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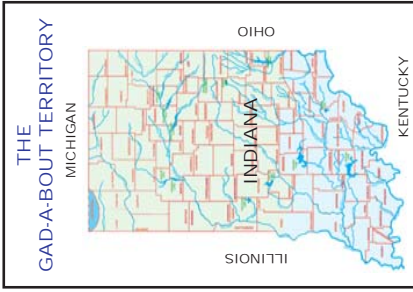


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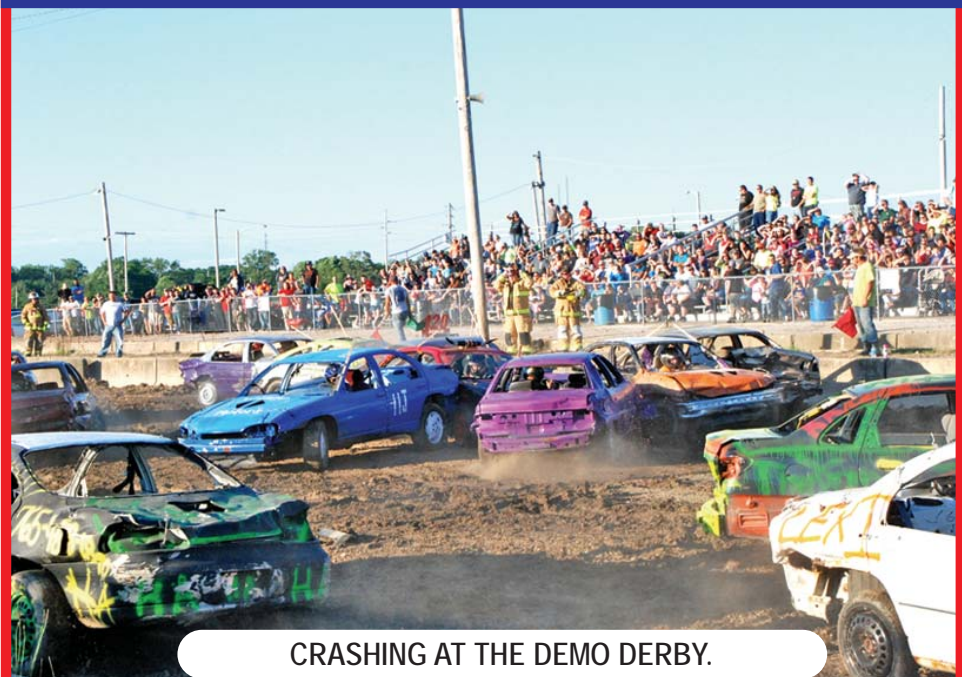
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**Top Right:** The 167th Wayne County Fair will be held June 23-30 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds

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**Bottom Right:** With the recent swing in temperatures it has finally moved fishermen into what feels like the spring season. The weather conditions to the start the season put a damper on most people's ambitions. Bozarth Country Store held its first 2018 Tournament on April 21st. See more about it on Pags 12-13. (Photo by Ryan Pershing)

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# Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson The Gad-a-bout

## TALK ABOUT A SHOCK WHEN I OPENED MY MAIL BOX HERE ON EAST SOUTH STREET IN CENTERVILLE LAST MONTH

I don't get a lot of mail at my office in Centerville, Indiana, most goes to my home a couple blocks away. A couple weeks ago I opened my mailbox, saw a letter in it. As I took the letter from the mail box, the return address read, "THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500.

I've been sending a copy of The Gad-a-bout each month to the Presidents of The United States since President Bill Clinton. The only way I've ever known if any of them actually got read, was if I got a response of some kind. During President George W. Bush's first term I got Christmas Cards each year from The White House and one from President Barack Obama in his second term.

Well as you can see I received this letter from President Donald J. Trump. I want to publicly answer his letter here.

Dear Mr. President,

I am honored that you chose to respond to me. I know that you have a great deal of very important issues to deal with and for you to take time for me, shows the depth of your concern to keep in touch with us.

You are well liked across America because you are plain spoken and say what is on your mind. I'm 77 years old and I feel you came along just at the right time to make the difference we needed to pull us away from a path toward socialism. We have too many people who want the Government to provide their every need. Americans are workers who provide for themselves and their families. It's been that way since 1776. Yes we are a nation of immigrants, but we earned the right to be a free, God given nation to live our lives as we see fit! Not to be hand held by the likes of politicians who want to give us everything for nothing. Nothing in life is free. We have to work hard for freedom and our way of life. Millions of Americans have died for this crucial cause of keeping America free and the land of opportunity. This is our country and we speak English here too!

Finally we have a President who thinks and speaks about issues in America that we are very concerned about. A President who not only thinks about the issues, but follows through with action, recent cases in point.

Yesterday the release of the three imprisoned Americans in North Korea arriving in the United States around 3:00 a.m. this morning (May 10, 2018). And who was there to meet them when they arrived, you were!

The upcoming summit meeting between you and the Supreme Leader of North Korea, Kim Jong-un June 12, 2018 in Singapore.

Your decision to withdraw the United States from the Iran Nuclear Deal speaks volumes for your determination to keep America great!

There is one matter of concern that leaves me and many other Americans baffled. Why does the Democrat Party leaders in the Congress and Senate refuse to acknowledge your true leadership ability and really make America Great Again! I believe in the old saying, United We Stand and Divided We Fall.....

One last thing, in my opinion you and Ronald Reagon have a lot in common you both seem to agree with President Theodore Roosevelt who said, "Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick." Keep the faith and follow your instincts.

Sincerely,

Ray Dickerson, The Gad-a-bout

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## I RECEIVED THIS LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 24, 2018

Mr. Ray Dickerson  
Centerville, Indiana

Dear Mr. Dickerson,

Thank you for your thoughtful suggestions on how to address important issues facing our Nation. I am honored to work on behalf of all Americans to grow our economy, protect our citizens, and strengthen American leadership around the world.

When America is united, there is no challenge too great. Together we will prosper, and we will get the job done. Thank you again for your suggestions.

Sincerely,

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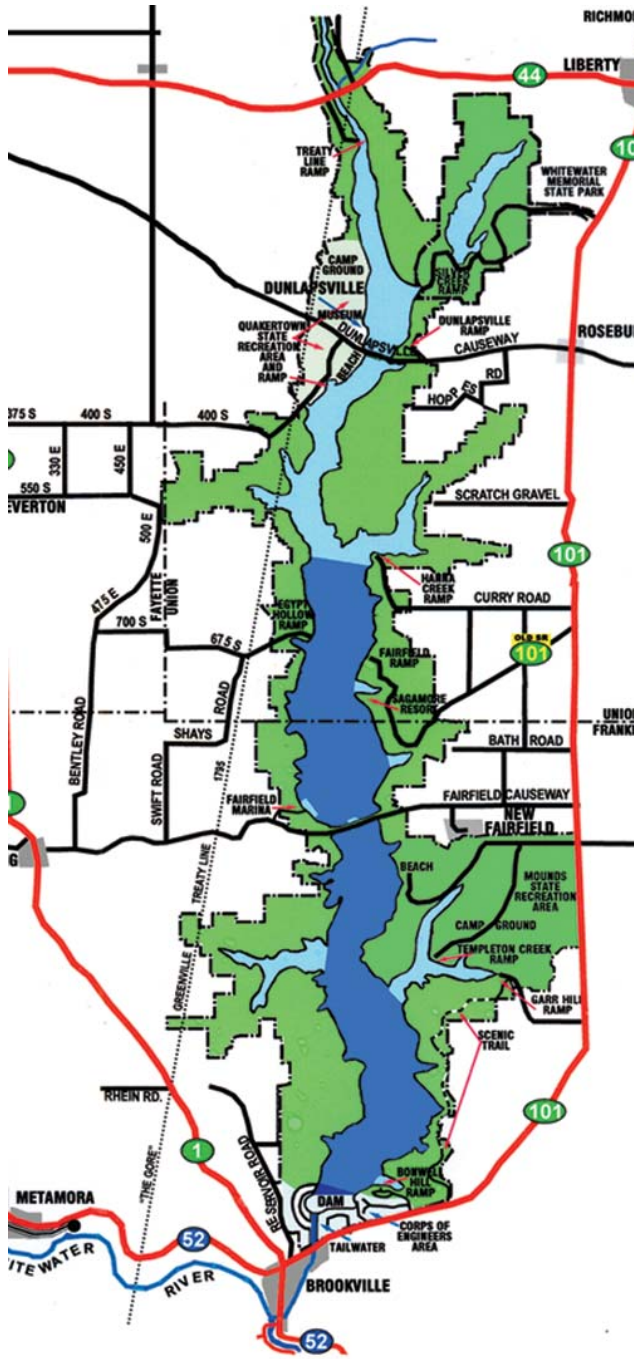


by **Tag Nobbe**  
Professional Fishing Guide

## June Fishing on Brookville Lake

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

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



BROOKVILLE LAKE JANUARY 24, 1974 - PRESENT

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

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

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

er or better oxygenated water and lay motionless to conserve energy.

On the other hand, crappie don't use the bottom to feed at all, and they live where they eat. They feed in the standing timber, under water brush piles and never leave the protection of the cover. I believe the reason for this is their size and the fear of getting eaten by a much bigger fish.

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

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

Tag Nobbe

### Brookville lake Guide Service

If you need more info go to my web site [www.brookvillelakeguideservice.com](http://www.brookvillelakeguideservice.com)

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

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## News from the Indiana State Police



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

### Three Pendleton Troopers Receive Awards

Indianapolis – Three Pendleton District Troopers received awards and were honored on the afternoon of 4/20 at a ceremony held in the Government Center South in Indianapolis. Trooper Lee Tinch was named District 51 Trooper of the Year; Trooper J.T. Burns was given a Life Saving Award for his actions at a medical call last summer, and Trooper Jacob Ridgway received an award for Top DUI Enforcement at District 51.

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

Tinch received the award for his outstanding achievements in 2017 at the Pendleton District. Trooper Tinch graduated from the Indiana State Police Academy in 2012 and is a lifelong resident of Randolph County. He is a 2005 graduate of Monroe Central High School and attended Ivy Tech before beginning his career with the Indiana State Police. Tinch is assigned to Randolph, Delaware and Madison Counties.

Trooper J.T. Burns received the Indiana State Police Life Saving Award for his quick actions at a medical call on 8/10/2017 in Spiceland. Burns, a former paramedic, responded to the scene of a man with a severed arm along with EMS personnel. Burns applied a second tourniquet to the victim that ultimately caused the bleeding to stop.

The victim survived, and Burns was commended for his extraordinary conduct in saving his life. J.T. Burns graduated from New Castle High School in 2007 and worked as an EMT and Paramedic for New Castle EMS prior to starting his career with ISP in 2017. Trooper Burns is assigned to Henry and Rush Counties.

Trooper Jacob Ridgway was given an award for leading the Pendleton District in DUI Enforcement in 2017. Ridgway graduated from the Indiana State Police Academy in March of 2016 and was employed by the Delaware County Sheriff’s Department before starting his career with the Indiana State Police. Trooper Ridgway is assigned to Wayne, Fayette and Union Counties.

### Motorcycle SAFETY

The warm weather of spring and summer brings increased motorcycle traffic, with Hoosiers riding for recreation and transportation. Nationally every year, motorcycle riders are involved in thousands of crashes that result in disabling injuries and death. The Indiana State Police offer these safe driving tips so that everyone can share Hoosier Highways safely.

#### Tips for passenger vehicles:

- Watch attentively for motorcycles. Check blind spots before changing lanes and look twice at intersections before you turn or pull out into traffic. Use your turn signals when changing lanes.
- Anticipate hazards that may confront and affect



Left to Right: District Supervisor Lt. Tony Delello presenting Trooper J.T. Burns a Life Saving Award, Trooper Jacob Ridgway an award for Top DUI Enforcement at District 51 and Trooper Lee Tinch was named District 51 Trooper of the Year. (Author Photo)

a motorcyclist like large pot holes, debris, or other hazardous road conditions. Allow at least two seconds of following distance between your vehicle and a motorcycle.

**• Be cautious and observant when turning left. This is the primary cause of most crashes between vehicles and motorcycles, as cars frequently turn left into the path of oncoming motorcycles. Always take a second look for oncoming traffic.**

- Remember, motorcycles are entitled to operate in a full lane.
- Obey all traffic laws.
- **ALWAYS LOOK TWICE BEFORE PULLING OUT OR TURNING!**

#### Tips for motorcycle riders:

- Wear protective equipment and clothing, especially a helmet with face shield.
- **Make yourself visible by wearing bright Hi-Viz clothing, using reflective tape and by using your motorcycle’s headlight. Always use turn signals when changing lanes and turning.**
- Check your motorcycle before each ride, and do not ride if any equipment is not operating properly.
- Look for road hazards, especially potholes this year! Be especially cautious around intersections, alleys, driveways, and other areas where an animal, pedestrian, or vehicle might enter your path.
- Avoid riding in the blind spot of other vehicles. Ride defensively; always leave enough reaction time for unexpected movements from other vehicles.
- When operating a motorcycle during inclement weather, slow down and use extra caution. Avoid

sudden changes in direction or speed.

- Be cautious in construction zones watching for different pavement heights and drop-offs.
- Never ride impaired.
- Never perform stunts like “wheelies” or other tricks.

Motorcycles are harder to see than other vehicles; consequently, many crashes occur because other motorists don’t see the motorcycle. All motorists should take the time for a second look before pulling into an intersection or making a left turn. It only takes a second to take a second look and maybe save a life.

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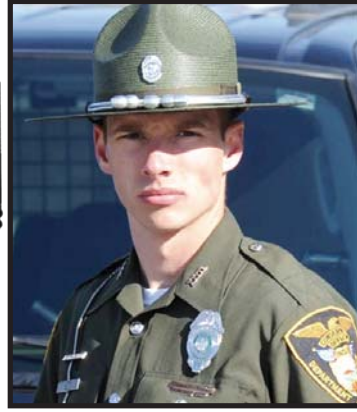
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## Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

### Losing a Good Friend

It is with a heavy heart that I write this first portion of the article. I had all intentions of writing an intriguing article about this past turkey season. As I noted in the previous article, there was a turkey hunt in place for a Wounded American Veteran. There was a couple interested hunters that were more than willing to either hunt or help where they could. Due to an unforeseen circumstance the hunt was cancelled and plans for the hunt were postponed. The reason behind withholding the hunt was to respect the passing of a fellow outdoorsman.

