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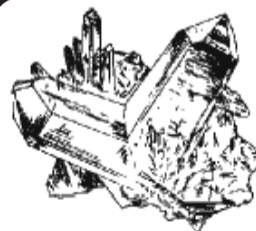
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Top Right: The Quail Forever Youth Event June 30, 2018 at Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve located at 27063 US 52, Laurel, IN. This was the second year for this event to be held at Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve. The event is an educational event including a 22 caliber rifle shoot, clay bird skeet shooting, habitat planting, fishing contest and a free lunch for the kids and their parents. See more on Page 15-18. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)
Bottom Left: Old SR 101 at Brookville Lake had the top layer removed on June 5, 2018 leaving a terrible mess for drivers to negotiate. Officials rectified the problem by having two layers of asphalt laid down Saturday 7-14-18. See more on Page 21 (Photo by Ray Dickerson)
Bottom Right: As always at Monroe, there is a team that excels and handily wins the event. This year was no different as Tom Hankins and Ron Bilbrey coming off of a 2nd place finish in the tournament before at the Mississinewa / Salamonie Super event set a single day club record for heaviest weight with a 7-fish stringer that weighed 11.79 lbs. (Photo by Jim Raymer)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson
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DELBERT NUGENT THE BIKE MAN

I got a call from Dovin Coffey a few weeks ago he was telling me about a fellow in Richmond that fixed his bicycle for him. The fellow's name was Delbert Nugent. Dovin told me in detail how Delbert fixed everything that was wrong with his bike and he was very reasonable in the cost. He gave me Delbert's phone number. I told Dovin my bicycle was in terrible shape. I've always liked to ride my bike, but hadn't since the cables were slipping, the tires wouldn't hold air anymore and I had a couple pieces missing. I thanked Dovin and hung up.

A week or so later I called Delbert and asked if I could bring my bike over to him. He gave me directions from Centerville. Go to SW 16th (at stoplight) turn left (north) go to first right turn (alley) go east, turn left at first left turn (alley) go north. He would be in the tall white building on the right I would see bikes in front of the building.

I loaded up my 1967 Sears bicycle and headed for Delbert's location using his directions.

I found him and unloaded my bike. I told him it was a bit old, but I liked it. He kind of shook his head and said it was fixable. I told him what didn't work anymore, what was missing and could he fix it?

I left it with Delbert and told him I wasn't in any rush for it, to take all the time he needed and left.

To my surprise just a couple days later I got a call from Delbert telling me my bike was ready. I went to Delbert's to pick up the bike. He rolled it out into the alley. I looked at it and said, where's my bike you know the one with all the rust and other ailments? He laughed it's yours. He had really fixed it up good, it shined in all the places that was dull before and best of all everything works on it.

I told him he wasn't done, I walked around my van and unloaded my wife's bike for him to fix too. Sherry and I bought our two bikes at Sears in 1967 in Richmond. We rode them a lot when we were younger. I need to ride mine mostly now to get my legs to working better. And now I can. I've been riding it as much as I can. I'm a little bit wobbly but I'm a little bit over weight. I used to be able to carry a can of coal oil or a sack of groceries or my rifle in one hand and steer with my left hand with no problem.

If you need some repairs on your bicycle I whole heartedly recommend Delbert Nugent, he really knows his bicycles. His business is called "Bike Man." His address is 156 SW 15th Street, he's in the alley behind his house. His phone number is 765-238-9527, he has a notation under his number "Calls Only Please." He also has some used bikes he sells see photos at top of right column.



Top Photo: Delbert Nugent standing next to my Sears bicycle he reconditioned, replaced inner tubes and missing parts. I couldn't believe how good it looked when I saw it. Bottom Photo: Inside his workshop he has quite a few used bikes for sale as you can see in this photo. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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Farmer's Pike Festival is a lot of shows all wrapped up into one. See Page 14 to see what they are doing this year. Photos from last year. Sherry and I go there every year. They have a new line up of bands and musical acts. Go to www.farmer-spike.com for more information.

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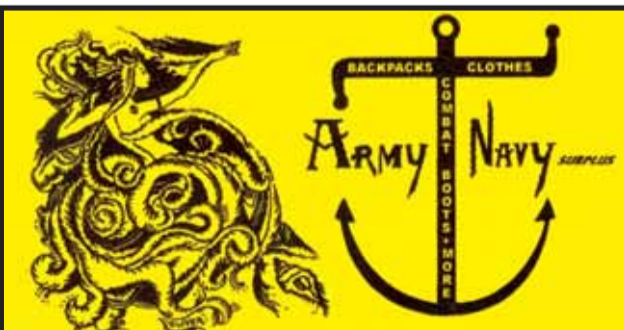
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by **Tag Nobbe**
Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville in August

Start out by finding the depth of the thermocline. A thermocline is where the warm upper layer of water meets the cold lower layer of water. The reason the fish can't be below the thermocline is there is not a sufficient amount of oxygen for them to survive. To find out where the thermocline is, just look at your fish finder in deep open water. You will notice that there won't be any fish below a certain depth. Another way is to turn your sensitive up on your fish finder and you should see a dark band. What this does is eliminate time wasted on trying to catch fish below the thermocline.



This fisherman caught this really nice walleye fishing in Brookville Lake. (Author Photo)

Another place not to fish is the shore line. The reason for this is all the fish are done spawning so there isn't any reason for fish to be on the shore. What you can catch on the shore is little buck bass about 12 inches long. But with the minimum size limit at 14 inches this is not where you want to be. The exception to this rule is fishing at night or fishing at the crack of dawn.

What you're looking for is the summer pattern. In August, the lake is full of shad. Shad is a bait fish in the lake that feeds the masses. They swim around in schools trying to look like one big thing instead of 10,000 little things. As their doing this they come close to off-shore structure like humps points, and flats. These are the places you want to focus your efforts.

If you're a troller now is your time. The fish are feeding on shad and not so much on crawdads. So, stick with baits that look more like fish then crawdads. What trolling does is enable you to cover a lot of water while keeping your crank bait in the strike zone.

Another good method fishing in August is spoon fishing. What you do is find a good-looking spot on your depth finder, back away from it a bit. Make a sim-

ple under hand pitch to the spot and frog hop the spoon back to the boat. The fish will usually hit it on the fall so be ready. Another tip, if you fish a spot that is super sticky switch out the treble hook for a single hook.

Don't give up on the jig and nightcrawler though. It's not that the fish quit hitting it. It's just that now the fish have more options. There is a lot of different species of fish in the lake and they all have their own little ways of doing things, but they all eat crawdads, shad and each other for that matter.

Temperate Bass like striped bass and white bass will lay on the bottom in the main lake just above the thermocline. When it's time to eat the entire school will roam the main lake looking for those big schools of shad like 1 big eating machine. Look for these fish in the deeper part of the lake feeding on suspended shad schools. What a striped bass will do is try to feed in the coolest water it can. It would be very rare to see one on the surface in August. Whereas a white bass will just about go anywhere. While a walleye will move up in a likely feeding spot like a flat or hump and just lay with its belly on the bottom using the coloration of skin as camouflage. Catfish on the other hand will just roam all over the lake feeding on anything that they can get in their mouth. To them it doesn't matter if its dead or alive. To catch 1 to 5-pound catfish all you have to do is put something on a hook and throw it in the water. If you want to catch 30 lb. catfish you have to be fishing specific spots. Big catfish don't get big swimming around they get big from laying around in a good feeding spot.

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Left Photo: K-9 Tora received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable organization. The vest was sponsored by an Anonymous Sponsor. (Author Photo)



Right Photo: An interesting place to visit that's free, the Indiana State Police Museum at 8660 East 21st Street located next to the Indianapolis Post. (Author Photo)

News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Indiana State Police K-9 Tora Receives Body Armor

Pendleton - Indiana State Police Pendleton District's K9 Tora has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. The vest was sponsored by an Anonymous Sponsor and embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of Mel Nading, Pilot of Helo 1".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c(3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States.

The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially life-saving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 2,800 protective vests in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over 2.4 million dollars.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

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law enforcement K9 is \$950.00. Each vest has a value between \$1,744 - \$2,283, and a five-year warranty and an average weight of 4-5 lbs. There is an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call **508-824-6978**. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at www.vik9s.org or mailed to **P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718**.

Special Events 2018 Now in Full Swing

If you've ever been to a large event in Indiana, chances are you've seen an Indiana State Trooper there. More than keeping roadways safe, doing investigations, assisting motorists and responding to calls to service, we also provide security at most large special events in Indiana.

All of these manpower needs are coordinated by the Special Operations Section of ISP. Here are just some of the events we provide security for; all the Indy 500 pre-race and race day activities; The Brick Yard pre-race and race day activities; The Indianapolis GP race; Indiana Black Expo; The Indiana State Fair from 8/3-8/19 and the National Drags on Labor Day weekend are just some of the events we cover.

This is not even a complete list as there are other events we cover throughout the year as well. It can be a daunting task bringing troopers from all over the state to one location to cover a special event-but it's what we do.

Speaking of special events, if you're at the state fair this year, I'll be in the north information booth the first half of the fair, August 3rd through August 10th. Make sure you stop by and say hello.

ISP Museum-A Great Place to Visit

This summer, if you're looking for an interesting place to visit that's free, consider the Indiana State Police Museum located at 8660 East 21st St., right next to the Indianapolis Post. The Historical Center is part of the Youth Services Program which funds and facilitates the ISP youth summer camps each year around the state.

