

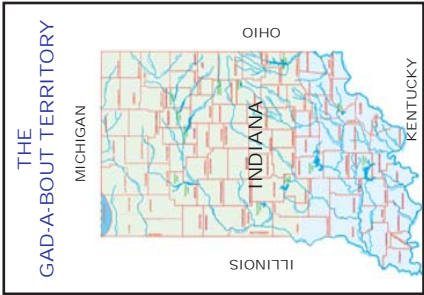
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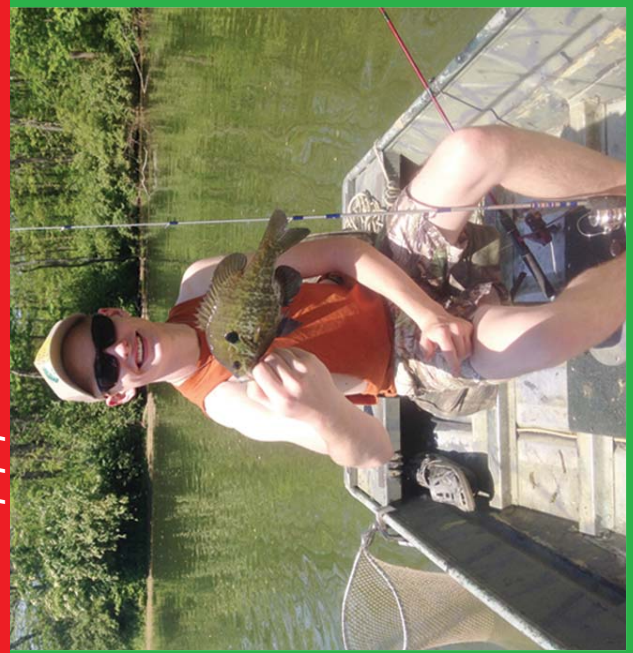
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Top Right: On the left is Frank Wyant and on the right is Bud Denneman. I stopped to talk to them last year at Renfro's Hunting Show. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Left: Cole King is planning on fishing more this Spring. (Photo by Cole King)

Bottom Right: Army Veteran Chuck Lee and Ringco have developed a newer "TUC" tracked utility chair for disabled veterans better suited for all terrain movement. See pages 8-9 (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Deer Whistle: I use the deer whistle that is shown on

the cover of this issue. This whistle works, I am living proof of it. I have seen deer, raccoon, rabbits, squirrel, ground hog, fox, coyote, opossum and skunk leave the roadway or stop from entering the roadway in front of me. The only business I know in my area, other than the manufacturer that sell this whistle is Mendenhall's Hardware located at 125 S.W. 5th in Richmond, IN. You might want to call 765-962-4842 to make sure they aren't sold out before you go.

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson

HERE IS A REMINDER OF TWO OF THE BEST ROCK & GEM SHOWS WILL BE HAPPENING SOON, SEE BELOW

For as long as I can remember I have been a rock hound and my wife comes in a close second. We have rocks galore in cans, buckets and strewn around the yard. We attend these shows annually.

The Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society, Inc. 45th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil Show & Sale will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in the Kuhlman Center March 2-4, 2018 at 861 North Salisbury Rd, Richmond, IN.

Those wanting to set up a booth at this show needs to contact John Lamont by calling 765-647-4894. For other information call Judy Burton at 937-339-1966.

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I hope to see you at these shows. Part of the fun attending these shows is seeing familiar faces.



Graham Hanson lives in Raunds, England. This photo was taken on the coast at Filey, North Yorkshire. On the left is Pirate (who likes to be photographed holding things) and on the right is Milo (Milo passed away a couple years ago). (Graham Hanson Photo)

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Young fellow in Fountain City area wanting to sell the trailer in adjacent ad on this page and a 100,000 BTU Used Luxaire 2 Stage Furnace and Air Condition Unit, Package Deal, see on page 19. **I HAVE A NEW FRIEND WHO LIVES IN ENGLAND - GRAHAM HANSON**

I rarely get to spend much time on facebook, but do have several facebook groups I enjoy visiting occasionally. One is RAF Chelveston which was originated by Hank Howard who was stationed at RAF Chelveston about the time I was there.

On January 23, 2018 I signed onto RAF Chelveston's group page and read a message from Graham Hanson thanking Hank for adding him to the page. The message came from Raunds, England.

I took a second look, Raunds, England! He said he had a passion for exploring the history of disused and neglected airfields and named most of the ones I was familiar with over there.

Since I entered the computer era and having access to satellite imagery I have searched the Raunds area trying to find the Red Lion Inn, Chelveston and all the places I visited in the nearly 3 years I was stationed in England.

Seeing his post was like a breath of fresh air, wondering if I could finally learn what I've been wondering about all the years in between now and February 1963 when I left England.

I commented on his post asking if the Red Lion Inn was still in Raunds. He responded immediately sending me a photo of the current Red Lion Inn.

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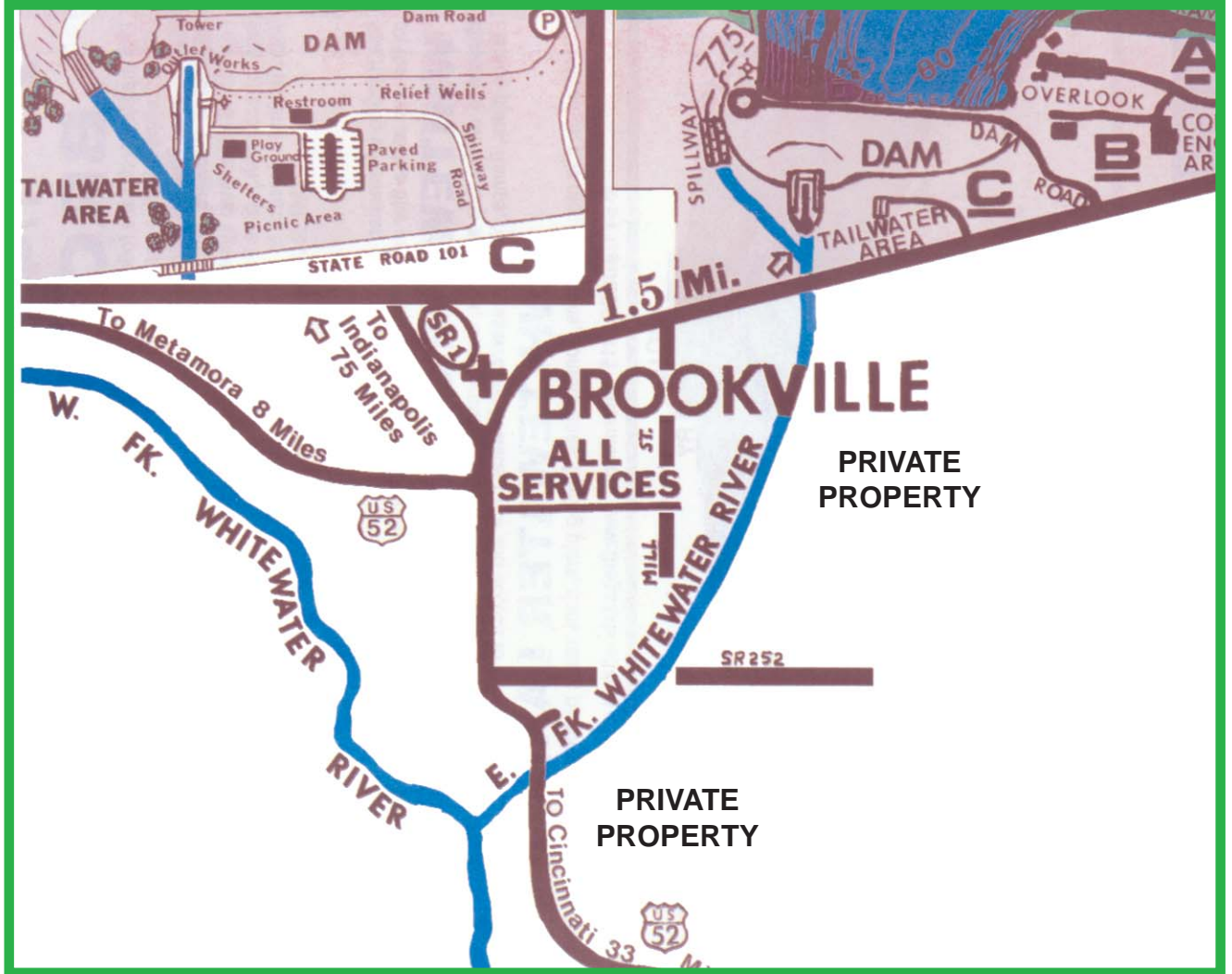
by Tag Nobbe

Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville Lake Tailwater Area in March

Finally, winter is behind us. Are you ready, is the boat ready, I know I'm ready. Man, this year seemed like it was colder and longer than years past. I guess that's a sign of the times.

March is that month in the year where things start to change. Brookville Lake has been held at 740 feet above sea level since last October. What this means is the lake is going to rise 8 feet starting in March and extending into April. With the rising water level comes rising water temperatures. This is all influenced by not only rising water levels, but longer days as well.



Brookville Lake Tailwater Area from Brookville Dam south to where East and West forks of Whitewater River join. (Map drawn by Ray Dickerson)

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From the dam to SR 101 bridge is government owned. From 101 bridge to the town park is privately owned. The entire park section is owned and maintained by the town of Brookville. From the lower end of the park to where the East Fork of the river meets the West Fork of the Whitewater River is all privately owned by the people who bought and pay taxes on it, so be mindful of where you are and get permission when needed.

