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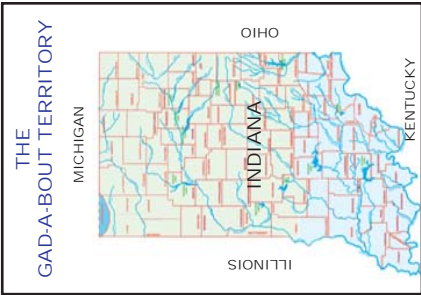


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Top Right: Mark the 37th Annual Farmer's Pike Festival down on your calendar to visit, **Labor Day Weekend Sept 1-4, 2017.** Their Lighthouse is a beautiful sight to see, especially at dusk and later. For more See Pages 12 & 13. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)
Bottom Left: Delphi Investigation Continues; **Identify This Person** Delphi, IN - The Carroll County Sheriff's Department, FBI, Delphi Police Department and the Indiana State Police are requesting assistance to identify the person depicted in this sketch who is believed to be connected to the murders of Abigail J. "Abby" Williams and Liberty Rose Lynn "Libby" German. The person depicted in the composite sketch is described

as a white male between 5'6" to 5'10", weighing 180 to 220 pounds, with reddish brown hair, eye color unknown. This sketch depicts a hat that may not be accurate. We ask that you focus on the person's facial features. The composite drawing is the result of information received during the course of this ongoing investigation. Anyone with information about the murders or the person depicted in the composite sketch should call the established tip line at 844-459-5786 and can remain anonymous. Tips may also be emailed to abbyandlibbytip@cacoshrf.com. A reward in excess of \$230,000 is offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for these murders. See more on Page 6 (Composite Sketch)
Bottom Right: Alquina Blue Arrows Park Fall Festival October 7, 2017 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. See Pages 8 & 9. (Alquina Blue Arrows Park Committee Logo)

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Roaming The Outdoors



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HOW TO AVOID INDOT ROAD CLOSURE OF SR 38 TRAVELING TO FARMER'S PIKE FESTIVAL

There are some INDOT road closures on SR 38 that you will need to know about when planning your trip to Farmer's Pike Festival this coming Labor Day Weekend.

1. SR 38 is closed between Centerville Road North and SR 35 for a bridge replacement.
2. SR 38 entering Hagerstown from the east is replacing a bridge, the road has one lane open for travel. There is a stoplight controlling traffic flow.
3. SR 38 is closed about three miles west of State Road 3 and less than one mile east of State Road 234.
4. SR 38 is closed from SR 3 in New Castle east to 31st Street.

I sent an e-mail to Nathan Riggs, Information Director for the INDOT East Central District, asking him for help in telling my readers what is the best route to Farmer's Pike Festival this Labor Day Weekend, since SR 38 has these road closures.

He replied telling me about a website INDOT has allowing users to search for a route around closures.

Following is Nathan's reply:

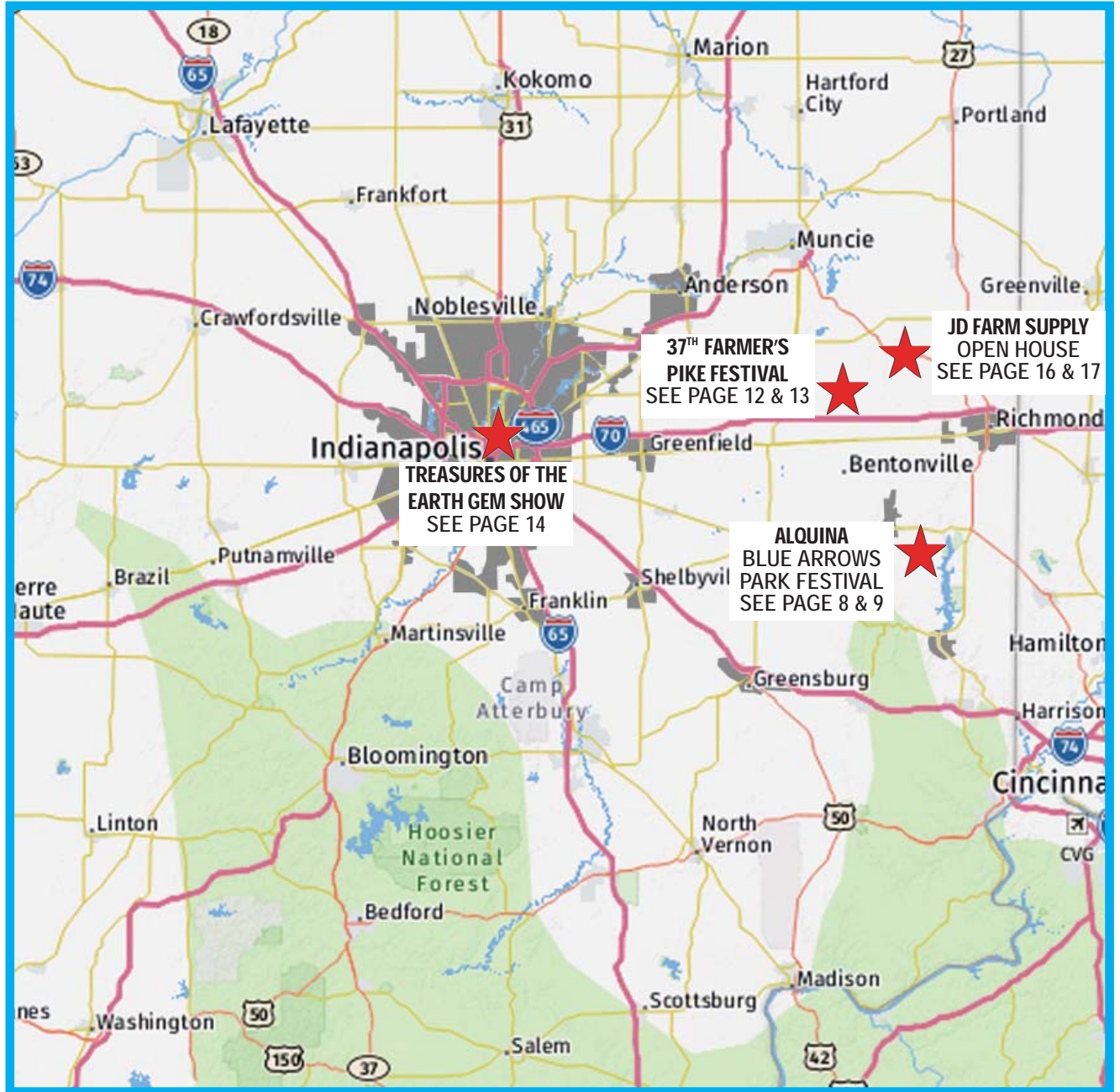
Ray,
"INDOT's interactive map at <https://indot.carsprogram.org/> allows users to search their route before leaving. It alerts them of construction and incidents along the route or directs them around traffic and closures.

I recommend that people should use this tool before driving anywhere in Indiana they are not familiar with. For your inquiry, users can plot their origin location (probably their home address) and the festival address (1965 South County Road 850 East, New Castle, IN, United States), and 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. Nathan Riggs."

I entered my home address here in Centerville and the festival address on the above website and got the route indicated similar to when I have used Google maps.

I have a request for all of my readers reading The

2017 GAD-A-BOUT TERRITORY ADVERTISER ACTIVITY LOCATION MAP



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Please, when you are in or the vicinity of INDOT crews working on our highways slow down and give them room to do their work. One more thing, obey construction zone speed limits and be observant to changing conditions of travel. Their safety depends on you!

Drive safely all the time.

CHANETTE JOLENIA HARRIS PASSED AWAY JULY 4, 2017

I was delivering my August Gad-a-bout on Thursday, July 13th to Dry Dock Marina, who was closed that day. I couldn't understand why they would be closed on Thursday. I got back in my van to back out, happened to look up and I saw their electronic sign with a message on it. I read the four different message screens, "In Memory of - Chanette Harris - We will reopen - July 17th. I was shocked, thinking to myself she was so young and full of life. I had just done a feature article in my June Gad-a-bout about Dry Dock Marine and got to know Chanette, Chris, Cammy, Teresa, Tony, Scott, Tim, Tom and Shane while I was interviewing everyone and taking a group photo. Chanette wasn't there when I took the group photo. Chris gave me the photo above so I could put her in the photo electronically.

Previously Rich Creason took care of them for years,



Chanette Jolenia Harris
March 24, 1961 - July 4, 2017

I took over from him in April of this year. I was just getting to know her.

Chanette Jolenia Harris, 56 of Selma, died late Tuesday night, July 4, 2017 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. She was born the only daughter and child of Deana Rea (Arment) Harris and the late Joe Bob Harris.

Chanette was the owner operator of the Dry Dock Marina at Prairie Creek Reservoir for 33 years. She was the previous owner of the Famous Dairy World for 15 years. She was a graduate of Blue River High School Class of 1979, where she was a very active in sports earning 12 varsity letters. She attended Ball State after graduating from high school. Chanette was a very active and outgoing person, who never met a stranger. She was awarded the proclamation award for the "Dry Dock Marina" by Mayor Dennis Tyler of Muncie in May of 2014.

Chanette is survived by her mother Deana Rea Harris of Mt. Summit; her fiancé of 17 years Chris Malloy of

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville in September

This is one of those months where you must keep an open mind. Don't be afraid to do something different. I myself generally fish with a jig and night crawler, the reason being it works perfectly for imitating a crawdad. But at this time of year I may troll or pitch a spoon.

In September, the lake is so full of bait fish. The majority of the bait fish are shad, but a lot of the predator fish all so have young swimming around in the lake as well. The shad schools are constantly on the move. Some days they are on the flats, some days their on the surface, and other days their suspended.

One thing that I do every day I am on the water



Walleye caught on a spoon. (Author Photos)



Smallmouth Bass caught on a spoon. (Author Photo)

bass that day.

Another day we were fishing a jig and night crawler, the fish were biting but it was slow. So, we tied on a couple of crank baits and trolled around on the drop off edge of a flat and caught 10 walleye. This is what I mean by an open mind, you can't go by what worked yesterday. If they are not biting, it might just mean they're not biting what your trying to feed them. If you do troll try not to over think it. Stick with a medium to medium heavy pole. It can be a spinning outfit or a bait caster. Use crank baits that dive 8 and 10 feet deep or 10 to 12 feet deep. I stick with crank baits that look like fish or crawdads. If you use monofilament try to stay with 8 to 10 lb. test. Heavier lines will just not let the bait work to its potential If you use braid use 15 to 20 lb. test. There are few differences mono is thicker and stretches. Braid is thinner and doesn't stretch. Mono feels like your dragging a wet t shirt. Braid you can see and feel the crank bait vibrating in the rod tip. This can just be a personal preference, but I like to use braid for trolling. As far as how much line to let out, just enough where the bait is ticking the bottom. I start out at just an idle and just start letting out line as I do this I count to 75. From here I watch my rod tip as I move a little shallower. When I see my crankbait start ticking the bottom, I check my depth and this is the depth I want for this crank bait. I might adjust my crankbait in or out a little or make wide S turns with the boat to speed the crank bait up or slow it down. When I'm frog hop-

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News from the Indiana State Police



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

Delphi Homicide Investigation

On Monday, February 13th, at approximately 1:00 p.m., the two young girls were let off near the Monon High Bridge, an abandoned rail bridge over Deer Creek to walk around and hang out. They were to be picked up later in the afternoon, but did not show up there at the previously arranged time. Following an extensive search, at approximately 12:15 p.m. on February 14, 2017, the bodies of the two girls were found in a wooded area near the Delphi Historic Trail, approximately one-half mile upstream from the bridge.

Delphi Homicide Suspect



On Wednesday, February 15th, law enforcement officers distributed a photograph of a person

observed on the Delphi Historic Trail. The photograph appears to depict a white male wearing blue jeans, a blue coat/jacket, and a hoodie. During the course of the investigation, preliminary evidence has led investigators to believe the person, in the distributed photograph, is a suspect in the investigation of the homicides of Abigail Williams and Liberty German.

Additionally, investigators have released a voice recording, extracted from a video found on Liberty "Libby" German's cell phone that may be connected to the homicides. Click one of the following links to download the recording:

[Delphi male voice loop.wav](#)

[Delphi male voice loop.ogg](#)

[Delphi male voice loop.mp3](#)

Anyone with information about this case, no matter how insignificant, is encouraged to call the Delphi Homicide Investigation Tip Line at (844) 459-5786. Information can also be reported by calling the Indiana State Police at (800) 382-7537, or the Carroll County Sheriff's Department at (765) 564-2413. Information can also be emailed to Abbyandlibbytip@cacoshrf.com.