Only a few days prior to the opening of turkey season, Steve Davis, whom I had the privilege of knowing passed away. He was well known in the community and helped out with hunter education classes.

### Warm Weather Activities

Now let me lighten the mood and talk about warm weather activities. As officers we have been having issues already related to fishing. I want to point out a few facts to keep you from being on the wrong end of the law.

Be sure that you don't overlook the fishing regulation guide, as that's what it is a guide. This will inform you on bag limits, fish size, and seasons if it applies.

This year we have had multiple instances where a fisherman has taken more than the bag limit for a certain fish. When you are out there fishing, you are only permitted to take the daily bag limit for that fish. Once you catch your limit, you can "cull" fish. Meaning you can release a smaller fish for a larger one, but only if the fish being released is still alive and well.

As a fisherman you are not allowed to catch fish for someone else's bag limit either. What I am getting at here is if you are fishing with a party or someone else, and they are not catching fish, you cannot catch fish for them so they can count them for their limit. Every fisherman has to catch only his/her bag limit.

If you are uncertain what a fish is, the fishing guide has fish identification inside to assist. If you are still uncertain or have any question, don't hesitate to contact a local Conservation Officer.

Another point I want to hit on is water safety. The message is the same as it's always been but still we

have issues where someone drowns. My hope is to prevent a drowning for someone or friends of someone who reads these articles. The message is simple, "Wear it Indiana". If you are around water, wear a life jacket or PFD (personal flotation device).

These are designed to keep someone afloat until help arrives. The key to these are make sure they are the correct type of PFD for the activity being performed and they fit properly. There are 5 different types of life jackets, and a type 4 is not designed to be worn. Those are the "throw cushion" or ring buoys. I have ran across boaters that pull out a PFD that is tattered and sized for a child, with them being a grown adult. That doesn't satisfy the law, nor does it do them any good if they were to fall in.

Again the message is simple for this article, read the fishing guide prior to fishing and "Wear it Indiana".

**Editor's Note:** I too knew Steve Davis very well and did not know of his passing. In the July issue I will pay him a fitting tribute, one a man of his caliber deserves after achieving so much in his lifetime. ■

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### The Sign Says "Just Take What You Want?" I Don't Think So....

**Henry County** – A Muncie man and another from Middletown were arrested early one morning in April after an alert trooper noticed their vehicle parked at an abandoned home. Around 5 a.m. Trooper J.T. Burns was driving in the 5500 block of SR38, near the town of Cadiz, when he noticed a car parked in front of an abandoned house. Burns had passed the house earlier in the night and had noticed there were no vehicles there and that the front door was closed.

Now, as he spotlighted the front of the home he noticed the front door was standing wide open and there were tools leaned up against the front of the house, and a dolly sitting in the open front door. A male, Jamie Evans, age 42 of Middletown, came out of the house and was detained by Burns. After Burns repeatedly announced his presence outside a second male, Shawn Simmons, age 41 of Muncie, came out and was also detained by Burns.

The two men tried to tell Burns there used to be a sign out in the front yard of the abandoned house that said "Take What You Want;" however officers were not able to locate that sign. Trooper Burns was, however, able to locate a large "NO TRESSPASSING" sign that was clearly visible on the outside of the front door the two men had broken in. Trooper Jacob Ridgeway and Deputy Derek Bertrand came to assist Burns, and after contacting the property owners, the officers were able to determine the two men did not have permission to be on the property.

Further investigation by the officers also found that Shawn Simmons was wanted out of Delaware County on two warrants for Failure to Appear for Child Support. The two men were lodged in the Henry County jail charged with Level 5 felony Burglary and misdemeanor Criminal Trespass. This story kind of reminds me of the old 70's song "Signs" with a line from the song being "Do this, don't do that, can't you read the sign?" Evidently these two men could not read the large "NO TRESSPASSING" sign....Thanks for reading, stay safe and remember to look twice for motorcycles before pulling out or turning left. ■

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# Everton Volunteer Fire Department



by Megan Veeneman

## A Little Bit of History

A long time ago in the small town of Everton, Indiana, a dream became a reality. In 1956 the Everton Lions Club dreamed of purchasing a fire department to help their community. A fire department would help the townspeople feel at ease and help with fire disasters. The people would no longer have to use the five-gallon hand pumps that were located at the local grocery store. In 1957, that dream of building a fire department became a reality

Since the beginning of this department, the firefighters have accomplished so much in the last 62 years. The Everton Volunteer Fire Department has had a lot of runs in the last year. Last year the fire department went on 462 runs. So far this year the fire department has gone on 162 runs. Recently the Blue Arrow Club in Alquina has donated land for Everton to create a second fire station. This second station will help our volunteer firefighters because they will be closer to different areas in our fire section.

Currently, the Everton Volunteer Fire Department has four fire trucks and obtained an SUV for medical responses. These firefighters



The official Emblem of the Everton Fire Department. (Provided by Author)

have worked hard throughout the years to get equipment and resources to help the community.

### Volunteering

To be a volunteer firefighter you must complete a lot of steps that take time and effort. The first step in volunteering is applying. A background check will be performed after the applicant has applied. When the background check has been completed, the review board members will vote and notify the newly accepted firefighters. The newly accepted firefighters will be called in for a meeting and must complete a 24-hour orientation and a mandatory firefighter class. The new firefighters will then have to complete Fire One class, Fire Two class, a hazmat class and any additional training. After these classes have been completed they are officially apart of the fire department.

The women's support staff was created to help the firefighters organize events and fundraisers.

### Interview with New Chief

I recently had a chance to sit down with newly elected fire chief Nick Brown and was able to ask some questions about why he volunteers. In the interview, Nick informed me that he has been a firefighter for fourteen years and works in Brookville, Indiana. Nick stated that he became a firefighter because he wanted to help people and give back to the community.

When fire chief Nick Brown was asked about the fire festival and why people should attend, Nick stated that it is a great way to support the local volunteer firefighters and help them get the new equipment needed to help others.

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EVERTON'S NEW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND THEIR FIVE FIRE TRUCKS





This is a picture of the Everton Volunteer Fire Department members at the Celebration 2017 Banquet. This photo was taken in February of 2018. Every year the Everton Volunteer Fire Department has a banquet to celebrate the previous year's accomplishments. Some of these accomplishments are runs, donations, and new members. (Everton Volunteer Fire Department Photo)

Most of the women on this support staff team are wives or girlfriends of the firefighters. However, members of the community can support the fire department. The support staff meets and discusses ways to help the firefighters get donations from local businesses. They also address ways to publicize events and spread the word about this local fire department.

**Upcoming Event: Fireman's Festival**

This year the Everton's Fireman Festival will be on July 7th from 4 pm to midnight and will be located at the Everton Volunteer Fire Department. The activities are basket raffles, adult games, kid's games, bounce house, dunk tank, snow cones, and music provided by DJ Brian Kottka. The Everton Volunteer Fire Department will also be serving a dinner that cost \$8.00. This dinner will be a chicken dinner that includes fried chicken, potato wedges (spicy or regular), baked beans, cole slaw, drinks, and

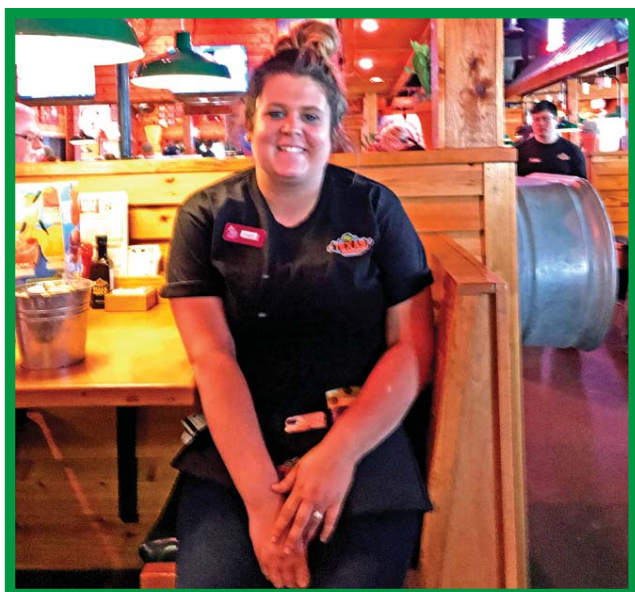


Everton Volunteer Fire Trucks L to R: #5, #2, #4, #3 and #1 in front of new Fire Station. (Photo by Chris Allen 2009)

desserts), This festival is great for all family members and supports the local fire department. The fireman's festival will help the Everton Volunteer Fire Department raise money for new bunker gear, new SCBA (self-contained breath-

ing apparatus), and new medical equipment.

For more information please visit our website [www.evertonfirerescue.com](http://www.evertonfirerescue.com) connect with us on Facebook @evertonfire or give us a call at 765-825-3031.



Waitress Angel Mills in Texas Roadhouse Restaurant in Richmond, IN located at 3799 National Road East. (Photo by Sherry Dickerson)

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE WAITRESS "ANGEL MILLS" DESERVES A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, SHES THE BEST**

For my birthday on April 22, 2018 I received a gift certificate from my daughter for the Texas Roadhouse. So we decided to use it. I told my wife before we got there I didn't want to announce it was my birthday because I didn't want to be put up on the preverable horse saddle, I wanted a peaceful supper with all the trimmings.

We arrived with no fan fare, the hostess seated us towards the back in a booth with peace and quiet prevailing. Shortly our waitress arrived, Sherry ordered her half a rack, fall off the bone spare ribs, plus her sides. I wanted the same thing, but I asked the waitress if there was some way I could get my ribs not so hard, explaining I couldn't chew well-done ribs like the ones I had previously there. She said she would see what she could do for me.

In no time at all the waitress arrived placing our

ribs in front of us and left. I looked at the ribs and much to my surprise as I began eating them, they were very tender and well cooked. I couldn't believe my eyes, but my taste buds were screaming "joy to the world!"

I immediately began looking around the room trying to see our waitress. She arrived asking how my ribs were. I asked her name, she replied, "Angel Mills. I said Angel you are truly an Angel, my ribs were unbelievably tender and very tasty. Sherry and I have eaten at a lot of different Roadhouse Restaurants, but I have to say this was the best. I told her I published The Gad-a-bout and I wanted to write about this experience. I asked if it would be okay to take a photo of her for a small article on her. She said it was okay. I didn't have my camera so Sherry took the photo you see here, with her telephone. Angel hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she has lived in Indiana for four years. She told me her

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# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## Time is right for crappie bite

As I pen this month's column, the crappie bit hasn't really started yet, especially here in the northern half of Indiana, thanks to a prolonged cold winter spell that, until recently, had failed to release its grip on us. With the warmer days finally here though, the water temps are rapidly climbing, meaning the slab-sided papermouth action is here.

Crappies don't actually spawn until the water temperature is between 62 and 65 degrees Fahrenheit (Although black crappies may start a little earlier and white crappies a little later,) but they begin actively seeking out suitable areas to spawn when the water is much cooler than that – around 55 degrees or so. So, while it may be close to May before they actually spawn, the month of April can hold tons of great crappie action as well, especially in southern Indiana.

As the water warms, the males are the first ones to begin their ascent into shallower water from their deeper winter haunts. The males begin to prepare nests for the females to lay their eggs in and most nests are constructed in 2 to 10 feet of water in areas with gravel or hard bottoms. They can be caught before nest making begins in slightly deeper water, in the 8 to 15 foot depth range. Then, when the males move even shallower to prepare the nests, the females will be staging in that 8 to 15 foot range. Once the nests are prepared and the females are ready to lay their eggs, they will move into the nests to drop their eggs before moving back into somewhat deeper water again while the males guard the nests. Persistently dropping your offerings in the nest will agitate the males and will often-times lead to a strike.

It's no secret that crappies love stick-ups and brush piles as suitable cover to both ambush prey as well as hide from predators. But they also like creek channels and coves to hang out in too. Many reservoirs have visible structure from the water's surface, but often times you will have to rely on sonar equipment in order to find submerged timber, etc. If you fish any flood control reservoirs that are lowered during the winter, visiting such impoundments during these low pool months – either by walking the shoreline or by using a boat – can reveal stumps and other structure not nor-



The crappie bit is a bit later this year thanks to a long, cold winter, but the fish have been biting for a little while now, and still should be. (Author Photo)

mally visible when the reservoir is at summer pool. You can visually make note of such structure so that you will know the general area and then locate the structure using your sonar equipment, or if you have a GPS unit, you can log the locations of such spots into it and be able to motor right to it later.

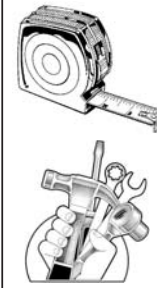
Regardless of how you approach it, crappie fishing isn't too difficult and it doesn't take pricey equipment to get in the game. Sure, logging areas into a GPS unit or spider-rigging with your boat are options for serious crappie-a-holics, but most people do just fine from the bank with a cane pole.

A simple minnow suspended under a bobber next to a stick-up will yield at least a mess of crappies most of the time. Small jigs – whether bare or coupled with a minnow – have also resulted in many meals for lots of folks as well, as have small crankbaits and spoons. The key is in finding the correct depth and structure where they are congregating. And, once you do, you are likely to catch several. Crappie congregate, or "school" which means if you catch one or two in a given location, you are bound to hook a few more.

Light or light action rods work well for thin-lipped crappies. 2, 4 or 6 lb. line will also fill the bill. Pair this set-up with the aforementioned selection of bait and lures and you have enough to start. If using bobbers, slip bobbers or spring bobbers will each work fine. Vary your presentation and depth until you find fish.

Crappie are fun to catch, provide great eating and are plentiful, which also makes them a perfect species to target when taking youngsters or newbies. With a minimal amount of gear you can be into a mess of papermouths, and the time is just around the corner!

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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

## BIRDS ON BOARD

I've heard when a bird lands on a boat it's really a visit from a dead relative, reincarnated as a warbler, robin or some other kind of bird. This came to mind on a recent fishing trip when, for the first time this year, I had a bird pay a visit to my boat. "Cousin Steve, is that you?"