For most of the fish caught out of this stretch of river you can catch, keep, clean, and eat them year-round if you have a valid fishing license. If trout fishing is your thing then get ready, this stretch of river is stocked with rainbow and brown trout both. What

you will need is a valid fishing licenses and a trout stamp. The rules are such. Trout season opens the last Saturday in April and runs through December 31st of the same year. Trout season is closed January 1st till the last Saturday in April in the same year. What this means is that if trout season is open you can keep clean and eat the trout, if its closed you must release the trout back into the river. One of the great aspects of this trout fishery is that it's a put and take stream. The state puts them in, and you as fisherman can take them out.

Another bonus, if you are an Indiana resident and were born before April 1st, 1943 you don't need a fishing license or trout stamp either one, all you need is a fishing pole and the will to do it. It would probably be a good idea to have your drivers license to prove it though. The state also says if you are a resident or nonresident under the age of 18 you don't need a fishing license or trout stamp either. Keep in mind the creel limits and times of year you can keep trout still apply. You can fish this river with any type of fishing rod, any style of hook, you can use flies, lures, or live bait. Thank god you can still do whatever you want.

As far as the lake goes what you're looking for is the warmer water. This is all controlled by the influx of the sun and running water coming into the lake from streams and creeks. After a long cold winter of living in the deep water all the fish are going to want to move shallow. They will seek out the warmest water to come out of this lethargic state they have been living in for the past few months. Try to stick with baits that resemble bait fish, or better yet use live minnows. In the early spring like this fish won't

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Buying a Car on Craigs List or Facebook - Buyer Beware

It's the tax season, the time of the year when a lot of folks take the opportunity to apply their tax refund towards the purchase of a new or used vehicle. Before buying that vehicle from a private seller online from Facebook, Craigs list or some other sales site, according to ISP investigators, there are steps you can take to help avoid being a victim of fraud.

ISP Investigators recently took a fraud report from a man who had purchased a vehicle delivered to him here in Indiana from an out of state seller. The seller had provided a VIN, or vehicle identification number, over the phone, so the seller could take it to his bank for a loan. The bank verified the VIN was for a 2009 Chevy truck, which was what he thought he was buying, and they gave him the loan.

The out of state seller demanded cash only, and even demanded to meet the prospective buyer at the buyers local police department parking lot when he delivered the truck, "just to be safe." When they met the seller handed the buyer the title and quickly wanted his money. The seller gave the truck a quick "once over" and as soon as the money hit the sellers hand he left in another vehicle.

Once the buyer took the title to his local BMV, he found the VIN on the title was not the same one provided over the phone by the seller. Instead the VIN on the title and truck was for a 2007 Chevy truck with over 200,000 miles on it, not 67,000 miles, like the odometer said! It turned out the con man seller had purchased the truck from the original owner in another state, rolled back the odometer, and then assumed the original owners identity when he listed the truck on a sales site.

Some simple steps could've avoided this seller being a victim. Investigators and professionals agree, just because you're buying off of a private individual, you should never give in to high pressure sales tactics to "get the deal done." Take your time to look the vehicle over just as you would at a car dealer.

Compare the VIN# on the title with the one on the vehicle, to make sure they match. The VIN can usually be found on a small plate at the bottom of the dashboard on the driver's side, visible from the outside through the windshield, or on a plate on the driver side front door. Look the title over and make sure the name on the title matches that of the seller. Have the seller show you an official ID, and if possible, photograph it. If the name on the ID and title don't match then it's not a clear title, so don't buy it.

Before buying take the vehicle to a third party mechanic to make sure the miles on the odometer match the wear and tear visible on the vehicle. Along those lines, ask for maintenance records/receipts and run a Carfax check on the vehicle. In fact, make sure to ask a lot of questions about the vehicle and always ask why they are selling it?

Make sure to get a signed bill of sale and never pay in cash. Experts agree its ok to make a small deposit in cash, but always pay the bulk of the price with a cashier's check or money order. If the vehicle gets delivered to you, take a photo of the

license plate of the car that picks up your seller.

Finally, if the seller doesn't agree to any of these terms, or gets "nervous," nix the deal and move onto the next one. Know that "the bad guys" read articles like this too, and they won't always under price their vehicle, as they also know the old saying "if the deal seems too good to be true, then it probably isn't." So was the case of the victim mentioned earlier in this story, as he paid what would've been fair market price for a 2009 truck with 67,000 miles-unfortunately he ended up buying a 2007 truck with over 200,000 miles.

You can go to web sites like Kelly Blue Book kbb.com or others to see what a fair market price would be on the vehicle you're looking at. So the story remains the same, as always, buyer beware, or maybe better stated, buyers be better educated about buying privately, along with being wary and asking questions!

ISP Taking Trooper Applications Through 2/25

The Indiana State Police are still accepting applications for the 78th Recruit Academy, through 2/25 at 11:59 p.m. Individuals who are interested in beginning a rewarding career and way of life as an Indiana State Trooper may apply online at <http://www.in.gov/isp/2368.htm>.

Basic Eligibility Requirements and consideration factors for an Indiana State Trooper:

1. Must be a United States citizen.
2. Must be at least 21 and less than 40 years of age when appointed as a police employee. (Appointment date is **December 13, 2018**)
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6. Must be a high school graduate as evidenced by a diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED).

The starting salary for an Indiana State Police Department Recruit is \$1,615.39 bi-weekly during the academy training. At the completion of acad-

emy training, the starting salary is \$48,000.00 a year, with raises each year thereafter. ISP offers a health care plan, which includes medical, dental, vision and pharmacy coverage for both current and retired employees, along with their families, until reaching age 65.

The Indiana State Police pension program provides a lifetime pension after 25 years of service. Student loan forgiveness programs are also being offered at this time through the following: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

Getting hired as an Indiana State Trooper isn't easy, but as I said many years ago on a radio commercial, "If you think you have what it takes," go to our web site and apply online from the comfort of your home - we will be in touch. ■

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

Point on Success Indiana NASP

So we are almost a quarter of the way through the year already, and already hoping for some warmer weather. With this cold, cabin fever can set in and adults and kids alike can get frustrated with being cooped inside. To some on the other hand this isn't a problem. Some find being cooped inside is a good thing because it allows them to enjoy what they do; to whom I am going to speak about here.

This article concerns a program that has radically increased since its introduction in 2005. During that year, Indiana started a program named NASP, or National Archery in the Schools program. The pro-



NASP Tournament. (Reprinted here with permission of Indiana NASP)

gram itself started in Kentucky in 2002, when Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources wanted to introduce archery as a sport within their school system.

Here is a brief breakdown of how the program is conducted. Every year, participating schools practice throughout the winter months. Starting in January, schools participate and conduct qualifying archery events. These events are scored by a proctor to keep it biased and the scores are submitted to the state coordinators. Based upon what either a team or single archer scores, they can qualify for the Indiana State NASP Tournament. The state tournament has been traditionally conducted in March. Again the scores are compiled, and qualifying scores (teams) are invited to the National NASP Tournament, traditionally conducted in Louisville, Kentucky. The team scores are compiled and qualifying scores are invited to the World NASP Tournament.

Back to Indiana's history, in 2005 the program wasn't huge but quickly grew in attraction. In just two years the program grew to include multiple schools around the state and even a state tournament was introduced. The state tournament included 8 schools, with 170 archers (shooters) attending. Out of the 8 schools that attended, 7 of them qualified and attended the National NASP tournament.

The program continued through the years, and grew exponentially from then on. In 2017 the program grew to include over 400 schools statewide. The State Tournament included over 2000 archers (shooters) and was conducted at the state fairgrounds. Out of that, 70 of the schools qualified and competed in the National Tournament in Kentucky.

Of those, 39 Indiana schools qualified and competed in the World Tournament in Orlando, Florida. Out of the teams competing in the World Tournament, Indiana finished within the top 10 in the elementary and middle school team division. In the high school division, a team finished within the top 15. This is a true testament of how Indiana has taken this program and truly evolved it.

At the time of writing this article, schools are conducting their qualifying shoots for the 2018 State NASP Tournament. The tournament will be March 10th at the state fairgrounds, and anyone wishing to attend need only to make the drive and root for their local team or archer. I will be at the state tournament this year and eager to root on, not just one team but everyone for their achievement and dedication to the program.

Although the program is competitive, as you can read from the layout of the tournaments, the archers I have personally spoken and interacted with enjoy it. They enjoy being able to get their Mathews Genesis bow out and just shoot. Some have taken this opportunity to advance their archery skills and in turn use them for hunting purposes. Another benefit is the program doesn't limit or exclude archers. I have seen archers compete that are limited in their physical abilities from walking to sight. The way the program and regulations are designed, greatly reduces the chances of injury.

So how can you become involved in NASP? This is a great question. If your school already has a NASP program, then you will need to complete the Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) course in order to teach. A list of training can be located online at www.naspbai.org. If a course is not being conducted and you wish to be trained, visit <https://www.naspschools.org/about/coordinators> to contact the local NASP coordinator.

If your school does not currently have NASP, you can visit <https://www.naspschools.org/> for more information and how to get your school started in the program.