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Carroll County Sheriff: (765) 564-2413

Information can be reported anonymously. The Indiana State Police, the FBI, and the Carroll County Sheriff's Department have announced a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the homicides of Liberty German and Abigail Williams. The amount of the reward may be up to and/or more than \$216,165, depending upon the value of the information provided.

Law enforcement authorities reserve the right to reject a claim for reward where there has been collusion or criminal involvement. The reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the arrest of the responsible person(s), as the circumstances fairly dictate.

The Indiana State Police Alliance (ISPA) has established an account for individuals or businesses wishing to donate to the Delphi Reward Fund. Checks should be made payable to the Indiana State Police Alliance Foundation. "Delphi Reward" should be entered on the memo line. Donations can be mailed to:

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This information was taken from the Indiana State Police Web Site at

<http://www.in.gov/isp/delphi.htm>

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

To receive the latest news and updates from the Indiana State Police please go to



Delphi Homicide Suspect Composite

<http://www.in.gov/isp/> and scroll down to Stay Connected. Fill in your email address and hit submit-it's that easy!

"Do I Have to Stop" "For that School Bus?"

In Indiana, August brings hot weather, the State Fair and also the start of a new school year. Every school year the Indiana State Police receives numerous complaints about school bus stop arm violations from school corporations around the state. The Indiana Department of Education surveys school corporations annually for stop arm violations on one given day, and reports those numbers to the National Association of State Directors for Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS).

There are just over 16,000 school buses on the road in Indiana, and according to the yearly statistics, as the number of school buses on the road has increased, so has the number of school bus stop arm violations.

The Indiana State Police would like to remind motorists of the Indiana law concerning school buses, flashing lights and stop arms. Remember, when approaching a school bus, from any direction, which is stopped with its flashing red lights activated and its stop arm extended, motorists are required to **STOP**, even on multiple lane highways.

Motorists who are on a highway that is divided by a barrier or unimproved median (i.e. concrete or cable barrier, or a grass median) are required to stop only if they are traveling the same direction as the school bus. **If there is no unimproved median or barrier, then all lanes in all directions must stop.**

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

Breathing Life Back into Wildlife

Every month my goal is to bring you information about certain topics relevant to that time of year. The information comes in different forms from stories to information on laws and regulations. This month I am bringing you information about three different species that have suffered through the years for various reasons, and have made a remarkable comeback.

I will be writing a later article about a species that has a load of pressure being put on it to sustain the caviar demand and consumption of many.

River Otter

The first species is one that has made a more recent comeback and populations are on the rise, and that being the river otter. River otters were previously categorized as an endangered species in Indiana. They were documented as being removed completely from the state by 1942, in some ways due to trapping for their waterproof fur targeted by industries making hats and gloves. The species then became fully protected and in 1995, Indiana reintroduced them into the watersheds of the northern and southern parts of the state. Reintroduction continued for another 5 years, releasing a total of 303 river otters. After the 5 years the population was doing so well, that re-population allowed the species to expand naturally. In 2005 the state was able to remove river otters for the endangered species list. Since then, river otters populations have spread to 87 percent of the counties.

In 2013, IDNR received 86 total complaints from citizens about damage created by otters; indicating a rise in their population.

Indiana opened a trapping season for otters in 2015 / 2016 to help alleviate the problems and control their population. The season created had a strict quota of 600, which was met prior to the close of the season. Trapping season was allowed again the following year with a harvest of 518 otters. The season will open again for 2017 / 2018 and will continue to be monitored to sustain a population. The season was created after careful review of the otter population to ensure it could

sustain; hence the quota limit. Reinforcing the statement that the creation of the season indicated a sustainable otter population and one on the rise.

Eastern Turkey

Not too long ago I wrote about a turkey hunt for an American Veteran that was postponed because of weather issues. That story, nor the attempted hunt, would never have been possible if it wasn't for the work put into reintroducing eastern turkeys into Indiana.

As I am sure most readers know, turkey's had a struggle getting to where they are now. This section is to bring some deeper information into the topic of their resurrection and population growth.

In 1945 turkeys in general were near non-existent from the United States. Over production of timbered and wooded areas devastated their habitat. Attempts were made by individuals to release farm raised turkeys into areas, but only those closer to that of a wild birds survived. Of those, most ventured to nearby barnyards and quickly vanished. As a result, conservation practices and agricultural areas returned to timbered areas creating a habitat well suited for turkey.

From 1956 to 2004; 2,795 wild trapped birds were released throughout the state at 185 different locations. Since 2004 their population has exploded, and on average there is 1-6 birds per square mile.

Now everyone can see the grand display of the gobbler every spring.

White-tailed Deer

The last species is one many readers get amped up about this time of the year, white-tailed deer. As I'm sure many know, deer have had a struggle previously to maintain their population in Indiana. I am also sure that some readers remember the deer harvest season being very differently and changing to the regulations that are in place now. As with anything there are reason they started out that way and have transformed. Now deer are abundant and in some ways create problems; e.g. insurance companies and agriculture farmers; but this wasn't always the case.

In 1893 the last wild deer was reported being harvested in Knox County; directly west of district 9 for those who are unfamiliar. They went off the grid for some time, and in 1934 reintroduction began. Between then ad 1942, 296 deer were purchased from Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina and released into Indiana. The following year, 1943, the population was estimated at 900.

In 1951, the first deer season in 58 years was conducted with a 13 percent success rate. Between 1953 and 55 111 deer were released throughout the state; with another 500 being relocated the following year. By 1975 the deer harvest reached 900 and 10 years later exceeded 32,000. Harvest numbers continued to rise; indicated the population increasing.

Last year the harvest numbers reached upwards of 119,000 total.

The data in this article may look like just numbers to some; and even some may not find this information relevant or needed. These numbers

illustrate an incline in populations and how everyone can have a part in sustaining and/ or reintroducing wildlife populations. Without these attempts, and later successes, generations to come; maybe even my generation, would never know the joys of these species. With October knocking on the front door, I am pleased at the success that was created.

Also don't forget to pick up the current hunting and trapping regulations book and be sure to know the regulations for the species you are hunting/trapping; if you plan to participate.

So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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ing a spoon or blade bait I like to use a med heavy 6 ft. spinning pole or a 6'6" bait caster pole spooled with 17 lb. test mono. And for fishing with a jig and night crawler I use 6 ft. med. light spinning pole spooled with 6 lb. test mono. All these poles and methods have the potential to catch fish so give one of them a try and you may be pleasantly surprised.

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Left Photo: The Alquina Blue Arrows Elementary School prior to its being torn down. (Photo by Brayton R. Johns) Right Photo: The same steps that led to the Alquina Elementary School remain but now lead to the Alquina Blue Arrows Park. The Park is maintained by the Alquina Blue Arrows Park Committee members. See their photo below. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



The Alquina school bell tower as it looks. Photo was taken 08-02-17. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Members of the Alquina Blue Arrows Park Fall Festival committee from left to right: Chad Gronning, Richard Gronning, Karen Bales, Pam Krepp and Philip Scholl. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Left Photo: Take a trolley ride to the festival. Right Photo: Face Painting is a lot of fun, try it! (Festival Photos)

A Light of Hope Still Burns In Alquina, Indiana

by Ray Dickerson

The loss of their Country School still lingers in the Alquina community.

When the decision was made by the Fayette County School Corporation that both the Alquina and Orange elementary schools would be torn down, Alquina resisted wanting to keep their school. But the powers to be went ahead with their plan to remove both schools. However Alquina was able to keep the property as a park.

The former school property was turned over to the Jennings Township under the direction of Trustee, Jason Ruf. Jason is helped by the Jennings Township Advisory Committee members Danny Moster, Dave Gettinger and David Jobe and the Alquina Blue Arrows Park Committee members: Philip Scholl (President), Karen Bales (Secretary), Steve Branson, Chad Gronning, Pam Krepp, Becky Marvel and Tim Bentley

Undaunted by the loss of their Alquina Blue Arrows school, the heart of the community still remains strong which was very apparent as I sat with them the evening of July 06, 2017 in the

basement of the Methodist Church in Alquina.

Basically the meeting was organized by Chad Gronning, Deputy Fire Chief of the Everton Fire Department, who lives in Alquina. Chad is also a member of the Alquina Blue Arrows Park Committee who are in the planning stage of their Second Annual Alquina Blue Arrows Park Festival which will be held October 7, 2017 in Alquina at the Park.

Chad introduced me to his fellow committee members and asked me to tell them what I could do for their Blue Arrows Fall Festival in The Gad-a-bout. I handed out copies of the July Gad-a-bout

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A myriad of Booths set up along Blue Arrows Park drive at 2016 Festival.

Car Show entrants set up overlooking view of Whitewater Valley in 2016 Festival

which I had written about the Everton Fire Department Festival. I told the group about my paper - when I started it, where it is distributed, the subjects, the writers and basically my interest in helping promote organizations such as theirs.

Karen Bales who is the Secretary of the Park Committee couldn't attend that night and I was told that I should talk to her if I needed anything else. Shortly there after the meeting adjourned.

Once I got my August Gad-a-bout printed and distributed I called Karen asking if we could get together, I had lots of questions about their festival. She got back to me and set up our meeting at her house on July 27, 2017.

We had a very good meeting that evening attended by myself, Karen, Chad and Richard Gronning, Pam Krepp and Philip Scholl (See photo on page 8).

Since that meeting Karen supplied me with all the 2016 Festival photos you see in this article and information for the upcoming festival.

Following is the 2017 Festival information.



Top Left: Tractor Show. Top Right: Entrance to the Pumpkin Patch. Bottom Left & Right: Two examples of what you will find in the many booths. (Karen Bales Festival Photos)

Alquinna Blue Arrows Fall Festival October 7, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk "Run for the Arrows"

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and homemade sweet treats!

Additional Information on 5K Run

The 5K "Run for the Arrows" was a huge success in 2016 and they expect a much larger turn out for the 2017 run/walk event October 7, 2017.

Registration will be at 8 a.m.

Entry fee for the 5K Run/Walk is \$25.00, all registered participants will get a Alquinna Blue Arrows Fall Festival T-Shirt with lettering.

The 5K run/walk begins at basketball court in Alquinna Blue Arrows Park, continues out on Alquinna Road to 450 East where you will turn right (south) on 450 East for approximately 1.3 miles, you will turn around and run/walk back the

same route. (Walk should be completed no later than 10:30 a.m.)

A Sheriff Deputy will be stationed at corner of Alquinna Road and 450 East. Two Everton Fire Trucks will block 300 South on west and east side of 450 East. Everton Volunteer Personnel will be blocking traffic on 450 East where runners/walkers turn around to run/walk back to finish line.

Directions to the Alquinna Blue Arrow Park Festival, see Page 4 for a map of Indiana (New) which I will use to put a red star and information box on the map to graphically show readers the approximate location of activities written about in The Gad-a-bout. By looking at the map readers can see the approximate distance between their community and the activity location.

The GPS Coordinates for Alquinna are
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Roaming The Outdoors

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Selma; several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles also survive.

Funeral Services for Chanette was held Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Garden View Funeral Home, with Pastor Brian Hughes of the Blue River Nazarene Church officiating. Burial followed in Gardens of Memory Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to ARF (Animal Relief Fund).

JUST SMOKIN' LLC IS ON THE MOVE TIM NELSON & BRYAN HALER HAVE OPENED FOR BUSINESS

Tim Nelson who is well known in Centerville having operated Americana Pizza on South Morton for many years, cooked food for the Wheelhouse Restaurant and now he and Chef Bryan Haler have opened Just Smokin' LLC food on wheels. That's right, they will deliver what you order. They will also set up at events and sell their delicious entrees to visitors of the activity. See above photo of Tim and Bryan standing next to their food trailer. Their business is located on the southwest corner of South 1st St. and East South Street. Call Just Smokin' LLC at 765-969-5909. See below for a list of food you can order from them.

Chef Bryan Haler attended a Culinary School in Indianapolis, he has an Associates Degree in Culinary Arts. Bryan also has a Construction Company you can reach him at 317-432-4304

Here is a partial list of the food you can order from Tim and Bryan: Pulled Pork and Chicken, Ribs, Turkey (seasonal), Fish, Chicken and Pork Nachos, Pork Tenderloin sandwiches, Potato Dishes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and additional selections by order.