I hope it was, or maybe my Grandma Lois or

even my mother-in-law. Both were avid fisher-ladies. My brother was with fishing with me. I hope it wasn't his mother-in-law. We both thought she was a witch!

Anyone who fishes the Great Lakes very often has probably shared a boat with an avian visitor on occasion - especially at this time of year. Most often it's not water oriented birds; it's feathered friends more at home in woodlands or prairies. This time of year is especially bad because of the spring bird migration from South to North.

Morning fishers are more apt to get birds on board than midday or afternoon anglers. Many migratory birds travel by night, supposedly using celestial navigation to guide them on their way and find themselves far out over Lake Michigan, Superior or the other lakes by the dawn's early light with no place to alight other than your boat or mine.

On foggy days, the birds can come anytime. Spring-warmed air oozing out over cold Great Lakes waters often produces a thick, fog with only a few hundred yards of visibility. A land-based bird can easily flit it's way into the mist and become dis-oriented.

Some birds, when migrating, are capable of flying amazing distances. Some kinds of birds fly hundreds or even thousands of miles non-stop on their spring and fall flights. Many others fly only a few miles, then rest, then continue - over and again. It's these species, like warblers, which most often end up stopping by my boat. I've had other species: nuthatches, redpolls, redwings and field sparrows. I almost had a grackle, one time. It was a sunny morning, I was heading offshore and we were three miles or so out on the lake. One of my passengers said, "Hey, it looks like Uncle Ernie is trying to catch the boat!" No, actually, he said, "Look at that crazy bird trying to catch up with us."

I glanced back and as he said, a grackle was flying about 15 yards off the stern, obviously following the boat. I continued ahead at a good speed, but kept looking back, thinking the bird would peel off but after another half mile or so, it was still there.

I suspect grackles are stronger fliers than warblers, but still, no need to have Uncle Ernie follow us any farther offshore so I slowed to a stop, the bird caught up, made one pass over the boat and evidently spotted the distant shoreline. Back



This black-throated green warbler rode-on the author's hood on a ride back to shore on a foggy day. (Author Photo)

towards shore he went, probably wondering, "What was I thinking?"

More commonly, especially with the warblers, the bird will often fly around the boat a couple of laps, coming closer and trying to find a convenient spot, often on the stainless steel bow rails. They can grip the rails with their feet so usually they flit about until they find a location where they can settle down to rest their wings.

Almost instantly, it seems, the bird will fall asleep and I advise whomever is with me to just let it rest. After all, were it not for finding us, either far offshore or in the fog, it would soon crash into the lake for its final rest. In about 20 minutes the bird nap is over and the little fellow awakes with a new attitude.

It seems to think, "If these fishermen haven't eaten me yet, I guess they are friendly. Then it gets friendly, often sitting on extended fingers, accepting crumbs of sandwich crusts or just hopping around the boat gobbling up lake flies or other bugs.

That usually lasts until a fish bites and we spring into action catching the fish, netting and all the rest. When we are done, the bird is gone. Hopefully, rested fed and able to make its way back to land.

One however, stayed the whole trip, flitting about, seemingly having as much fun as the fishermen on the boat. At the end of the trip, it was still foggy and as we motored towards the harbor, it took a position on my shoulder like a parrot on a pirate captain. It rode there the whole way until we busted through the fog and could see land.

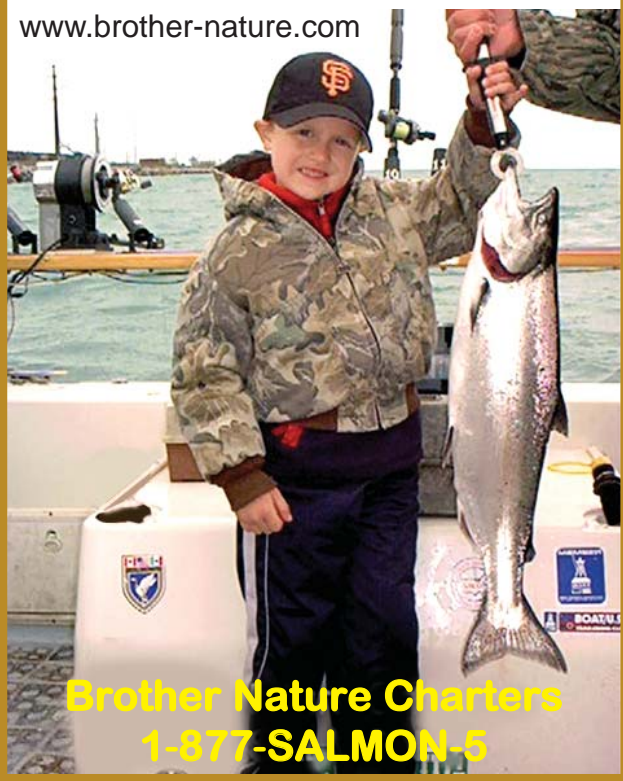
Goodbye, Grandma Lois! Nice to have you on board today, I thought as it flew on its way.

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This is Patrick Stone and Patrick Vowell with their 1st place overall and first place big fish. Their weight for their top seven crappies was 6.62 lbs and the big fish of the day was a 13.5 inch crappie that weighed 1.55 pounds. Congrats to team Stone and Vowell! (Author Photo)

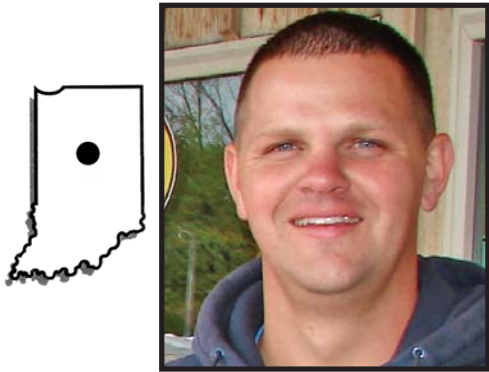


Top Right Photo  
This is the grandpa / grandson duo of Blake Morris and Gary Reed with their 2nd place overall fish. They had a total of 5 pounds for the day. (Author Photo)



Bottom Right Photo  
This is Bob Land with partner Steve Jeffers showing their 3rd place crappie. Their top fish weighed a total of 3.27 pounds. (Author Photo)

## Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing  
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

### Bozarth Crappie Tourney

With the recent swing in temperatures it has finally moved us into what feels like the spring season. The weather conditions to the start the season put a damper on most people's ambitions to get the season started but we hope as the temperatures start to rise this will change attitudes and get everyone excited to get outside and start enjoying what nature provides to us. All three lake properties are all up and running and anxiously awaiting the return of our summer visitors.

The Bozarth Crappie Tournaments kicked off the 2018 season with its first of four scheduled tournaments on Saturday, April 21st. A total of 12 teams entered to compete on what turned out to be a cool and slightly breezy day. With muddy lake conditions and water levels hovering several feet below summer pool levels it was a rough day on the lake for most teams. Those conditions didn't deter the team of Patrick Stone and Patrick Vowell as they brought to the weigh in line a total of 6.62 pounds for their top seven crappies and took home

top honors for the day. They also netted the big fish of the day with a 13 1/2 inch crappie that weighed 1.55 pounds. Congratulations to team Stone and Vowell with a great showing despite the poor lake conditions. Another team with a strong showing was the grandpa / grandson duo of Gary Reed and Blake Morris as they caught a total of 5 pounds which was good enough to take home 2nd place overall. Rounding out the top three was the team of Steve Jeffers and Bob Land with a total of 3.27 pounds. The second place Big Fish award went to the team of Phil Grater and Brad Mac with a 12 3/4 inch crappie that weighed 1.51 pounds.

I want to say a big thank you to all teams that braved the conditions to compete in our first tournament of the year. The month of May will see the Indiana Slab Masters return to our area as they will be having a two day tournament on the weekend of May 5th and 6th. On Saturday, May 5th they will compete on the Mississinewa Reservoir and conclude on Sunday, May 6th on the Salamonie Reservoir. Then the following weekend the Crappie USA makes their annual return to our area to host their tournament on

Saturday, May 12th on the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. For detailed results be sure to look on the [Indianaslabmasters.com](http://Indianaslabmasters.com) and [Crappieusa.com](http://Crappieusa.com) websites. We will have our second of four Bozarth Crappie Tournaments on Saturday, June 9th. I highly encourage anyone looking to enter a friendly fun tournament to consider fishing one of our tournaments. This is a great way to experience tournament fishing in a less intense situation and with a great group of individuals. For more information you can contact us at (765) 981-4522.

If traveling to visit the Great Lakes of the Wabash then be sure to check the schedule of events put on by the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center. The Salamonie Lake will host an event called Wild and Edible Plants on Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This event will start with a PowerPoint Program presented by

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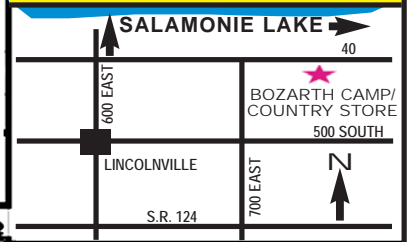
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Lori Matthews called, "The Honorable Harvest and Traditional Ecologic Knowledge, Wild Plant and Mushrooms Foraging for Food and Medicine". You will also get the opportunity to taste a few dishes that come from wild plants then conclude with a hike in the woods. Cost is \$5 per person and advance registration is requested. Mark your calendars for the popular Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 2 at 8:30 a.m. at both the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. For the Salamonie you meet at 8:30 at the Wildlife Management pond in Lost Bridge East for registration and rules. For the Mississinewa you will meet at the Beach Shelter at 8:30 a.m. for registration and rules. Bait will be provided at both events with fishing starting at 9:00 a.m. and awards following at 11:00 a.m. There will also be an adult contest this year from 10:30 to 11:00. This will be a great opportunity to bring the kids and enjoy the day fishing as a family!

The Second Saturday events continue on Saturday, June 9th with a Canoeing/Paddling Workshop. This takes place from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Salamonie Lake. All equipment will be provided or bring your own and enjoy the day learning about canoe paddling techniques. Advanced registration is required for this event and there is a \$3 fee per participant. Lastly, the Mississinewa Reservoir will host the annual Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon on Saturday, June 9th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Athletes will swim 750 meters, bike 20 kilometers, and run 5 kilometers. If this is an event that interests you then be sure to call and register. For information on all these events you can contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at (765) 473-2127.

## Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith  
Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

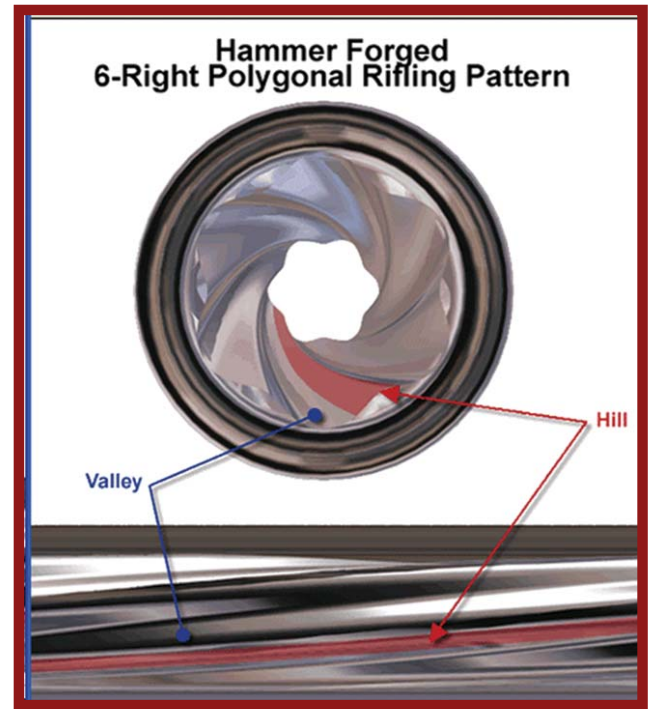
## GUNSMITHING Polygonal Rifling

My article in the March 2018 issue under "A Look Ahead" I told you that in the next months issue I would have some thoughts on Polygonal rifling. Well I missed April's article and will apologize for that. So here it is, June issue and now some notes on polygonal rifling.

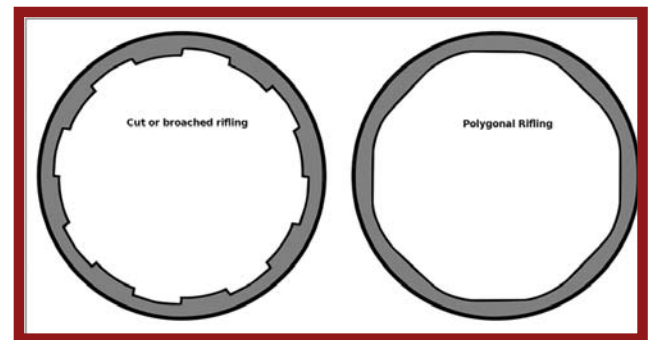
Polygonal rifling is described as looking more like hills and valleys. Standard cut rifling is cut with sharp cornered or nearly sharp ridges or grooves standing proud of the bore. (See Picture) Polygonal rifling, also called button-rifling, hexagonal or octagonal rifling, and, recently by Sabbati of Italy "multi-radial rifling" (I think multi-radial is a much clearer description). Companies that utilize this method today include CZ, Heckler & Koch, Glock, Kahr, Magnum Research, Tanfoglio, and Walther. Polygonal rifling is a hammer forging process while standard cut rifling is cut using a cutting tool. The twist of the rifling is during the cutting process, that is the barrel is rotated while the tool is pull or pushed through the bore. In the polygonal rifling process the hammer forging produces a great amount of stress in the hammer forged barrel which must be heat treated (annealed) to relieve the stress. If not done properly it can result in hard spots in the barrel which reduces the accuracy of the barrel and can also result in the barrel having a catastrophic failure.

Benefits of polygonal rifling are increased accuracy in rifles and handguns. Probably due to the better gas seal resulting in an increase in muzzle velocity and a smoother or less deformation in the bullet. It is claimed that because of the polygonal rifling there is less lead or copper fouling in the barrel. However, both HK and Glock caution against using lead unjacketed bullets in their guns. There doesn't seem to be any real proof against using lead or that by using lead an unsafe condition is created in the barrel.