As always Stay Safe Indiana! ■

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TUC (TRACKED UTILITY CHAIR)
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Charles "Chuck" Lee aboard the TUC (Tracked Utility Chair), who was one of the first recipients of an all-terrain chair due to injuries while serving his country in the U.S. Army from 1988 to 1997. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

(Indiana native, Chuck Lee, began his Army career with the 82nd Airborne in 1988 before completing his training as an Army Ranger in 1990. Throughout his career he was deployed to both Panama ('89-90), and later Iraq ('90-91). After the Iraq deployment he enlisted in the US Army National Guard and served from 1991-1997. After 9 years of service to our country, Chuck retired 1997 on full disability as a result of both his time as a paratrooper and later exposure to chemical weapons in Iraq. As his health worsened, he spent time hospitalized from 2000-2005. As a result of his hospitalization, and the pain and disabilities that Chuck experienced post-service, he has dedicated his time and energies to the service of oth-

Chuck Lee Biography

Mornings began early on the farm. Chuck made his way through the dew-soaked grass to the barn. He gazed out at the field, soybeans this year, flourishing in the late spring rain. Next year there'd be corn, much more fun to run through with friends or find some time to himself. Even as a young boy, he thought of how the warm days would pass quickly and that in no time he'd be busy back in school, all of his free time spent harvesting. He refreshed hay for the cattle and tossed grain into the hog feeder. He loved this farm, this country. He watched his dad repair the tractor again and wondered if this would be his life, as well. Whatever God had planned for him would be enough.

By the time another decade of too-short-summers with row crop rotations, calving, and countless piglets had passed, Chuck was answering a call to the military. He graduated from that small Brown County high school and enlisted in the US Army



From left to right ring-co™ Team: 1. Tricia Ringer, 2. Chad Ringer, 3. Jarrett Waters, 4. Charles "Chuck" Lee and 5. Annette Lee. See additional information about Team Members on page 9. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

ers. From 2005-2006, he served as the Associate Pastor of the New Life Community Church in Nashville, Indiana. He began and continues to volunteer for numerous activities and causes for disabled and wounded veterans. In 2010, Chuck, along with his wife Annette founded Freedom for All Mobility, which provides Tracked Chairs for disabled veterans. The company works with multiple

headed for parts unknown and adventures unimaginable. Basic Training began at Ft. Benning, Georgia, giving a new meaning to the humidity he'd experienced growing up in Indiana. Still, the early mornings and hard labor, problem-solving and lean times prepared this young soldier for whatever his commanding officers threw at him. He entered Advanced Individual Training with determination, attended Airborne School, and was assigned Duty Station at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina with the 82nd Airborne where he was Weapons Specialist/Armor for Delta Company and Squad Leader for Charlie Company. The summers could be unbearably humid in Indiana and Georgia, but pre-Ranger jungle training in Panama (and Operation Just Cause) was a whole new world. Chuck, true to his nature, persevered and became an Army Ranger at the tender age of 20. As if training and combat would allow any age to be called "tender."

Chuck continued his service with almost a year in Iraq for Operation Invasion Kuwait/Desert

Shield/Desert Storm. Once again, "hot" took on a whole new meaning. The desert forged into Chuck's heart the loyalty to his country and her cause that still motivates him today. Airborne Ranger Team Leader Chuck Lee returned to the country he loved and the farm he'd actually missed and enlisted in the US Army National Guard. Eight years separate Chuck and his younger brother, Chad, and when Chuck left for the Army, Chad was just a boy. Upon coming home, the brothers had a chance to become friends. They traveled together throughout the mid-west team roping, Chuck making money on the side as a farrier. This was a pivotal time in their relationship, as both boys followed different career paths as men.

Hard work was elemental to Chuck's DNA, and during this season of life, he also took classes at Ivy Tech and Indiana University. Although Chuck had returned home, the battle remained. This time, he encountered physical and emotional attacks as a result of service as a paratrooper and exposure to nerve gas (Sarin). Chuck fought and continues to

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- 2. Chad Ringer - Co-Founder and President** Chad is a proven team leader with direct experience in all areas of mobile design, from concept to production. Chad is efficient, practical, and systematic toward his work. He is a big-picture thinker that is able to quickly turn the ideas of a team into a detailed and scripted strategic plan. As an owner of RING-CO LLC, Chad functions as the creative engine that sparks new ideas, plans, and strategies.
- 3. Jarrett Waters - Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer** Jarrett is a mechanical engineer that is able to bring a project from concept to launch. His direct experience with startups and established businesses gives him a unique vantage point to view projects through. He takes a customer-focused approach to new product design, often exceeding expectations. Jarrett's involvement will ensure high levels of quality and accountability.
- 4. Charles "Chuck" Lee - Director of Veteran Affairs** Chuck Lee is a retired Army Ranger who started his career with the 82nd Airborne. Throughout his career he was deployed to both Panama and later Iraq. After the Iraq deployment, he served with the US Army National Guard. Chuck retired in 1997 on full disability. Through his disability and past experience with other track chairs, Chuck brings invaluable usability knowledge to product development as well as connecting and navigating through the veteran community.
- 5. Annette Lee - Veteran Affairs** Annette, along with her husband, Chuck, volunteer for numerous activities and causes for disabled and wounded veterans and work with multiple non-profits, which support the disabled veteran community.

fight degenerative arthritis in his legs, and the lasting effects of the chemical damage done to his liver and gastrointestinal system. Chuck drew his strength from his faith in the Lord and His plan for his life.

One summer evening, Chuck and his friends were visiting a local club when a blond across the bar caught his attention. He asked her to dance, then Chuck and Annette spent the rest of the evening talking in the back of the club. By the time the young couple realized how late it was (the club was closing), Chuck's friends had headed out and Annette gave him a ride home. He asked her out and the two went to see fireworks the next day. Within two years, those fireworks had sparked a friendship and a bond that caused Chuck to take Annette as his wife and life partner. The spunky independence, fierce loyalty, outgoing energy, and sweet beauty that first attracted him to Annette, still binds their love and faithfulness today, twenty-two years later.

The Lord blessed Chuck with a mate that could support him in weakness and complement his strengths. This devotion was tested when Chuck was practically bed-ridden with combat injuries and unremitting illness. More than ever before, Chuck leaned on his Lord, his wife, and the Mayo Clinic medical treatments he underwent. He battled for the life that he knew was in his Father's hands with a new resolve. Clearly God was not finished with Chuck's story. When Chuck had recovered enough

to leave the hospital, nearly five years later, he'd discovered a new purpose. The mission from his Commanding Officer was service to his fellow veterans.

When Chuck was one of the first to be awarded an all-terrain chair through the Independence Fund, he and Annette founded a business named Freedom For All Mobility with the intention of providing more veterans with the hope and independence that the tracked chair had afforded him. Chuck and Annette saw the opportunity to improve upon comfort and dependability and sought out a business that could help them realize this dream.

Chuck was introduced to Ring-Co when he learned that a friend's daughter was dating an engineer that was a co-founder of an innovative little start-up company. Chuck met with the team and excitedly, conflictly spoke of his passion to save the lives of American veterans who were struggling in the debilitating depression that stems from their disability. He emotionally explained how physical inability paralyzed hope and the desire to live, then joyfully expressed the relief and freedom a tracked chair provided to those stuck inside four walls, or trapped within the memories of what once was. Reiterating one story after another of how the tracked chairs Chuck and Annette had sold changed the lives of his fellow disabled veterans by abating suicidal thoughts and enabling them to enjoy life again, the conflict became apparent. He recognized the value of the chair while fighting the frustration

that it just wasn't better.

Chuck had come that chilly March night in 2016 to a small office in a pole barn in rural Johnson County, but he found himself among a group of entrepreneurs that were able to somehow follow his stories and, motivated by his earnest request, embarked upon a plan to make it excellent.

As Chuck made his appeal to the Ring-Co team, he had no concept of the wheels that had begun to turn, nor the impossible odds of the perfect storm: inspired vision, sharpened insight, well-conditioned experience, providential timing, and the power of one faith. Tricia dove into research on the market, performing interviews and compiling information while Chad and Jarrett began the ground-up design, determining even more uses and markets for the chair. The team adapted a patent-pending quick attach system to the base which included walking-beam suspension and automotive industry standard equipment. Every aspect of the chair that the Ring-Co team presented to Chuck a couple weeks later was designed with input from the elderly, disabled, wounded veterans. Every element of the design was made with scalability. The result was a tracked utility chair beyond what Chuck imagined, but quickly became what he envisioned. Chuck and Annette joined the Ring-Co team as Directors of Veteran Affairs for the startup.

The past year has resulted in development of the chair, but even more development of the team that

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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Annual Bozarth's Fishing Tackle Sale

The end of the tunnel nears as we conclude the winter season and start looking forward to the warmer spring that lies just ahead and the exciting options it brings. As we have dealt with up and down temperatures over the previous month we can only hope the upcoming weeks will provide us with a sense of excitement as we slowly inch closer being able to do all the exciting things we enjoy outdoors and specifically here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash. After talking to several other local establishments and DNR personnel, you get the feeling everyone is starting to gear up a notch in anticipation of the onslaught of visitors that will be ascending upon us over the coming months. One specific event which signifies the official start of the upcoming spring season here at Bozarth's Recreational Resort is our Annual Fishing Tackle Sale which runs from Saturday, March 3rd through Sunday, March 11th.