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Tim Richardson, owner of the HAV-A-BITE Diner in Metamora, Indiana has changed the name to METAMORA DINER. The Metamora Diner is located on the north side of US 52 about half way between the McGuire Ridge Road intersection and the Whitewater Valley Railroad where it crosses US 52. The Diner has been a very popular eating place for a very long time. The Diner is open 7 days Monday - Saturday 7 am to 7 pm and Sunday 7 am to 3 pm. They serve daily home made specials, hand breaded tenderloins, Broaster Chicken, juicy hand cut steaks and much more. They use locally farm raised meat for the best flavor and quality. Call 765-647-5499.

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Developed in response to nationwide requests for crime prevention seminars, Refuse To Be A victim teaches the methods to avoid dangerous situations and prevent

criminal confrontations. Seminar participants will be presented with a variety of common sense crime prevention and personal safety strategies and devices that may be integrated into their personal, home, automobile, telephone, technological, and travel safety.

Since 1993, Refuse To Be A Victim has been endorsed by Law Enforcement members throughout the the United States for its positive impact. With some 7,000 instructors, seminars have been held in all 50 states, the District Of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, and Tobago.

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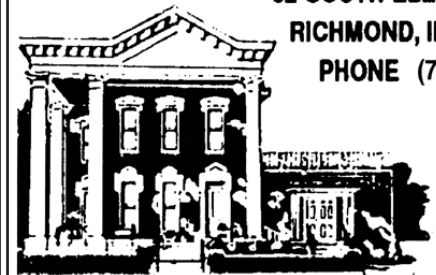
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GENE DRIVEN THOUGHTS

The term “gene driving” found its way onto my computer screen recently in a report about how this breakthrough in genetic science could lead to or speed up the ability to fight invasive species through genetic manipulation. It’s not a particularly foreign concept to me. I’m no genetic scientist, but way back in 2011 I wrote a column about this very subject, outlining how I envisioned how



Gene Driving - mad science or wave of the future? (Author Photo)

this continues through multiple generations, the mussel population contains an ever increasing number of genetically altered males. It starts off slow, but accelerates rapidly until, bang - the bang being the total collapse of the gene driven population. With zebra and quagga mussels, which reproduce multiple times each year, the bang will come sooner than later.

That’s a good thing, right? The crux of the problems that occurred in Lake Huron and now threatens Lake Michigan isn’t an overabundance of king salmon or an under-abundance of alewives, it’s that zebra and quagga mussels have sucked the life out of the lake - drastically affecting the amount of fish life the lakes can support. Get rid of the mussels at the bottom of the food chain and the ripple affect can go right on up to the apex predators. Woo-hoo!

As much as I believe in science and tricky things such as gene-drive technology, I understand there’s a natural law as constant as the law of gravity. It’s the law of unintended consequences. What would happen if suddenly, all the invasive mussels in Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes went belly up?

One of the first things is roughly half the “living” matter in the lake would be dead. All those trillions of fingernail sized bivalves blanketing the lake bed would become rotting corpses. Millions of pounds of nutrients would be released from their decomposing bodies. In some areas, the decomposition would or could cause oxygen depletion. There could be a massive algae bloom. Surely, it would affect drinking water supplies. How bad would it be? No one knows for sure, but it wouldn’t be pretty.

Even with mussels in the lakes, a sort of equilibrium has occurred. Round gobies, another invasive species, are flourishing along with mussels. Gobies have proven to be a wonderful bait fish. Smallmouth bass, walleyes, whitefish, perch and lake trout all gobble gobies. If all the mussels were gone, what would happen to the gobies and the predators now relying on them?

These mussels originated in the Caspian Sea where they evolved with natural curbs to their populations. What’s the chance the gene driven Great Lakes population might be translocated back to the Middle East and wipe out the mussels where they are native? There are regulations in affect to protect the Great Lakes from additional invasives. I’m not sure the same environmental laws are in place over there to protect the Caspian Sea. What would happen to the Caspian Sea’s ecosystem?

Don’t get me wrong. I remember what the Great Lakes were like before the mussel invasion and know what has been the result of the infestation. I’ll take my chances with unintended consequences if it turns our environmental clock back to the early 1990s.

THE END

a genetically engineered “virus” could wipe out carp and zebra mussels.

This new report showed how Asian carp as well as zebra and quagga mussels were only a few of the species could be affected by this new science, called “gene drive technology.” Here’s simple explanation of a complex subject.

Forget about the “how.” I’ll never understand that. The what, however is genetic engineers can use “gene drives” to trigger a precipitous decline in an invasive species population by tinkering with their genetic machinery. The technology could potentially cause local extinction of the invasive species allowing the original ecosystem to recuperate itself or be restored.

There are many permutations, but one that seems viable for species that reproduce sexually is to identifying a genetic alteration would cause most of the offspring produced by GMO mussels, for instance, to produce all or mostly male progeny. The gene is then passed on, “driven,” if you will from one generation to the next and next.

So gene drive a few bushels of mussels and dump them in a lake. As they reproduce, the number of male only producing mussels will increase. Early on, the population will only be slightly skewed towards more males than females. However, the percentage of male only producing mussels will grow with each new generation. As

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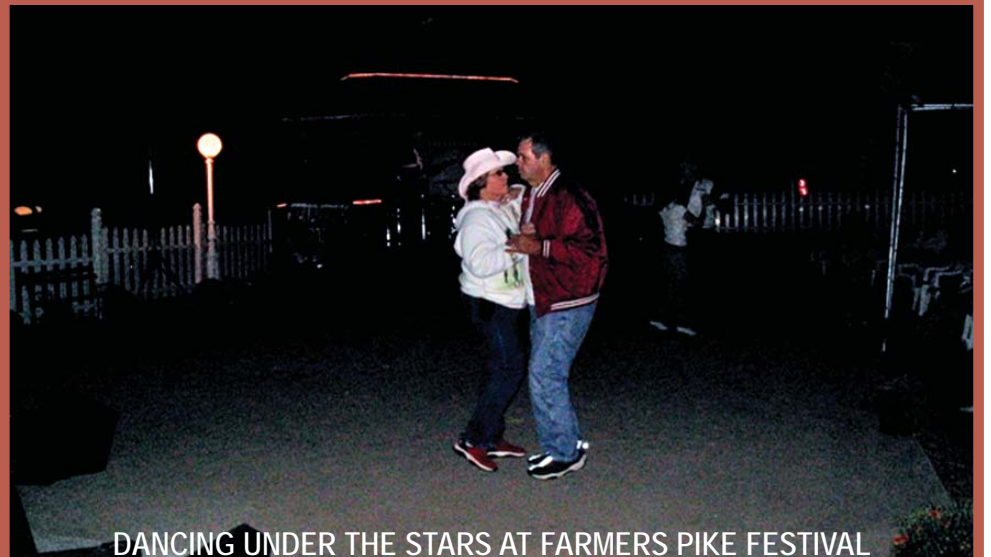
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10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Alternating in 45 minute intervals:

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- Janet Miller Cox Band — Bluegrass

2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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Editor's Note: See Page 4 for instructions on how to find best driving route to Farmer's Pike Festival from your area to Avoid INDOT road closures.



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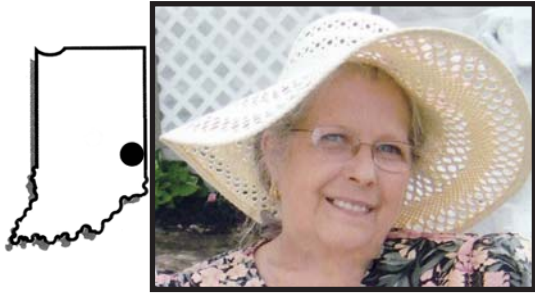
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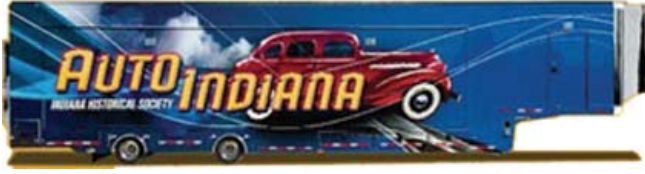
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by **Donna Schroeder**

President of Fayette County Tourism Bureau



Well, another fair has come and gone, and we visited with lots of nice fair goers at the tourism tent. For the first time I can remember, I needed a jacket in the evening, and no events were ruined by a summer thunderstorm. The weather was perfect!

This month's column is a blatant advertisement for something exciting that's coming to the city once known as Little Detroit.

You probably already know that several brands of automobiles were manufactured in Connersville, as well as Jeep bodies used during WWII. Among the best known autos were the Cord, McFarlan, Lexington, and Empire. Examples of all these are on display at our museum. The tourism bureau decided that we could offer a rare treat to car lovers by sponsoring the appearance of History on Wheels, the exhibit described below.

A one-of-a-kind history experience with an exhibit dedicated to Indiana's automotive and racing heritage is coming to Hoosier communities across the state. We're proud to present History on Wheels, a 53-foot double-expandable semi-trailer and state-of-the-art traveling exhibit that will visit festivals, fairs, schools and other special events.

"For decades, the Indiana Historical Society has dedicated resources to giving people a way to experience and enjoy Indiana history in their own communities," says IHS President and CEO John A. Herbst. "History on Wheels allows us to expand on this critical part of our mission. It is the only traveling exhibit of its kind in the state - truly a new way to experience history."

When it rolls into Indiana cities and towns, the cus-

tom trailer housing the exhibition Auto Indiana will expand to nearly 1,000 square feet of indoor space. Inside the mobile museum, guests will take a ride through the state's far-reaching and personal connections to the auto industry.

The exhibit touches on the history of more than 100 Indiana automakers and manufacturers, such as Cord, Duesenberg and Studebaker. It also delves into the lives of Hoosier innovators and inventors, such as Carl Fisher, Elwood Haynes and Ralph Teetor.

In one section of the exhibit, guests of all ages can explore under the hood of a car modeled after a 1914 Marmon Touring Car. In addition, children can climb into the driver's seat of a mini IndyCar and imagine what it would be like to cross the famed Yard of Bricks.

This exhibit will be on display in our downtown September 22nd thru the 24th.

September 23rd and 24th are also the dates for our Apple Dumpling Days festival. We will have crafters, a quilt show, and great food! The courthouse and Canal House will be open for tours.

The Whitewater Valley Arts Association will have its grand opening at their new location. St. Gabriel Church will have its Octoberfest that weekend, also.

You can visit the Fayette County Historical



Once known as Little Detroit, Connersville manufactured the Cord, McFarlan, Lexington and Empire automobiles. (Author Photo)

Museum and see the cars displayed there on both Saturday and Sunday afternoon. The Farmers' Market will be open from 9 til noon at the parking lot at the courthouse on Saturday morning.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad will be offering its excursions, too.

Don't miss the opportunity to visit us during this great weekend in September! You're always welcome in Fabulous Fayette County!

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Van and Rose Wimmer, owners of Treasures of the Earth Gem & Jewelry Show standing near the entrance of their April 2017 show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.



At left Evonne Gaskin, owner of EMGem Minerals, Gemstones & Fossil Specimens. At right is Van Wimmer, both are pointing at colorful crystals you can grow at home.



Jerry and Alicia Savage own Savage Creations and Fine Minerals located in Indianapolis, IN. Jerry is also a talented wood carver.



Colonel Alan A. Vogel and his wife, Janie in their booth at the show. Alan served 30 years in the U.S. Army, now he and Janie enjoy each other and selling pretty rocks.

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

Article by Ray Dickerson

The 19th Annual Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry show will be held at the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds in the Agriculture/Horticulture Building at 1202 East 38th Street in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 29 - October 01, 2017, 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..

You will find Jewelry makers, goldsmiths and silversmiths from all over the U.S. who can reconstruct, repair, design or make original jewelry from customer-selected gems, stones, opals and crystals. Gem trees, wire wrap, wire sculpture, pearls, stone beads, stone setting, southwestern jewelry, amber, opal, mineral and fossil dealers.

Hourly door prizes are given away. Members of the 500 Earth Science Club and the Indiana Bead Society will be present with a display. Demonstrations. This show is fun for the whole family, bring the kids with you. 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. Van even let me

put a couple bundles of The Gad-a-bout on one of his tables for visitors to pick up.

I've attended many of Van and Rose's Gem shows both in the Spring and Fall when they are in Indianapolis. He and Rose are our kind of people, they are genuine friends. They have two of the nicest dogs too, Reggie and Benji who can usually be found

under Rose's Gem Tree table fast asleep during the show unless they are in the Wimmer's camper.