I would caution against using any reloaded ammo using lead unjacketed bullets unless you know the composition of the lead alloy used. If you plan on using lead bullets then you need to remember that using to soft a lead alloy WILL cause lead to be left in the barrel due to the base of the bullet allowing gas



Polygonal\_vs\_Normal\_Rifling.jpg "Polygonal rifling is described as looking more like hills and valleys. Standard cut rifling is cut with sharp ridges or grooves standing proud of the bore."



Hammer\_forged\_6-right\_polygonal\_rifling\_pattern.png "This is a great drawing of looking down the polygonal rifled barrel. Note the muzzle end's shape. Should you look at your gun and see this in the crown of the muzzle you might mistake it for damage. It's not. Thanks to Wikipedia Common and the author the United States Department of Justice, for this drawing."

to escape around it thereby vaporizing the lead and depositing it in the barrel. To hard a lead alloy will also cause leading as the bullet base will not expand sufficiently to trap the gas behind the bullet thereby allowing the gases to vaporize the bullet and deposit lead in the barrel. Some reloader's will use a brass gas check to increase the sealing properties of the bullet. I've not had a lot of experience with brass gas checks on lead bullets but am familiar with the properties of brass used under high pressure as in the explosion associated with the firing of the cartridges, and believe the brass gas check will decrease the leading of the barrel when used in combination with a lead bullet of proper hardness. If you are purchasing reloaded ammo at a gun show make sure the ammo has a gas check. If not, then you may need to know what the lead alloy is, and how hard it is. The art of reloading lead cast bullets is a whole book of information. I'll leave it here that if you have a pistol or rifle with polygonal rifling and plan to shoot lead cast bullets or are planning on reloading your own ammo I suggest you gain as much information as possible from the books on reloading published by

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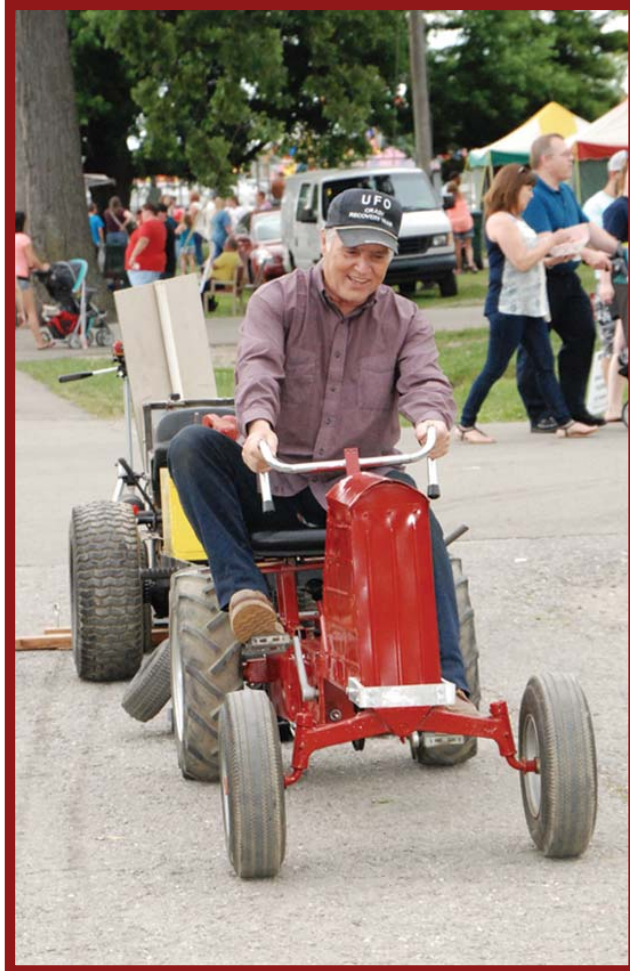
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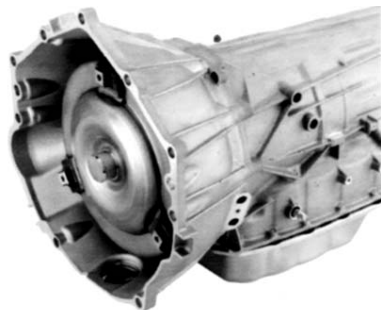


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| <p><b>Saturday, June 23</b><br/>                 Steven's Puppet Show @ Free Stage 1 PM - 8 PM<br/>                 Whitewater Valley AM Radio Club Field Day - Starts 2 PM - for 24 hours<br/>                 Dirt Drag Racing - 7 PM<br/>                 Movie "Peter Rabbitt" @ 8:00 PM</p> <p><b>Sunday, June 24</b><br/>                 "the church" service - 11 AM - Free Stage<br/>                 Little Miss &amp; Mister Contest - 2 PM @ Free Stage<br/>                 Bluegrass &amp; Gospel - 3 PM - 8 PM @ Free Stage<br/>                 Stage Moto Cross Racing - 5 PM<br/>                 Horse Pull - 7 PM - FREE Admission</p> <p><b>Monday, June 25</b><br/>                 Car Show - 5 PM - Kuhlman Center Parking Lot<br/>                 Skid Steer Rodeo - 7 PM<br/>                 Corey Cox - 7:30 pm @ Free Stage</p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 26</b><br/>                 Silly Safaris - 5:30 &amp; 7:30 PM @ First Bank Tent<br/>                 Hoosier State Tractor Pull - 7 PM<br/>                 Moron Brothers - 7:30 PM @ Free Stage</p> | <p><b>Wednesday, June 27</b><br/>                 Kicks 96 Lip Sync Challenge - 6 PM @ Free Stage<br/>                 Karaoke Following Lip Sync<br/>                 Truck / Tractor Pull - 7 PM</p> <p><b>Thursday, June 28</b><br/>                 Kids Day - 12 Noon to 4:30 - Armband Special - \$13<br/>                 3 Bar J - 7 Event Rodeo - 7 PM<br/>                 Silly Safaris - 5:30 &amp; 7:30 PM @ First Bank Tent<br/>                 Colt Douglas - 7:30 PM @ Free Stage</p> <p><b>Friday, June 29</b><br/>                 4-H Livestock Sale of Champions Auction - 11 AM<br/>                 Steven's Puppet Show - First Bank Tent 1 - 8 PM<br/>                 Sean Lamb - 7:30 PM @ Free Stage<br/>                 Mud Bog - 7 PM<br/>                 Fireworks @ Dark - Tune in TBA for music to show</p> <p><b>Saturday, June 30</b><br/>                 Steven's Puppet Show - First Bank Tent 1 - 8 PM<br/>                 Kicks 96 Lip Sync Challenge FINALS - 5 PM @ Free Stage<br/>                 Karaoke Following Finals<br/>                 Demolition Derby - 7 PM</p> |
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**DAILY ACTIVITIES**

- Saturday, June 16**  
 7 PM Wayne County Teen / Preteen / Junior & Queen Contest, Location: Centerville High School
- Friday, June 22**  
 6 PM Color Guard Grand Entry - Mini (K-2) Horse & Pony Show  
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- Saturday, June 23**  
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 4 - 6 PM Kicks 96 Live Broadcast  
 4 - 8 PM Farmer's Market Richmond Parks Dept. - Behind Kuhlman Center  
 6 PM Meet the Queen and her Court - First Bank Tent  
 6 PM Open Sheep Show - (UJCLC website)  
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- 9 AM 4-H Poultry Show - Raper Center  
 9 AM 4-H Horse & Pony - Dressage & Hunter Over Fences  
 9 AM - 9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center  
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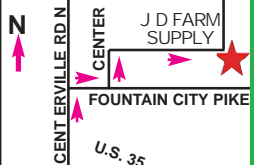
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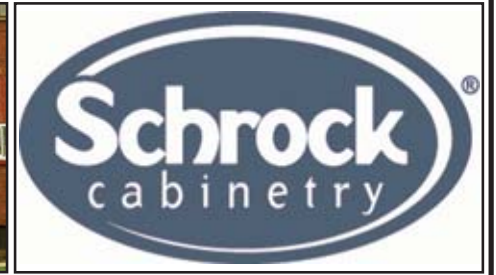


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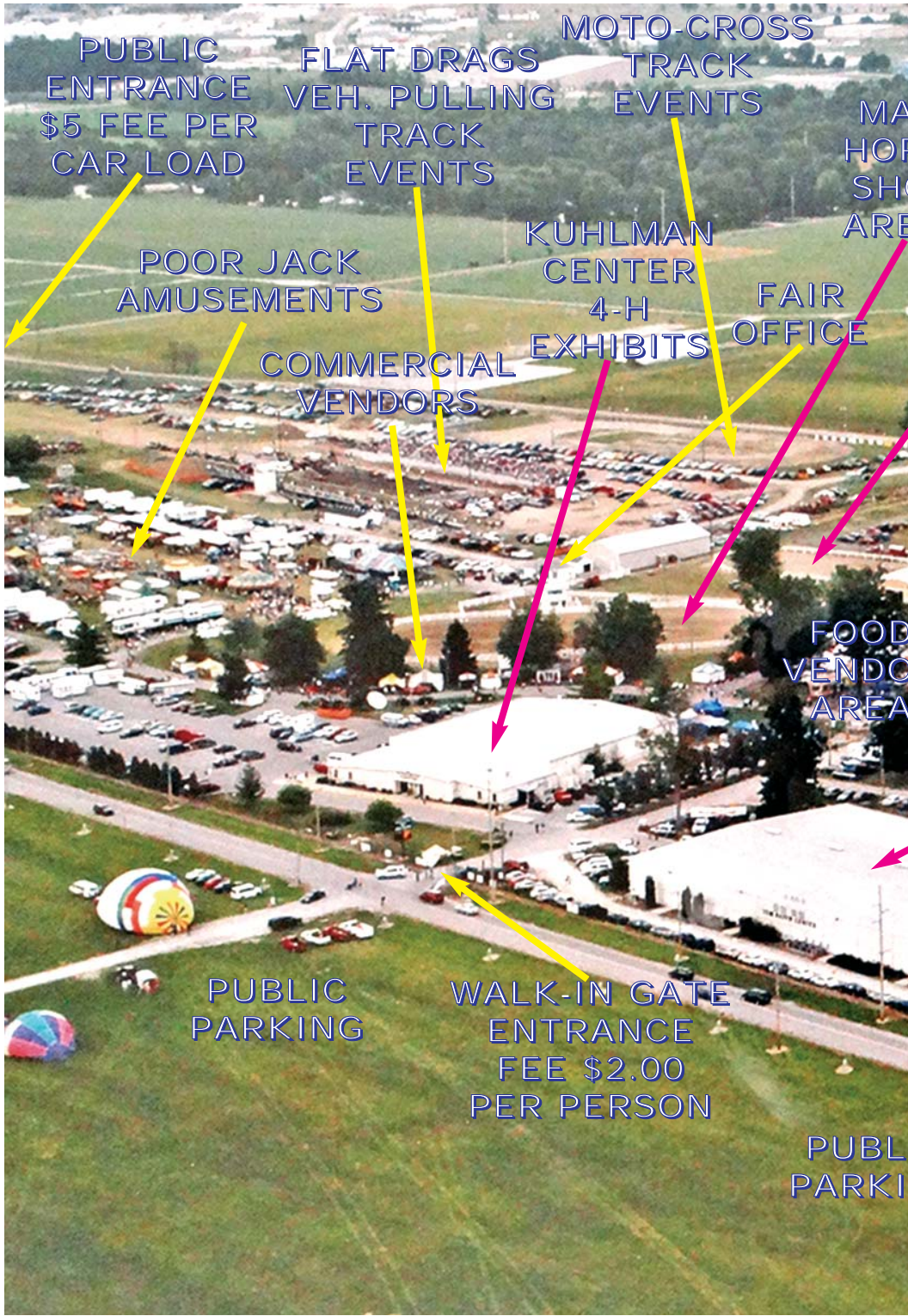


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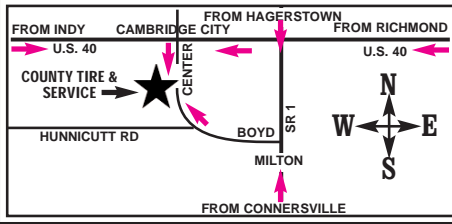
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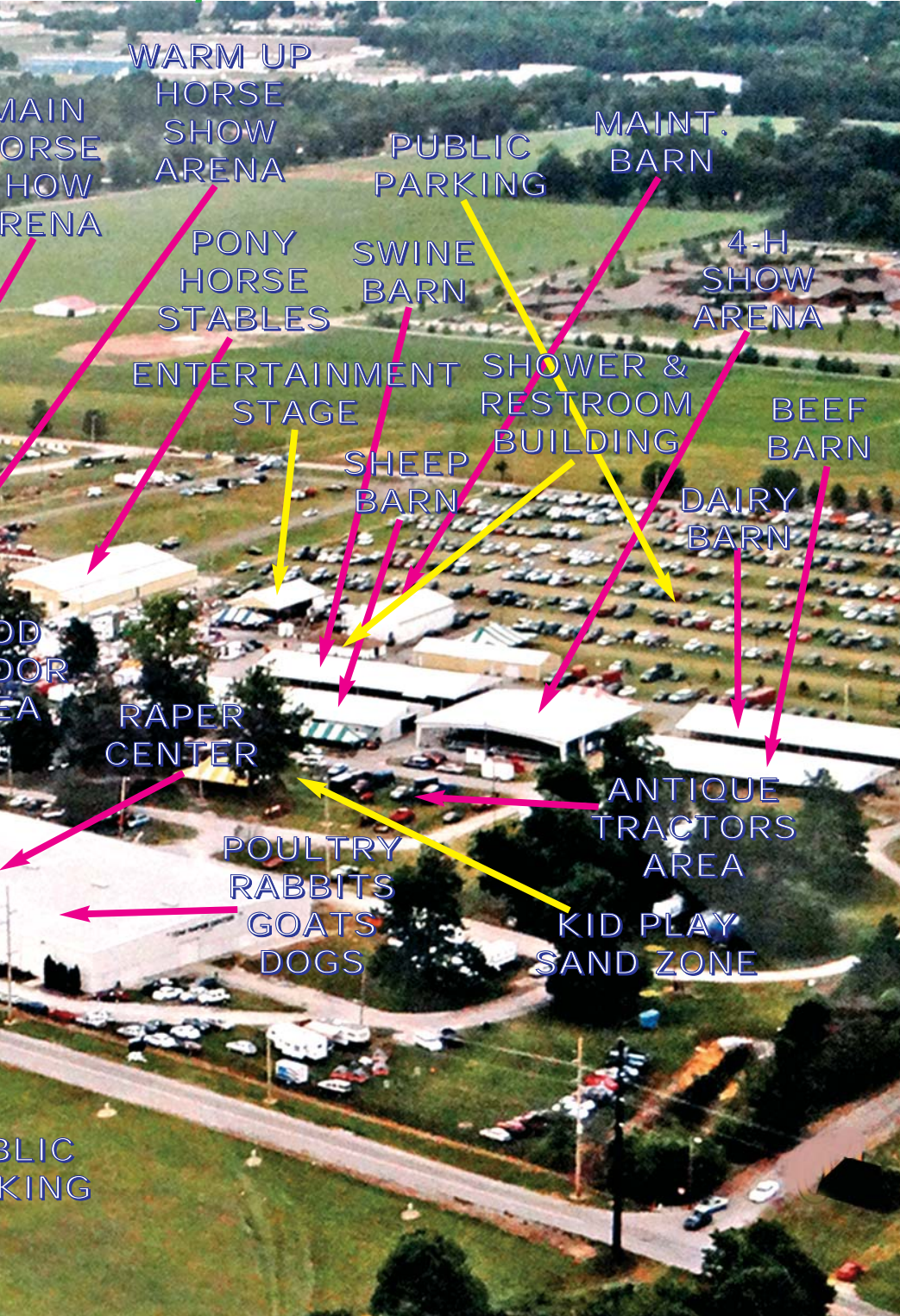