The museum offers free tours of displays that include items from the gangster era, including famous items from the Dillinger gang and others; ISP police cars from the 1930's through the 2000's; an Indian Motorcycle just like the ones ridden by the first troopers in 1933; a moonshine still; numerous guns and weapons with historical significance, as well as some interactive displays like the two headed police car that allows kids the chance to sit behind the wheel and turn on the lights, as well as a new distracted driving simulator.

The museum is chocked full of historical items donated and seized through the years dealing with law enforcement. The museum was built in 1993 with monies from private donations. A lot of the items in the museum were donated by retired troopers and their families, with a lot of personal items and stories that go with them.

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Fresh Water Tuna Fishing

Some years ago I watched a film of tuna fishermen working. The term "working" didn't really do their labor justice. Standing at the stern of the boat using rods that looked more like fence posts than fishing tools, they had a ritual of cast, jerk, haul, drop, and cast again as the deck squirmed with flopping fish. These guys looked like professional weight lifters bulging with muscle as they horsed these heavy weight fish, literally hoisting each one over their heads and dropping them on the deck behind them. No sport here, just a profit margin.

Living beside a lake filled with a somewhat smaller version of tuna doesn't offer the same type of back bending action, but on rare occasions we stumble across small schools of what I like to refer as "cruna" - 7 to 9 inch crappie. A normal day for Rollin and I is 20-25 of these monsters, nothing to get excited about but at least we're not mowing lawns or sitting in front of a brain deadening t.v. Sometimes, just before dark, I fish off a dock in my favorite cove, casting a crappie jig hoping for an occasional catch. Invariably, I catch a small bull head catfish of about ten inches. In fact, I've snagged what has to be the same fish numerous times. It's the same length, in about the same spot every time, with the same disgusted look on its face. I know it's the same fish and I've named him Leroy. It's a good way to end the day by hooking 'ol Leroy, wish him a good evening, toss him back and tell him I'll see him tomorrow. However, recently, Rollin and I got out of recreational fishing and into the commercial "cruna" category.

A normal fishing day starts with two "somewhat elderly" anglers managing to somehow launch a boat without a major injury or a drowning. Rollin being very familiar with the topography of all the coves on the lake through experience and the aid of more on-board electronics than a nuclear sub, we normally settle down to a day of casting and jigging for crappie. As I mentioned, the lake is heavily populated with small crappie that average about 8 inches in length. On rare occasions, we have wabashed (ripped the fish out of the water and over our shoulder) a 12 incher and on memorable times up to a 15 incher. Once in a while a bass is caught along with a few scrawny bluegills, but the majority of our invited guests are underfed crappie. Sometimes, it gets to be a little competitive with exclamations of "look at this one" as its swung around to dangle in the face of your competitor to be followed by, "Oh yeh, well look at this beauty. It has one brown eye and one black eye" while neither fish would make a decent sandwich.

This routine is fine as far as we're concerned as it gives us a chance to forget about such things as receding hairlines, creaky bones, and trying to remember what pills we're supposed to take in the morning and then before bed time. Just a quiet day on the lake soaking up sunshine and occasionally getting soaked by pop-up rain storms. As to weather, Rollins opinion and mine differ greatly when it comes to certain meteorological conditions. He will continue to fish through a hurricane while I prefer to seek shelter in impending foul weather. But, since it's his boat, after a passing thunderstorm, I've often sat looking like a rat that just crawled out of a well. Aside from minor differences, we're satisfied with spending hours catching less than record breaking fish while being wallowed around by the wake of passing speed boats. However, once in a great while, things get interesting.

Trolling and casting along a part of the shore line that looked no better than a good way to waste a little time, he and I both hooked a teen aged crappie. Unhooking and tossing them over our shoulders, we dropped the lines and immediately snagged another pair. There followed what I compared to professional tuna fishing as the lures would no sooner hit the water than another fish would take it. In fact, my normal routine is to unhook the fish, toss my lure over the side of the boat, toss the fish back in the water and then reel in line to prepare for another cast. It was almost like teenagers lining up to get Elvis Presley's autograph as the little retards would snatch the lure as soon as it hit the water. Then things got interesting a Rollin horsed a 14 inch crappie aboard and I followed with a 12 incher. Sweat popped out on our brows as we half expected to be attacked by a school of crappie acting like piranha. Rollins rod bent double as a healthy large mouth bass snatched the jig, boiled to the surface and spit it back at him. I began to get nervous as I thought of a favorite movie of my grand son's called "The Attack Of The Zombies. I asked Rollin if it might be a good idea to get out of there before we were attacked by something we couldn't handle. With spittle rolling out of the corner of his mouth, he looked at me like Frankenstein eyeing a victim. I knew we were doomed.

There followed four more 12 inch crappie, a few smaller bass, an occasional blue gill and a couple of small channel cats. When exhaustion and the survival instinct finally made us pull anchor and leave, we had caught and released more than 120 fish. Personally, I'll never go back to that part of the lake again. There is only one reason so many different species of fish hang out in the same spot. It's to get revenge on fishermen. I'm not going to one of their victims. ■

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Fire Chief Nick Brown helping serve food to members of the community and visitors at the Everton Fireman's Festival July 7, 2018. (Photo by Author)



A popular pastime for the children visiting the Fireman's Festival was this Bounce House. Several children were in it when photo was taken. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Everton Volunteer Fire Department



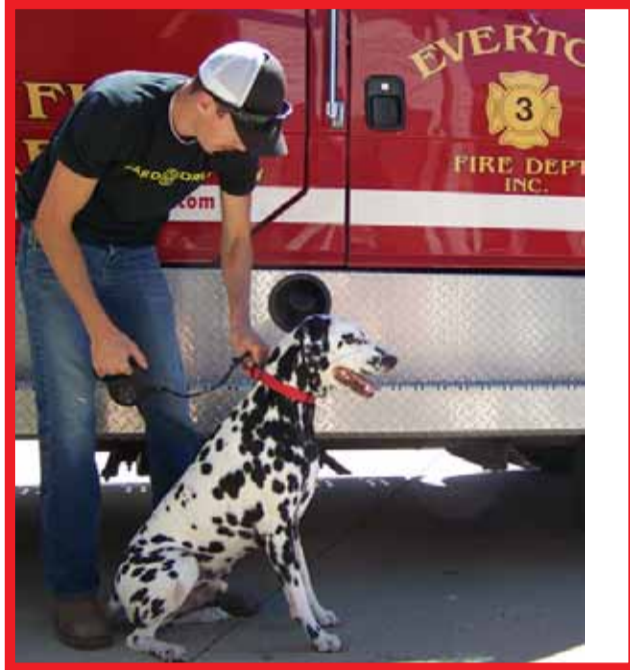
by Megan Veeneman

Everton Fireman's Festival

The Everton Volunteer Fire Department Fireman's Festival was hosted on July 7th at the Everton Volunteer Fire House. This festival had a lot of fun attractions for all members of the family. Some of the attractions were bounce houses, poker, basket raffles, a dunk tank, Arson the fire dog, and food. The food at the festival was fried chicken, potatoes wedges, cole slaw, and baked beans. Arson the fire dog had a lot of fun greeting community members at this event! He loved getting his picture taken at the fire truck. Throughout the event there was exciting music provided by DJ Brian Kottka. The money collected from this event will support the Everton Volunteer Fire Department with new equipment and training.

Fire Chief Nick Brown stated "This event was a success. The members of the community seemed to enjoy the food and the activities with their families. I am happy for all the support from the community and would like to thank the sponsors who helped with this event."

The Everton Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the people and corporations that helped sponsor this event. Those individuals are:



Left Photo: Meet Arson the Fire Dog! He is accompanied by a local fire fighter. Right Photo : Basket Raffle at Everton Fireman's Festival Saturday July 7th. (Photos by Author)



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Community member Matthew Cox stated that "The event at the fire house was very calm. I was able to enjoy myself and relax. Arson was a cute dog! He loved being around people. Also, the food was amazing! The potatoes wedges were the best!"

The next upcoming event for the Everton Volunteer Fire Department is the Demolition Derby. Come get excited with us about destroying cars! This event will take place on September 8th, 2018 at the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Admission for the demolition derby is listed below:

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Nothing says summer like fishing for panfish

(Panfishing takes author back to when he was a kid, yet he still enjoys fishing for them as an adult.)

As we eased the boat into that tiny cove on a crowded lake, the children made their first casts. The bobber did not even have time to settle on the water's surface before it plummeted downward. Within seconds the first fish of the evening was on and my friend's young son was grinning ear to ear. Some things simply never get old, and bluegill fishing in the summer is one of those things. Seeing the grins and hearing the giggles and shrieks of children as they wrestle these spunky little fish in never gets old either. It means they are happy and enjoying the outdoors.

Bluegills are often one of children's first inductions into fishing and the memories made while fishing for them can be priceless. But as adults, we still never lose our affection with the feisty bluegill and sunfish that we so often spent our childhood years catching. The reasons vary: it takes us back to our younger days spent with family and friends, their tasty fillets get our mouths watering, or plain and simple; they are just fun to catch. Pound for pound, bluegills put up as much or more of a battle than any fish out there.

Bluegills can generally be easy to catch also, especially right now as they move into shallower water to spawn. It does not cost much to get into the action either. An ultralight action rod and reel and a handful of tackle are all you need to get started.

Live bait such as bee moth, wax worms, crickets, red worms or nightcrawlers all work well and all can be fished suspended a couple of feet under a bobber or simply dragged on the bottom. Small artificial lures like flies, jigs and spinners will also yield plenty of action.