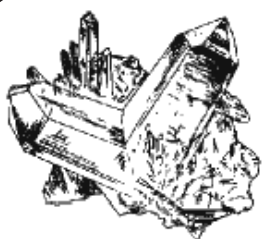
As Sherry and I mingled with the crowd we spoke to quite a few of the dealers. Sherry has only gotten to attend a couple of shows with me. She recently retired from Reid Health at the end of 2016, so now she has been able to attend more events with me. Above in the lower left photo is Jerry and Alicia savage owners of Savage Creations. The first time I met them Jerry was carving a huge soldier's boot for a Veteran group. In the background of this photo is a relief carving of a Star Wars scene. You can view some of their creations on [jsavagecreations](https://www.facebook.com/jsavagecreations) Facebook page.

In the upper right photo Van took us to Evonne Gaskin's booth. Evonne owns EMGem, she works with minerals, gemstones and specimens. Sherry got real interested in Evonne's crystals you can grow in your home. Van and Evonne are both pointing to crystals that Evonne had grown to sell at her booth.

In the lower right photo is the owners of Firefly Creek Mining. Colonel Alan A. Vogel and his wife Janie sell unique rock slabs, opal, cabs and rocks. You can see some samples of their skills in the photo above or you can attend Van's Spring Gem Show and see them in person. Alan served 30 years in the United States Army. Since retiring he and Janie keep busy with family and setting up at rock and gem shows.

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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J D FARM SUPPLY OPEN HOUSE

J D Farm Supply Open House by Ray Dickerson

In April I got a call from David J Stoltzfus, son of David Stoltzfus, Sr who was interested in advertising their business, J D Farm Supply, in The Gad-a-bout. David told me how to get to their business, which is located on Center Road north east of Williamsburg, IN.

When I got to J D Farm Supply, David, who is just 28 years old, greeted me. He's a very nice young man, quite business-like, he got right to the point. He showed me an advertisement in another publication and asked what one like it would cost in The Gad-a-bout. I told him and we agreed on a size. He gave me some pamphlets that had photos and facts, he knew exactly what he wanted. I told him I would make up his ad and get back with him as soon as possible.

When I arrived back at J D Farm Supply a short time later I was rather surprised to see two semi-trailers delivering to them, one was unloading and the other was waiting for his turn. I gave the ad to David to check over, he had a couple changes so I left and returned later with the changes made. It was a go.

They had run the same ad from May thru the July



J D Farm Supply located at 9089 North Center Road near Williamsburg, Indiana. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

issue. When I went to check with them about running their ad in the August Gad-a-bout David asked about a half page ad, they were planning an Open House September 1-2, 2017. I told them what it would cost, they accepted and it appeared on the bottom half of the August cover. A very good location.

For this issue they've run the same ad with a couple of changes for their line of wood and coal stoves. I told David I would do an article on their store for September, it would show the readers that your business had more to offer then just stoves.

I set up a day to interview them, but unfortunately young David was away from the store so I interviewed his father, David Stoltzfus, Sr.

I sat down and began asking David Sr some questions, first about his family. He and his wife have four sons and three daughters. They lived in central Pennsylvania near State College. They had a dairy farm and he had a Stihl power equipment dealership also.

In 1995 the family moved to a small farm on Fountain City Pike. After they moved here he found that it was quite a distance from his farm to the nearest hardware business. On his farm was a rather small garage, so he began buying hardware items including tools, plumbing and other things neighborhood farms could use.

In 2003 the family moved to its current location at 9089 N. Center Road, Williamsburg, Indiana. The



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Top Left Photo: J D Farm Supply East Wall lined with Stoves (Photo by Ray Dickerson. Top Right Photo: Alderlea Series Fireplace Insert. Bottom Left Photo: Model 520 heco cookstove. Bottom Center Photo: Comfort Max Model #75. Bottom Right Photo: CoalMaster Model #2100 WH. (Individual stoves are catalog photos)

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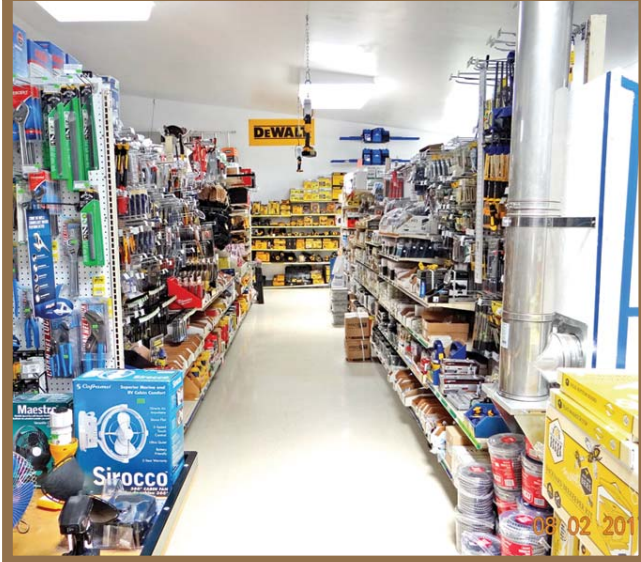
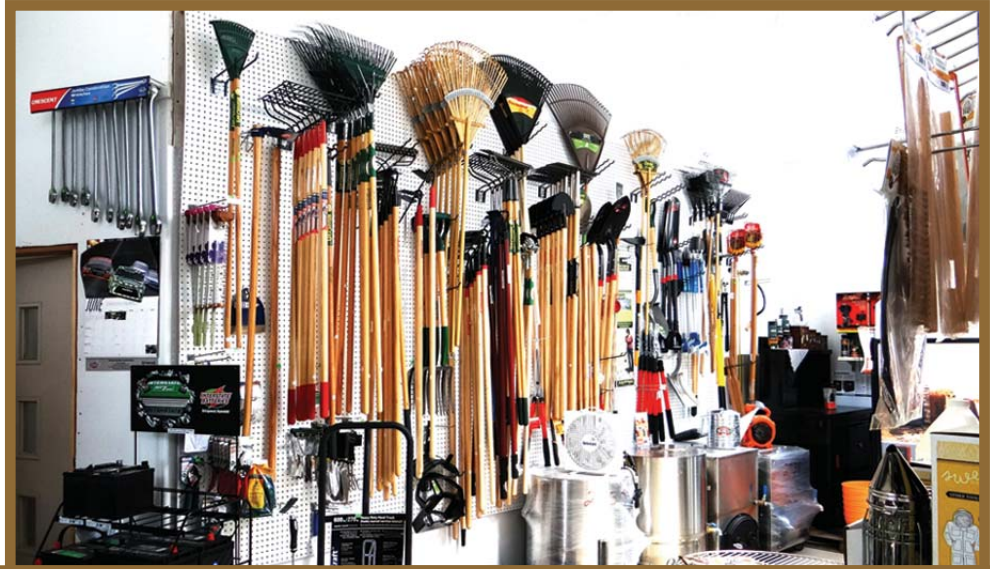
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Top Left Photo: Walking in Front door looking east. Top Right Photo: Along the north wall garden and yard tools. Bottom Left Photo: Second aisle, lots of tools. Bottom Center Photo: A great assortment of coolers. Bottom Right Photo: Along the south wall shovels and yard tools (Photos by Ray Dickerson).

first thing they did was to build their house. There was a building there about a quarter of the size it is now. Since 2003 they have increased the size of the building three times. Adding more inventory to fill the added space.

Today they have just about anything you need in

your every day life in town or on a farm. Here is a list that David Sr and his eldest son, Ivan gave me (some of these items are in the photos on these two pages). Dairy Farming needs, House wares, Lawn & Garden, Plumbing, Baler twine, Fasteners, Stoves (Wood, Gas & Coal), Coal, Installs Stainless Steel

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

Sit on the Front Porch and Save the World

One of the favorite pastimes during the warm season a few years ago was to sit on the front porch and watch the world go by. Since air conditioning and television was fairly uncommon, the porch was the ideal place to cool down before bed time. Neighbors would gather to discuss the latest issues and solve all the worlds problems as their kids and every dog within a country mile played under the street lights. It was also a place where romance could blossom as couples sat in the swing, holding hands and wishing the accursed light left on by the old man would burn out.

Common furniture included a swing, two or more chairs made of formed sheet metal and flexible tubing that felt like sitting in a tub of springy Jell-o, and a milk box. The well-heeled porch setter had two swings or a metal glider that left permanent markings of the metal slats imprinted on the sitters bum. For an hour or so every evening the stress of the day was forgotten and everything seemed right with the world.

Then the unthinkable happened. Houses were being built without front porches. Modern architecture stressed straight fronts with a small stoop over the front entrance to briefly keep rain and snow off a visitor and separate houses were built in the back yard for the dog. Gradually, neighbors withdrew into their homes to watch television in the evening and the dog grew distant and moody from lack of companionship. Children, who before were under the watchful eye of their parents while they played under the street lamps, were now free to devise their own forms of entertainment. They began hanging around seedy malt shops, smoking Marvel cigarettes and learning how to form four letter words into proper sentences. Dating moved from the glare of public scrutiny under porch lights to steamed up windows on back country roads.

Newcomers to a neighborhood could remain anonymous for years as the social interaction ceased and isolation became the norm. Neighbors became suspicious of each other for frivolous reasons and began building privacy fences between themselves. Crime began to rise and simple porch lights were replaced with powerful security lights. Strangers walking through a neighborhood were subject to police scrutiny as calls were made to report "a suspicious person". As our society became fragmented, foreign powers took note and sensing weaknesses, began attacking their neighbors who were friends of ours and who had also

started building their homes without front porches. We became embroiled in these conflicts which caused even more social dissension and divisions as the entire world began snapping and snarling at each other. All this because we stopped sitting on our front porches.

For years I've wondered what lead us to a state of social unrest and isolation from each other. I was amazed to discover that something so simple as a lack of porch sitting could be the cause. But if the old saying of "good in theory, bad in practice" is true, I decided to find out if a return to the old ways might be the answer to world peace and a unified society. For any scientific study to be accurate, the researcher must experience the subject first hand to determine the validity of his or her conclusions. Armed with a notepad and pencil, I sat on the front porch and observed the present situation in our neighborhood. With this data I hoped to start a movement that would result in a special interest group that will force legislation that would make it a requirement for each homeowner to spend at least an hour every evening sitting on the front porch.

First, I noted that some but not all of the surrounding homes had front porches but no one was using them. Why? The answer to this question must lie with people who are wasting their time driving their cars instead of making an attempt to do their part in promoting world peace. The first auto I saw go by was Lincoln Continental being driven by a wired hair terrier. Stunned at first, I thought this must be the modern answer to depriving the dog of a launching platform (a front porch) for an attack on the mailman. It's head was out the window and not until it passed did I see the real driver who had the dog on his lap. I wondered if the dog was still taking lessons and wasn't quite ready to be turned loose on its own. Conclusion: Get the dog used to not having a porch be diverting its attention to other things.

Within minutes another vehicle went by and this time a small dog was hanging out the window on the passenger side. Apparently this dog has shown no aptitude for driving and was only being entertained to divert its attention from living in a porch-less home. Following the cars was a motorcycle with a young woman sitting on the back, locked onto the driver in a self preservation embrace. It reminded me of the time I tried to shake a cat out of a tree. The cat's claws were dug in so hard I would have had to cut down the tree and pry it off with a crowbar. That wouldn't have happened on a porch swing with the light on and the old man watching.

The values and potential problems of personal interaction by adults through conversations while sitting on the porch were illustrated when friends spent the afternoon with us sitting on the porch. Overhead, a few large birds were circling. "Those are buzzards" I said. "No they're not, they're hawks" answered Connie.

"Buzzards" I replied.
 "How do you know they're buzzards?" she asked.

I proceeded to explain the anatomical differences between the two birds but couldn't put into words the differences of their wing shapes. In the meantime, Don was muttering something about bald eagles and it was finally decided to get out the shotgun and

shoot one down. Then, I realized why we gave up on porches. There would be too many loud disagreements and brawls. The buzzards know that. That's why they were circling. ■

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino



Squirrel hunting has dimmed in popularity over the years, but the author still enjoys it every bit as much as he once did. (Author Photo)

What's wrong with squirrels?

Squirrel season is now in, and frankly, my son and I couldn't be more excited. Sadly, though, you don't see many people getting excited over squirrel hunting anymore. That's too bad because some of hunting's most enjoyable moments can come while sitting at the base of a tree scouring the tree tops for bushytails. Unless you factor in the mosquitoes! Nonetheless, hunting squirrels stills rekindles some of my fondest memories and hearkens me back to when I was just a kid.