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- 4 - 8:30 PM Blood Drive in the Kuhlman Center (Sandy House 765-886-5400) [www.indianablood.org](http://www.indianablood.org)
- 4 PM 4 - H Sheep Show
- 5 PM Sheriff Dept. & Emergency Vehicles, Police Dept, DNR, Fire Depts, all on display - Kuhlman Center Parking Lot
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- 5:30 - 7:30 PM Silly Safari (Animal Show) - First Bank Tent
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- 7:30 PM Moron Brothers - Free Stage - Facebook The Moron Brothers Store
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- 9 AM 4-H Pet Show - Kuhlman Center
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- 9 AM - 9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center
- 9:30 AM 4-H Goat Show - Meat Wether's & Meat Goats - Showmanship Dairy Wether, Jr. & Sr. Dairy Doe, and Jr. & Sr. Pygmy Goat Show - Raper Center
- 11 AM - 7 PM Wellness screenings, chair exercises, games & more by Lifestream at First Bank Tent
- 12 PM 4-H Beef Show - Grooming, Showmanship, Minis, and Heifers (Show Order)
- 2 - 4 PM Special Program at the Sand Pit - Corner Lot near Antique Tractors
- 5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$18.00
- 5:30 PM Color Guard Grand Entry - 4-H Horse & Pony Show - Versatility
- 6 PM Kicks 96 Lip Sync Challenge Semi-Finals, Karaoke Following Lip Sync - Free Stage
- 6 PM 4-H Steer Show - Dairy Feeder, Dairy Steer, Dairy Rate of Gain, Beef Rate of Gain, Beef Feeder, Beef Steer (Show Order)

- 6 PM Antique Tractor Parade & Games Following at the Antique Tractor Area
- 7 PM Adult Pedal Tractor Pull - In front of antique tractor display
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- 9 AM - 9 PM 4-H Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center
- 12 NOON - 4:30 PM Kids Day - Poor Jack Amusements - Armband Special \$13.00
- 2 - 4 PM Special Program at the Sand Pit - Corner Lot near Antique Tractors
- 3 PM 4-H Horse & Pony - Fun & Games
- 5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$18.00
- 5:30 PM Silly Safari (Animal Show) - First Bank Tent
- 6 PM Supreme Showman - Horse Arena Opening Ceremony, Then completed in Livestock Show Arena
- 6 PM Antique Tractor Parade, Games & Ham & Bean Supper - Antique Tractor Area
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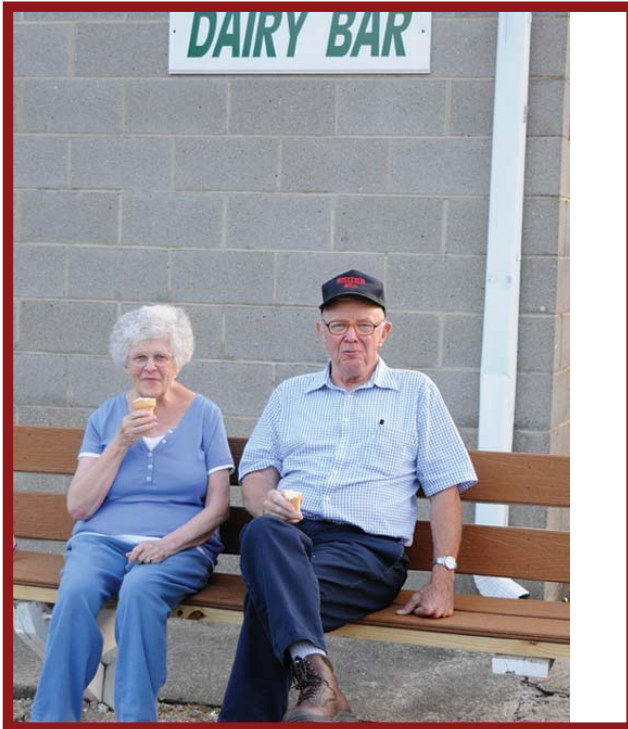
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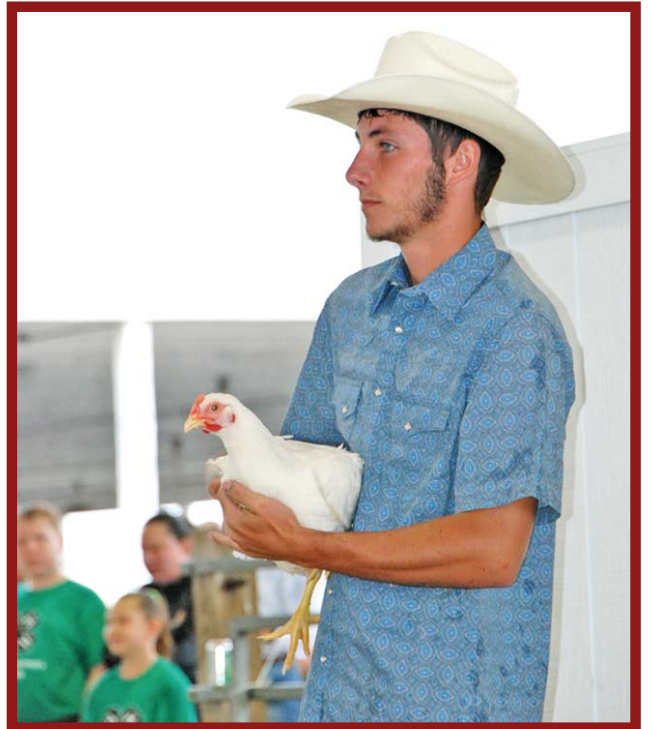
- 9:30 AM 4-H Tractor Operator's Contest - at north end of fairgrounds
- 10 AM Open Dairy Show (Duane Hill 765-847-2987)
- 1 - 8 PM Steven's Puppet Show - Every Hour @ First Bank Tent
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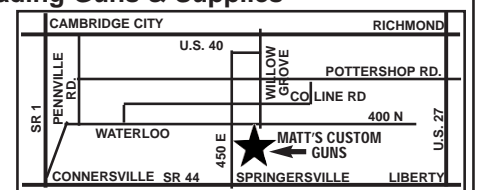


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Winners Nathan Noblitt and Shawn Bales. (Author Photo)

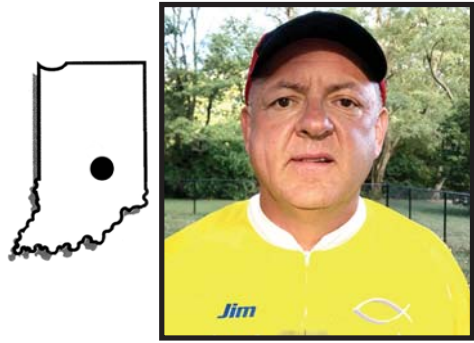


2nd place finishers Rick and Tyler Zshiedrich. (Author Photo)



3rd place finishers Luke Fishero and Jake Walters. (Author Photo)

## Indiana Slab Masters



by Jim Raymer

President & Founder of the Indiana Slabmasters

conditions anyone could hope for. On tournament day the fishing was very slow and small fish was the order of the day! 36 teams competed to bring in the best weights that they could find during the day. Coming out on top was the team of Nathan Noblitt and Shawn Bales with a winning weight of 3.70 lbs. Nathan stated that plastic baits were just not working for them and they had to spider rig all day in order to catch their winning weight. Great job on a very tough day of fishing! Finishing in 2nd place was the team of Tyler and Rick Zschiedrich with a total weight of 3.60 lbs. Tyler and Rick finished in their first top 5 finish since joining the Indiana Slab Masters. They were also spider rigging to catch their fish as well. Finishing in 3rd place was the team of Bret Cunningham and Keith Lucas with a total weight of 3.58 lbs. Bret and Keith were spider rigging to capture 3rd place. Finishing in 4th place was the team of Joe Long and Brandon Metzler with a total weight of 3.57 lbs. rounding out the top 5 teams was the team of Luke Fishero and Jake Walters with a total weight of 3.56 lbs.

Congratulations to the top 5 teams on a day when the fish were just not cooperating! So far in this young Indiana Slab Masters Season we have had any breaks from the weather. From our first tournament on March 31, 2018 to this latest Raccoon Tournament on April 21, 2018, the water temperature has virtually remained the same, around 48°-49° F. The fish seemed to be scattered at best and very spotty to find. We have still had over 35 teams show for the first two events under conditions that no one would want to fish! As I write this article we are preparing for our upcoming super event on Mississinewa and Salamonie lakes on May 5-6. The weather leading up to this tournament has been beautiful and the forecast for this weekend's tournament is also very good. We are expecting a good turnout for this event. We hope to see you at a Indiana Slab Masters tournament soon! Sign up for the club and the tournament is at every tournament sign in, so the club can be joined

and fishing the tournament can be done on the same day! I hope you get a chance to make it out and enjoy some of spring weather as it is now seeming to turn around. Until next time, tight lines!

## Roaming The Outdoors

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father was avid morel mushroom hunter and enjoys fishing for trout in Pennsylvania.

She had to get back to work so we resumed eating our meals. Seeing we were ready to leave she came back and we paid and readied to leave. I told her she would be in my June Gad-a-bout and I would give her one, once it was printed.

We thanked her again for her superb friendliness and all around pleasure of her being our waitress. It was rare for us to have a waitress like her.

We received another Roadhouse gift card recently, hmmm. Why am I licking my chops?

### THAT'S ALL FOLKS

I must apologize for not having enough space in this issue for everyone. I added four pages due to having the Wayne County Fair in this issue and still had to leave out a regular contributor and our visit to Spring Mill State Park in April where I learned that eating two eggs per day helps your memory and a small gray squirrel who somehow knew I had some sunflower seeds in my van, so I gave it some.

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## Indiana Slab Masters Raccoon Lake Tournament

So far, the weather just won't cooperate with the Indiana Slab Masters tournament season start. Raccoon Lake was the site of the latest Indiana Slab Masters tournament. During the weeks leading up to the tournament, the lake was already flooded and up much higher than normal. When the Indiana Slab Masters Members showed up at Raccoon, the conditions didn't improve much. There was a lot of cold weather and plenty of rain the week before the tournament. The lake was about 10' over summer pool, heavily stained, and dropping, which is the worst

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by Dan Graves

**NO SPRING NO FISHING**

For the past few weeks of so-called spring I've sat in the living room sucking my thumb and looking out the window as birds attempt to land on ice covered limbs only to skid over and hang swinging like pendulums in the cold breezes. I remember when we had a dog, in cold weather, he wouldn't go out to potty and would soon look like a water balloon about to explode. We don't have a dog, but this was when winter was January and February, not the end of April as it is now. With the water level of our lake reaching up into the back yards of lake side homes from heavy rains, fishing is out of the question. The only thing left to do until Mother nature decides to cooperate is curl in a fetal position and reminisce about the good old days.

We lived on a small farm with outdoor plumbing facilities. Occasionally, someone would leave the door open and a snow storm would deposit six inches of snow on the throne. Needless to say, little time was spent sitting and reading the Sears and Roebuck catalog on such days. One especially cold morning, mom had warmed up the kitchen with her cooking stove before we came down for breakfast. Since it was too cold for the dogs to be left outside, she had brought them in where they were lying in front of the stove as we sat down for breakfast. Suddenly, the big shepherd stood up and emitted a cloud of gas that would have had every barn fly in the county packing up and leaving for greener pastures. We quickly evacuated to the next room where we stood gasping as mom showed the dog the error of his ways by leaving him outdoors up to his nose in snow. Such trivia are those of one who has little left to live for until spring actually arrives. In the meantime I've been occupying myself with memories that bring a small ray of hope in staving off insanity. Fishing. Our county abounded with old abandoned quarry holes, most of which offered pretty fair fishing. A friend and I decided one spring day to honor the

occupants of one quarry with our presence, where we would invite a few of them to dinner. Bill was always the suave and debonair who wouldn't be caught dead in anything but sports shirts, slacks and white bucks, even on fishing trips. We looked like a yacht salesman and his retarded brother out for a day of angling. The day started when a stray Bantam rooster flew across the road and embedded himself in my grill in an explosion of feathers. While I removed chicken pieces from the radiator, Bill stood back and supervised. After all, chicken gore is difficult to remove from starched cuffs.

At the quarry we picked our spots and began beating the water to a froth while making enough racket to scare everything but the lowliest trash fish into the next county. I expected to get immediate results from those fish who would show up to see the guy dressed like a butler, but after an hour we were still empty handed. Bill then decided to crawl out onto a cliff face about ten feet off the water where he felt the big ones were hanging out. I questioned the wisdom of such a move, but at the same time it seemed like the proper thing to do while wearing white bucks. He inched out on a ledge that couldn't have been more than six inches wide and disappeared around a rock outcropping. I could see his bait hit the water as he cast and retrieved. Suddenly he yelled that he had a big one on and various exclamations of the battle echoed across the water. In mid sentence he changed from "That is one big crappie" to "Whoops, Whoop, YAAAAH" as he started one of the best dressed swan dives I've ever seen. I envisioned the headlines the next day.