As mentioned in my previous article, this is a great time to stock up on all your essential fishing tackle needs and take advantage of our best prices of the year. One can expect to find discounts on name brand rods and reels, bulk bags of bobbers, terminal tackle, and many other fishing related items. We will also have several local entrepreneurs on hand displaying and discussing some of their products that are individually made locally here in Indiana. On top of all the great deals, the first 100 paying customers will receive a prize and we will also have a "free to enter gift certificate" drawing that will occur at the conclusion of our sale.

We will once again be hosting free seminars throughout the day on Saturday, March 3rd. This is a great opportunity to learn all the best tips and secrets straight from the pros that compete in tournaments throughout the state as well as nationally. Come learn all you would ever want about topics such as properly tying knots, spider rig fishing, what colors and depth to fish, temperature changes, and many other interesting topics to help gain more knowledge while fishing. Our schedule lineup for the day will kick off at 9:30 a.m. with crappie pro

Charlie Hildreth discussing anything and everything related to crappie fishing. He will be followed up at 10:30 a.m. by Bill Rairden who will be discussing different catfishing strategies along with sharing some Whisker Seeker products which is a new product to this area. We will resume at 1:00 p.m. with Doug Sikora discussing more techniques and tactics on crappie fishing. We conclude the seminar series at 2:00 with a round table discussion to allow an opportunity to have any question answered along with giving you the chance to interact with our speakers to give you all the information needed to become a better fisherman. We will also have a prize drawing following each of the three seminars.

Following is a little more background information on our speakers. Charlie Hildreth resides in Gaston, Indiana, with his wife, Lora. They enjoy spending time with their two daughters and three grandchildren. Charlie serves as Pro Staff member for Outlaw Crappie and Walleye Poles, Cash Propeller, Southern Pro Lures and Nothead Tackle. Fishing the crappie tournament trails since 1993, Charlie has achieved numerous accomplishments, including:

- 11 time Crappie USA Regional Qualifier
- 20 time Crappie USA Classic Qualifier
- 4 time C.A.S.T. Classic Qualifier
- C.A.S.T. National Points Champion 2003 and runner up in 2004
- 2 time Buckeye Crappie Challenge Classic Qualifier
- Indiana Slab Masters Points Champions 2011 and runner up 2013.

Charlie has published feature articles in "The In Fisherman", "Outdoor Journal" and "Crappie World". He has also made TV appearances on the "Midwest Crappie Show" as well as local and regional radio shows. Each spring Charlie does seminars at local, state, and national Fishing & Sporting shows. Additionally, you can find him participating in numerous local and national competitions.

Doug Sikora has likewise many years wrapped up fishing in tournaments and is inundated with knowledge on crappie fishing. He is also a representative for Bobby Garland, Simms, Yeti coolers, and Power



This is angler pro, Charlie Hildreth, along with his wife Lora showing off a few of their crappies caught on the Salamonie Reservoir. Charlie, along with Doug Sikora and Bill Rairden, will be presenting seminars at the Bozarth's Annual Fishing Tackle Sale which runs from March 3rd through March 11th. Charlie will speak at 9:30 a.m. followed by Bill Rairden at 10:30 a.m. and after a small break will be continued at 1:00 p.m. with Doug Sikora then conclude with a roundtable question and answer session at 1:00 on Saturday, March 3rd at Bozarth's Country Store

Pole. Bill Rairden also comes with years of knowledge and tournament fishing and adds a little catfishing knowledge to his portfolio. As you can tell, there will be a wealth of knowledge available to learn some valuable tips and techniques.

To wrap things up I would also like to give all tournament fishermen some dates to mark on your calendars for the upcoming crappie tournament seasons. Here at the Great Lakes of the Wabash we will be hosting the Crappie USA tournament on May 12th on the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. The seminar will be held at Bozarth's Country Store on Friday, May 11th. The Indiana Slab Masters will make their annual return here on Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th for a two day "Super Event" then return on Saturday, September 8th for a "choice of lake" tournament. Lastly, the Bozarth Crappie Tournaments will be held this year on April 21st, June 9th, August 25th, and September 29th. All the Bozarth tournaments will take place on the Salamonie Reservoir with the exception of the last scheduled tournament which will allow fisherman to fish either the Salamonie or Mississinewa Reservoirs. For more information you can contact us at (765) 981-4522.

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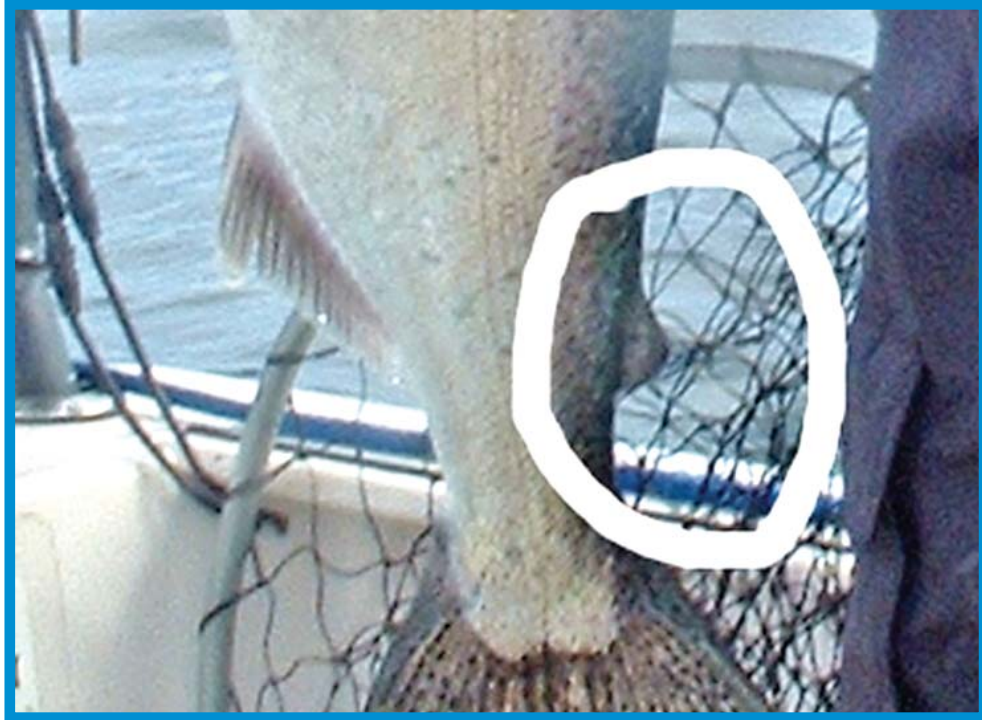
Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

Mass Marking Chinooks Moves Ahead

The first step for fisheries managers trying to determine management strategies for any body of water, from a tiny pond to a Great Lake, is to take a "census" of the fish population present. They need to know what's there, how many and other details. Only then can they compare those numbers with



The intact adipose fin on this chinook shows it was spawned in the wild. (Author Photo)

it was naturally spawned in a tributary stream somewhere.

Eventually, it became apparent increasing numbers of wild spawned chinook salmon were present in the lakes. Proper management required better details on the number of hatchery fish and wild fish were in the lakes. A simple and relatively inexpensive way of learning that came from exposing all the hatchery fish to tetracycline while they were growing in the hatchery tanks. For the rest of their life, traces of the antibiotic could be detected in a lab so it

previous census figures and calculate what, if anything, needs to be done to meet goals and objectives.

But what if there are significant numbers of undocumented fish in the lake? What if there are fish that can't be found or fish that can't be properly identified.

That is the conundrum fisheries managers face in the Great Lakes, particularly in Lakes Huron and Michigan, specifically when dealing with chinook salmon. Most of the other species are simple to tally because the overwhelming majority of them are stocked from fish hatcheries around the lakes. Fish biologists know how many cohos, for instance are stocked, how many are caught, how many usually live to spawning age and can boil the number down to a fairly precise count of the number of cohos present at any given time.

Not so with Great Lakes chinooks since so many of them are the result of wild spawned production. Due to this, and due to the importance of chinooks to both fishermen and biologists, it became important to somehow provide each chinook salmon in the lake with some sort of ID. Obviously, chinook salmon don't have pockets or tote wallets to carry identification papers so other techniques are needed. Historically, the only way to ID a chinook was to chop off one of its fins in the hatchery before it was stocked, then keep track of which fin or combination of fins were clipped at specific times and places.

If a biologist or creel clerk looked at a chinook you caught and it was missing a left pectoral fin, they could nail down exactly where (and when) that fish originated. Not all the chinooks in either lake were clipped. The practice was time consuming, expensive and somewhat traumatic to the fish. If an unclipped chinook was encountered by a biologist, there's no way of telling where it was stocked or if

became possible to determine if a fish was from a hatchery or spawned in the wild.

Treating the fish was affordable. Finding tetracycline traces in a chinook was expensive and time consuming. Additionally, the traces only told a fish-scientist it came from a hatchery, but not which hatchery. With the changes occurring in each of the two lakes, better identification markers were needed.

Eventually, a machine was developed that could snip the adipose fin off a tiny chinook fingerling and shoot a miniature wire containing special markings into the fish. Now, every hatchery chinook stocked receives a coded wire tag. It's easy to tell a hatchery chinook from a wild chinook (check for a missing adipose fin) and every hatchery fish can be specifically traced to its origin by checking the code notches on the tiny implant.

In essence, every hatchery produced fish is documented. It's the undocumented, wild spawned fish causing management uncertainties. There's no way to tell at any one time how many are present and even if that number would be determined, it's almost impossible to tell where these undocumented fish were spawned.