Another great thing about bluegills is that they can be found almost anywhere. From small streams to large rivers and small ponds to large lakes and reservoirs they can pretty much be found in good numbers in all of these places. And as I mentioned, they are not usually too difficult to catch, making them the perfect fish to go after when taking children. Sometimes, catching fish is



Summer days spent bluegill fishing make up many of the memories the author has, as he spent many warm summer days doing just that. Days spent now with his son panfishing take him back to those days with his Dad. (Author Photos)

only half the fun. Throughout the evening, my friend's children would shift their time from fishing to playing with the bee moth and crickets. At other times, they were content to simply place the few fish we did keep into the livewell. They enjoyed every aspect of the fishing experience.

To this day, every time I go bluegill fishing I am thrust back a few decades to the days when my father and mother would take me to the banks of the local reservoir, a nearby river or a neighbor's pond where we would spend the day reeling in bluegills and anything else that would bite or hooks. I can also still taste those meatloaf sandwiches my Mom would pack. Those were the

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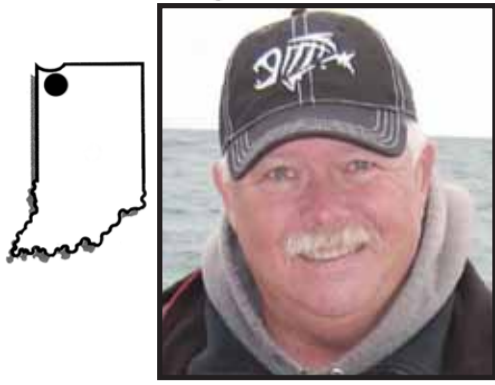
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

Hooks of a Different Bend

Few things in fishing is more frustrating to anglers than a hooked fish becoming an unhooked fish. It happened to a novice I had fishing with me one day. He was reeling steadily, the fish was sloshing around near the surface, about half way to the boat, then unexpectedly, the rod lost its bend, the line its tightness, the fish was swimming



Fishermen have been tinkering with fish hooks for 2000 years. Is this square-bend model all that revolutionary? (Author Photo)

back to the depths.

“Why did that happen?” the fisherman asked.

I explained the situation perfectly. “The hook came unhooked from the fish.”

What? Didn't that sum it up exactly? He should have asked, “Did I do something wrong?”

I was being flippant and I did go on to tell the fellow it wasn't anything he'd done incorrectly. It was just an instance when the fish won.

There are certainly things a person can do incorrectly to facilitate a hooked fish becoming an unhooked fish. An angler can allow slack to get in the line. That's one of the reasons fishing rods bend. Even if a person stops reeling for a moment, the bent rod continues keeping the line tight to the fish. Sometimes the fish can swim faster than the fisherman can reel. Sometimes the fish jumps and shakes it's head. When the line goes slack, the hook or lure can fly free. I've seen it happen too often.

Some kinds of fish have hard mouths. Instead of the hook penetrating deep enough to be well-stuck, the fish is just barely impaled and the hook will easily dislodge. Some kinds of fish have extremely soft tissue around it's mouth. Either the hook just pops free or the hook creates a large hole from which the hook can easily just unhook.

None of these are certainties. I've seen people make every mistake possible and their fish somehow remains hooked. I've seen fish jump, shaking so violently I could hear the BB's inside the lure making sounds like an upset rattlesnake. The fish stayed hooked.

In truth, my flippant answer to my fishing partner's question was the only way I could be spot on with my answer. There were any number of reasons the fish came unhooked.

So when a couple of entrepreneurs came out with “hooks with a new bend” recently; allegedly

designed to make it harder for fish to inadvertently become unhooked, I took note. Anything that will keep unexpected or unexplained unhookings from occurring when I'm fishing is something I'll sign up to get.

Shortly after someone invented wire about 2000 years ago, some fisherman bent the wire into a hook shape, sharpened one end of it and used it to catch a fish. For all I know, the person who invented wire did it just to make a better fishing hook. Previously, hooks were carved from wood, ivory, seashells or chipped out of flint, like arrowheads.

No doubt a few days after the first wire-hook caught fish was on the stringer, fishermen were trying to make it better. Was a long shank better than a short one? Should the point be offset or in-line with the shank? Take a look in any tackle display and you'll see a dozen hook varieties on display, in dozens of sizes and colors, each “supposedly” better than all the rest.

I was skeptical when I heard the buzz about hooks with newfangled bends in them and the testimonials from professional anglers about how much better the new hooks were than all the old fashioned hooks they formerly employed. Skeptic or not, I got some of these new and improved models and put them into action.

It's not unheard of for me to have a fish come off the hook. It's not unheard of for me to lose two in a row. But when I lost the first two fish I ever hooked with the first model of hook (almost) guaranteed to never pull free, I switched back to a lure with my old standard style hook.

That particular model featured only a kinky bend just below the barb. Realistically, it didn't look revolutionary. I probably would have caught the next half dozen fish without losing even one. If I'd have caught the first half dozen fish without a loss, I'd have been sold and would have spent the next week outfitting all my lures with the new style. I'm glad it failed my test.

Then another manufacturer came out with a radically different bend in their hooks. It looked different and the design won a prestigious “best of show award” at a major fishing trade show.

I got some of these beauties, each one featuring a square bend instead of a round bend and according to their hype, fewer fish would inadvertently come loose as a result. I was still skeptical and also amazed it took 2000 years for someone to figure that out.

Deja vu, all over again - the first two fish I hooked with these square-benders managed to come loose inexplicably as well. I realize it was probably more happenstance than inferior design, but the experience did save me the money and effort it would have taken to retrofit all my lures.

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This is Aaron Scott with his grandpa David Pence showing their first place crappie and Big Fish. Their total weight was 7.37 pounds and the big fish was a 13.5 inch crappie that weighed 1.25 pounds. Congrats to team Scott and Pence. (Author Photo)



This is husband and wife Bill and Sherry Rairden with their second place crappie that weighed 5.34 pounds. They also netted the third biggest fish of the day with a 1.18 pound crappie. (Author Photo)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Bozarth's Summer June 9th Crappie Tournament

The summer season has officially kicked in and things here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash have been buzzing. The weather has cooperated and made for some magnificent weekends for the avid outdoorsman to enjoy all the activities these properties provide whether its camping, boating, fishing, or horseback riding. These perfect weather weekends have brought numerous amounts of visitors to the area which has allowed for some great memory making family vacations. If looking for something to do with your family then one should strongly consider visiting these properties and take advantage of all the excellent opportunities to get the family outside and enjoy all the great

things the Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Huntington Reservoirs have to offer.

On Saturday, June 9th the second of four Bozarth Crappie tournaments was held on the Salamonie Reservoir. We had a total of 19 teams entered to compete on what turned out to be a pleasant Saturday morning and afternoon. The crappie fishing leading up to this date had been some of the best fishing we had witnessed in years as we were seeing and hearing multiple stories of fisherman catching 14 and 15 inch crappie on a regular basis. With that being said, this tournament date fell just outside of the crappie spawn and hence made for a more difficult time locating the bigger crappie. One team that still managed to locate and catch the big ones was the grandpa/grandson team of Aaron Scott and David Pence. They brought a total of 7.37 pounds for their top seven crappie, which were two pounds more than the second place team, to take home top honors for the day. They also had a 14 inch crappie that weighed 1.25 pounds to win the Big Fish award. Congratulations to Aaron and David as they once again took home the top honors.

Coming in 2nd place with a weight of 5.34 pounds was the husband and wife duo of Bill

and Sherry Rairden. They also had the third biggest fish with a crappie that weighed 1.18 lbs. Coming in third place was the team of brothers Mike and Dave Bowser with a total weight of 5.31 pounds. 4th place went to the grandpa/grandson team of Blake Morris and Gary Reed with a total weight of 5.26 pounds and they also had the 2nd biggest fish with a 1.21 lb crappie. Rounding out the top five was the father/son team of Dan and Jim Paul with a total weight of 4.59 pounds. A big thanks to all teams participating and we look forward to seeing everyone back at our last two tournaments which are on Saturday, August 25th and Saturday, September 29th. For more information you can contact us at (765) 981-4522

If planning on visiting to this area over the coming weeks be sure to check out several of the activities planned through the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services on the Salamonie and Mississinewa properties. On Saturday, July 20th and 21st the Salamonie property will host Christmas in July and celebrate Smokey Bear's birthday. Then on Saturday, July 28th there will be Sandcastles at the Beach from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Supplies will be provided so bring your family and friends and make a masterpiece



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This is brothers Dave and Mike Bowser with their 3rd overall crappie that weighed in at 5.31 pounds. (Author Photo)



This is grandpa and grandson Gary Reed and Blake Morris along with their crappie that weighed 5.26 pounds which was good enough to capture 4th place. They also had the second biggest fish of the day with a 1.21 pound crappie. (Author Photo)

on the beach! Also on July 28th will be "Rain Sticks and Thunder Drums" from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. This will allow one to learn a little about flood control and then create your own rain stick to take home. Afterwards bring your rain stick and along with the provided thunder drums and other percussion instruments join in and create your own music along with everyone else. All ages are welcome to participate.

On Saturday, July 21st the Mississinewa Reservoir property will host four separate activities as well. The Free Sprint Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon practice, Nature's Wind Catchers, Sandcastles at the Beach, and Spider Sniffing are all on the schedule. Then on Saturday, July 28th they will host "Christmas in July" and "Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash." Be sure to mark your calendar for all these exciting events and for more information on any of these activities you can contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at (260) 468-2127. ■

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by PIO Travis Stewart

The Use of PFD's or Life Jackets Save Lives - Use Them!