"Giant crappie pulls fashionable fisherman into quarry. Posse formed to hunt down killer fish".

In a less than perfect entry into the water he managed to hang onto his pole while I asked him if he would like for me to hold his billfold when he put on the next performance. Crawling up on the bank, he reeled in the six inch long reason why the white bucks, after drying out, would probably be unwearable due to being as stiff as if they had been bronze plated. I also suggested that he wear a tie on the next trip so I would have something to help pull him out of the water. For some reason he wasn't in a joking mood. I also made him ride in the back seat on the way home so that people wouldn't think I was hanging around with a yuppie version of The Creature From The Black Lagoon.

In the meantime, until spring finally arrives, I'll continue staring out the window at our swollen, chocolate colored lake and curse the sun spot cycle and its effect on our weather patterns as described by Allen Emerson in the previous Gad-A-Bout. His well done description of this phenomena tells me that, if history repeats itself, we will be fishing for Arctic Char in the local lakes and streams sometime in the future. ■

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# Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

## Trap Line Memories

Well the 2017-2018 trapping and hunting season is long gone. It is time to get the pile of dirty, rusted traps cleaned up, checked over, dyed, and waxed. I will then get them put away for next year. As the fire heats the kettles, it is nice to make a few notes about the recently past season, in a Journal. During the season, I make notes in a small spiral notebook just so I can figure my miles and see where the catches for that year come from. Currently, I have a blue hard cover trapping / hunting journal going back to the early 70's. I have included the occasional picture, some trapping related, some not. There are pictures of Haley's Comet from 1986 that was particularly bright early one morning. I have a picture of a couple of beaver and a raccoon laying on the tailgate of my Tan 1979 Chevy Short-bed pickup truck, straight six, three-speed stick shift, that I drove for 24 years, three (3) clutches and two (2) engines. That was a great truck that gave me near 20 mpg. The best picture, that I made room for at the front of my journal, is a head shot of my wife's high school senior picture. Whenever I look at her, I still see that young girl who gave me that beautiful picture, 44 years ago. We have been married over 40 years. I have started another journal, this one brown leather bound, as my blue journal is pretty well filled. I plan to put drawings of my favorite sets, more pictures of course, and musings

of my trapping experiences, and more.

Like so many, I started with muskrats. My Grandfather Philips gave me a half dozen "old" #1 long spring mixed maker traps that my Uncle and Father had used during the late 30's and 40's to trap everything from muskrats, mink, and skunks to groundhogs and squirrels. Surprisingly, they were still quite strong. Grandma Philips then found six (6) Newhouse #1 (?) muskrat wire stretchers. They have the bent ends that lock together and no hooks. Trapping was mostly my Uncle's domain, and he explained to me how to make the sets, slides mostly, and how to skin and stretch / dry my catches. I had some strange catches.

Once I caught a blue gill fully across its body in a trap set high up under the side of a bank. The next night I had a very large muskrat absolutely shredded in trap just a few feet up river from where the blue gill was. I took it to Art Bair, a fur buyer in Northern Indiana, and after he assured himself that I had not shredded that hide, he told me I had a mink working the river, and that I had almost caught it as it carried the blue gill into cover to eat it. About a week later, I caught my first female mink in a pocket set sitting at water level over a four (4) foot deep pool. I had anchored that trap with a long stake stuck perpendicularly into the side of the bank about 18" deep. When I waded up to it, the trap was gone but nothing was disturbed. It took me a moment to realize that there was an animal waving about with the flow of the river. That set had worked perfectly with a high front foot catch that took her into deep water unable to return.

I noted in my journal, that I was receiving \$2 for the muskrats and that I got \$12 for the mink. Kind of like it is today, except back then, gas was \$0.35 per gallon. That's right thirty-five cents per gallon. If you multiply by 10 to get the gas to \$3.50, then my muskrat was worth \$20 and that mink was \$120. Seeing that, it is easy to understand how fur trapping in the years gone by REALLY supported a person and their family. Today, if I can pay for my gas, I am doing well, but then I am trapping fur as a sport, like hunting deer, and I am not looking to make a living at it. If you are, good luck to you. I truly wish you the best.

Watch your top knot. Keep your eyes along the skyline.

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM



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## Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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the ammunition or powder manufacturers. And proceed with caution.

Quote of the Month

*"Foolish liberals who are trying to read the Second Amendment out of the Constitution by claiming it's not an individual right or that it's too much of a public safety hazard, don't see the danger in the big picture. They're courting disaster by encouraging others to use the same means to eliminate portions of the Constitution they don't like."*  
- Alan M. Dershowitz

That's all for this month. These notes are mine alone and do not represent the opinion or position

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

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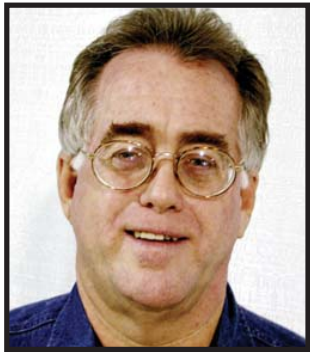
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# Outdoors



With Rich Creason

## The Insects are back

With spring here, insects will begin showing up in more places, mostly (but not always) to make our lives miserable. Already, we have found ants and flies in the house. The ant traps are out, but don't seem to be making a difference. The fly swatter made a big difference on the one fly who dared to venture inside our house. Other than the pretty butterflies and the valuable honey bees, plus a few insects which are beneficial to our gardens, most insects are unwanted by many people.

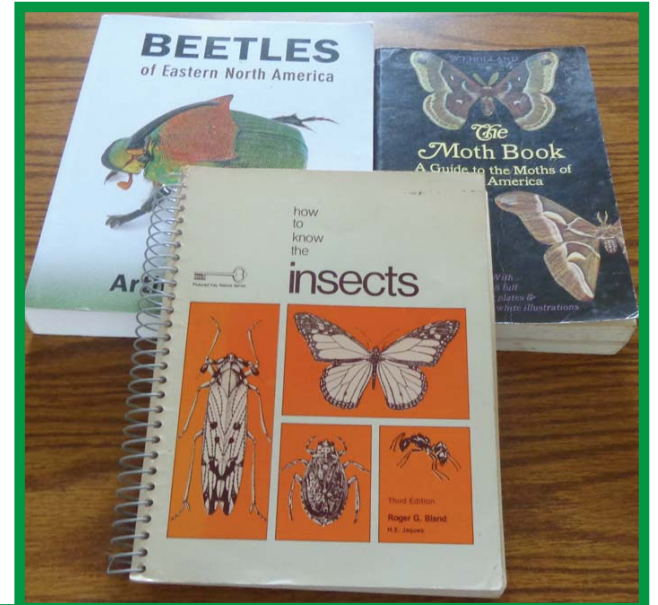
But, being the strange family we are, 30 some years ago, we were anxious for the arrival of these mostly obnoxious critters. At the age of 10, our daughter joined 4-H. One of the many outdoor projects she signed up for was entomology. Much to the chagrin of Susie, my wife and her mother, the next 10 springs would find display boxes of insects (a bug is an insect, but not all insects are bugs), covering most surfaces of our den and the kitchen table. This was for three or four months until judging time at the county fair.

Making an entomology collection is not as easy as it sounds. Catching a bug, sticking a pin in him, attaching a name label, and putting him in a box might (probably not), get you a participation ribbon, but that was not what Angi was looking for. She always had to be tops in everything she tried. She read the rule book and followed the instructions to the letter.

Her first year wasn't too hard. We purchased the display box, pins, labels, and other necessities at the County Extension Office. We assembled the box and stained it a nice color, cut a piece of foam to fit inside, covered the foam with material which we noticed got high scores in other collections, had a glass lid cut to fit the box, and started catching insects.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and their two sons mentored us in this hobby. They had shelves of identification books (I have those now also). They showed us catalogs where I purchased killing jars and the chemical which went inside the jar. Trap a bug in a net, drop him into the jar, and about ten seconds later, he was finished. I also ordered assorted size pins because small bugs often disintegrated when the large pins which came with her kit were poked into them. We found a good magnifying glass and tweezers were also essential. She then put the pin through the specimen, slightly offset to the left of center. (Don't ask me why. That was just the rules.)

Next came the identification. If she couldn't name the critter properly, the judge would deduct points from her total. Having taken a semester of entomology at Purdue, I was able to name the easy ones. The book collection was the next step. When the common name was figured out, it was written on one of the tiny labels. The pin went through this label and it was centered just below the specimen. Then, a second label



Top Left Photo: Killing jar, uses ethyl acetate or alcohol on a cotton ball. Magnifying glass in middle, assorted mounting pins on paper, 2 ID labels off bottom of paper. Top Right Photo: Three of many identification books we needed to identify all of the insects in collection. Bottom Photo: Display box. 1 of 8 or 9. The 3 rows of insects on left side are actually all bugs (order Hemiptera). White labels on brown background are insect orders (required). Vials of alcohol around outside are for extremely tiny insects. (Author Photos)

was filled out with the date the insect was collected and the county and state. It was added below the name label and the entire assembly was stuck into the foam waiting for proper placement later.

The first year of her project, only ten insects were needed. After that, each year of the project had to become progressively larger. Twenty five the second year, 50 the third, 100 the fourth, and so on. Fortunately, the specimens used in previous years could be kept in the collection as new ones were added. In about the fifth or sixth year, "educational boxes" had to be added. Besides the bugs, an additional display box had to be filled with something educational, such as the life cycle of a bee, or something else informative on a particular species. As with the insects, following years had to be more and different educational boxes.

The Johnson's taught us when we were collecting insects to always try to capture more than one of each species. There was a good reason for this. An insect has six legs and two antenna. If one of your display specimens only had one antenna or five legs, the judge would deduct points. So, a backup of the same species would have to relinquish a matching body part. Tweezers and Elmer's glue would then make the original whole again.

In the later years, Angi had one entire box of different beetles, two boxes of butterflies and moths, one box of different dragonflies and damselflies, one box

mostly filled with insects so small they were inserted in small vials of alcohol, and the vial was labeled and fastened in the box, and a couple more boxes of assorted insects such as praying mantis and walking sticks, stink bugs, water bugs and other real bugs, grasshoppers, bees, wasps, and many more.

At the Madison County fair, Angi usually won the Champion for her age division. After the Johnson boys both finished 4-H, she won the Grand Champion of all entomology divisions each year. Her collection would then go to the Indiana State Fair. In year eight or nine (ten total), her collection won "Sweepstakes" at the State. This meant her display took the Grand Champion for the entire state of Indiana.

While hunting for insects may not be the same as hunting deer, turkey, or other critters, finding 300 or so different species, identifying them under magnification, and displaying them with neat printing and perfectly straight labels takes more patience than sitting in the woods for a few hours. No license is required and the season is actually year round. (She found insects for her collection in Florida in the winter.)

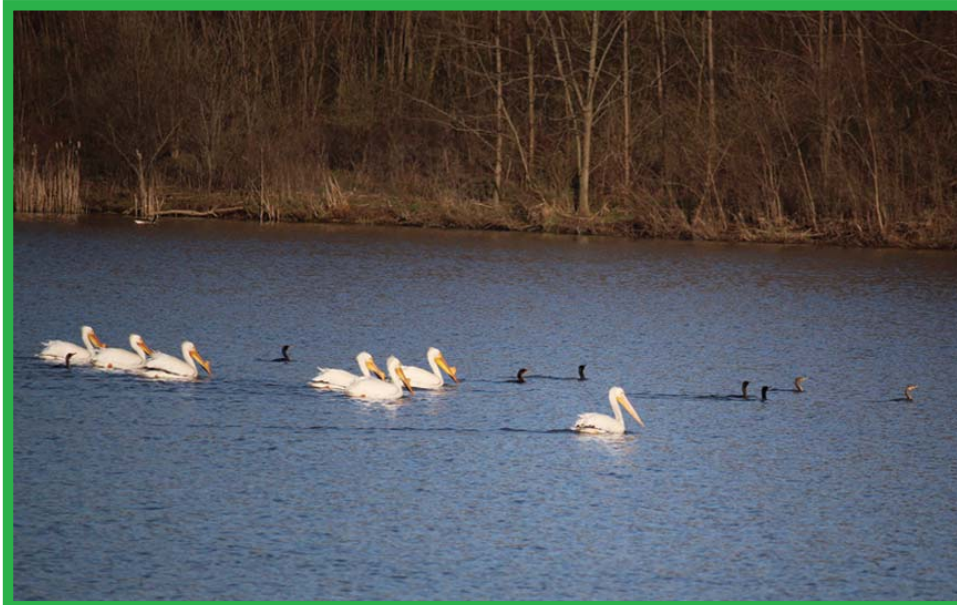
If you have a youngster getting started in 4-H (or wanting to), and is interested in bugs, drop me an email. Maybe I can give you a few pointers.

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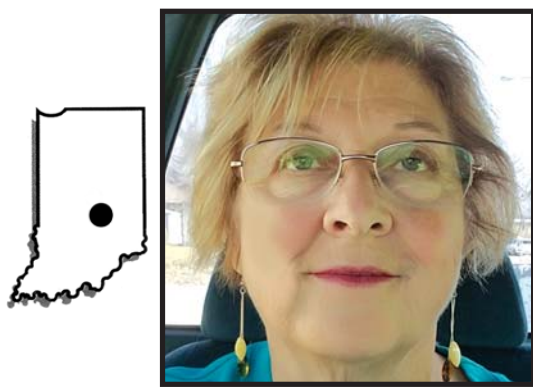


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### Outdoor Scenes & Verse



by Anita McFalls

### SUMMIT LAKE STATE PARK

After a long, back and forth winter, spring fever hit hard! The campers headed to Summit Lake State Park at the first hint of a weekend with sunshine! Lots of tournaments have already begun, and in several of the bass contests, everyone brought in a 5 fish limit to be weighed in.

To the delight of fisher persons at the present time and for the past few weeks, the crappie and bluegill have been plentiful. Monday April 30th was my first trip out this year and my husband Scott and I had a great time. The water temp was 59 degrees and the skies were bluebird clear. We both fish for bass, (catch and release) and we both caught fish. I brought in a 5 pounder and Scott caught a five fish bag at about 18 lbs.

