and Liza Woolever, Common Stock Entertainment; Anderson Marching Highlanders, , Genot Picor - voyageur stories, Trois Buffon - voyageur music and dance, Indian dancers and drum.

This year's grant is for \$5,000 which is about half of the approximately \$9,500 cost of the performers. Donations to match the grant are required by the Indiana Arts Commission and can be mailed to FCHS, 37 E 375 N, Rochester, IN 46975.

Many volunteers provide programs such as Frontier Frolic dance, Nan Edwards and Margo Moore's dogs pulling travois, Marsha Glassburn - Cherokee storytelling, Fashion Show, Riddle School dancers, Mike Kenny - music; and Mark Gropp - bagpipes.

Both Catholic and Protestant worship services are held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. Father Denny Kinderman, Chicago, has celebrated Mass for over 10 years at the Hillside Amphitheater. Larry Howard, Claypool, will lead the Protestant service at the Chippeway Village stage.

### Outdoor foods taste so good!

Pioneer foods are cooked over wood fires. Visitors can feast on buffalo burgers, apple dumplings, Scottish meat pies, chicken and noodles, ham and beans, vegetable stew, potato chips cooked in big iron kettles, turkey legs, pork chops, Indian tacos and fry bread, corn on the cob, apple sausage, and more, including ice cream, one of George Washington's favorite treats. Local clubs cook and serve these historic foods to fund their projects: Rotary, Kappa Delta Phi, American Cherokee Confederacy, Knights of Columbus, Joe's Hope Relay for Life Team, Kroger Relay for Life Team; and Fulton County Historical Society. Mark Gropp family brings homemade fudge. Five Friends will serve biscuits and gravy for breakfast until 10 a.m. Many people come to the festival just for the delicious food!

The grounds are handicapped accessible. Free tram rides are available to bring people from the museum and Living History Village at the north end of the grounds. The museum and village are open with hosts and free admission.

Volunteers can earn free admission to the Trail of Courage by working half a day. To volunteer or for more information, call the museum at 574-223-4436. Free parking is provided on FCHS grounds. Many benches are available to sit and rest. For further details:

[www.fultoncountyhistory.org](http://www.fultoncountyhistory.org) and [www.potawatomi-tda.org](http://www.potawatomi-tda.org).

Living history taught by real people living as history.

The primary purpose of the Trail of Courage is to educate the public, to preserve and promote an accurate picture of life in frontier Indiana, as well as other areas and time periods of North American history. Real people in historic clothing, real food cooked over wood fires, real fun.

The festival is based on local history, before the Potawatomi Indians were marched west on the forced removal known as the Trail of Death. The Potawatomi were marched down Rochester's Main Street Sept. 5, 1838, on their way to Kansas, a journey of 660 miles that took them 10 weeks and cost them 42 lives. Since 1976 this festival has honored the American Indians and shown life before the removal. When Indiana became a state in 1816, northern Indiana was still Potawatomi Territory

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Left Photo: Wide Glide Green Tops. Right Photo: Late Season Resting Drake



Left Photo: Late Season Low Head Hen. Right Photo: Late Season Low Head Drake



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New Avian-X Topflight Late Season Mallards keep shotgun barrels hot when the conditions turn cold.

**Port Clinton, OH (August 30, 2017)** – A lot of hunters stuff their waterfowl gear into the garage attic about the time deer gun season kicks in. That’s okay; having fewer hunters afield is counted on and looked forward to by those who relish the late season’s icy winds. This hardy lot of waterfowlers takes to ice-covered lakes and frozen fields with fervor. They know some of the best duck hunting of the year takes place when the thermometer dips, and they

won’t be stopped.

Hunters who brave the cold, north winds of the dwindling days of the season have something in common with the birds they pursue; they are survivors. The hardest of ducks eke out a meager existence, working hard for what’s left of the waste grain in the fields and aquatic vegetation in the spring-fed ponds, creeks and ditches. Roosting on rough, open expanses of big water or in the tiniest of hidden holes, late-season birds only move when it’s absolutely necessary – unenlightened to the more temperate lifestyles their brethren enjoy further down the flyway. Fat mallards with thick layers of insulating feathers know where to roost, where to feed and how to conserve precious energy by trapping body heat. Stubborn and tough to hunt, they’ve seen and heard it all.

Scouting is an important key to killing late-season mallards, but so is using the right decoys. Old, worn blocks need not apply. The real birds show bright, nuptial feathers that pop at this time of year. Hunters who witness the spectacular sight of late-season greenheads back-peddling into the decoys on a sunny afternoon understand; late-season mallards appear bigger and brighter, and their posture on the water is compact but full.