Summer is in full swing and the heat is here to stay a little while longer. While this summer has been warm, it has been an eventful one and not always in the greatest of nature.

With school around the corner, kids will start going back to further their education but that doesn't mean that they won't be around the water. I have heard around the state, accounts of various water related incidents that might have been avoided if precautions were followed. I have noted this before but encourage you to read again.

PFD's or life jackets do save lives. They may not always be the stylish and most comfortable thing to wear, but just having one close by and readily accessible is the key. They are required on every watercraft or boat (including canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards) but don't have to be worn on inland waterways. As noted, the key is to have them readily

accessible. If a life jacket is stowed underneath a cooler, hidden in an engine compartment, or where ever it may take several second (or even minutes in some cases) to retrieve, it does no good in an emergency situation when merely seconds can be the difference between life and death.

Another thing to mention on PFD's (life jackets) is they have to be in good condition. I have seen life jackets that are torn, ripped, and even missing parts and are attempted to be passed as a wearable life jacket. At that point they are nothing more than foam that wouldn't keep you afloat.

With warm weather, comes some "adult beverages" that are consumed by of age adults (alcohol). While they are permitted on watercraft and can be consumed, there is an important note to be taken away from this. The operator is held to the same standard as with a Motor Vehicle. They cannot be over the legal limit of .08% nor can they be impaired/intoxicated. Unfortunately I have, and know others, that have come across a watercraft operator that has violated this and taken a ride to the county jail for Operating a Motorboat While Intoxicated. They not only put themselves and those on their watercraft at a higher risk of injury (either from crash or other dangers) but put other boaters at risk of injury from the intoxicated individual's mistake. The best course of action is to either not drink to that point, or have a designated driver/operator.

Lastly I want to applaud the community as a whole in Off Road Vehicle safety (ORV). As of mid-July, when this article was wrote; no one under the age of 18 has been killed from an ORV accident. This is largely due to the new helmet law requiring operators and/or passengers of an ORV to wear a helmet. With this said, there still have been ORV accidents across the state. As I tell individuals and students alike, they can be fun but they are a heavy machine that has to be treated as such. Safety and knowing the machine have to be in mind when operating an ORV or even being around one.

As always, Stay Safe Indiana! ■

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Left Photo: Farmer's Pike Festival has a huge open air tent for visitors to sit and enjoy music being performed by a variety of performers from the 50's, 60's and 70's, Gospel music, Classic Rock, Country music, Bluegrass, Oldies, a tribute to the Legendary Men of Country Music and more. Right Photo: Just one of the busy thoroughfares. (Photos by Ray Dickersons)

Farmer's Pike Festival August 31 - September 3 Labor Day Weekend

by Ray Dickerson

Sherry and I look forward to Labor Day Weekend, we've been attending the Farmer's Pike Festival ever since I stopped putting on Frontier Days at Treaty Line Pioneer Village on Labor Day Weekend in 2001.

Besides it being the best festival of its kind in the Gad-a-bout Territory you meet some of the friend-

liest people attending and working in the booths too. Attending festivals, fairs and other get-togethers like this you are always going to run into friends and sometimes even long lost relatives you hardly see anymore.

Last year we had to contend with road closures, but this year INDOT has pretty well completed all of their projects in this area. Of course it's always a good idea to check for road construction wherever you travel in Indiana, just to be on the safe side.

We really enjoy the music performed

through out the weekend. We love the country music and also the oldies.

A real nice plus is they have lots of free parking on their grounds. See their ad below you can find the festival by using the map on it.

If you see Sherry and I there make sure to say "Hi" we'd be glad to talk to too. See you there. ■



Top Photo: Farmers Pike Festival has everything you'd expect to find at a Fall Festival. Pumpkins galore in this booth set up. Way in the back you can see whopper size too. Bottom Photo: This lighthouse's light will lead you to the festival in the dark of the night.

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Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve owners and members of the Tree County Quail Forever Habitat Organization. Left to Right: Sarah Miller, Mark Fields, Brandy Caldwell, Tim Ortman, Austin Ortman, Gym Ingram, Josh Miller, Ryan and Manda Fields. (Photo by Ray Dickson)



Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve Hosted Quail Forever Youth Event June 30, 2018
by Ray Dickerson

I attended the Quail Forever Youth Event June 30, 2018 at Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve located at 27063 US 52, Laurel, IN.

This was the second year for this event to be held at Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve. The event is an educational event including a 22 caliber rifle shoot, clay bird skeet shooting, habitat planting, fishing contest and a free lunch for the kids and their parents

The children under the age of 18 were not required to bring anything with them except an adult to sign them into the event. Every child received a prize along with a bag of seed for habitat planting at their home.

Tree County Quail Forever is focused on youth and habitat. Quail Forever is a non profit organization that is working to keep children interested in the outdoors and preserving the outdoors for years to come.

It was quite warm when I arrived a little bit before



Owners of Fields Outdoor Adventures left to right: Ryan Fields, Mark Fields and Jason Fields. (Fields Photo)

9 a.m. at Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve. The activities for the day was to begin around 9 a.m.

Ryan, Mark and Jason Fields were all on hand with everything ready for the day. Tables and chairs were set up in a shaded area, there was playground equipment there along with corn hole games. Also for the enjoyment of the kids was a UTV pulling a train ride of several blue barrels with seats in them attached loosely together. See photos of the train on page 16.

When all was aboard the UTV pulled the barrels straight or snake like depending on the route taken over hills and dells on the 82 acre shooting preserve. It was very popular with the kids.


The event was well supervised by Ryan, Mark and Jason Fields and Tree County Quail Forever members. They had strung up safety taping for areas meant to keep the kids and adults from entering for

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Fields Outdoor Adventures is located at 126 South Perkins Street in Rushville, Indiana. A new jail is being built across street see directions at end of this article below.



This photo shows the archery section of Fields Outdoor Adventures. They have recently added a limited supply of fishing tackle. See page 15 for photo of their guns.



Fields Outdoor Adventures More Than Just a Gun Shop It's An American Way of Life

by Mark Fields

Fields Outdoor Adventures opened its doors on June 5, 2010 at 126 S. Perkins St. in Rushville, Indiana. Fields' specialize in hunting equipment, gun and archery sales and accessories. During the past few years Fields has expanded operations to include law enforcement ammunition and equipment sales as well as Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve located at 27061 U. S. 52, Laurel, Indiana (12 miles southeast of Rushville on U. S. 52).

Jason Fields manages Fields Outdoor

Adventures in Rushville and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the business. A former employee of Remington Arms and Dick's Sporting Goods firearms division, Jason exhibits a passion for the firearm industry and is very knowledgeable of the products he sells. Jason's love for law enforcement developed at a young age. His grandfather was a retired police captain with the Rushville Police Department and his great-grandfather was involved with the Civil Defense. Jason currently serves as a reserve officer with Southport Police Department and the Shirley Police Department. Jason resides in Rushville, is married and has two young daughters.

Ryan "Spanky" Fields serves as both the bow tech for Fields Outdoor Adventures and manages/guides bird hunts at Fields Outdoor Adventures Shooting Preserve. Spanky has shot archery competitively and exhibits great knowledge about the workings and techniques of archery. Ryan works well with his customers and enjoys seeing and working with young children set up quality equipment and develop proper technique. Spanky manages the day to day operation at the shooting preserve and works closely with experienced guides who offer services for the hunts. His personality is infectious and his guiding is second to none, exemplified by the number of satisfied return customers. Spanky is married



Fields has a variety of personal defense equipment and law enforcement tactical supplies.

and two young daughters. Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve also employs other guides with exceptional personalities and outstanding bird dogs.

Fields Outdoor Adventures offers a variety of weaponry, ammunition, hunting supplies, personal defense equipment and law enforcement tactical supplies. Fields Outdoors serves over 170 law enforcement, court services, emergency respon-



A popular ride was the blue barrel train ride. Here the children are loaded up for another excursion over hill and dale through the 82 acres of Fields farm and preserve land.



Mark took me on a tour of their shooting preserve lands which includes farm fields and hunting fields. We stopped here to wave at Ryan as he took the children on their ride.

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Set up in the shade were tables and chairs for us to sit at between activities and also for the food that was prepared for lunch time.



I started to leave the shaded area for the hot walk to the rifle range when Amanda Fields offered me a ride in her UTV. Needless to say I took her up on her offer!



Left Photo: From left to right, Instructor Cody Robertson, student Ava Fields, Instructor Austin Ortman and student Ryder Ingram.



Right Photo: Instructors Cody and Austin preparing Ava Fields and Ryder Ingram to fire the 22 Caliber Rifles shown in left photo. (See inset lower right corner of right photo, these are the targets the kids shot at.)



Tim Ortman, Tree County Quail Forever member, instructs Taylor Fields on the proper way to shoot at sporting clays with a 20 gauge shotgun.



Here Tim Ortman is assisting Skyler Horn with his shooting the 20 gauge shotgun at sporting clays.

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Ryan Fields awards Carlam Messerschmidt who caught the biggest fish in the fishing contest, a 14 1/2 inch largemouth bass using a night crawler for bait.



Lillian Fields (Ryan's daughter) has a bluegill on her line. George Yazel (black shirt) helps her bring it in. Her grandfather Mark Fields is watching at right. Fishing in the background at left is Alexis Fields and at right is Wryn Miller.