Back then I had more free time (although I didn't think so) and I found squirrel hunting as a kick-off to all the wonderful things to come with the other seasons that would soon follow. It was exciting to be in the woods. My eyes scanned the terrain for signs of deer as my mind wandered and drifted off to visions of big bucks sauntering by.

When I was young, squirrel and rabbit hunting were what kids cut their teeth on. Days spent afield with my father, and eventually alone or with friends are what many of my childhood memories are made of. Sure, I eventually graduated to chasing deer around, and then to turkeys, but small game came first. And small game still holds a special place in my heart.

You don't see much of that these days. You do see a lot of kids accompanying their parents out deer and turkey hunting, however, which is great, but it is not the same as squirrel hunting – nor does it serve the same purpose. While it may seem simple, grabbing the .22 and going out and trying to knock some bushytails out of the trees lays the groundwork to becoming an accomplished hunter.

In my opinion, introducing children to any type of hunting is important, but by introducing youngsters to deer and turkey hunting before they have ever had the chance to chase squirrels and bunnies around seems kind of backwards to me. I mean, it is almost akin to expecting a child to skip T-ball and little league and to be immediately successful in Babe Ruth. When deer numbers were higher, it wasn't so bad getting them in on some deer sightings and the like, and is still isn't, but still, don't overlook squirrel hunting.

With deer and turkey hunting, the odds of success are proportionately smaller compared to squirrel hunting, even with today's deer populations and expanded turkey flocks. Also, the skill level needed and failure rate are each higher when pursuing deer

and turkeys. Let's face it, some of the much needed skills that bring success when hunting deer or turkeys are first learned and honed while in search of squirrels. Whether it be sneaking through the forest without alerting game, or learning patience in order to take the right shot, a lot of the skills and mindsets that make hunters better can be learned while trying to put the sneak on a bushytail.

As is the case with fishing, when introducing youngsters to hunting, it is important to keep them interested and to have them experience some amount of success at harvesting an animal too.

Squirrel hunting accomplishes this feat much easier. Sure, it may not seem like as much of an accomplishment to kill a squirrel as it is to kill a deer or a turkey, but the odds of success are also far greater, which is an important thing to remember when taking children hunting.

By no means am I stating that for a hunt to be successful that an animal must be harvested because this is not true, but honestly as hunters, and for children especially, I think it is crucial to sometimes bring something home. Children need action, and patiently waiting for hours on end in the cold is not always the way to go if you plan to keep them interested.

So, while many state Department of Natural Resources agencies were definitely on the right track by initiating youth seasons for deer and turkeys, they should just as importantly be seeking ways to increase involvement in small game hunting as well.

There is actually no better time to pick up squirrel hunting. Many DNR employees I've talked to, both in Indiana and surrounding states, say they see far less squirrel hunters now than they did years ago. That may be due to this, squirrel populations are high and hunting pressure is low. This is the perfect combination to get either yourself reacquainted with hunting bushytails or introducing newcomers to the sport of hunting.

Try to make it a point this season to brush off the .22 and get back in the woods after squirrels. You might remember just how fun it really is - and how good they really taste.

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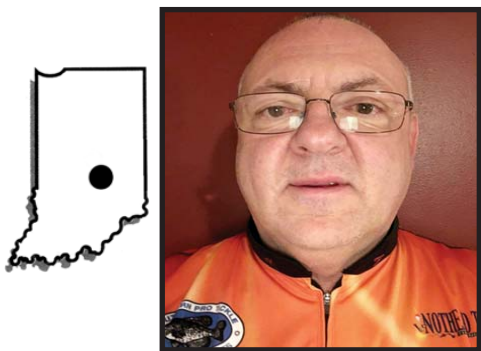


Glenn and Scott Gill Winners of Monroe Tournament with a total weight of 10.02 lbs.. (Author Photo)



2nd Place Bob Raymer and Kirk Wyman with a total weight of 8.87 lbs. (Author Photo)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Jim Raymer

President & Founder of the Indiana Slabmasters

Indiana Slab Masters Tournament Update

A lot has happened since my last article. Unexpected summer flooding caused us to postpone our June 3rd & 4th Super Event on Salamonie/Mississinewa Reservoirs. Some areas received over 6" of rain in a short period and the Officers of the Indiana Slab Masters made the decision to postpone the tournament after both of the lakes went from filling, but below summer pool, to being at flood stage in just a few days! We have the Mississinewa/Salamonie Reservoir Tournament rescheduled for Saturday and Sunday September 23rd & 24th, 2017. This tournament is a Classic qualifier and points event and worth 2 classic qualifications.

It takes 4 physically fished tournaments by each

member to qualify for the Indiana Slab Masters classic. We typically try to offer 8 tournaments per year. If you fish in 4 of the events then you qualify for the classic. The classic is our Super Bowl tournament every year where we crown a Classic Champ, and they cap off the season by being the champion of the club! The prize payouts are much higher and we pay down further. This is because it not only cost more to enter the classic but a large portion of our on hand money each year is used to supplement this tournament and make it worthy of our membership fishing in it and making an effort throughout the year to qualify for the classic. We also have a year ending banquet before our classic where we award all the year-end trophies and celebrate together another successful season.

The Indiana Slab Masters had a classic qualifier and B'n'M Points tournament on Lake Monroe on June 24th, 2017. There were 40 teams that had to deal with Monroe being nearly back to summer pool from the flooding earlier in the month and the fishing was recovering from several weeks of falling lake levels. As always seems to be the case, Indiana Slab Master members were able to find some very good fish and impressive weights were brought to the scale. Finishing in 1st place was half of the Hankins and Gill team that dominated the Indiana Slab Masters in the first few years of the club. Glenn Gill fishing with his brother Scott Gill dominated this event with an impressive 7-fish crappie stringer of 10.08 lbs. Glenn and Scott were fishing on the upper reaches of the lake and were spider rigging live minnow rigs to claim the victory. Glenn and Scott also claimed the Spotless Big Fish Award with a 1.93lb. slab! Finishing in 2nd

place was the team of Bob Raymer and Kirk Wyman with a total weight of 8.87 lbs. Bob and Kirk were vertical jigging in medium depth water. Finishing in 3rd place was the team of Eric Millsaps and Rick Hancock with a total weight of 7.73 lbs. Eric and Rick were spider rigging and jigging in the upper reaches of the lake. Finishing in 4th place was the team of Jim and Rob Raymer with a total weight 7.57 lbs. Jim and Rob were spider rigging and vertical jigging in the upper part of the lake as well. Rounding out the top 5 was the team of Don & Hershel Licht. Don and Hershel were spider rigging in shallow water. Congratulations to all the winners!

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Nothead Tackle Open Champs Tommy Allen and Troy Chandler with a total weight of 6.34 lbs. (Author Photo)



Eric Millsaps (Steve Jeffers not pictured) 2nd place at the Nothead Tackle Open with 6.13 lbs.. (Author Photo)

One of the Indiana Slab Masters dedicated sponsors is Nothead Tackle. Mike Spieker from Nothead tackle contacted one of our officers and was interested in sponsoring a single pole event this year. The Club officers decided to make it an open tournament requiring no membership. This way someone who has never fished with the Indiana Slab Masters could

experience an event. The tournament was set for August 5th at this year's classic location, Tanners Creek, Ohio River. This was a 1 pole person and no live bait tournament. The river level had been falling the entire week before the tournament and reports of very tough fishing were common. Tournament day was just as tough as there were several teams that struggled to produce a limit and there were many low weights. Finishing on top was the Ohio team known to be hard to beat in this area, Tom Allen and Troy Chandler. Tom and Troy dead-sticked jigs all day to weigh 6.34 lbs. to finish in the top spot. Finishing in a close 2nd with 6. was the team of Eric Millsaps and Steve Jeffers. Eric and Steve vertical jigged jigs all day as well and claimed most of the fish came early. Finishing in third was another team that is

familiar with finishing near the top, Doug Allen and Larry Yates. Doug and Larry were swimming jigs over structure to weigh in 5.42 lbs. to secure 3rd place. Finishing in 4th place was the team of Rodney and Lloyd Hiler. Rodney and Lloyd are from this area as well and had a solid weight for the day of 4.77lbs. Rounding out the top 5 was the team of Tim Clepper and Tom Housh with a total weight of 4.54 lbs. Tim and Tom were jigging to every piece of visible structure they could find. The Spotless Big Fish award was awarded to Doug Allen and Larry Yates with a 1.67 lb. Slab! Congratulations to all the winners! Top 3 winners of each tournament and big fish of the tournament receive an Indiana Slab Masters plaque and prize money.

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I thanked David Sr for taking time out of his busy day to talk to me.

Due to a lot of road closures in Indiana log onto the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) website "INDOT's interactive map at <https://indot.car-sprogram.org/> allows users to search their route before leaving. It alerts them of construction and incidents along the route or directs them around traffic and closures. Once you arrive on INDOT's website Click the "magnifying glass" search icon near the top left of the screen, when it opens type in your address and your destination and the best route will appear on the page (similar to googling an address). For more info see my column on page 4.

For those who want to visit J D Farm Supply and don't have access to a computer here are driving directions to J D Farm Supply **From Richmond**, go north via US 27 to Fountain City, at the flashing yellow light turn left (West) on Main Street. At the stop

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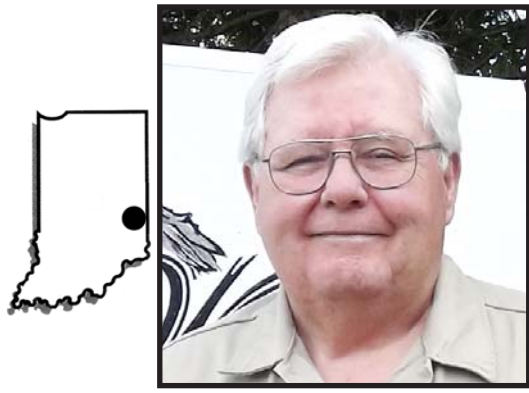
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by Marshall Smith

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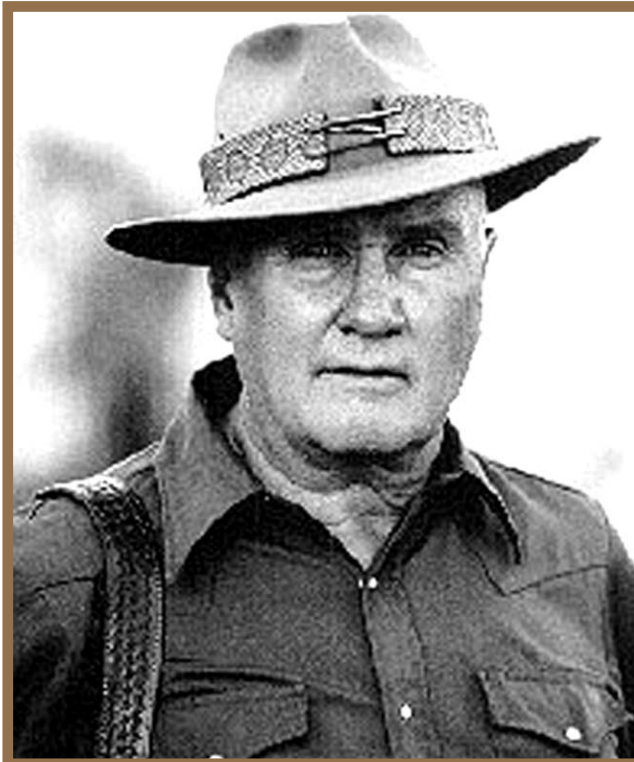
Colonel John Dean "Jeff" Cooper (May 10, 1920 - September 25, 2006)

This month, September 2017, I would like to take a moment to remember Jeff Cooper the **Gunner's Guru** of modern small arms technique. He was an expert in the history and the use of small arms. Colonel Cooper wrote several books and articles on small arms of all types and their use. In 1976 he founded the American Pistol Institute now known as "Gunsite Academy" in Paulden, Arizona. In that same year he was also the founding chairman of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). He developed the Modern Technique of the Pistol, wrote several books, was editor-at-large for "Guns and Ammo" magazine, and was Director of the NRA for several years before joining the magazine.