One decoy perfectly replicates this look. New for 2017, Avian-X Topflight Late Season Mallards are molded from the same advanced rubberized material as other Avian-X decoys, but feature a wider footprint for better stability in rough water, while exhibiting a fuller, more robust profile and increased visibility. Avian-X Topflight Late Season Mallards depict the compact, true-to-life poses that real mal-

lards assume in cold, late-season conditions. Each six-pack includes two Low Head Drakes, two Resting Drakes and two Resting Hens. In true, Avian-X fashion, their vivid paint jobs are astoundingly realistic and detailed. For example, Topflight Late Season Mallards lack a visible speculum, as this feature is often totally obscured by the thick down and feathers of real, late-season resting birds. The durable molding compounds and no-chip paint processes employed by Avian-X ensure these decoys are perfectly suited to endure the particularly harsh conditions and rough use of the late season.

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**Klemme's Corner  
United Church of Christ Fall Festival  
October 1, 2017 - 11 am - 4 pm  
by Dale A. Beck, Secretary**

Our Klemme's Corner United Church of Christ Fall Festival will be on October 1, 2017 from 11 a.m. til 4 p.m. Activities will include a Chicken Dinner, Hayride to the Pumpkin Patch-pick out your own pumpkin, children games, Music, Crafts, Bake Sale, Silent Auction and Basket Raffle-Painted Pumpkins, Grain of Rice Project-the non-profit organization that we support in Nairobi, Kenya (jewelry, textiles, much more-all hand made in Kibera-the largest slum in East Africa).

As you can see in above photos our Painted Pumpkins are always special.

This festival is family focused and no alcohol is permitted on the premises.

The church is located 4 miles south of Brookville, Indiana at the corner of Highland Center Road and Bossert Road.

From I-74 exit north at St. Leon exit, go north on SR 1 and follow signs to 11001 Bossert Road, Brookville, Indiana 47012.

**Sausage & Pancake Breakfast  
New Alsace Conservation Club  
October 30, 2017 - 7:30 am - Noon  
by Dale A. Beck, Secretary**

I'm writing to tell you about our Sausage and Pancake Breakfast the New Alsace Conservation Club will be holding on Sunday, October 30th. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 am until noon at the New Alsace American Legion Post. The menu will consist of biscuits & gravy, sausage & pancakes, home fries, ham, eggs to order, fruit, coffee & juice. Cost is \$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for Children under 10, and Children under 3 eat free.

The American Legion Home is located north west of New Alsace off N. Dearborn Rd. on Legion Rd. Watch for signs. For more information call 812-623-2431. E-mail: [backdale@gmail.com](mailto:backdale@gmail.com) Enclosed is a flyer.

Our club is a non-profit organization and would very much appreciate, if you can announce this with your other current events.

**Directions:** Take I-74 west to St. Leon Exit, S. on St. Rd.1, right on N. Dearborn Rd. 3mi. to New



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## Focus On Furbearers



by **Geriann Albers**  
IDNR Fur Biologist

### New Furbearer Biologist

My name is Geriann Albers and I'm the new furbearer biologist for the Indiana DNR. Now some of you may be asking yourselves, 'what in the world is a furbearer biologist?' Furbearers are several species of mammals that are grouped together because their fur has value for getting made into garments like hats, gloves, and coats. These are the species that are historically trapped so their fur may be used. In Indiana, that includes coyotes, red and gray foxes, bobcats, raccoon, opossums, striped skunks, river otter, mink, long-tailed weasel, beaver, and muskrat. In some states it also includes badgers, but here in the Hoosier state badger are a species of special concern, so currently are managed by a different program.

As the furbearer biologist, I monitor and manage our furbearer species. We have a couple large surveys to help with that goal. They include the Trapper Survey, which monitors trapper harvest and trapper effort. The Fur Buyer survey, which help calculate the economics around trapping by documenting average annual fur prices and minimum number of pelts sold in Indiana. We also annually conduct an Archer's Index. This relies on volunteer bow hunters who complete a log of how many hours they hunt and the species they see while hunting. This allows us to develop long-term trends from the observations reported. This helps us track a myriad of species, including deer, turkey, bobcats, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, and rabbits, among others. If you archery hunt in fall and are interested in participating please email [DFW@dnr.in.gov](mailto:DFW@dnr.in.gov) or call 812-334-1137 and provide your mailing address. If you have participated in the past, you don't need to sign up again. Deadline to apply is September 15 every year.

Summary reports for furbearer surveys, as well as a variety of wildlife surveys about turkey, ruffed grouse, deer, woodcock, bats, waterfowl, dove, to shorebirds, are available online at [wildlife.in.gov/3352.htm](http://wildlife.in.gov/3352.htm).

We are also starting a citizen science camera survey known as Snapshot Indiana. Anyone who has at least 10 acres and would be willing to deploy an unbaited trail camera on their property may apply to host a camera. Cameras are set for 30 consecutive days during October and November, though we're hoping to add a summer survey period as well in the next year or two. We currently have 100 cameras to deploy and are hoping to increase that number over time. We're hoping this program will help us collect a variety of data, including documenting expansion of species like bobcats and determining activity patterns (what time of day an animal is most active).

You can sign up to receive volunteer opportunities from the DNR, including Snapshot Indiana, by visiting our volunteer page at [wildlife.in.gov/8301.htm](http://wildlife.in.gov/8301.htm).