There is hope to be able to solve this mystery in the future. There's a science-based technique called "otolith microchemistry" which examines tiny bones in a fish's head to determine the mix of trace elements in them which, in turn, can be used to determine the exact stream in which a wild salmon was born.

Though extremely expensive and time consuming, it has been used successfully (experimentally) on wild-spawned Lake Michigan and Huron chinooks. It's hoped these early tests will produce ways to cut the cost of otolith microchemistry, improve the efficiency of the process and become a usable tool for Great Lake fisheries managers.

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2017 Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival Sunday, May 17th winners. Announcing the winners on the stage was Liberty Lions Club Member Carl Sharp.



Left : The Car Show had lots of vehicles. At right my wife Sherry trying to get out of photo.



Right: Liberty Lions Club member Jim McCashland enjoying the car show with his family.



Left Photo: Lowell Rathburn handing Car Show winner, his trophy as Carl Sharp is reading off names.



Right Photo: 2017 BBQ Trophies in the Praise Auditorium.

5:00 pm Festival Closes
 (All times and events subject to change.)

Above the Schedule of Events is a list of the Lions Club activities, click on "Smoke on the water" and the following items appear: *Event Photos, Barbecue Cooker Reg. Form, BBQ Judge Application Form, KCBS BBQ Rules, BBQ Prize Money & Trophies, KCBS BBQ Contest Results, BBQ Festival General Info, BBQ Judges*

Expected, BBQ Teams Expected, Vendor Registration Form, Antique Tractor Show Reg. Form, Car Show Registration Form, Garden Tractor Pulling, Crafts, Vendors, Etc., Live Music, Sponsorship Opportunities, Sponsors, Civil War Re-enactment Unit. Click on any of the above items that pertain to the information you are needing to know about.

The following information was given to me by Carl Sharp who keeps me informed of the activi-

ties of the Liberty Lions Club and many other projects he is involved with. Carl owns the State Farm Agency in Liberty, is a volunteer fireman and in his spare time volunteers for other town and county projects as they come along.

Something new for Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival this year is a mystery meat challenge for BBQ Teams who want to participate. The Liberty Lions Club is trying to raise a little bit of money for "Operation Barbecue Relief. Which is a non-

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Merle Gause and Landen Coyle Liberty Lions Club members, in Lions Food Trailer.



Country music singer, David Wayne performing next to Praise Auditorium in 2017.



Squealers Award Winning Barbeque set up at Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival.



Bryan & Kari Luke, Cissna Park, IL, It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, Championship BBQ team.



Visitors enjoying the many booths along a path in the Treaty Line Pioneer Village.



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Treaty Line Pioneer Village log cabins and Antique Tractor Show give a glimpse of the past.

profit organization that goes around where disasters around the country have happened. The Joplin tornadoes is what triggered the people to initiate "Operation Barbecue Relief." It started out with the tornadoes out in Missouri and has included other disasters such as floods, fires or what ever the emergency is that food is needed there. Volunteer Barbecue Teams are going around to these events cooking food and providing it, not just for the victims, but also for rescue workers, the police, firefighters, first responders, etc. Their goal is so that everyone has at least one good meal that day. Operation Barbecue Relief has given out over a million meals for free. Carl Sharp himself has so far only been involved with moving equipment for the relief group. He's there for them when he has the time to do so. Our "Mystery Meat Challenge" will help raise some money for Operation Barbecue Relief.

All those involved with going to the disaster areas do so by donating their time, they also pay for every expense they incur out of their own pocket. Donated money is what pays for the food they prepare for the victims. It is a very worthwhile cause.

Many of the barbecue teams that attend Smoke on the Water participate in donating money to Operation Barbecue Relief.

Each year, our BBQ contestants cook a lot of meat. To produce a box with 6 perfect ribs to be judged, they often will cook 2-8 racks of ribs. Needless to say, there are always leftovers for each meat category. We ask each team to consider our local food pantry rather than discarding this extra meat. Some of them cook extra to take home for themselves or their neighbors, or in some cases they will plan to sell their leftovers. I always tell them that we don't want any meat for which they already have plans; however, any extra meat we will arrange for the local food pantry to collect and distribute to needy families. It is not at all unusual for us to

receive several hundred pounds of cooked BBQ for our local food pantry.

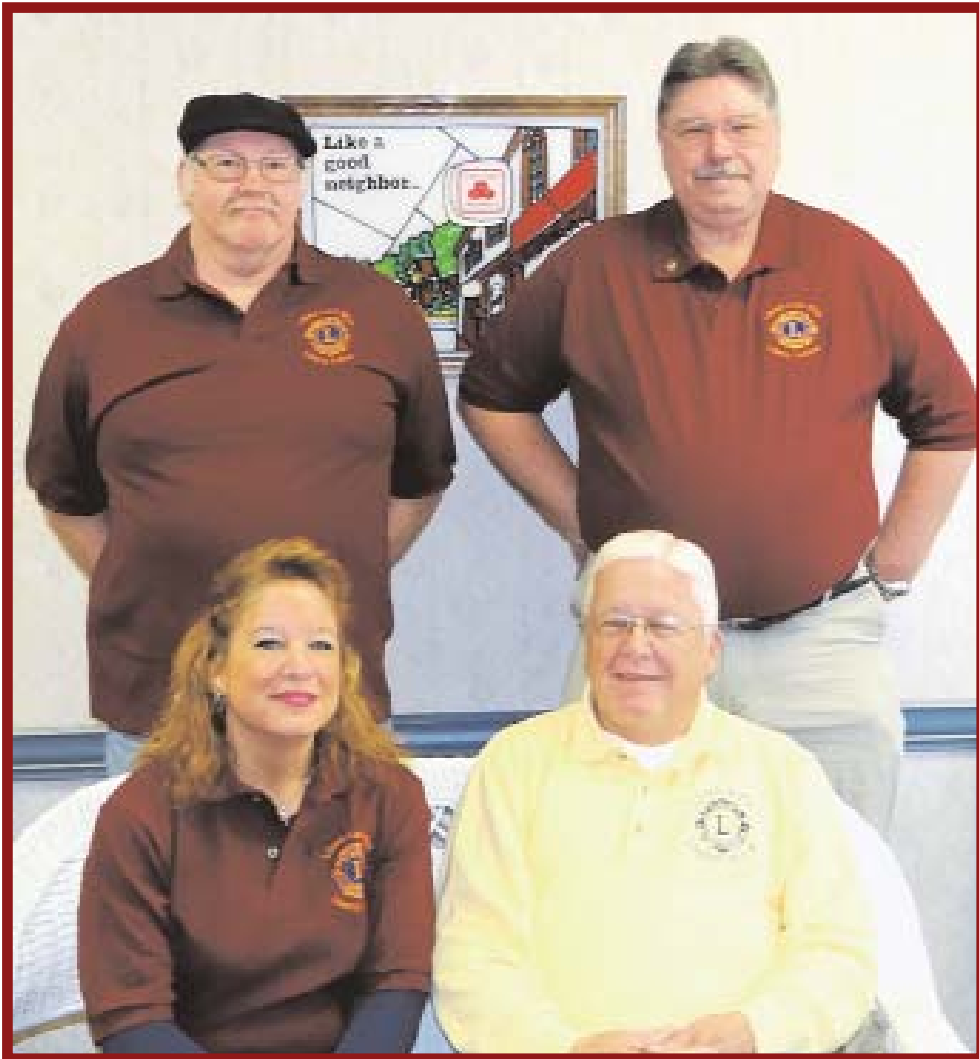
Last year Carl told me they had BBQ Teams registered from around the nation here in Union County. Over the years we have had teams from: Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Georgia, South Carolina, Maryland, Kentucky and of course Indiana. They have had a judge that hails from California and one from Canada.

The KCBS style of barbecued meat is recognized around the world.

So if you have an inkling to try your luck at barbecuing meat at Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival, why wait. Sign up, you don't need any fancy equipment to begin with. As you work your way into the winning category, you will naturally learn better ways to cook and compete.

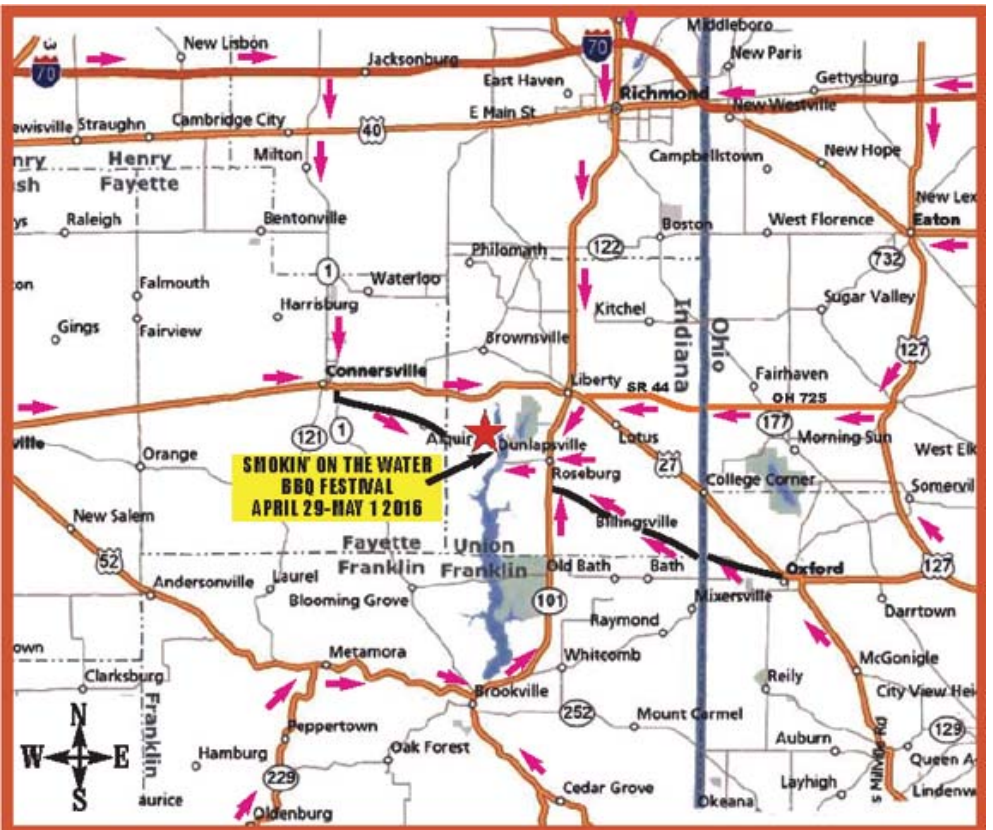
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Good Luck! I hope to see you through the lens of my camera when I'm photographing the winners of this years event. An added attraction to your visit is the Log Cabins that were moved to this location when Brookville Lake filled the valley.