It was his teachings that one's mindset in a combat situation must be conditioned to react quickly and was more important than tactical training or your skill level. During my early years on the police department the Black Panther gang was shooting and killing police officers on the streets of New York San Francisco, and Chicago. I was not to long out of the Navy and found it difficult to believe that a Police officer could so easily be murdered when he was supposed to be alert and highly skilled. Col. Cooper spoke of this in many of his lecture's and convinced me and many training officers that the mental commitment necessary to have a small chance of avoiding being the victim had to be taught and accepted by the officers and the departments they worked for. The Marines, Seals, Rangers, and Elite forces of the military impress upon the soldiers to never give up, to never quit, to fight until you can't. Cooper was a Marine and I've been told that one of their creeds was "if you're in pain you're not dead, keep fighting". From his experiences he introduced a set of color codes of principles of mindset that I have tried to describe below:

White: In this condition you are unprepared and unaware of your surroundings (la-la land) and not ready to take action of any kind in a perilous situation. If you are attacked while in the White stage of mindset you will most likely be thinking, "this can't be happening", or "is someone making a movie?" and you will not react in time and most likely be injured, maybe fatally, unless your attacker is totally inept.

Yellow: In this condition you are aware of your



"Colonel John Dean "Jeff" Cooper (May 10, 1920 - September 25, 2006), the Gunner's Guru. Founder of the American Pistol Institute now known as "Gunsite Academy" in Paulden, Arizona, and author of The Modern Technique of the Pistol and many other books on firearms and safety." (Photo provided by Author)

surroundings and understand that your life could be in danger and that you might have to flee or fight if necessary. Yet you are still not mentally ready to act.

Orange: In this condition you are aware that a situation may exist and may have focused upon a specific event or series of events and a person or persons who appear to be threatening and dangerous. You are prepared to take action if necessary which may result in lethal consequences, but you are not yet in a lethal mindset or mode. (Flee or Fight)

Red: (Ready to fight) In this condition you have moved into the fight mindset and if circumstances warrant, you will take lethal action to protect yourself or others.

A fifth color has been added by some, Condition **BLACK:** The fight is on.

Videos of Cooper's lectures and thoughts are available on YouTube. You can also read more of Cooper's advice in his book "Principles of Personal Defense" by Jeff Cooper and Paul Kirchner. The book is available from Cooper's web site jeffcooperbooks.com or Amazon.com and in Kindle online books.

Colonel Cooper also coined the 5 stages of firearm conditions of readiness.

Condition 4: Chamber empty, empty magazine, hammer down.

Condition 3: Chamber empty, full magazine in place, hammer down.

Condition 2: A round chambered, full magazine in place, hammer down. (Israeli carry used by Israeli military)

Condition 1: A round chambered, full magazine in place, hammer cocked, safety on. (aka: cocked and locked)

Condition 0: A round chambered, full magazine in place, hammer cocked, safety off.

Colonel Cooper favored large caliber handguns such as the Colt 1911 and its many well made clones.

He was also a strong proponent of self-defense and responsible gun safety and the use of the gun. His legacy is in the sage advice he gave and the training he offered to all those who would listen. He lived a life of responsible, honorable, and patriotic fellowship with everyone. Much of what you have learned in the use of the handgun from the NRA and many handgun trainers can be attributed to Colonel Cooper's teachings. Thank You Colonel.

Quote of the Month

"Safety is something that happens between your ears, not something you hold in your hands." - Col. John Dean "Jeff" Cooper

As an additional note, nearly all the semi-auto handguns manufactured for today's gun owners are double action/single action or double action only with a mechanical firing pin block. Even the single action semi-autos, like the Series 80 Colt 1911s, have firing pin blocks which prevent the firing pin striking the bullet primer unless the trigger has been pulled. This make them safe to carry in the condition 4 stage. But, always a But, remember the 4 rules (Cooper rules) of gun safety.

1. All guns are always loaded.
2. Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.
4. Identify your target and what is behind it.

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

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Adventures in Indiana



With Cole King

Upcoming Adventure Abroad

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

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

Last year, I was accepted into the German-American Partnership Program (GAPP.) This gives

Top Photo: A great picture I took from the mountain above Neuschwanstein Castle.

Bottom Photo: Here we are standing in front of the Neumarkt Borg. From left to right: My grandma Carla House, Grandpa Clyde (Jerry) House, me, Birgit Moessel, and her husband Peter Moessel.



American and German students the chance to take part in a foreign exchange program in each other's countries. One of the two German teachers in our school is a chaperone for the program. She works with a teacher in Germany, who helps organize the trip. Twenty-five of us Americans are paired with twenty-five German students. We spend one week touring Bavaria, and another two weeks living and going to school with our German partner. It is a once in a lifetime experience to learn the language and culture of Germany. In that first week of sightseeing, we will see famous castles and other beautiful old architecture. We will also see several churches, and be exposed to the amazing religious artworks of Germany. During this first week, we will do several other fun things, including a bike tour of Munich, a trip to BMW World, and a chance to swim in the Olympic pool. However, as we all know, Germany's past is not all sunshine and rainbows. On our fourth day of sightseeing, we will tour Dachau concentration camp. This gives us yet another learning experience on this trip. Learning is sometimes necessary, and not exactly fun.

After our week of touring, we will arrive in the town we will live in for the next two weeks. The town is Muensingen, and has its own tourist treasures. In between going to school (yes, it is a foreign exchange program,) we will see their local sights,

such as their close cave, churches, and small shops. We will also stop in at several local attractions that not every international traveler may know of. We will be making cheese at a local dairy farm, pretzels in a small bakery, and crafting our own candies in a sweets shop. Several castles are nearby as well, including Castle Lichtenstein, and Castle Hohenzollern. These three weeks will be packed full of fun learning opportunities and things I will never see here in Indiana.

On July 5th, the GAPP group will fly back to the US. However, I have been given another wonderful opportunity. On that day, while the others board the plane in Munich, my grandparents will be picking me up. I will be staying an extra week with my grandparents Clyde and Carla. After they pick me up, I will be meeting my family that still lives in Germany for the first time. They will show us around their village of Bad Aibling, and helping us squeeze in some more personal sight-seeing. My grandmother wants to show me where she worked as a nun and nurse during her life in Germany, and my grandfather wants to show me the places that affected him while stationed in Germany. I will venture down into Austria for a day, and see some sights there. One of the biggest things my grandpa hopes to see is the Eagle's nest, or "Kehlsteinhaus." I am very interested in WWII era history, and the Kehlsteinhaus was a personal retreat for Adolf Hitler and other high-ranking Nazi officers. After all of this excitement, I arrive back in Indianapolis International Airport on July 13.

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

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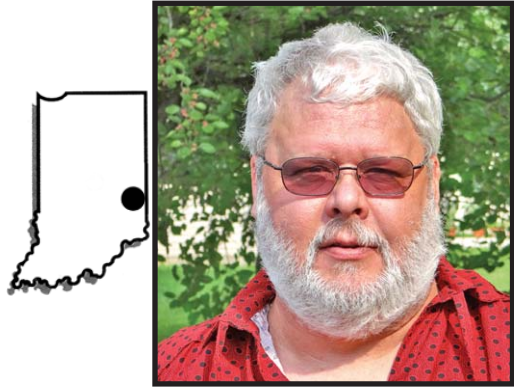
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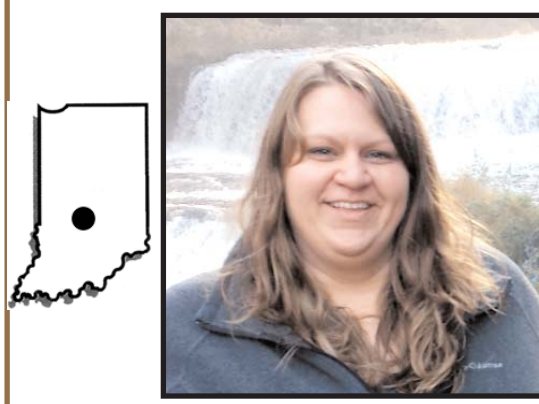
If you have found this Gad-A-Bout in early September, it is not too late for you to plan on attending the next ISTA Convention and Rendezvous. There are always all sorts of information available on trapping whether you are a greenhorn (novice) or a Master Trapper of many years. There are vendors with everything from brand spanking new traps, to traps that are so experienced, that they set themselves, and everything in between.

The ISTA 56th Convention and Rendezvous is being held at the Decatur County 4-H Fairgrounds, Sept. 15 & 16th, 2017, maybe just a few days from now. The Decatur County Fairgrounds are located just off of Hwy 3, in Greensburg, IN, at 1645 W. Park Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240. Like the Conventions of the past, set up will begin on Thursday, Sept. 14th at noon. It is not too late to have a tailgate spot, \$15 for one day or \$20 for the weekend, and we may even be able to get you into the building, \$20 per table for the weekend. Hopefully next month we will have a report on our Convention and a few pictures to share.

We will be having raffles, silent auctions, trap setting contests, and door prizes all day on Friday and Saturday. With adequate help, we will have a kid's tent once again this year for the young'uns to make a few things. Bob hast will be offering 10 free yearly memberships for the Juniors. All you have to do is put your name in a "hat". Friday night, @ 5 pm, there will be a pot luck dinner with Terri Manley frying fish, Stu Grell and Melissa Mansfield doing hush-puppies, and Ron Elliott supplying sweet corn. If you wish to bring a dish, great! Just be aware of the weather so that cold things that need to stay cold, do. After dinner, there will be the white elephant auction. It generally has some great deals on traps, new and used, equipment, new and used, the occasional "antique" bottle, and other miscellaneous items. It is hard not to spend at least a few dollars knowing that it is going to a good cause. Saturday, it all begins again @ 8 am and runs all day long. The membership meeting will start after @ 4pm, as the voting for new officers comes to an end, final raffle results are determined, and the last of the silent auctions close. This year we may have a special Rifle in the Silent Auction. This is yet to be determined for sure. The Cricket .22 and two (2) gift cards will be drawn for at 4 pm. If you need tickets yet, they will be available at the Convention, or contact Byron Tiede (219-863-3803 /

dogman@honeycreekboardingkennel.com)

Focus On Furbearers



by **Geriann Albers**
IDNR Fur Biologist

Gray fox sightings needed 2017

The IDNR Furbearer Program is hoping to propose gray fox research because of gray fox population concerns. To try to identify what counties might be best for research study areas, we need your help getting sightings, roadkill reports, trail camera photos, or locations of animals that are trapped (either released or harvested) or hunted. We need at least county, but if a close road intersection could be provided, that would be even better. Red fox reports are not needed at this time.

If you have any gray foxes to report, please contact:

Geriann Albers
Furbearer Biologist
galbers@dnr.in.gov
812-822-3304

Indiana's new Furbearer Biologist will be at the Convention. Her name is Geriann Albers. She has a BS degree from the University of Illinois, and a MS degree from West Virginia University. She has studied canines in Missouri, Illinois, New York, and California. She was an Assistant Furbearer Biologist for the Wisconsin DNR, and most recently worked as the Assistant Furbearer and Black Bear Biologist for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Trapper Education is really important to her and she looks forward to getting more involved with it in Indiana. Geriann is hoping to get a Gray Fox study in Indiana, possibly in conjunction with surrounding states. So if you see a gray or trap a gray, whether you harvest it or release it, please let her know. The framework for a bobcat season has been progressing through the rules process. Former Furbearer Biologist, Shawn Rossler, started the initial process in 2015. She is looking forward to meeting many of you at the ISTA in Greensburg this year. The IDNR will have a booth there, so stop on by and say hi (and give her those gray fox sightings!) Feel free to contact her with questions: Geriann Albers, galbers@dnr.in.gov or 812-822-3304.

Well I hope to see you there. Bring your Gad-A-Bout and I will sign it for you if you like.

In the meantime, watch your top knot, keep your eyes along the skyline.

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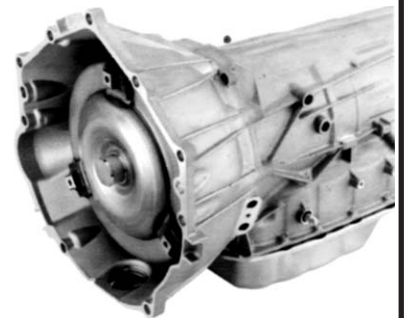


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Top Left Photo: Ron Alexander and his wife. Ron has been fishing Frame's Bass Rodeo since 1990. Top Right Photo: It was getting close to 10 p.m. and the fishermen were all heading for the ramp. It was kind of eerie all I could see was their running lights. Bottom Left Photo: The winners were Danny Abrams and Nicole For. The bass were all Smallmouth. Nicole caught the biggest one. Bottom Right Photo: From left to right is Curt Cox (Contest Director), Nicole For, Danny Abrams and Patrick Brown (Curt's Assistant). (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Frame's Bass Rodeo 27 Years Later

by Ray Dickerson

In 1990 I began publishing The Gad-a-bout, back then though it was called The Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout. I changed the name in October of 1991 to The Gad-a-bout. It was 1990 when Frame's Outdoor began a local fishing contest called Frame's Bass Rodeo.