In addition to these multi-species survey, we also more closely monitor river otter. Reintroduced beginning in 1995, river otter have made a huge comeback in Indiana and are now found in most Indiana counties. They'll likely be statewide within the next several years. Indiana initiated its first regulated river otter harvest season in 2015. This season is very conservative to allow otters to continue to expand and features a season bag limit for licensed trappers and a season quota that if met, will close the season.

The 2015-2016 season closed about a week early when the quota of 600 was met, though in 2016-2017 with low fur prices 518 otter were reported trapped, so the season stayed open till the normal March 15 closing. Trappers must report river otter harvest within 24 hours so we can keep tabs on the quota, and the pelt and carcass must be brought in for tagging. The agency keeps the carcass and collects valuable data from it, including information on reproduction and teeth for aging. This data helps us monitor river otters more closely and guides the annual quota setting process.

In addition to surveys and monitoring, I'm also in charge of developing research. Research is different from surveys as it tends to be a short-term, focused, more intense data collection to try to answer a specific question or set of questions. For those of us in the Division of Fish and Wildlife, those questions are designed to help us better manage our fish and wildlife resources. For example, the DNR put tracking collars on bobcats from 1998-2005 to try to better understand dispersal and habitat use of southern Indiana bobcats. We also conducted an analysis of bobcat diet during that project. The collaring information helped us better understand how populations expand in the state and what types of habitat might be important for bobcats to expand. The diet portion helped us understand potential impacts on other species. Do bobcats impact turkeys and grouse is a question we get a lot, and that research helped us determine that no, they likely don't have a big impact as they primarily eat mammals like rabbits, mice, and squirrels.

For now, the species I'd like to try to develop research on are gray fox and muskrats. Both species have been of concern because of potentially declining populations. A gray fox project would likely look similar to the bobcat project I mentioned before of putting tracking collars on gray fox to try to answer questions about dispersal, mortality (or what kills a gray fox), and habitat use. Muskrats may be a little more challenging because they're harder to keep tracking collars on, but some other states are looking at developing muskrat research, so it's possible we'll be able to use similar techniques to that project so we have a set of data we can compare amongst several states. That could be really interesting if it works out as muskrat declines have been of concern throughout the eastern U.S. and not just here in Indiana.

Of course any research projects depend on funding and staff, so they may or may not happen. But those are what I'm keeping on my radar for now as I get settled in. I'm sure over time I'll find other questions about Indiana furbearers we'd like to have answered that will help our management.

Then finally I try to be involved in Trapper Education whenever I can. Trapper Education is voluntary here in Indiana, but an excellent way to learn

more about regulated trapping and how it relates to furbearer management, even if you never plan to set a trap yourself. There are 1-2 day workshops, most with students having the opportunity to actually set traps, as well as providing overviews of rules and regulations, tools and techniques, fur handling, and information on furbearers and furbearer management. They're great courses taught by our hard-working Indiana Conservation Officers and dedicated volunteers, most from either the Indiana State Trappers Association or regional Fur Takers of America groups. They really put a lot of time and effort into these courses, and I try to help with a presentation or other assistance as I can. To find a class, visit: [indianahuntereducation.com](http://indianahuntereducation.com).

So that's who I am and what I work on. If you have any furbearer questions, or have want to know more about signing up for one of our volunteer opportunities, feel free to contact me at [Geriann Albers, galbers@dnr.in.gov](mailto:Geriann Albers, galbers@dnr.in.gov) or 812-822-3304. ■

## Outdoors With Lonnie

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across the state of Indiana including Seton Catholic School in Richmond in a partnership with Indiana Special Olympics and the Indiana High School Athlete Association to promote awareness of special needs individuals in their schools. This program is driven by student athletes who want to ensure that our athletes are included in their school sports and activities like any other students. Graduating student Logan Sanford was instrumental in writing the grant to the foundation to support Special Olympics. They just received a check from the Union County Foundation for \$1,500.00 to promote Special Olympics through the Champions Together Program.

In the upcoming issues of the Gad-A-Bout I will be recognizing other team members that have given tremendous energy and their time to make a great program in our communities for athletes with special needs. Please support our program and remember we are a 501C3 non-profit organization and are a tax deduction for you or your business. Thank you Ray for giving us a place in your Gad-A-BOUT to promote our program and include our athletes in community events.

Lonnie Snow, Wayne/Union County Special Olympics Coordinator. Contact 765-732-3636 [lsnow1952@yahoo.com](mailto:lsnow1952@yahoo.com) ■

## Roaming The Outdoors

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### BROOKVILLE LAKE TAILWATER GOT A BONUS TROUT STOCKING LAST WEEK

Last week, the DNR stocked an additional 2,500 rainbow trout averaging 6 inches in length into the tailwater, which is on the East Fork of the Whitewater River in Franklin County. The tailwater is typically stocked only in spring with 1,500 rainbow and 2,600 brown trout averaging 8 inches in length.

The trout for the fall stocking are surplus fish produced by the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery in Jamestown, Ky., and were donated to the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

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