I also got some great pictures of the eagles and saw one of the Ospreys on the nest near the dam.

Summit Lake State Park has so much to offer that I just wanted to share a bit with you all.

The gate fee is \$7.00 per vehicle for Indiana residents and \$50.00 yearly, with a discount of \$25.00 for seniors, disabled vets, and disabled persons. Handicapped parking is available at both ramps. The yearly park pass allows for entry into any Indiana State Park.

The entry fee for out of stater's is \$9.00 per vehicle.

There are also changes this year that I wanted

to confirm and share. Fishing is allowed around the outside of the park, such as the causeway, but it is only allowed with a park pass. So stop at the gate first, if you don't have one!

There has been confusion as to whether or not a boat can fish on the dam since there is only one buoy in front of it. With only one buoy or none, there are no boats allowed within 200 feet inside the " buoy line" of the dam.

DNR officer Joe Young explained that Summit is considered a "HIGH RISK DAM."It was built unlike many of the other dams, because instead of gradually sloping down into the water, it goes down, then there is a shelf slightly below the water, and then another decline. Boats could possibly get their props caught, or bent if the water was low, or when taking off with their motors they could cause the earthen dam to begin to erode, causing a massive breach.

One can beach the boats at the end of the dam and walk along it in order to fish off of it legally, and it can also be accessed on foot, however the Indy DNR office prefers that no one fish from it because of the way it's structured. To encourage bank fishing, they have mowed out a great deal of paths for the fishermen on foot.

Now on to the campgrounds! There is no longer a Primitive campground, with all sites now having water and electric. The only primitive area is south of the campground, and is for special groups like scouts, church groups, etc. Camping fees are \$24.61, (tax included), Sunday thru Wednesday. Thursday thru Saturday the rates are \$32.10.

Great news to the campers is that all of the bathrooms are being remodeled with new showers and fixtures. Only one bathhouse will be closed at a time, for convenience.

The park offers one cabin with a rental rate of \$40.00 per day. Bring your own linens and supplies. Hopefully down the road there will be more cabins to rent.

The park has also made a sanded launch area for canoes and kayaks near each boat ramp.

Every water craft is required to have a permit. Permits for anything motorized are \$25.00 and for canoes and kayaks with no motors is \$5.00. They now rent trolling motors for the day, but do not

rent motors for night time because they don't want some one to have a battery die and get stranded.

Approximately 3 weeks ago they did a "burn off" of the prairie, which will cause the wildflowers to grow in thicker and healthier. They also planted native flowers in the fall last year, which will add to the beauty of the park.


Although not visible to patrons, the beach house received a remodel also, with new flooring, shelves and counters. The beach officially opens Memorial Day weekend, but plans are to open about a week early this year.

Summit is so well known for birdwatching that many photos of wildlife and migrating birds are taken throughout the year. Many a time as I go by the causeway, several cars are parked, and folks with cameras are gathered looking to the lake, and just a note, the sunsets rival any I've ever seen!

Summit also holds an annual Fishing Derby for youth under 18, and this year it will be June 2nd, which is also a free fishing day, meaning that Indiana residents are not required to have a fishing license on that day. Look for fun activities at the park, such as nature walks, star gazing, and stories around the campfire, to name a few. Stop by our store on the corner, of SR 36 & Messick Rd.,(Gittin Jiggy With It bait and tackle,) for fishing supplies, bait, and fishing info, or just to say hi! We always have lots of outdoor gifts, decorations, and nature guides to help identify plants and animals you may see at the park.

I give thanks and special credit to good friend Marna Groves who allowed me to use a photo she took of Pelicans from a couple of weeks ago. Although she came and told me they were there so I could try to get a picture, they were gone by the time the store closed. I love taking nature pictures, and some are for sale in our store. I also love to see and share other people's photos too.

Please stop in and share yours with me! Have a great summer!



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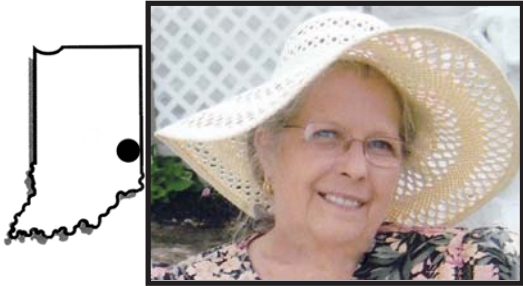


Our new Museum, not open yet, but we will let you know when it does. Author Photo.



This is our new Museum Logo. (Author Photo)

## New Adventures In Old Places



by Donna Schroeder

### A New Place for Old Stuff The Museum is Moving

I've been the president of Historic Connersville, Inc. for some time. It's a fairly easy job, mostly because of the people around me. We all share a love of our community. We treasure the past and always have an eye out for exhibits that will preserve the county's heritage. Naturally, as time passes, there's always more history to add. As our collection grew, we realized that we were outgrowing our location.

At the same time we were growing, something



This building has a kitchen, all we had before was a fridge and a microwave! (Author Photo)

else was growing downtown. Many of us were seeing the benefit of having a hub of attractions. I've written previous articles about the Canal House, the historic courthouse, the Whitewater Valley Railroad, the Whitewater Valley

Arts Association, and our little 1870 Hose House (one of the three original fire stations in the city). The Canal House and Hose House are Historic Connersville properties. And...where was the museum? Several blocks away, tucked away in East Connersville, far from the other attractions.

Sometime, over a year ago, I was stopped at the light at 5th and Grand, next to McCombs and Sons (the oldest continuous family owned business in Fayette County). I could see the courthouse, the railroad depot, and the art gallery. Just beyond them was Canal House, and a block or so behind me was Hose House. Ahead of me, on my right, was a building that had housed the state employment office. It had been vacant for several years. It belonged to the family of Willie and Christine Wells, and it seemed like a perfect place for our museum. So, we approached them, and the rest is history – so to speak. The Wells family generously donated part of the price of the building, and the process began!

A new roof was the first order of business. Because it had been built as an office building, there were many walls to be removed. Upgrades were needed, including new windows and a show-

room door that would allow us to get our Connersville built cars into the building. One large room was the natural place for our automobiles and was suitable for the door. The lobby was perfect for our need for a gift shop. The building had a kitchen! To the ladies of our group who were accustomed to a fridge and microwave in the office serving as a kitchen in the old building, this was almost Heaven! For a long while, we had talked about how nice it would be to have an area devoted to genealogy and historical research. We have a wealth of materials, but we had never had a practical way to share them. That's been incorporated into the plans.

There will be areas devoted to military, manufacturing, textiles, school, and organizations. Of course, the log cabin and farm implements will have spaces, too.

After months of planning and construction, we are almost ready to move! The boxes are packed, and movers have taken the heavy item to the new place. It has been the same as when you move your family to a new home. We have found things we forgot we had. We have things that make us wonder why we have them. There is still a lot of cleaning and arranging ahead.

I have included some photos to give you a sneak peek at our new home. The logo pictured is on the floor of the lobby. The kitchen is possibly my favorite. It will double as a functional kitchen and an exhibit. We had a collection of American Kitchens cabinets that were manufactured in Connersville. The Questers Club of Connersville was able to apply for a grant to have them refurbished, along with our Connersville built Philco refrigerator. The opposite wall features a bank of new cabinets manufactured and donated by Wayzata, a cabinet company that recently came to town. Not pictured is a Victorian era buffet, also made in Connersville.

The great thing about all of it is our pride in bringing another asset to downtown Connersville and Fayette County! We hope to be open around the first of June, and we hope you will accept our invitation to visit. For more information, call 765 825 0946 or visit Historic Connersville on Facebook.

I want to mention another upcoming event. Historic Connersville is sponsoring the community wide yard sale June 8th through June 10th. This is the third year for this event, and it's growing every year. There will be bargains to be had all over the city and county. We plan to have the museum open, as well as having our own yard sale. It's a great opportunity for you to find some great bargains and take in the sights. We look forward to seeing you then!

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# News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

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## St. Joseph's Indian School At Rensselaer

Indiana had two Indian schools: White's at Wabash and St. Joseph's at Rensselaer. Today I'm going to tell about St. Joseph's Indian Normal School 1888 to 1896. "Normal" meant it taught how to be a teacher. The idea was for the Indian boys to learn white man's ways and then go back to the reservations and teach others.

St. Joseph's design imitated Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania, built nine years earlier. Carlisle became famous for Jim Thorpe who won 8 of 15 events at the 1912 Olympics and was declared the Greatest Athlete of the 20th Century. Both schools taught only boys and made news about the athletic abilities of their students but St. Joseph's did not enter the Olympics. St. Joseph's was a Catholic boarding school founded by Rev. Joseph A. Stephen, a priest from the diocese of Fort Wayne. The school was established at a farm near Rensselaer that had been an orphanage after the Civil War. In 1883 the Rev. Stephen became director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. He expanded the number of Catholic contract schools, funded by the U.S. government to provide training for Indian boys. Eventually he was in charge of 60 Indian schools.

The Rev. Stephen talked to a Philadelphia heiress, Katharine "Kate" Drexel, and got her interested in the education of Indian boys. She and her two sisters had inherited \$15 million (equivalent to \$250 million today) when their father died in 1885. Kate gave \$50,000 to build Drexel Hall which still stands today. It is a brick and stone four-story building, 80 feet square, with a courtyard in the center.

St. Joseph's trained Indian boys to become farmers, blacksmiths, carpenters, tailors and role models back on the reservations. They included ages 14 to 24 and were Potawatomi from Michigan, Menominee from Wisconsin, Sioux from South Dakota, and Chippewa from Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Indiana Magazine of History published an extensive history of St. Joseph's in 1973 which is available on the Internet. It told that most of the work was done by the Indians: chopping wood, hoeing weeds, milking cows, washing dishes, and



St. Joseph's Indian School Pupils, 1892-1893. The superintendent, Father Andrew Gietl, is the shorter of the two priests standing beneath the flag. Thirty of these pupils were on display at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago attending a "typical" Indian school, June 13 to June 30, 1893. The purpose was to show the public how much the country was doing to bring the Indians into the mainstream of American civilization.

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harvesting potatoes, hay and corn, most of which was done in work gangs. The Indian boys intensely disliked the hard work and would loaf on the job as soon as the supervisor turned his back. Work was the reason for dissatisfaction and for runaways. But they enjoyed sports, games and singing, especially the patriotic songs like "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "Hail Columbia." One inspector remarked, "If only they would take to work like they do to play, they would soon be the most advanced people in the whole world!" (That sounds like many boys today.)

Personal problems included bed wetting, not wanting to bathe more than once a month, and having to change underwear once a week. The superintendents pleaded for understanding because of the difficulty in getting the Indian boys to change from their old habits. The records are very detailed and found in St. Joseph's College which took over Drexel Hall when the Indian school closed in 1896.

The local newspaper, the Rensselaer Republican, told of the Indian team winning ball-games and how a fight broke out in 1891 when the Remington team got behind. The Indians left the field while groups of white men insulted and hit each other with umbrellas and fists. The fracas was blamed on drinking and betting. Eventually things quieted down and the Indians returned and won by 18 to 7.

The Indians excelled in individual contests at the County Fair and Fourth of July celebrations. The Rensselaer Republican reported that Ernest Oshkosh won the first prize of \$5 in the 100 yard dash and a \$15 prize for the 500 yard dash. The baseball club, the Young Americans of the Indian School, beat Monon 14 to 4

An inspector thought "there must be some kind of electric current in their limbs." If they had nothing else to do, they would just scream out loud (think Indian yells), "kick backwards and

forwards like young colts and just plain rough house it here and there." This together with occasional rabbit hunts and visits to the swimming hole in the nearby Iroquois River helped to make life bearable between long dreary sessions of prayer, study and work. The schedule required them to rise at 5:30 a.m. and retire at 8 p.m.

## St. Joseph's Indian School Building Saved

If you inherited millions of dollars, what would you do with it?

Millionaire Kate Drexel built more than 100 schools for Indians and blacks using her inheritance. She became a nun in 1889 and was canonized in 2000. She donated \$50,000 to build a big building for St. Joseph's Indian Normal School at Rensselaer.

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The Indiana Landmarks Foundation photograph, provided by Judy Kanne, Jasper County Historian, shows Drexel Hall in 1890 with Indian boys lined up in front and recently, inset, after renovation.

It was a Catholic boarding school for Indian boys with space for 70 boys, their classrooms, playroom (like a gym), dormitory, kitchen, a small chapel, and rooms for the superintendent and a teacher or two and around six nuns who ran the kitchen. An inspector's report said there were 29 rooms in all.

Records of the Indian school are now on the St. Joseph's College archives. It was a contract school, paid for via a contract with the U.S. Government. At first it took in boys as old as 24 but later accepted only ages 14 to 18. Usually it had 60 students.

A Protestant group, the American Protective Association, influenced President Benjamin Harrison to appoint an openly anti-Catholic Commissioner of Indian affairs who announced the end of sectarian contractor government-subsidized Catholic schools. In 1891 the Commissioners of

Indian affairs broke relations with the Bureau for Catholic Indian Missions. In the same year Kate Drexel became Mother Katharine Drexel, founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People. Congress passed measures to withdraw funding so that by 1896 many contract schools were closed, including St. Joseph's Indian Normal School, Rensselaer.

The Society of Precious Blood purchased the Indian school in 1899 and donated it to St. Joseph's College in 1921.

The building is a red brick structure with the ground floor made of sandstone. It was built in a square, 80 feet on each side. The square courtyard in the center is 30 feet on each side. The building served as an Indian school for only eight years 1888 to 1896. It was not changed until 1937 when it was remodeled to serve as a residence hall for St. Joseph's College.

After St. Joseph's Indian School closed in 1896 the building was used as a mission house for priests and brothers of the Society of the Precious Blood, sponsors of St. Joseph's College.

It served as Drexel Hall, a men's dormitory from 1937 to 1978. Then came years of abandonment and neglect. Stories of the happy times the college students had at Drexel Hall are on the Internet and scary initiations of freshman and tales of it being haunted.