In their beginning I attended almost everyone of them. The Bass Rodeo wasn't a big affair, just local fishermen registering at Frame's then meeting at Hanna Creek Ramp where they launched their boats at 6:00 p.m. and fished until 10:00 p.m. They fished for both Large and Smallmouth bass.

I have black and white photos I took back then of some of the winners. Weigh in then as now took place at Hanna Creek Ramp. When I found the photos some time ago I chuckled as I recognized some of the fishermen looking quite a bit younger back then.

To tell you the truth I had no idea that the Bass Rodeo was still going on all these years.

The week before this Bass Rodeo I attended on Wednesday August 2, 2017, I talked to Rick Frame

about his Bass Rodeo and that I thought about going to it like I use to. Rick said I ought to go, the fishermen registered between 5 and 5:30 at his store and had to launch their boat and be ready to start fishing by 6 p.m.

So on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 I arrived at Frame's Outdoor at about a quarter to 5:00 p.m. so I could talk to some of the fishermen and take a few photos.

One of the first fisherman I talked to was Ron Alexander. He recognized me, but I didn't remember him. He told me he had been fishing the Bass Rodeo since the beginning and he remembered me being on the ramp and taking their photos afterwards. He said his fishing partner back then was Rick Baker. He added Rick had since passed away. He fishes with his wife now.

Shortly there after I headed for Hanna Creek Ramp. Once all the boats were launched and left the area, one at a time. I left to go get something to eat.

I was back on Hanna Creek Ramp at about 9:30 p.m. The weather had been threatening all evening, with lightening in the distance. Soon I watched the eery looking green, red and white lights criss-crossing in the darkness as the fishing boats came in to drop off one of the crew to go get their vehicle. I could barely see a thing and looked in awe as each boat precisely matched up with their trailer in pitched darkness and whisked up the ramp.



Patrick Brown (Assistant Director) checks live wells of fishermen's boats who are fishing in the Bass Rodeo.

In no time at all Contest Director Curt Cox and his assistant Patrick Brown was weighing the fish and logging in the weights. As each one weighed, the fisherman took the fish in water-proof bags down the ramp and released the fish back into the lake.

When they had the winning team, Nicole For and Danny Abrams I took a couple of photos (see above) and as quickly as it began everyone had left for home. I headed for my van, it was around 10:45 p.m., I stopped briefly to talk to the young fella in the Gate House I knew, Ty Dickenson. We talked for a little while, then I headed for home.



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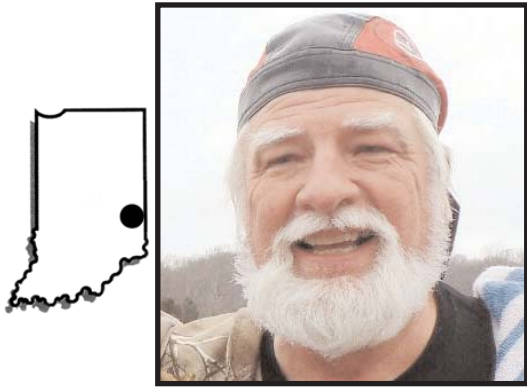


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Outdoors With Lonnie



by Lonnie Snow

News from Wayne County Special Olympics

It has been a very busy summer for us. We had 28 athletes compete at Terre Haute Indiana in Summer Games Track and Field competition. There were over 2,500 athletes competing at this event. Many of our athletes won Gold, Bronze, and Silver medals during their individual events.

In July the Elks Club of Richmond held our 7th Annual Golf Outing for Wayne County Special Olympics. We had 13 four man teams compete this year. The weather was beautiful. The Olive Garden of Richmond donated all the food for this outing. We are so blessed to have great community support. The money raised at this event is about two thirds of our annual operating budget.

In July we met with Mayor Dave Snow. The mayor will be issuing a Proclamation declaring the fourth week in June annually Special Olympics recognition week. During this week we will be recognizing our volunteers, coaches and athletes with special recognition in the City of Richmond. I hope you will all join in recognizing this group of people for all they provide to our community.

In July we stated our softball season. Our team just won two games at the Johnson County Special Olympic Tournament in Greensburg. They will be advancing to the semifinals on August 19th, 2017. Other athletes will be playing bocce and corn toss for summer fun.

The Wayne County Foundation awarded the Ruth Wickemeyer Award to our volunteer, June Miller. The award is a very prestigious volunteer award. June has been a community volunteer for many years and been a part of Wayne County Special Olympics since 1968. Her son Jimmy Miller, is a Special Olympic athlete. Congratulations June.

The Wayne County Foundation donated \$1,000 to our program for June receiving this award. The Wayne County Foundation has been very generous in helping fund our program for several years.

Bowling will begin the first Sunday after Labor Day. We anticipate having over 70 bowlers compete in Special Olympics bowling this year. The Richmond 40 Bowl is our home lanes. Jason and his staff have been great working with our athletes to get all their games in. Our bowlers will move on to regional and state tournaments later in the season.

We are working with the Union County Schools to start a Special Olympics Program in Union County. We will be meeting with the new superintendent to



Wayne County Special Olympics Sluggers Softball Team. Back row: Bruce Boyer, Tony Muse, Curtis Frame, Joey Evans, County Coordinator Lonnie Snow and Coach Chuck Fox. Middle row: Julie Garrett, Jacob Miller, Shytana Garrett, Mike Smith, Jared Haley and Joe Batchik. Front Row: Becky Powell, Lora McGowan, Jessica Day, Devin Reese, Cody Elmore, Kevin Klunt and Coach John Place. (Author Photo)

discuss how we can get the school's special education students involved with us. Union County already has hosted a Special Olympics Polar Plunge at White Water Memorial State Park, a Young Champions Program, and an Area track meet. We are excited to get this program going in the schools.

Seton High School has held a Special Olympics event and raised over \$2,200 which will earn them a Special Olympics Banner for the gym. The Girls' Softball Team raised these funds. This banner represents the partnership between the Indiana High School Association (ISHA) and Special Olympics to bring awareness about our program to the school and students. Thanks to the hard work of students' Cassidy Frame and Jacob Stamm for making this possible. Cassidy has a brother, Curtis Frame, in Special Olympics and her Mom, Karen, is the Assistant County Coordinator.

It may be 80 degrees outside now but it is already time to start thinking of our Polar Plunge. I will be contacting all our fellow plungers and last year's sponsors soon. Our goal this year will be to raise \$30,000.00 and have 150 plungers. Last year we had 119 plungers and raised almost \$25,000.00. The plunge will be held at White Water Memorial State Park the third weekend of February so mark your calendars. Sixty percent of the money raised comes back to our program to support Union and Wayne County Special Olympics so please give generously and above all come out and join in on the fun. Last year it was 25 degrees and snowing. Yep, a true Polar Plunge Experience.


If you are a business owner or corporation and would like to become a sponsor for Wayne/Union County Special Olympics please give me a call. We are a not for profit organization and you can use us as a tax deduction.

If you have any questions about Wayne or Union County Special Olympics Programs please give me a call at **765-732-3636** or email me at lsnow1952@yahoo.com.

Lonnie Snow
Wayne/Union County
Special Olympics Coordinator



Two of our Wayne County athletes enjoyed some time fishing with Lonnie Snow, Special Olympics County Coordinator. Top Photo Anthony Walker and Bottom Photo Tony Muse. (Author Photo)



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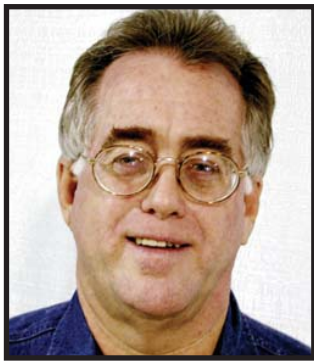
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Outdoors



With Rich Creason

A Story about Me

I've never thought my life was very exciting, but recently, I've had two different people tell me I should write a book about my adventures in the outdoors. While I'm still way too busy to write a book, I guess I could write a few lines about some of the things I have been able to do in the last 60 years.

My hunting and fishing life began when I was around 10. Mom was born and raised in South Dakota and she taught me how to hunt pheasant with a Savage .410 single shot in that state. (I taught our daughter how to shoot with that gun and will soon teach our grandson.) Dad taught me how to flush birds, rabbits, etc. and retrieve them after he shot them. He also taught me how to fish by rowing him around the lake while he caught bass.

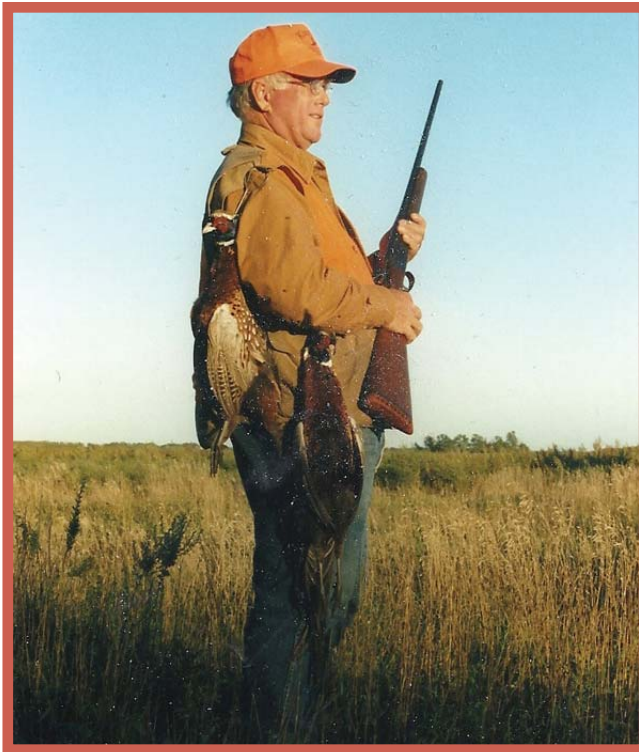
I was around 14 when my brother and I bought our first of many horses. With the money gained from mowing, raking, shoveling snow (and later manure), baling hay, and my paper route, we paid for food and boarding for our animals until we moved to the country. A mentor taught me to be a blacksmith at that age and I trimmed horse's feet, made their shoes and put them on myself. I broke horses and did some rodeo events until I discovered the horses were getting taller and the ground was getting harder.

At age 17, I entered Purdue University. I started in pre-veterinary science and later switched to Wildlife Management. During my studies, I learned to identify most plants and animals I would encounter in the woods, waters, and fields over the rest of my life. I had to make a skull collection for one of my classes and I continued adding to it even after graduation. I now have around 35 different animal skulls from a tiny shrew to a huge fur seal which is larger than my black bear skull. I also had to do some taxidermy work for a class and dabbled in that hobby for a while.

Fifty years ago, I belonged to the Outdoor Life Book Club. For many years, I bought books from them. I have my den with floor to ceiling shelves full of these. I later joined the Writer's Digest Book Club and have about three shelves of how-to-write books. And about four more shelves of cookbooks. Now, there are two rooms in our house full of reference books on many subjects.

When I finished my degree, I started going to Canada with my dad and brother to fish and hunt. We went to a remote camp with no roads (except old logging roads). It was boat in or fly in. We spent many days catching musky, northern, walleye, lake trout, and smallmouth bass there. I took my first bear and a huge moose from that camp. When the owner died in 1976, my brother bought the camp and he kept it for almost 20 years until he retired. He still lives with his family in Kenora, Ontario.

In 1971, I married a girl I dated in high school.



My favorite photo of me, pheasants, South Dakota, and my Savage .410 single shot. (Author Photo)

She had never spent much time outdoors, but I soon changed her. Camping, hiking, fishing, and metal detecting kept us busy. She did not hunt or shoot, but would go with me on my hunting trips. She was with me when I took a Quebec bear with a bow. She was watching when I shot a record book pronghorn in Wyoming, also with a bow. She was nearby when I arrowed a Sika deer in Maryland.

When our daughter was four, she got her first metal detector. Forty years later, she still detects with us whenever she can. Our grandson also started detecting with us when he was five and was hunting with us at Starve Hollow SRA just last week. We have taken our metal detectors on excursions from Montana to the east coast and from southern Florida to northern Canada. We have found coins, jewelry, tokens, relics, and buckets of pulltabs, bottle caps, and other assorted junk.