Sitting in front: Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival committee members Judy Sharp Painter and Carl Sharp, Sr. Standing in back: Co-organizers Lowell Rathburn and Carl Sharp, Jr.

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These happy fellas will take your Indy show tickets at the Expo Hall doors on the west end!

Renfro's 64th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show, Indiana State Fairgrounds February 16-25, 2018

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

It's that time of year all sportsmen and their families look forward to visiting Renfro's Ford Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana.

I will have a booth set up in Tackle Town for the full ten day show this year. I won't know exactly where I will be in Tackle Town until I set up on Wednesday, February 14th. I've been setting up at the Hunting Show for past few years. Decided this year early on to return to Tackle Town. For a few days of the show I will have some of the writers who appear in The Gad-a-bout in the booth. I've got a small inconvenience I will be picking up my March Gad-a-bout on Tuesday February 13th and the next day I will be setting up my booth in at the fairgrounds. I will be delivering through February 19th.

At this writing I don't have a full list of who will be in my booth and when, but so far Rich and Susie Creason (Outdoors with Rich Creason), Anita McFalls (Outdoor Scenes & Verse), Ryan Pershing (Great Lakes of the Wabash River), Lonnie Snow (Outdoors with Lonnie), myself and possibly one or

two more.

Following is vital information given to me by Renfro's that will answer most of your question about their show:

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- Friday, Feb. 16: 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Saturday, Feb. 17: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Sunday, Feb. 18: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Monday – Thursday, Feb. 19-22: Noon – 8:00 PM
- Friday, Feb. 23: Noon – 9:00 PM
- Saturday, Feb. 24: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Sunday, Feb. 25: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tickets are \$14 at the box office and advance sale discount tickets are available for \$12.00 at IndySportShow.com as well as hotel specials for our out of town attendees. There is even an on-site campground available to show visitors.

If attending on February 16th – 18 your ticket also includes admission to the Indiana Motorcycle Expo and if attending February 22 – 25 admission to the Indiana Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo is included at no extra cost.

Kids' Day is Saturday, February 24 – Kids love coming to the show. From the Hawg Trough, Kids' Fishing Fun seminar by Dan Armitage and Kids' Trout Fishing Pond in Tackle Town USA, to the K-9 X Games, Peak Adventure Rock Wall, DNR wildlife and hunter education programs, Tree Stand Safety

demonstrations and the Youth Archery Range, the Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show offers plenty to engage and excite kids – no matter when they attend. But on Saturday, February 24th they'll love it even more. The first 500 kids through the door will receive their own fishing pole!

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Wayne / Union County Special Olympics Receives Grant From Whitewater Valley REMC Community Trust, Inc.



Whitewater Valley Rural Electric Company- Check for \$500.00 from their Operation Roundup Grant. Left to Right: Maci E, Jace P, Carter P, Olive S and Joshua P. (Author Photo)

Press Release: LIBERTY IN – Wayne/Union County Special Olympics receives \$500.00 from the Whitewater Valley REMC Community Trust. This grant will assist with Polar Plunge participant entry fees. The Polar Plunge is an event held at Whitewater Memorial State Park in February to raise funds and awareness of Special Olympics. The funds provide competitive sports activities for special needs athletes.

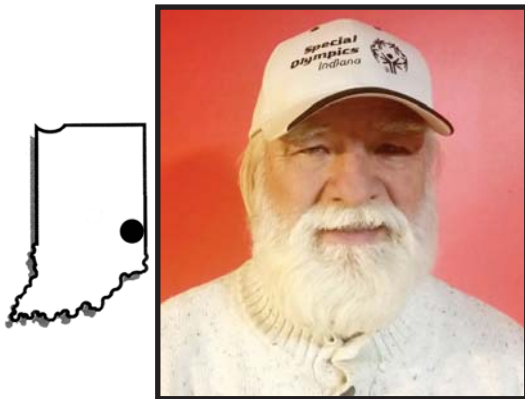
Whitewater Valley REMC Community Trust Board Members Bruce Cowen and Carol McQueen presented the check to Logan Lotz, Jared Haley, Ellen Johnson, “Paw Bear” (a.k.a. Sonie Snow), and Lonnie Snow on Monday, January 29, 2018.

The Whitewater Valley REMC Community Trust, Inc. trustees meet quarterly on the fourth Monday of January, April, July, and October to review applications for grants. Applications and information regarding the program can be found at www.wvremc.com under Member Services and Operation Round UP.

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Outdoors With Lonnie



by Lonnie Snow

supporting over 100 Special Olympics athletes in just Wayne and Union counties. If you can't plunge you can make a donation and we will find a plunger for you. Our hope this year is to exceed 119 plungers and raise \$30,000 for Special Olympics.

This is our **2nd Annual Polar Plunge at Whitewater Memorial State Park in Liberty, Indiana.** I invite you to BEAR IT FOR OUR SPECIAL OLYMPIC S ATHLETES.

This year will be more organized and who knows what Mother Nature may send us for weather. Last year 25 mph winds and 25 degree temperatures made the plunge quite an experience.

Our Polar Plunge is one of 14 being held across the state of Indiana to raise awareness and provide funding for our Special Olympics athletes. This is Indiana Special Olympics signature fund raising event. You can join us for the plunge or make a donation to us and we will find a plunger to take the challenge. For more information go to soindiana.org/polar-plunge or contact me. Please refer to the Polar Plunge Flyer or contact me at lsnow1952@yahoo.com.

Here is the run down for February 24, 2018.

Indiana Special Olympics LIBERTY POLAR PLUNGE FEBRUARY 24, 2018

Location: Whitewater Memorial State Park Parade from Liberty Courthouse: **11:00 am**

Plunge time: **1:00 pm**

Registration at park from **10:30am—12:15pm**

Opening Ceremonies **12:30 pm**

After Bash Splash at Frames Outdoors following plunge: Silent Auction, free meal for plungers, prizes awarded, and sponsors recognized. Meal is \$5.00 for non-plungers

Go to soindiana.org/polar-plunge to register/information

Go to Liberty plunge site/join my team “Snow Bandits” or create your own.

\$75.00 for adults – includes long sleeve Polar Plunge Shirt

\$50.00 for students with ID- Includes a knit cap with polar bear/choice of school colors available.

*The first 20 students to sign up and pay their registration will have **\$25 added** to their registration to receive the official plunge t-shirt*

Call Lonnie Snow, Wayne/Union County Coordinator: **765-732-3636** or email lsnow1952@yahoo.com for details

Hello Special Olympic Fans

This will be the my last chance to promote the Liberty Polar Plunge. The Polar Plunge is February 24th at Whitewater Memorial State Park. I hope some of you readers will consider taking the plunge for a very worthy cause. You will be

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Here are the names of the girls next to the Union County Transit bus and they are also our girls Believers, Basketball Team: Cassandra Ammerman, Lora McGown, Tommy Day (coach), Lori Brock, Brittany Ammerman, Samantha Ammerman, Julie Garrett (coach), Berry Hughes (coach), Shytanna Garrett and Jessica Day. (Author Photo)



Mary Morgan wearing the Sportsmanship Medal she won for her personal conduct on the court during her girls basketball game. (Author Photo)

You can donate any amount and not plunge. Make check out to Special Olympics Indiana-Liberty Polar Plunge. Send your donation to **Wayne County Special Olympics, Box 42, Webster, Indiana 47392**

I want to thank Ray Dickerson for all the press time he has given us to make this Polar Plunge a success. I would like to thank First Bank of Richmond and Porter Advertising for the great



Students from Liberty Head Start Program designed this poster for our polar plunge. Indiana Students from the Liberty Head Start Program created the polar bear picture to advertise for our polar plunge. The class did an exceptional job and you can see their art work in the window of Bertch/Ramey Hardware store in downtown Liberty. (Author Photo)

billboard at 4th and D Street in Richmond advertising our polar plunge. We owe a great deal of thanks to Amanda at the Leland Legacy for all the free radio announcements she donated to advertise for us on the radio. The grant money from the Knights of Columbus, Whitewater Valley Rural Electric in Liberty, and a private donor, June Miller. These major sponsors make it possible to offer money to help students take the plunge.