Drexel Hall is the oldest surviving former Indian school building east of the Mississippi River, and it was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

Efforts to save it led to the formation of the HPAJC - Historic Preservation Association of Jasper County, led by Judy Kane, retired professor and Jasper County Historian. The college, the HPAJC, and Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana worked to get grants. Drexel Hall was named on a "10 Most Endangered List." A \$500,000 grant came from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development in 2001. Grants also came from the Indiana Department of Commerce Community Focus Fund, Lilly endowment and others.

While regretting the history of Indian schools that moved young Indians from their homes to a school in northwest Indiana, Kane remarked that "it is a part of our nation's history." And it is a beautiful structure unusual in its architecture and history. The renovated first floor offers modern, well lit office space. It first served the Rensselaer Adult Learning Center and then became home for the Division of Institutional Advancement. Funds are needed to restore upper floors for retreats and meetings.

A historical marker on the east side of US Highway 231 across from St. Joseph's College main entrance, south of Rensselaer, was erected by the Indiana Historical Society in 1971. "St. Joseph's Indian Normal School 1888 - 1896. Erected by the Bureau Catholic Indian Missions with funds from Katharine Drexel and operated by the Society of the Precious Blood with federal funds, 60 Indian boys from distant reservations were annually trained here."

## St. Joseph's College President Resigns Before Closing

The president of St. Joseph's College, Robert Pastoor, submitted his letter of resignation effective May 12, 2017, just before the closing of the Catholic liberal arts school. In February, the college board of trustees voted to suspend operations at the end of the academic year which ended with the commencement on May 6. Pastoor became president two years ago. Trustee Chairman Ben Spoonseller said in a news release that Pastoor's "term came at a very difficult time in the 128 year history of the college." Pastoor said he didn't learn of the extent of the college's financial problems until after his term started. The college is \$27 million in debt and had been operating at a deficit for years. Recent reports indicate people are working hard to reopen St. Joseph's College in a couple of years.

### Update April 2018:

On April 30, 2018, Fr. Barry Fischer, rector for St. Joe's, told on Facebook that the school's Phoenix Team - a group of 17 remaining staff members charged with preserving the grounds and finding a new mission for the college - hopes to partner with Marian University in Indianapolis for a two-year college. The earliest things could happen would be the fall of 2019.

### Help coming from Chicago Bears:

Mike Ditka, famed Chicago Bears coach, will be honored at Purple Tie Dinner June 9, 2018, at Rensselaer. Proceeds will be used to renovate Schwietermann Hall, which can accommodate 264 students when the college reopens. From 1944 to 1974, the Chicago Bears held their training camp at Saint Joseph's College.

The 1971 film Brian's Song—about Brian Piccolo, a Chicago Bears running back who died from carcinoma in the 1970s—was filmed on campus. Hall of Fame linebacker Dick Butkus was seen out on a tractor in the cornfield adjacent to the campus. The College football all-star game was played at the College's football stadium, Alumni Stadium, for many years. ■

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Returning from a successful day of walleye fishing on Lake Erie from left to right are Roger Steidel from Medina, OH, Jay Bickley from Lakeshore, OH, Skippers Lyle and Bob Boytim and Ray Steidel from Willowick, OH. (Author Photo)



Larry Minges group from Okeana, Ohio. They caught their limit of walleye while casting aboard "Emily K" with Boytim Charter Service. (Boytim Charter Service Lake Erie, Marblehead, OH 419-798-5445 Photo)

## Fishing on Lake Erie With Skippers Bob & Lyle Boytim

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

Reprinted Fishing Trip With Boytim Charter

In June 2015 Bob Boytim invited me to fish with him on Lake Erie. I had such a good time with him and his brother Lyle Boytim I want to reprint it here. I don't get to fish very often, too busy, but memories last for ever. I arrived at Shrock's Marina where they keep their charter boats, right on time the morning of June 21st.

Skippers Bob, Lyle and Ned Boytim operate Boytim Charter Service. They are lifelong residents of Marblehead, each is a longtime holder of a U.S.C.G Operator's License.

The Boytim's have three fishing boats: Bob's is the "Anna" a 28 ft Bertram, Lyle's is the Bethanne" a 32 ft BHM and Ned's is the Emily K a 32 ft BHM fishing boat. Our fishing trip was on Lyle's Bethanne, with Lyle at the helm. That way Bob could spend more time taking care of his guests every need. It worked out great, what a day we had fishing on Lake Erie.

Since I couldn't find anyone to go to Lake Erie with me, Bob invited three fishermen to accompany us on our fishing trip. They were twin brothers, Ray and Roger Steidel and Jay Bickley, we all met at the dock.

As the boat continued to rise and fall continually for a while, this land lubber was very happy he took the Dramamine.

Bob said, "We're in Canada now." I asked him how he could tell, he replied, "didn't you see the two-yellow stripes as we crossed the border, just a while ago in the water? That was the border." He started laughing as I looked at him. I replied, "yeah, right."

At 9:27 a.m. Roger who was fishing at the back of the boat yelled, fish on as his rod bent down, Bob grabbed a net and placed it under the walleye as Roger reeled it in. This one was a big walleye.

Roger Steidel still fishing at the back of the boat caught another walleye at 11:15 a.m., it was a bit short so it was released back into the lake.

Jay Bickley fishing on the left side of the boat caught a real nice walleye at 11:38 a.m.

Roger Steidel caught another keeper walleye at 11:47 a.m.

The walleye were beginning to be caught. Bob was right when he told me the walleye were in the water.

Ray Steidel caught his first walleye at 12:14 p.m., this time on the right side, but near to the back corner of the boat.

The large cooler I sat on during most of the trip was being opened more often and walleye dropped into it.

Lyle Boytim caught his first walleye at 12:28 p.m., he was fishing from his seat near the boat steering wheel, out a door on the starboard side. It was a real nice walleye.

Not to be out done by his brother Lyle, Bob Boytim caught a real nice walleye at 12:56 p.m. fishing on the starboard side back on the rear deck.

Roger Steidel still fishing at the rear of the boat hooked into a big walleye at 1:57 p.m.. Jay grabbed a net and got the walleye in it as he hefted it into the back of the boat.

Jay caught a walleye at 2:10 p.m. it was a keeper.

Jay Bickley caught another walleye at 2:55 p.m. fishing at the back end of the boat.

At 2:56 p.m. Ned Boytim, Bob and Lyle's brother, came in sight of my camera, he had a group of fishermen on the Emily K, also a 32 foot BHM fishing boat similar to the one we were on. All day long I could hear Lyle talking to Ned and other fishermen on the radio passing along information and receiving it on the days fishing.

Jay landed a real nice walleye at 3:27 p.m. fishing at the rear of the boat.

Lyle caught his second walleye at 3:29 p.m. still fishing from his seat at the steering wheel. Lyle spent a lot of his time moving the boat back to where we started drifting earlier, then telling us about the depth of water, depth the fish were being located and the numbers of fish on the depth finder screen, that was located near his seat. From time to time he would tell us to pull our lines in that he was moving to another location. I began to see how important a radio was to have when you have friends fishing there too.

At 3:33 p.m. Jay hooked another walleye, Ray Steidel grabbed a net and helped Jay bring his walleye on board.

While I was taking a photo of Lyle and his white bass someone caught a walleye in the rear of the boat



Jay Bickley caught this hefty walleye, Bob Boytim is on his left and Ray Steidel, at his right helped bring it aboard with the landing net. (Author Photo)

at 3:54 p.m. Roger was removing it from the net sitting between Bob and Ray. I think it was Ray because in the next photo he was picking it up from the deck. It was a real nice walleye.

At 4:04 p.m. Jay hooked another fish and was having a time getting it to the boat. Roger grabbed the net and lifted the really nice walleye into the boat. As we headed south I walked to the front of the boat so I could look out the the front windows. Bob came up next to me and pointed out some things on the nearby islands as we passed them. After a while I asked him if we were back in Ohio yet, I told him I hadn't seen the two yellow stripes in the water indicating the border yet. He laughed and told me we were back in Ohio.

Before leaving Bob told me they all took a vote, they all wanted me to take the walleye home with me. I protested, but not too much. Before leaving Bob took me to another business they own nearby where he had the walleye cleaned, packed with ice and ready for the trip home. I and some of my friends dined on those walleye for some time.

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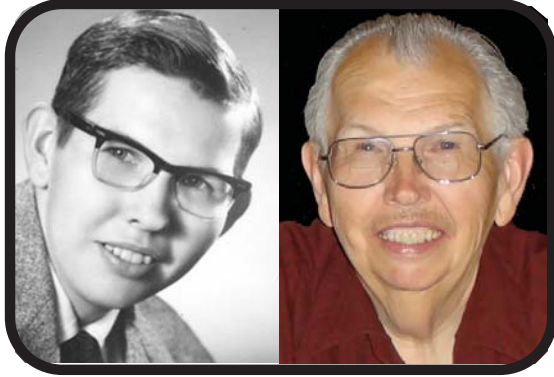
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Left to Right: Front Row (Sitting) - Bill Harrison and Coach Keith Castelluccio; Second Row (Standing) - (Unknown), Bill Beard, Mary Lou "Wickersham" Loudy, Don Cook, Sally "Jarrett" Cook, Barbara Widau and Les Slinker. Third Row (Standing) - Don Jobe, Bob Blue, Ron Harris, Bill Burris, Myron Higgins and (Unknown). Fourth Row (Standing) Raymond Meek, Irvin Toschlog, Paul "Pete" Widau and Dan Woolard. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

## Centerville, Indiana 1953 Basketball Team Reunion April 11, 2018

I got an invitation to attend the 65th Anniversary Dinner being held at the MCL Cafeteria in Richmond Indiana on April 11, 2018 from 1953 Senior Class President, Ron Harris.

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

When I got to the MCL Cafeteria I was pleasantly surprised to see so many in attendance. (See photo above for the list of names of those in attendance.)

Both Basketball coaches were in attendance this time, Les Slinker (age 96) and Keith Castelluccio (age 92). I remember them both well.

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

Since writing about the 1953 basketball team in The Gad-a-bout and Western Wayne Newspaper,

I've been told by classes since 1953 that they had the most winning basketball team. It doesn't really matter who claims that title, it stands to reason that all those attending CHS would claim the title, as they should.

The 1953 Basketball Team won 21 of 23 games in the 1952-53 season. They lost to Knighstown in the regular season and lost to Richmond in the final game of the Richmond Sectional.

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

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

Unfortunately this year the dinner fell on my delivery day, I took enough time out of my delivery schedule to attend long enough to get the above photo, but then I had to vamoose (leave).



Both 1953 Centerville Basketball Coaches attended this reunion. On the left is Keith Castelluccio (age 92) who coached the "B" team. On the right is Les Slinker (age 96) who coached the "A" team. Both had exceptional teams in 1953. My brother, Bob Dickerson and my first cousin Jerry Nuss were members of the "B" team. Both liked Keith Castelluccio and Les Slinker. Jerry was a Freshman and the tallest on the "B" team. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Kate Benjamin took her first Turkey, it weighed 28 lbs, had a 10" beard and 25mm spurs in Wayne County. (Submitted by Jerry Benjamin Jr via e-mail) "That's a dandy Kate, Ray"



Aiden Selig took his first turkey on April 21st and his first deer this year as well. Congratulations to Aiden on a successful year of hunting! (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



This is Griffin Chambers pictured with his first turkey taken on April 21st. Congratulations to Griffin for taking his first turkey! (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



This is Rylan Schultz pictured with his first turkey taken on April 21st. Congratulations to Rylan on taking his first turkey! (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Tyler Frame's 8 year old daughter, Bowi took this 22 lb. Turkey with a 20 yard crossbow shot. It had a 10" beard and .22 spurs. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Danielle Wilcox took this 19 pound Turkey in Union County April 29, 2018. (Dave's Triangle, Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Mary and Scott Freeman, 11 year old twins each took a Turkey the first morning of youth season in Union County. (Photo submitted by Joe Henry.)



Mason Blair and Bruce Foutch caught these fifteen crappie and one walleye in Brookville Lake on May 12, 2018. (Dave's Triangle, Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)

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**Spring Cleaning Clearance.**

Save up to 60% on select items. Scopes, Hunting Lights, Cleaning Kits, Binoculars, Turkey Hunting Supplies and More are included.

**Tannerite 15% off**



| Description        | Caliber             | Sale Price |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Woodsman or Timber | Various             | \$899.99   |
| Ridge              | .308 Win or 6.5 Crd | \$749.99   |
| HMR                | .308 Win or 6.5 Crd | \$949.99   |
| Premier HMR Pro    | .308 Win or 6.5 Crd | \$1649.99  |



HODGDON

**Reloading Powder Sale**

|       |         |              |         |
|-------|---------|--------------|---------|
| WC760 | \$17.99 | IMR4320      | \$18.99 |
| WSH   | \$16.99 | CFE223       | 17.99   |
| H4831 | \$19.99 | HI-SKOR 800X | \$17.99 |
| WC296 | \$17.99 | HI-SKOR 700X | \$16.99 |



**YOUTH EVENT**

June 30th. 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.  
Contact Ryan at the store for details



NEW Glock 17, 21, 22, 23 Gen 3

Purchase a Gen 3 Glock and receive a box of ammunition and a Bore Boss Clean Snake (\$30 value)



Glock 21 .45 ACP Police Trade-ins with 3 magazines \$399.99 Cash only. Extra magazines available \$20.00 per magazine.



135 count Clay Pigeons  
\$10.99

250 rounds of 12 Gauge Estate or Federal shotshells for \$55.00



**AMMO SALE**

| Manufacturer     | Caliber                | Sale Price per 1000 RDS |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| CCI Blazer Brass | .9MM 115 or 124 Gr     | \$200                   |
| CCI Blazer Brass | .45 ACP 230 Gr         | \$350                   |
| CCI Blazer Brass | .40 S&W 165 & 180 Gr   | \$320                   |
| Federal          | AE223J, .223 55Gr FMJ  | \$300                   |
| Federal          | XM193 5.56 55 Gr FMJ   | \$350                   |
| Federal          | RTP .38 SPL 130 Gr     | \$280                   |
| Federal          | RTP .22LR 40 Gr LRN    | \$27.99/500 Rds         |
| Federal          | RTP .380 ACP 95 Gr FMJ | \$280                   |
| Federal          | RTP .5.56 55 Gr FMJ    | \$300                   |
| Remington        | Sluggers 20 Ga         | \$2.75/5 Rds            |