Ian Mahan caught this bluegill during the fishing contest. Here Robert Mahan helps Ian keep the slippery bluegill from gaining its freedom back in the pond.



Nolan chewing caught this nice bluegill, the last fish of the day to end the fishing tournament.



Josh Miller handing out seed to kids for habitat planting.



After getting a cup full of seeds the kids broadcast the seeds over the planting area.

their safety.

You couldn't ask for a more fun day the Fields and club members of Tree City Quail Forever provided for all the young people who participated in the Youth Event at Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve on June 30, 2018. I enjoyed it too especially seeing how interested the kids were in learning not only new challenges from the adults, but also seeking to

compete with others their own age. When it came time for Quail Forever member Josh Miller to show them how to plant seeds for more habitat, all the kids swarmed around the table as he filled their cups with seed. They all ran enthusiastically onto the newly plowed ground and scattered (broadcast) the seed in a large area. Each of them also got a cup of habitat seed for habitat planting at home.

On page 16 is an article written by Mark Fields, Jason and Ryans father. I asked him if he could send me some information on Fields Outdoor Adventures, their business. To give the readers an inside look at when and how they began their business.

Rushville is building a new Rush County Jail across the street from them, read Mark's suggestion on page 17 the best way to access their store. ■

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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

George Winter Painted Miami and Potawatomi Indians

George Winter thought of himself as an artist but he became even better known as a historian. He came to Logansport, Indiana, in 1837 to sketch and paint the Indians because he had heard they were a vanishing race. Over 100 years later his paintings were published in books by the Indiana Historical Society.

At first the Indians would not allow him to sketch them, believing that his pictures gave him power over them. In his journals he tells that he first sketched a horse and showed the horse would not obey him. Then Chief I-o-weh agreed to have his portrait made and many others followed.

Winter wrote that he preferred they wear their usual clothes and not buy new ones for his paintings. He was one of the few artists who sketched the Indians at work and play, as most artists only painted formal portraits.

His pencil sketches show Chief Kee-wau-nay and the Potawatomi chieftess Mas-saw, early residents of the lake now known as Lake Bruce. The west side of the lake is in Pulaski County and the east side in Fulton County. Winter attended the Treaty Council in July 1837 and stayed at Mas-saw's cabin, on the west side of the lake. This was a two-story double cabin with a "dog trot" between the two cabins. He paid \$1 a day to stay there and slept on the floor on his blanket. Doga did the cooking for the white men who came to the council, which included the government agent, Abel C. Pepper. Mas-saw was an excellent card player and held games upstairs. She beat the white men at poker and euchre, raking in the money, according to Winter.

On September 5, 1838, Winter visited and sketched the camp at Mud Creek where Chief Menominee's band stayed the second night on the forced removal to Kansas, now known as the Trail of Death. This site is marked by a huge boulder with a metal plaque for the first death on the Trail of Death. Winter was present and sketched the scene when Bishop Brute and Father Petit said Mass for the Potawatomi at Logansport September 9 and when they left Logansport September 10.

Winter also sketched and painted Frances Slocum, who had been captured by Indians when she was six years old in Pennsylvania. She was living near Peru as an elderly woman with her



Potawatomi Chief I-o-weh.

Miami family and two daughters when Winter was hired by her brothers to paint her portrait.

Times were difficult for an artist to earn a living, so after Winter moved to Lafayette in 1849, he sold raffle tickets on his paintings. When he had collected enough money, he would draw a name and award a painting to whoever had the winning ticket. Many of his paintings probably still exist in unknown homes to this day. Several museums have a George Winter painting, including Cass and Miami county museums, Gene Autry Western Museum in Los Angeles, and others.

In 1874 when his brother Charles died in California, George and his wife went to settle the estate and stayed there for two years. They put all their belongings in a warehouse in Lafayette. Two years later shortly after they returned to Indiana, George died February 1, 1876.

The old warehouse was inherited by his great-grandson Cable Ball, a Lafayette attorney. In 1933 Ball decided to have the old warehouse torn down. His wife, Evelyn Ball, drove by to see how the work was progressing. She saw a workman punching a large painting out of an ornate frame. So she rushed in to discover the George Winter paintings and a trunk full of sketches, notebooks and papers. She had them brought to her mansion on South Street. She and Cable spent the next several years sorting the Winter Collection and eventually donated most of it to the Tippecanoe County Historical Association.

TCHA and the Indiana Historical Society published a book of George Winter's works in 1948 and again in 1993. This is a very valuable source of history and for re-enactors who wish to make regalia like the 1830s Indians.

The painting of Father Benjamin Petit was not published but we were allowed to take photos of it, and Tom Hamilton used his computer to produce pictures of Petit for our Trail of Death publications and caravans, with permission of Evelyn Ball.

Evelyn Ball kept the big oil paintings and had them hung on the walls going up the big stairway in her house on South Street. Bill and I visited there several times and took photos of the paint-

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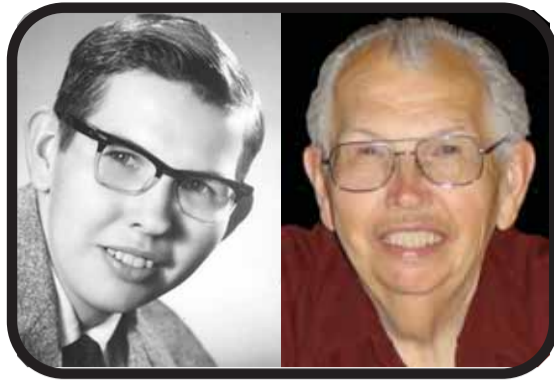
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Judie Schlotterbeck "Class of 1958" giving out tickets for Banquet. (Author Photo)



Left to Right: Ray Dickerson, Howard and Mary Ann Bailey sitting at our table.

Centerville High School 110th Alumni Banquet June 23, 2018

I graduated from Centerville High School in 1959. I enjoy very much visiting with classmates from time to time who still reside in or near Centerville and I have attended all our reunions I think. We had a pretty tight group of class mates early on, but as the years have passed we are pretty scattered to say the least. You would think that with the advent of social media it would be simpler to keep in touch. However for myself I still have a flip phone and only use e-mails to communicate with those I need to communicate with.

This year I wanted to attend the Alumni Banquet for some reason. Maybe it's because I'm getting older and talking with friends has become more important and interesting too.

I got in touch with Howard "Pete" Bailey asking if he and Mary Ann was going to the Alumni Banquet this year. He said they had talked about it. A few days later I visited them at their house and we sat and talked about the alumni banquet and back when. In fact we talked the afternoon away, but it was fun and entertaining too.

June 23rd arrived rather quickly, with the July Gad-a-bout all finished Sherry and I got to attend the Alumni Banquet. It was held at the Centerville Junior High Gymnasium. The meal was provided by the Centerville Fire Department.

The following information is from the live banquet and their program.

The Centerville Alumni Association began meeting as a group in 1908. The 2018 Committee comprises of President Rudy Toschlog, Co-Treasurers Larry Hensley & Sherry Dean Hensley and Members Judie Schlotterbeck, Janie Thompson, Myrna Lopez



Left Photo: Phil Stevenson, Superintendent of Schools giving an update for Dollars for Scholars. Right Photo: Jim Howell telling about the importance of supporting the Dollars for Scholars program. (Author Photos)



and Mary Ann Coons.

We found out from Judie Schlotterbeck when we stopped to pay for our meal tickets the meal had been paid for by Walt Etzel's generous gift to the Centerville alumni association. Walt was a great friend of everyone, we miss him.

We went inside and looked for Howard and Mary Ann. Since we didn't have a table we found a spot for the four of us in the back of the gymnasium.

Then we mingled talking, photographing and generally seeing who was there until we were asked to take a seat for the call to order by President Rudy Toschlog (Class of 1965).

Myrna Elsrod Baldwin (Class of 1968) led us in the Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag.

Then Rudy got our attention by telling us it was time to eat and announced the order we would get in line.

After the meal Phil Stevenson, Superintendent of

Schools was introduced and gave an update on the Dollars for Scholars program.

Phil was followed by the recognizing the Class of 2018 Alumni Scholarship Recipients by Jim Howell. The recipients were Jacob Newland, Darien Ridenour, Taylor Sheets and Jonathan Sum. Jim then discussed the importance of the Dollars for Scholars program.

Jim Resh (Class of 1958) next did the roll call asking those called to please stand as their name is called.

Classes recognized was the honor class of 1958 who received their 60 year pin, honor class of 1968 who received their 50 year pin and honor class of 1993 who received their 25 year pin.

The event was adjourned until 2019. I wonder if we can get more 1959 classmates then just Howard and me to next years Alumni Banquet and possibly a 60th Reunion. Hmmm.



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O'Mara Highway Construction crew grinding away top layer of Old SR 101 on June 5, 2018. Union County acquired this portion of Old SR 101 from the State of Indiana in 1973 when new SR 101 was built east of the new Brookville Lake dam.



I took several photos of O'Mara's crews removing the top layer of Old SR 101 June 5th. I was told the last time it was resurfaced was in 1973. Since that time I've only saw Union County Highway workers patching old SR 101 like the photo below.



I took this photo on July 10th as you can see the road is very rough and loose gravel can be seen as well. I got quite a bit upset when I was told by a county official earlier in Liberty that day, that it might be several weeks before it was paved.