Susie likes to fish, and I have given up most of my hunting. We love deep sea fishing (but don't get to go often). We have angled in all of the Great Lakes except Lake Huron. She has a nine pound walleye (replica) on the wall, a 25 pound wahoo, and a 30 inch brown trout from Lake Michigan. If she gets one more big fish, I will have to take down one of my animal mounts to make room for it.

We started taking our grandson, Benjamin, to the Indianapolis Children's Museum when he was around four. He was fascinated with the dinosaurs. We found out we could go to South Dakota with Museum staff and dig dinosaur bones. For six years, we went for seven to ten days in July to Faith, SD and dug duck-bill dinosaur bones. We found remains from tiny teeth and tendons to four feet long, 200 pound femurs. Ribs, vertebrae, toe bones, and even a couple crocodile scutes (scales) were added to our list.

Last year, we changed and went to southwest Wyoming and dug fish fossils in a quarry. Before the dinosaurs, we saw an ad for a geode festival in Keokuk, Iowa in a magazine. We contacted the person listed and told him we were going through his area on the way to an outdoor writer's conference in Iowa and asked him about geode hunting. He said the festival was actually a week after we would be there, but he would be happy to take us out for a day and show us how it was done. He not only took us to the area where the geode searches would be conducted, but allowed us to collect some in a creek on his property.

We have dug amethyst in an Ontario mine, photographed buffalo and elk in Teddy Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota, picked up shells and fossil shark teeth on beaches in Florida, went through caves in Missouri, dug gems in North Carolina, and even panned gold in Indiana. I have been in every state except the far west coast and north and east of New York. I haven't been to Hawaii (Susie doesn't fly) and Alaska is still on my bucket list.

I have written about our adventures every month for around 18 years in the pages of the Gad-A-Bout. I am a staff editor and writer for the Backwoodsman magazine. My first published article was for Western and Eastern Treasures back in the early 1980's and I have had articles in numerous other national magazines. I have had an outdoor column in many newspapers, including about two years with an Ontario, Canada paper. I am a member and past Board of Directors of both the Hoosier Outdoor Writers, and the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers. I am also a member of the South Eastern Outdoor Press Association.

I will turn 70 next month. I figure I still have ten years or so to enjoy outdoor adventures. Maybe then, I will slow down and write a book.

The author may be reached at eyewrie4u@aol.com.

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From Cincinnati, OH area take I-74 west, exit U.S.52 north thru New Trenton and Cedar Grove to Brookville, at 5th Stoplight take SR101 (North) to Roseburg. Turn left onto Dunlapville Rd continue west across Dunlapville Causeway (Brookville Lake) when you cross Fayette County line you are on Alquina Rd, at stop sign you will cross 450 E the Blue Arrows Park will be on your left.

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CLEVELAND – Two recently completed major INDOT projects received national recognition today at the Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials Annual Meeting in Cleveland. INDOT’s Ohio River Bridges – East End Crossing and U.S. 31 Hamilton County projects received awards as part of the 10th annual America’s Transportation Awards competition.

The Ohio River Bridges – East End Crossing project won top honors in the large project division of the

Quality of Life/Community Development category. The approximately \$760 million project, completed in December 2016, is increasing cross-river mobility in the Southern Indiana-Louisville metro area by improving safety, alleviating traffic congestion and connecting highways. The centerpiece of the East End Crossing is the Lewis and Clark Bridge, connecting the east end of Louisville to Southern Indiana. The Kentucky approach to the new bridge extends I-265 adding a new, four-lane 1.4-mile section. The Indiana approach also has a four-lane section that extends S.R. 265 four miles. The overall Ohio River Bridges project is estimated to have an economic impact of more than \$87 billion on the region over the next 30 years.

The U.S. 31 Hamilton County project won in the large division of the Operations Excellence category. The \$350 million project, completed in the summer of 2016, upgraded 13 miles of existing U.S. 31 between I-465 in Carmel and S.R. 38 near Westfield, including 11 new interchanges. With these improvements, a total of 13 traffic signals have been removed from the segment, reducing travel time and the risk of crashes along the corridor.

“INDOT works every day to improve Indiana’s economic competitiveness and the quality of life for all Hoosiers,” Joe McGuinness, INDOT Commissioner said. “The East End Crossing and the new U.S. 31 in Hamilton County are prime examples of our commitment to those goals. Both projects are making travel safer and more convenient for motorists and promoting development and job growth by enhancing the transportation networks in two of Indiana’s fastest growing regions.”

Sponsored by the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), AAA,

and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the competition recognizes transportation projects in three categories: Quality of Life/Community Development, Best Use of Technology and Innovation and new this year, Operations Excellence. Winners are chosen by an independent panel of judges from within the transportation industry.

“Every project nominated in this competition represents the hard work and dedication of state DOTs across the country to meet the transportation needs of the communities we serve,” said David Bernhardt, president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation. “For 10 consecutive years, the America’s Transportation Awards have given state DOTs the recognition they deserve for providing the essential connections that keep people, goods, and our economy moving forward.”

INDOT’s two winning projects will now compete for the America’s Transportation Awards “Grand Prize” and “People’s Choice” awards. The Grand Prize is determined by an independent panel of expert judges, and the People’s Choice Award is selected by the general public through online voting beginning August 21. The winners of the top two awards will be announced in September.

Learn more about the nominees and the competition at www.AmericasTransportationAwards.org.

THE AUGUST GAD-A-BOUT ALMOST DIDN'T GET DELIVERED ON TIME

Thanks to a lot of help from friends, ISP, auto mechanics, some good fortune and my wife, the August Gad-a-bout got delivered on time, almost.

Early on July 11th I picked up the August Gad-a-bout at AIM Printers in Greenfield, everything went like clock work. I delivered the north area, ran into a wall of water coming back from Kokomo, a seven inch rainfall in less than an hour. By the time I reached Noblesville I began to have to slow for high water areas.

The next morning I left at 5:00 a.m. wanting to get a head start in southern Indiana. I routed myself through Connersville, taking SR121 to US 52 to SR229 to Batesville, SR129 to US50 to my first stop in Butlerville.

Well all went well until I got south of Peppertown on SR229, all of a sudden my van slowed and the road felt really rough - the culprit a flat tire. I backed onto Lamy Road and parked the van. Now what?

I sat there thinking about my predicament. Lots of cars were whizzing by on SR229, but they were probably going to work. I’ve been on that road a thousand times, but for the life of me I didn’t know who to call, especially at 6:15 a.m.

I decided to call Indiana State Trooper Sgt. John Bowling who has a column in The Gad-a-bout, thinking



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Thanks to a fellow on his way to work I was able to call Obermeyer's in Oldenburg asking for a tow. Nate Gehring loading me up a little after 7 a.m. I was back on the road at 8:45 a.m.



L to R: Nate Gehring, Rick Obermeyer (Owner) and Dan Gehring. Obermeyer Marathon is located at 22183 Main St., Oldenburg 47036. Stop by or give them a call at 812-934-2334.



L to R: Cody, Charlie, Mike and Sherry in front of Best Stop Auto Care. Mike and Cody are a father and son team. They are at 2 Salisbury Rd in Richmond, IN. Call them at 765-935-3849.



L to R: Pete Haager, Ray Haager and Jim Haager, a family of mechanics. Give them a call at 765-962-4381, they are located at 805 Sim Hodgkin Parkway in Richmond, IN.

he may have access to a Tow service I could call. John answered the phone and I told him of my plight. He didn't know who I could call, so he told me he would call the Versailles Post and see if they could help me.

He called me back telling me they would see what they could do, no troopers were in my vicinity at the time. Just as John was hanging up a pick-up truck was coming from behind me and stopped. I went back told him I had a flat and needed to call for a tow. He told me I should call Obermeyers in Oldenburg, they opened at 7 a.m. I told him I would have already done that but I didn't know their phone number. The guy quickly wrote Obermeyer's phone number on a scrap piece of paper and told me he had to get to work.

I thanked him and called Obermeyer's. At 7:08 a.m. Nate Gehring was lining up with the back of my van and had it loaded at 7:19 a.m. Just about that time I got a call from another tow service who had been contacted by the Versailles State Police Post, that I needed a tow truck. I thanked the guy for calling, told him in the mean time I had gotten Obermeyer's phone number and they were helping me. I've got to contact Versailles State Police Post and thank them and Sgt. John Bowling for their help.

We arrived at Obermeyer's Marathon Station in Oldenburg at 7:28 a.m. and Nate was working on the flat inside the station at 7:33 a.m.

Nate told me he didn't have my brand of tire, but could get another brand in Batesville. I thought about it for a moment and asked if he could get three of them, replace the flat tire and the remaining older two tires. The front left tire was almost brand new.

At 8:41 a.m. I took a photo of Nate Gehring, owner of Obermeyer Marathon Rick Obermeyer and Dan

Gehring. I thanked them for the quick service and headed for Butlerville. I was able to deliver to all of my advertisers that day, except two - due to a road closure.

When I got back home, since I had my back-up van available I took my delivery van to Haager's Auto and Truck Service to get the front end aligned, new shocks and check for anything else that needed attention. I hadn't had it aligned after my last accident. I told Pete I wasn't in any hurry, I had my back-up van to finish delivering papers.

Friday I delivered Liberty, Brookville, then headed for Greensburg, when suddenly the Check Gages light came on when I stopped at stop lights, it went out when I began moving. The temperature gauge was registering normal. Finally though I called Mike Legear and asked him what could be the problem. He told me to check the oil and coolant. Both were a bit low so I stopped and bought some oil and 50/50 anti-freeze. I let the van sit for a while before adding them. The light continued coming on and going off, but I made it home without any more problems.

Monday morning I stopped at Mike's. He said I might need a new gage cluster or it might just be the oil sending unit. I thanked him and headed out to deliver some left overs in Richmond. As I was driving to the east side I got to thinking what Mike had said. Back when I was younger I was a shade tree mechanic. I had a '66 Chevelle that was losing oil really bad I found it had a bad oil sending unit.

So I immediately pulled my van into a parking lot, found a clean spot and parked on it. Then I revved the engine several times and backed off the parking area. Yep, there was a puddle of oil on the pavement. I knew right then I had a bad oil sending unit. So I

drove back to Best Stop Auto Care, told Mike I was sure it was the oil sending unit. He agreed so I left my van with him. I called Sherry and told her I needed her car to finish delivering the August papers, I was fresh out of delivery vans!

I guess I need a back-up van for my back-up van. Got them all back now. The delivery van rides smoother and the back up van is waiting until its needed again.

11TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING BENEFITS KIDS ATTENDING CONSERVATION CAMP

New Alsace Conservation Club is holding their 11th Annual Golf Outing Saturday, 09-23-17 to benefit 5th & 6th grade kids to attend the Karl E. Kelly Conservation Camp.

For more information call Rob Seig, Co-chair 812-209-9099, e-mail robseig@seigsurveying.com, or Mark Lewis, Co-chair 812-221-0030. Go to website www.newalsaceconservationclub.com, click on Golf Outing & map for location.

FOUNDERS DAY SEPT 9-10, 2017

Liberty, IN's 2017 Founders Day will be held on the courthouse square. There will be historical crafts, demonstrations, bluegrass/gospel music, family entertainment and many interactive activities for everyone. There will be food & craft vendors, antique tractor display, with many hands on activities for children of all ages. Our goal is to keep historical crafts alive for current generations by learning how things were done in the past. On Sunday afternoon there will be a donation auction of items that have been made by demonstrators as well as community members. Contact Vicky Logue Liberty Elementary School 765-458-5521, Ext 1407. ■

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Jim Hiatt with a nice mess of bluegill and a 13 inch, 1 pound plus crappie that came from the Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Marcia Frame took this cinnamon color phase bear black bear on 05-11-17. On a spot and stalk hunt Near Helena Montana with a 300 Ultra Mag. (Tyler Frame Photo)



Dave Kirkover with a 11 inch bluegill he caught from a local pond in Wabash County. (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Dillon in cap caught this 4.4 lb. Largemouth Bass on 07-09-17 near Silver Creek. (Dave's Triangle, Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Travis Hammock took his 17 lb Turkey on 5-10-17. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



Rickey H?rter took his 24.5 lb Turkey on 5-2-17, it had a 10" beard & 1" spurs. (Red Barn Bait & Guns Photo, Salem, IN)



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