U. C. Transit Transporting Special Athletes


The Union county Transit has agreed to transport our athletes to events around our area for a very reasonable fee. The trip today from Richmond to Shelbyville Basketball tournament was the first Joint effort for both of us. The transportation started with 10 of our athletes arriving at Meijer's parking lot in Richmond at 6:30 in the morning. The day ended after a long day of basketball competition at

shelbyville High School around 4:00 pm. Our driver, Melinda, was super, and enjoyed watching our Special Olympics Teams play. Thank you Union County Transit for providing this service to us. We look forward to utilizing your service in the future.

Mary Morgan Wins Sportsmanship Medal

Mary Morgan, our athlete that represents Union and Wayne County won the Sportsmanship medal for her personal conduct on the court during her girls basketball game. She is a team player for our Angels girl team. Her team also won first place during competition with the Lady Hot Rods (Ripley, Dearborn, Ohio Counties). This is Mary's first year in Special Olympics and she also competed in bowling and won a medal at the Area 9 Special Olympics Bowling tournament. Our hope is that she will encourage athletes who qualify for Special Olympics to join our program. ■

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Primos Double Bull Surround View 360, picture is from inside the blind. (Author Photo)



Cirrus Power Bank. (Author Photo)

Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Products to own for this year's hunting season

Having recently attended the 2018 Archery Trade Association show, there were definitely a few products that were all the buzz at the show, and for good reason. Among the sea of booths that crowd the show floor (nearly 700, to be exact,) believe it or not, some years it can be hard to find truly innovative products that really "Wow" me. Or, at best, I may find one or two. This year was an exception.

So, following are a few items that you will end up with in 2018, or wish you did!

Primos Double Bull SurroundView 360 blind

Wow. Wow. That's all you can really say once you step inside this thing. It is truly unlike any other blind I have ever seen. Double Bull has always been known for making the absolute best blinds money can buy, and now...well, they have stepped it up big time.

The SurroundView blind offers you the concealment you need when hunting on the ground, yet allows to see like there is nothing in between



Sitka Core Hoodie. (Author Photo)

you and your quarry. Honestly, it freaked me out a little bit. It will take some getting used to because you will surely feel like that deer or gobbler is going to pick you off as it approaches, but it won't. You may feel naked inside the thing, but trust me, they won't have a clue you're there.

I tested it out at the show by waving to people, etc., and none of them even knew I was in the blind. Also, while standing outside, I could not see in either, so who knows what kind of gestures others may have been throwing my way from inside the darn thing!

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Tactacam 5.0

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years, and, why wouldn't they? It affords any hunter an easy way to record their hunts from a POV experience without the need for a bulky camera or camera man. Granted, there are disadvantages to only having the POV experience and no camera man, but that is changing.

With the new 5.0, which will be out this spring, you will have the ability to control up to 5 Tactacam 5.0's at a time through the use of the remote control. Are you kidding me!? Nope. You can set up five different cameras around your stand or blind and control them all. Do you really need a camera man anymore?

Want more? With the new 5.0, you will also have the ability to Facebook live your hunt! The world can see you shoot that trophy buck – or sail one right over his back – as it happens!

I'm not sure on what the price will be for the 5.0, but the 4.0 retails for around \$329, so look for it to be at least that much.

Go to www.tactacam.com for more info.

Garmin Xero rangefinder sight

Oh. My. Gosh. The biggest buzz in the electronics realm at this year's ATA was the new Garmin Xero rangefinder bow sight. That's right, an archery sight with a built-in rangefinder. Thought they were two separate units? Well, think again now.

With the new Garmin Xero, never again will you forget your rangefinder, or if you do, then you have way bigger problems! A simple press and release of a button gives you exact yardages to the target you are drawing down on. Even with traditional rangefinders, you are still somewhat guessing. That tree you ranged earlier may be 25 yards, but usually the animal is standing a few feet or yards in front or beyond it, forcing you to still guess a little bit. Not with the Garmin Xero. Plus, you won't forget how far that tree that you ranged earlier is either.

It is as simple to sight in and adjust as any single-pin sight, by sighting in at 20 yards, and again at your furthest effective range.

Garmin's Ted Gartner admits that the sight is not legal in seven states, but always thinking ahead, the company is big on maintaining ethics in the sport, even though the Xero can range objects up to 100 yards away, there is a nifty little feature built-in to keep you on the up and up. Once you program in your maximum effective range, the sight will not illuminate at a target that lies further. In other words, if you set it up with 50 yards as your maximum range, if a deer trots out at 55 yards, you won't have a pin, and therefore, cannot shoot. This can all be reprogrammed at any time. This feature will hopefully also possibly help get it legalized in those seven states at some point.

The upper-end model has a few really cool features on top of all of this. One comes in the way of adjustable arrow profiles. You can program in multiple arrow/broadhead weights. So, if you shoot different weight arrows and/or broadheads for different species or activities, no problem.

The next is Laser Link. If you have a Garmin watch or hand held GPS unit, the Xero will pair-

up with it. What this means for you is that once you release your arrow, you will be able to walk right up to where that animal was standing when you shot. This is a huge step towards animal recovery, because we all know how adrenaline, excitement and trying to keep our eyes on the feeling animal can easily throw us off our mark of just where the animal was standing when we dumped our bow string.

Lastly on this model, there are fixed-pins that can be used as well. Break the cable to your sight in the brush, no problem. Regardless of whether or not the rangefinder pin works or not, you can always revert back to your 5-pin fixed-pin sight option as a backup.

So, you are probably wondering how much a unit will retail around \$799. The higher-end model, which includes multiple arrow profiles, Laser Link and the fixed-pin option will be a couple hundred more at \$999. That's a lot. But, if you buy a quality rangefinder and a high-end bow sight separately, you will have probably thrown about \$600-\$800 at the combination. Plus, with the Garmin Xero, you won't have to worry about dropping and running over you rangefinder (don't ask) and spending another few hundred bucks to replace it. Nope, it will always be with you.

Go to www.garmin.com for more specifics.

Sitka Gear:

You may think of clothing as, well, simply clothing. If that's the case, you haven't tried Sitka Gear. Gone are the days of thinking of clothing as simply something to wear to try to conceal you or maybe keep you warm. Sitka Gear does so much more than that, that you won't believe it.

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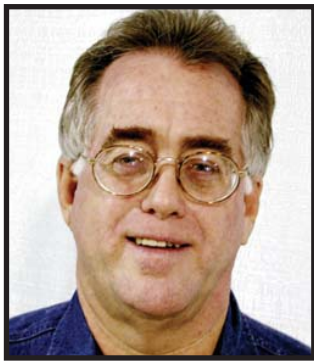
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Outdoors



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Earth Moving Critter

It's not as high as the Great Wall of China, it's not as long as the Grand Canyon, and it won't be as hard to repair as the Hubble Telescope, but that mole tunnel across the middle of your manicured lawn is enough to make your blood pressure rise.

The eastern mole (*Scalopus aquaticus*) is the culprit in our area. Everyone has seen the damage they can inflict on a lawn, some people know how to control this critter, and a very few have actually seen one alive or dead. The mole is about as long as a chipmunk, but slightly bigger around. He has a pointed pig-like snout, and appears to be lacking a neck, ears, and eyes, although he can hear and smell very well. His fur is slate gray, short, and velvety and can lie forward or backward enabling easy movement in either direction while underground. (I think if you could trap enough, their hides would make a beautiful vest.) His spine is very flexible and his hips are narrow, allowing u-turns inside the tunnel. He has tiny back feet and a short, hairless tail. But his main feature is his huge front feet. They are wider than they are long and are tipped with long vicious looking claws. The mole uses these huge feet to dig and propel himself through the tunnel similar to a person swimming underwater.

The long ridges in your yard are the sign of the mole digging just below the grass roots, looking for his next meal. If the tunnels meander around with no particular direction, it is the little critters feeding ground. He may never use these tunnels again, but go on to raise havoc elsewhere in your yard. If the raised area is a long, straight path, often along a sidewalk or driveway, it is probably a mole superhighway. He will use this path often, traveling from his den underneath a bush or tree root to his feeding area. This is an excellent spot to place a trap to catch this burrowing mammal. Mice and other rodents will often travel these tunnels, eating bulbs, seeds, and roots along the way. Then the mole gets blamed for destroying your flower garden, but the mole mostly eats worms, grubs and insects.

The mole may also leave unsightly piles of dirt scattered around your lawn. These occur when he digs deep holes for nesting and escaping cold weather. These volcano-shaped hills are the excess dirt brought up from underground. There will be no entrance hole in these hills. Moles are extremely hard to trap during this stage.

Now is the time of year (March to June) when the female mole has her litter of two to five young. The lifespan of an Eastern Mole is about six years, so left undisturbed, they can contribute to a large population. This is good news for the professional mole remover, but bad news for the average landowner.



Left Photo: Top view of mole skull from my collection. Right Photo: Side view of mole skull. Notice the sharp teeth for eating worms and insects. (Author Photos)

If you plan on controlling this lawn wrecker yourself, I would ignore the castor bean seeds, poison peanuts, mothballs, or putting chewing gum in their trails. As a former professional groundskeeper, I have found the Victor spear-type traps (found at most hardware or garden stores) are the only thing that works efficiently. Three or four of these traps will cover an average yard adequately.