As I was on my way back to checking with my advertisers I stopped to take this photo of a Union County highway worker patching holes on Old SR 101. A glint of hope surfaced in my mind. They have to patch holes before paving. Hmmm!



My deadline day I called Jay's Midlake Bait and Tackle who is located on Old SR 101 and spoke to T.J. I asked if anything had been done to the road. He replied, "It's Paved!" I immediately drove down to take this photo. See article below.



This is Jay Bias who owns Jay's Midlake Bait and Tackle on Old SR 101. He's giving me a "thumbs up!" Jay told me Dave O'Mara's highway crew began work on the road Saturday morning (7-14-18) and finished before days end. They did good. See below.

OLD STATE ROAD 101 WAS PAVED ON SATURDAY JULY 14 - I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SAYING - WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Today was my deadline day for the August Gad-a-bout. Locals and visitors who use the ramp and facilities at Fairfield Ramp on Brookville Lake have had to use Old SR 101 to access the ramp since the lake opened officially in 1975. As the years have passed Old SR 101 deteriorated to a really bad condition.

On June 5, 2018 I just happened to be Old SR 101 when the O'Mara Highway Construction crew was grinding the top layer of pavement off the road. I was elated that the road was finally

being readied for repaving.

As I found out later though in Liberty that the chip and seal work had to be put off because after taking the top layer off June 5th they found the base wasn't strong enough for chip and seal. The road had to be paved and that couldn't be done till possibly Labor Day or at least a few weeks.

I let it be known to quite a few county officials that something had to be done about the road as soon as possible.

On Tuesday July 10th I photographed the deteriorating surface but was again told nothing could be done at the present time, maybe in a couple weeks.

Well this morning Sunday 7-15-18 I called Jay's

Midlake Bait & Tackle to see if anything had been done to the road. I had called last Friday too.

TJ, an employee answered the phone, I asked him about the road. He replied, "It's paved."

I drove to Jays to get a photo of the new asphalt. Jay Bias, owner, told me O'Mara's Highway Construction crew began at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and finished putting the wedge layers on by 4:00 p.m. The final layers would be put on later by another firm who would pave it all the way from SR 101 to the ramp and do the finishing work too.

I called Jeff Bowers, Union County Highway Superintendent this morning thanking him for a job well done.

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Left Photo: FAMCO Arbor Press before cleaning and painting. Right Photo: FAMCO Machine Co. of Racine, Wisconsin 1 ton Arbor Press. I have used the press about a dozen times in the past month to press out stubborn pins in guns and to remove the small gear on the threading dial on my small Craftsman 6" lathe. (Author Photos)

Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith

Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

Garage, Yard and Rummage Sales Finds

Summer is the time of year for vacations, camping, swimming, hiking, biking, all those great outdoor activities and Garage Sales. The time to clean out that garage or basement of all those things, those old treasure, old tools, and stuff that you just consider as just taking up valuable space. Space that you need for all those other needless treasures you've collected.

I thought I'd share with you some of the useful gunsmithing tools found at garage or yard sales that I have in my collection. A recent find by my neighbor was a FAMCO Machine Co. of Racine, Wisconsin 1 ton Arbor Press. He knew I was looking for one and when he saw it he text me with a picture. I made an offer which was accepted and went immediately to pick it up. It was in need of cleaning and rust removal from setting in

the back of a garage for several years. I spent a weekend just cleaning the rust off the frame and ram. I disassembled the press and cleaned the old hardened grease from the press gears and rails. All the screws and nuts were rusted and had to be sprayed with PB Blaster® and cleaned of rust and other unknown coatings. Once cleaned I cold blued the ram, the steel adjustment screws and nuts. To clean all the old paint and rust from the chassis of the press I sand blasted the outside after taping the milled surfaces for protection from the blasting media. Once I was satisfied with the removal process I thoroughly washed to parts in alcohol and then spray painted it with a crackled copper finish. It turned out looking like brand new although if new it would have been a blue gray finish. All in all I paid \$30 for the press, \$3.89 for the paint and about 4 hours time over a weekend. As I was reassembling the press I misplaced one of the ram adjustment screws and had to make one. I have used the press about a dozen times in the past month to press out stubborn pins in guns and to remove the small gear on the threading dial on my small Craftsman 6" lathe. It is also the tool of choice to stake screws, pins, and Remington 870 shell latches.

My friend Mike found a Forster Products Swiv-O-ling Vise at a yard sale near Greenville, Ohio. He only paid \$2 for it and other than having a slight amount of surface rust covering the steel parts it appeared to be unused condition. This is a very handy small articulating vise used by jeweler's, hobbyists, gunsmiths, or anyone needing a third hand to work on small parts. What a find and gift to me. I've used it so many times since he gave it to me I haven't had time to mount it to a bench. I probably won't mount it to one of my work benches but will mount in on a steel plate to

weight it down but still leave it mobile so I can move it from one workbench to another. I checked online to see its cost new and was really surprised. I first checked to see if the vise was still made and found it was, and the factory retail price was \$92. I then checked Brownell's whose price was \$72.99, and Midway USA price of \$85.99, and on ebay (the "We have everything site") only found 2 which were \$64.95 and \$61.99.

Just recently I was returning home from the range and noticed a small yard sale with what looked to be a large piece of machinery laying by one of the tables. I couldn't resist stopping to check it out. It wasn't anything I was interested in but as I looked around a young woman asked what I was looking for. Of course I mentioned I was a gunsmith and always looking for tools or machines I could use. She directed me to a table which had 3 long guns, one was a Hawkins Kentucky model black powder cap 'n ball rifle, another was a Stevens Crack Shot .22 short rifle, and a Ruger 10-22. The 10-22 caught my eye but I found it was in rough shape. The bore looked good, not rusted like the barrel. The stock was a walnut stock with no cracks, one or two dents, a few scratches, and complete finish removal on right right side of the stock just forward of the receiver. Looks like rifle laid in paint remover. The stock will probably be okay with some sanding and a new oil finish. The aluminum receiver was losing its finish which was peeling off and

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Left Photo: Forster Products Swiv-O-ling Vise at a yard sale near Greenville, Ohio. This is a very handy small articulating vise used by jeweler's, hobbyists, gunsmiths, or anyone needing a third hand to work on small parts. It's holding the trigger housing for the Ruger 10-22 I'm restoring. Right Photo: The 10-22 caught my eye but it was in rough shape. The bore looked good, not rusted like the barrel. The stock was a walnut stock which is rare today, with no cracks, one or two dents, a few scratches, and complete finish removal on right right side of the stock just forward of the receiver. (Author Photos)



Left Photo: A disassembled view of the internals of the 10-22. Some will get blued, others I'll leave in the white. Right Photo: A look down the barrel of the 10-22. It looks to be in good shape. No rust or pits. Hopefully, it will be a fine shooter. (Author Photos)

appeared to be black paint and not anodized. Overall the rifled was rough but salvageable. I checked the serial number and found it was shipped sometime in 1988. I purchased the 10-22 for a meager sum which I won't mention and decided to restore the rifle as best I could. I've included some photos of the 10-22 as I begin to tear it down and clean it up. I'll reblue the barrel and refinish the aluminum parts with Brownell's Alumahyde finish. I update this article when I get it back together. I had to order some springs and pins that were to rusted to salvage including the take down screw.

Garage and Yard sales really do present one with treasures that may have been thrown away as useless. Get out this summer and go look at those sales.

Quote of the Month

We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert

the Constitution. Abraham Lincoln

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

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

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business see above photo. Stop by and see Jack, tell him you saw his new toys in The Gad-a-bout.

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1st Place Winners Ron Bilbrey and Tom Hankins total weight of 11.79 lbs.



2nd Place Winners Mike Arnold and Jason Shingler total weight of 8.38 lbs.

Indiana Slab Masters



by Jim Raymer

President & Founder of the Indiana Slabmasters

Indiana Slab Masters Tournament Update

The month of June had 2 tournaments for the Indiana Slab Masters. Each one had different circumstances that created unique challenges for each tournament. On June 2nd there was a tournament at Lake Monroe in Bloomington, IN where in the weeks leading up to the tournament fishing was very challenging due to the fish being in the early post-spawn mode. The Friday before the tournament it was like someone flipped a switch and the fish really turned it on and started their post-spawn frenzy. Large fish were caught the day before the tournament, but as usually happens before tournaments, a cold front went through on the day before the tournament and fishing changed a lot on tournament day. There was also heavy boat traffic on the lake due to a large bass tournament on the lake on the same day. All in all it was a very impressive day of fishing, where 42 teams showed up to the tournament and we had 19 teams that brought over 5 lbs. to the scales. In years past, this Monroe tournament seemed like there would be a group of guys that had the large stringers and then they would fall off very quickly. Hopefully this is a sign that Monroe is starting to turn it around and will have more consistent stringers in

the future. As always at Monroe, there is a team that excels and handily wins the event. This year was no different as Tom Hankins and Ron Bilbrey coming off of a 2nd place finish in the tournament before at the Mississinewa / Salamonie Super event set a single day club record for heaviest weight with a 7-fish stringer that weighed 11.79 lbs. to capture their first win of the season. Tom and Ron were spider rigging in the upper reaches of the lake to take the victory. Great job men! Finishing in second place was the team known in the Indiana Slab Masters as the "Crappie Crushers" Jason Shingler and Mike Arnold. Jason and Mike were spider rigging in the upper reaches of the lake as well to bring in an impressive 8.38 lb. 7-fish limit. Finishing in 3rd place was the B'n'M point's race leaders of the Indiana Slab Masters, Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas with a total weight of 8.36 lbs. Bret and Keith spider rigged and jigged to take home 3rd place honors. All of the 1st three teams also took home plaques for their efforts. Finishing in 4th place was our B'n'M points champs from the last 4 years, Larry Yates and Doug Allen with a total weight of 8.03 lbs. Larry and Doug were swimming jigs to take home the 4th place finish. Rounding out the top 5 was the team of Nathan Noblitt and Shawn Bales with a total weight of 7.31 lbs. Nathan and Shawn also had the big fish honors of the tournament with a 2.22 lb. slab! Nathan and Shawn were trolling crank baits to take home the big fish plaque and 5th place. Congratulations to the top 5 teams!

On June 23rd the Indiana Slab Masters had the final tournament before the summer break at the Markland Pool of the Ohio River, the tournament was taking out of Tanners Creek in Lawrenceburg, IN. This was the site of the 2017 Indiana Slab Masters Classic. We had a very successful classic here last fall and many of our teams were looking forward to getting back to Tanners Creek because of the large area to fish and the good fishing this area is known for. Unfortunately during the 4 days prior to the tournament the area experienced over 4" of rain and there was heavy rain on the day before the tournament and the day of the tourna-

ment. Most of the creeks were muddy and the fish had pretty much completely shut down and were very difficult to catch. With the new B'n'M Points format this season, there is a huge difference in points between weighing a single fish compared to not weighing any fish, so on tournament day, with extremely tough conditions, many teams were out to find a single fish to bring in the points they were needing to stay competitive in the B'n'M Points race. Many teams failed to weigh a single fish, and many teams dropped dramatically in the points due to this. At the end of this tournament there were some eye opening results that many were very surprised about. All except one of the top 5 teams went into the Big Miami River and found clear water and it made all the difference in the success rate. The team coming out on top was team "Crappie Crushers" Jason Shingler and Mike Arnold with a total weight of 5.90 lbs. Jason and Mike found the clear water in the Big Miami and spider rigged to take home their first win of the year. Finishing in 2nd place was the Indiana Slab Masters vice president Joe Rosinski and his partner Luther McDonald with a total weight of 5.70 lbs. Joe and Luther were also spider rigging in the Big Miami to take home the 2nd place honors. Finishing in 3rd place and staying as the B'n'M Points leaders were the team of Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas with a total weight of 5.55 lbs. Bret and Keith were the only team out of the top 5 who didn't fish in the Big Miami, but instead found clearer water on the Kentucky side and fished in a Kentucky creek to take home 3rd place. Bret and Keith vertical jigged and casted jigs to take home the 3rd place finish. Finishing in 4th place was the team of Ron Bilbrey and Jason Snyder with a total weight of 5.51 lbs. Ron and Jason spider rigged in the Big Miami as well. Rounding out the top 5 was the team of Nathan Noblitt and Shawn Bales. Just like at Monroe, Nathan and Shawn had a 5th place finish and Big fish of the tournament with a 1.05 lb. crappie. Nathan and Shawn were also fishing in the Big Miami. Congratulations to all the teams of the Ohio River tournament!

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3rd Place Winners Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas total weight of 8.36 lbs.



Big Fish Winners at Monroe Nathan Noblitt and Shawn Bales with a 2.22 lb. Slab.

On August 18, 2018 the Indiana Slab Masters will be hosting an Open tournament, that does not require a membership and will be open for anyone wanting to try out a Indiana Slab Masters tournament without committing to a membership. This year Mike Spieker and Tom Weaver, owners of Nothead Tackle are sponsoring the open tournament. It will have a very unique format. It will be a single pole in hand artificial bait only tourna-

ment. This year's open will be held at beautiful Lake Monroe in Bloomington, IN. Check the website at www.indianaslabmasters.com for more details. The Indiana Slab Masters will be breaking until September and will resume September 8, 2018 for a Mississinewa, Salamonie, Roush choice event. This will allow the Slab Masters teams to choose the lake they feel they will have the most success at and we will have the weigh-in

at Salamonie's Dora Ramp. Our final event of the regular season will be located at Brookville Lake on September 22nd, with the Classic at Lake Shafer and Lake Freeman on October 20-21. I hope you will consider checking out the Nothead Tackle Open tournament, and I hope you get out for some good summer fishing. I hope to see you at the Nothead Open! Until then, tight lines!

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DNR HONORED FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN GIS

A software firm has recognized the DNR as among the best in the world in using geographic information systems (GIS).

On July 11, Esri presented the DNR with a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award at the annual Esri User Conference in San Diego.

DNR was one of 180 SAG Award recipients selected from more than 300,000 eligible candidates from around the world.

The SAG Award recognizes organizations that are using GIS to solve some of the world's toughest challenges. Rooted in the science of geography, GIS gathers, manages and analyzes data, organizing it into visualizations using maps and 3D scenes. ?

Each of DNR's land-management and regulatory divisions contributes to its GIS program. Using data and analyses stewarded by agency staff throughout the state, dozens of map layers and online map applications are available for internal and public use. Public applications include interactive maps of DNR properties, outdoor recreation activities, flood risk, invasive species, historic structures and state-owned lands and parcels.

The SAG award reflects DNR efforts to create, analyze and share the best information on Indiana's natural, cultural, and recreational resources, according to the agency's GIS coordinator Mike Martin.

"Better data means better decisions, and GIS enables our staff to collect, analyze, and share better data," Martin said.

For more information on DNR's GIS programs, visit InDNRMaps at indnr.maps.arcgis.com.

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SALAMONIE RIDERS REUNION SEPTEMBER 21-23

Equestrians are invited to attend a Riders Rendezvous Reunion at Salamonie Lake's Horseman's Campground, Sept. 21.

A weekend of activities and entertainment are planned, with a focus on raising funds to "Power the Camp." Trail riders are working to electrify the campground.

Advanced registration is encouraged. Cost is \$5 per person for ages 9 and older for the weekend.

Activities planned for Friday, Sept. 21 are:
 — 7 p.m. Cowboy Kettle Corn & Bluegrass: Gather around the campfire for some iron kettle corn and BYOB – bring your own bowl. After the campfire, hang around for bluegrass tunes.

Activities planned for Saturday, Sept. 22 are:
 — 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Tack Flea Market: Sell or buy extra tack. Table space is available for \$5 per table. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services.

— 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Poker Ride: Get a good hand and win a prize. Cost to play is \$10 per person. Participants can pick up their first card at the tent area. All proceeds go to "Power the Camp," which will help electrify Lost Bridge West's Horseman's Campground.

— 5:30 p.m., Cowboy Chili Dinner: Visitors should bring their own drinks and a side or dessert to

share. Advanced registration is required for the meal.

— 7 p.m. Bluegrass Music will be played by Curtis and Diane Henry & Friends.

Activities planned for Sunday, Sept. 23 are:
 — 9 to 9:45 a.m., Cowboy Church: Congregate around the campfire to enjoy a non-denominational time of worship.

For campsite reservations, call 260-468-2125 or camp.IN.gov. Camping and park entry fees apply.

Salamonie Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2952.htm) is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702.

ARTS IN THE PARKS AT MISSISSINAWA LAKE AUG 11 & 18

Learn how to make music with rainsticks, thunder drums and a bumblebee shaker during Arts in the Parks workshops with musician Dianna Davis on Aug. 11 and 18 at Mississinewa Lake.

The Aug. 11 workshop, called "Rainsticks and Thunder Drums," runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Participants will learn about flood control and create their own rainstick. Afterward, everyone can create music with their rainstick, thunder drums and other provided instruments.

The Aug. 18 workshop, called "Buzzz and Shake," will run from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Participants will learn about pollinators and create their own bumblebee shaker. Afterward, everyone can create music with their bumblebee shaker, wood frogs and other provided instruments.

Both programs are open to all ages and take place at the program shelter in the modern campground in Miami State Recreation Area. All supplies will be provided.

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Jay and I on pier. Jay's boat is tied on the dock behind us. (Photo by Susie)



Our guide, Jay, and Susie waiting on the fish to bite on Cherokee Lake. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Our First Try Catching Stripers

It was shortly after five in the morning when we pulled out of the Tazewell Motor Lodge where we had spent the night. We headed south toward Cherokee Lake where we were to meet with our guide, Jay, for a day of striper fishing. As we drove through the darkness, the sky was constantly aglow with lightning flashes. It looked like our long awaited trip was going to be canceled because of weather.

We visited the Indianapolis Boat, Sport, and Travel Show back in February, as we do every year. We stopped at the booth with the sign, "Jay's Striper Guide Service." Actually, we had talked to Jay Girardot several years in a row about fishing with him on Norris Lake in Tennessee. This year, we decided to book a trip with him and try our luck on these big fish. We checked our calendars, found a couple days which were open, and signed up for a seven hour spot. He called us a couple days before our trip and said we would be fishing on Cherokee because the bite was better there right then.

We started early on the morning before we were scheduled to arrive. While the drive was supposed to take a little over six hours, we always like to spend time visiting highlights along the route. We always stop at state welcome centers where we browse through brochures to find local attractions. (Susie always looks for quilt shops, and she found a big one in Tazewell.) As we neared the Kentucky/Tennessee border, we began seeing

signs for Cumberland Gap National Park. When the sign said, "Exit here", we did.

Our grandson, Benjamin, is really interested in National Parks and the Civil War. This place covered both categories. We took some pictures outside of cannon, split rail fences, and rustic buildings. Then, we entered the gift shop. His birthday was coming soon, so we bought him a Civil War book, some souvenirs depicting Cumberland Gap, and a neat pocket watch with a cannon on the cover. We looked at various displays in the building, then decided it was time to hit the road.

About 30 minutes later, we arrived in the town of Tazewell and checked into the Tazewell Motor Lodge, which Jay had recommended. (www.tazewellmotorlodge.com) While small and it did not have a pool (which we never use anyway), or a free breakfast, the outside was well-maintained and had many nice flower beds. We met Patrick, the General Manager, who was extremely friendly. He informed us of the local dining establishments, where the Walmart was to purchase our fishing licenses, and other helpful information. We received our key and went to check out our room. It was extremely clean, comfortable looking, with a bed, TV, microwave, and refrigerator. Everything we needed.

It was only about 3 PM, but we had skipped lunch and were going to have an early dinner. We drove to the Old Town Grill which Patrick said should be our first choice. It was just mid-afternoon, but the parking lot was already busy. The food was excellent, prices good, and dress casual. Check them out at www.oldtowngrillinc.com. Back to our room to get ready for an early morning start.

After about 20 minutes driving, the lightning began to move out. We took a back road to reach the campground where the marina was located. Leaves and limbs covered the road from the recent storm and gravel from driveways had been washed across the road from the heavy rain which had gone through before we had arrived. The sky was beginning to lighten and it looked like our fishing trip was going to go as planned.

Jay was at the dock in his boat waiting for us when we arrived. We loaded our cooler and rain gear in the boat and were ready to go. We were running a little behind schedule from dodging storm damage along the road, so Jay decided to try a spot closer to the landing than originally planned. We rode out about 10 minutes when he

found a place he thought might have a few fish.

He began rigging the gear with a two ounce sinker and a hook tipped with a three or four inch alewife. The rods were placed in six holders around the side of the boat. I looked at the electronics and we were fishing in 45 feet of water. Jay told us to let the line down until it hit the bottom, then crank the reel handle one turn to bring it just off the bottom.

Having never fished for striper before, I asked him if the fish nibbled on the bait, slowly swam off with it, or what. He said there would be no doubt when the fish hit. About that time, we saw why. The tip of one of the rods bent down into the water. Susie grabbed the pole and we got our first lesson in striper fishing. We were told we would (hopefully) be catching stripers and hybrid stripers. There is a difference.

He said Susie had a hybrid on her pole. The hybrids stayed close to the boat and the angler had to follow the fish around the boat, going over people, poles, the motor, etc. from one end of the boat to the other. The rod needed to stay pointed at where the fish was to fight it straight on instead of from the side. She finally brought it alongside and Jay slipped the net under it and we had our first fish landed. This one was around 26 inches long. Nice fish. A couple pictures and I had to put the camera down because another one of the poles had just dove into the water.

I grabbed it and Jay told me it was a striper. I asked him how he knew. He told me the stripers swam straight away from the boat. After a nice fight, this fish also slipped into the net and went into the livewell. Later, he would measure at 34 inches and about 12 pounds.

This continued until we had our limit. Less than an hour had passed. Jay motored back to the dock, filleted our fish and bagged them for us. From the start of the day when we thought storms would keep us off the lake, we ended up with great weather, scenery, calm water, and even an eagle flying close overhead. If the stripers taste as good as we are told, we will probably schedule another trip with Jay next year.

For more information on Jay's guide service, go to www.tnstriperfishing.com or call 865-745-9060. He fishes many of northeastern Tennessee lakes, taking you where the bite is hot.

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Author holding 34 inch striper taken on Cherokee Lake in Tennessee. (Photo by Susie)



Susie holding one of her hybrid stripers. (Photo by Jay Girardot)



Susie and I with two of the fish we seduced from Cherokee Lake. (Photo by Jay Girardot)



I am holding two gallon zip lock bags full of striper fillets. I was told they are excellent eating. (Photo by Susie)



Jay filleting our fish on homemade shelf fitted to his boat. The measuring scale on the back of shelf shows our fish were from 24 to 34 inches. (Author Photo)



This cannon is displayed at Cumberland Gap National Park. It was used in the battle of Chickamauga. (Author Photo)

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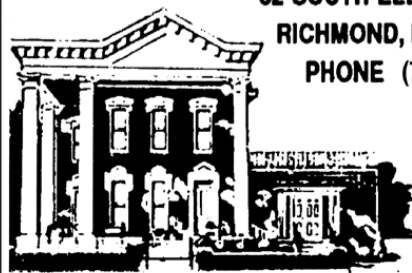
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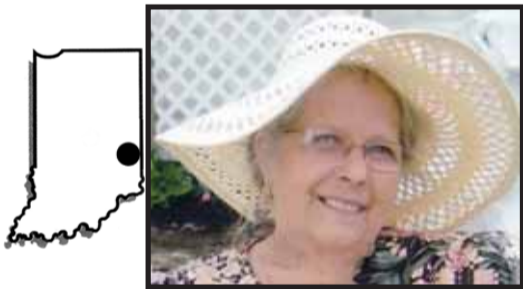



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Top Left Photo: Remodeling one of the new Museum's rooms. Top Right Photo: A scoreboard that was saved from the rafters of the gym as Orange School burned in 1958. Bottom Left Photo: A collection of photos and documents. Bottom Right Photo: A collection of Native American artifacts. (Author Photos)

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Learning Something Old Every Day

As work progresses on the museum, we look at items in our collections in new ways. I've always been intrigued by the Civil War memorabilia. I suppose it's because I know that it was one of the saddest times any nation could endure. Last week, a friend and I were cleaning and hanging the many pictures and documents when I spied an item that I've probably looked at a hundred times without really reading it. It has the words 4th of July and Celebration in large print, so I always assumed (never do that) that it was just that...a celebration of Independence Day. This time, I paused to actually read it.

Much to my surprise, it was something entirely different.

It's actually a call to a meeting of a group known as the Butternuts, a band of Southern sympathizers who lived in the Midwest. Of course, I had to do the research right away to see who these folks were. The meeting was held in southern Fayette County and spoke of an event called Pogue's Run.

First of all, the Butternuts took their name from the color of cloth they donated to the Confederate Army for the construction of uniforms. The cloth was dyed with the shells of butternuts, a kind of walnut. The cloth took on a golden brown color rather than the traditional gray.

The poster called the Butternuts together for speeches and a rally to raise money to replace the weapons lost at Pogue's Run in Indianapolis.. I had never heard of such a battle nor a battle in Indianapolis, and I wondered why the group was so interested in it. It turns out that it wasn't a battle at all. There had been a Democrat convention in Indianapolis. Having heard rumors that there might be a riot, the Union Army decided to confiscate the weapons of those in attendance. They were able to collect a great number, but many of those attending threw their guns into a creek called Pogue's Run. The Butternuts planned to raise the funds to replace them.

It made me wonder how that was perceived in our community. Many Fayette County men were

fighting for the Union while their neighbors were openly supporting the Confederacy!

While we might imagine that news didn't travel quickly in those days, the event happened on March 20th, 1863, and the poster was printed the next day.

Other exhibits offered in the museum include a collection of early medical devices and the office sign of Dr. Uriah B. Tingley. I mention that because I still chuckle every time I read Dr. U. B. Tingley. There's a Connersville made casket, a great collection of Native American artifacts, items from the now closed Trinity Episcopal Church, and a newly acquired 4 ft. x 8 ft.. painting by Connersville native Fritz Conwell. It's dated November, 1939, and used to hang in a local bar. It's a beauty.

The guys are working to reassemble our pioneer log cabin. The scoreboard that was saved from the rafters of the gym as Orange School burned in 1958 has been hung. The last graduating class of Orange High School was honored at the school reunion this week, sixty years after the calamity that marked the demise of one of the county's small high schools. The scoreboard went on to serve in the new elementary school until it closed several years ago.

We're hoping to reopen around the first of August and hope you'll visit us! For updates and the opening date, you can call 765 825 0946. The new location is 200 West 5th in Connersville - corner of 5th and Grand. Hope to see you soon! ■

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Left Photo: A beautiful organ has been donated to our museum. Middle Photo; Another artifact is this loom. Right photo: Military artifacts and poster. (Author Photos)

Indiana Outdoors

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days, and I get a little bit of that feeling back when I take my own son or the children of friends out for an afternoon of bluegill fishing. The memories made with a simple little outing catching 'gills can be those that last a lifetime. You do not have to always make elaborate plans to some far off destination chasing elusive bass or walleye to have an enjoyable day fishing. It is amazing how sometimes such a little fish can leave such a lasting impression. ■

Native American Indians in Indiana

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ings, once eating with Evelyn as she treated us to a fancy meal on her exquisite silver and dinnerware. Her house was full of valuable antiques and history.

Bill climbed up a ladder to take down paintings in order to photograph them. Sometimes Tom Hamilton, a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi, was with us. Other times we stopped there on the Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan. Sister Virginia Pearl and other Potawatomi talked to her about the paintings.

After Evelyn died, her family sold the big oil paintings in order to repair the roof on the house. For a long time, it was kept a secret where the paintings had gone. Finally it was told to me that the paintings had been sold to the Walton museum (think Sam's Club and Walmart) in Bentonville, Arkansas. The museum is named Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Their website lists George Winter paintings in their collection. ■

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Participants.

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This charity ride is a collaboration between participating Indiana State Parks, the Friends of Hardy Lake, the Friends of Versailles State Park, and the Friends of Charlestown State Park.

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