Find one of the long, straight tunnels. Do not walk on these runs. Be careful to avoid smashing them down. If this tunnel is disturbed much, the critter will just dig another. You want him to keep using the same pathway. It makes him easier to catch. Gently step down on a raised portion of the run with your shoe and after setting the trap (directions on the box), push the two legs down straddling the tunnel until the trigger just touches the depressed portion of the run. Find some other straight paths in your yard and set the rest of your traps.

Usually by the next morning, one or more of the traps will be sprung. Do not pull the trap up! Usually, the spears will immediately kill the mole, but occasionally, it will only catch a foot or tail. If you remove the trap, and he is still alive, the mole will be released and escape. Take a shovel and dig through the tunnel, raising the section of dirt under the trap. When you remove this dirt, you will be able to see the mole. If he is still alive, lay the clod on pavement, then pull the trap out. When he tries to run, you will be able to use the shovel to prevent his escape. Return the dirt to the hole and reset the trap at a distance away in the same run as more than one mole may be using it.

When you look at your damaged lawn, you might think you have many of these small mammals living there. Usually, there is only one or two in an area and two or three per acre is considered a large population. If you trap some and don't see any new tunnels after a few days, and don't trap any more moles, you have probably taken care of the problem.

Actually, the mole is quite beneficial to your



Top Photo: Mole hills in yard look bad and must be repaired before mowing. Bottom Photo: Mole Trap (Author Photos)

ground. He removes creatures which can be destructive to your plants and grass. He also aerates and mixes the soil. Unfortunately, his eating habits do make a mess of your yard.

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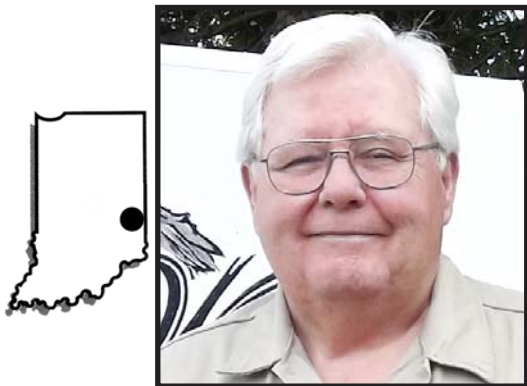

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Left: In this picture I have drilled out the damaged plugs on both firing pins and re-tapped them to accept a 6-48 plug. The plug needs to be about 7/16" long and looks like I'll have to make them as that thread in a #6 plug with a slotted plug. I'll make it from 6-48x1/2" slotted scope mount screws. I will cut the screw heads down to size to fit like the originals. I haven't done that at the time of this article. Right: From left to right is a center drill, a #30 drill bit, a 7/64" drill bit to remove the head of the screw, a shoulder screw, and on the right a butt plate wood screw. This particular butt plate screw was so rusted into the stock that the stock split when the screw was forced out. (Author Photos)

Random Notes From Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



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

GUNSMITHING

In last month's article I discussed what to do to repair a bugged up a slotted gun screw. In that article I wrote that "The last option is to drill the screw out. I'll discuss that option in next month's article as it will involve some calculations and research on the type of screw you are dealing with and what it's purpose is in the gun. It also involves determining if it is really a screw, right hand standard screw or left hand threads."

First we must determine what the screw's function is and if it is a wood screw, shoulder screw, or straight screw. On many occasions when working with old guns which haven't been well cared for I find the butt plate or recoil pad screws so rusted that the screw has bonded itself to the wood and the screw slot so worn that a screwdriver won't stay in and working the slot to make it hold the screwdriver has failed. Here we must determine the size of the screw. Is it a size 8, 10, or 12? Butt pad screws are wood screws with a shoulder. If we are careful we can drill only the screw head out and remove only the head without damaging butt plate or pad. Many of the old guns had butt plates made of hard rubber with the company logo. Those plates are nearly irreplaceable and if it is in decent condition you won't want to damage it.

There are some replica after market butt plates usually made from some type of plastic. They rarely match the original.

First we would need to locate the center of the screw and using a good center punch mark the center. That can be difficult if the screw head is badly damaged. If necessary it may be necessary to grind or file a flat spot on the head of the screw. Carefully, using a proper sized center drill, drill the center of the screw head. The other butt plate screw was probably easy to remove and can be used as a reference to use the proper size drill bit to drill through the head of the screw and remove it from the screw shaft. The butt plate can be removed and the shaft of the screw exposed so that one can grab it with a good pair of vice grips and remove it from the wood. Caution note here, I've had butt screws so rusted into the wood that when twisted the stock cracked. The stocks were repairable but it is surprising when the wood pops like a gunshot. This same method is used on machine screws which hold two pieces together. It may be difficult to determine the type of screw you are dealing with so I try and find a good parts breakdown sketch of the parts. With many of the old guns parts schematics prior to about 1968 are very hard to determine how a screw may really look like as the pictures available are of poor quality and taken from owner's manuals of the time.

Once the screw sized has been determined using a smaller drill bit make a starter hole in the screw head and work up to the size of drill that will separate the head of the screw from the shaft. If working with steel, one must go carefully so as to not damage the screw threads in the piece the screw is rusted into. Once the head is removed and the shaft exposed a good quality penetrating oil may release the screw and no damage to the threads. If all else fails and I have to drill the shaft of the screw out the out comes the micrometer or screw size gauge and I determine the size of the screw. Then looking at thread/tap size charts I find the major and minor size of the screw and using drill bit smaller than the minor specification, drill the screw out and then using a good tap of the correct size and thread re-tap the screw hole. The

tap will remove any of the old thread from the rusted screw and cleanup the threads in the part. This is a tedious project and one must proceed with patience.

Quote of the Month

"Those who deny me the freedom to carry a firearm with which to protect my family and myself, are as complicit and guilty as the perpetrator should we be harmed or murdered by an act of violence." - Charles F. "Chuck" Bearden

A Look Ahead

What do you know about "Polygonal rifling?" Look for it, next issue of the GAD-A-BOUT.

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

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

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TUC Tracked Utility Chair

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had become a family that embraces Chuck and Annette as its own. The relationship thrives as members are brothers and sisters in Christ first and partners in business secondly. Chuck's contacts in service and years in the market prove to be invaluable as he works to line up trusted sales representatives and service providers. He is an example of devotion and determination and an inspiration to his team.

Editor's Note: Ring-Co LLC a woman-owned business (51 %) has developed a new path for tracked chairs. The TUC (Tracked Utility Chair) is distinctly different from other chairs.

If you belong to an organization who is searching for a good cause to help someone who needs help, look no further. Our disabled Veterans, although they may not admit it, desperately need help. Chuck Lee's description "his passion to save the lives of American veterans who is struggling in the debilitating depression that stems from their disability. He emotionally explained how the physical inability paralyzed hope and the desire to live, then how he joyfully expressed the relief and freedom a tracked chair provided those stuck inside four walls, or trapped within the memories of what once was. Reiterating one story after another of how the tracked chairs Chuck and Annette had sold changed the lives of his fellow disabled veterans by abating suicidal thoughts and enabling them to enjoy life again."

When Chuck Lee and his wife Annette made contact with Tricia and Chad Ringer and Jarrett Waters in that pole barn that chilly night in Johnson County, a perfect bond materialized before them. I saw that bond myself when I met all of them in that same pole barn on January 26, 2018.

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

MIXING WITH THE CRITTERS IN COUNTRY LIVING

(Going from city life to living in the country may be too stressful if you can't adapt from wearing a fox fur cape to watching the real thing cart off one of your prize chickens.)

As our population begins to swell and more and more people seek the solitude of country living, many new "country folk" find themselves sharing quarters with the native inhabitants. Problems often arise from communal living, especially when a former resident of Cincinnati has their first encounter with a possum roaming through the garage. The natural reaction is a scream and a loud exclamation about a prehistoric rat. Next comes a large expenditure for a jumbo box of D-con and a beaver trap while the poor possum, who suffered a heart attack from all the commotion, has struggled off to die.

The lack of understanding between city slickers and country critters has resulted in the two teams changing sides. As more of us move into the sticks, more of them move into town. Every year we have to dig a number of young hickory trees out of the flower beds after the squirrels have buried the nuts and forgotten where they put them. One warm evening as we sat watching t.v. a raccoon ambled through an open patio door, looked around and casually walked back onto the deck. I don't mind unannounced visitors, but the dog, if he had been present, might have had a different viewpoint. A full grown raccoon treed on the back of my easy chair would have made watching Dancing With The Stars a little too exciting. Since most city folks are unfamiliar with the habits and traits of country dwellers, I have compiled a list of the most common species and their usual style of living. After thoroughly memorizing this list, spend time rapidly rapidly shinnying up a tree or crow hopping backward while screaming "Snake, Snake".

Raccoons are smallish animals, normally weighing between 20 and 25 pounds and are easily recognized by the illusion of wearing a Lone Ranger mask. They are considered to be fastidious eaters by virtue of washing their food and by all outward appearances are cuddly and cute. HAH! Trying to convince one to evacuate the corn crib is like asking Adolph Hitler to put down the gun. They are highly opinionated about certain subjects

and have no reservations about expressing themselves in a manner that will have you looking for high ground in short order. Forget about climbing a tree as a means of escape. They will be waiting for you when you reach the first limb. Your best protection is a Blue Tic hound with a low I.Q. and a good knowledge of who fills his food bowl every night.

Everyone is familiar with the variety of owls in this part of the country, but a city slicker couldn't tell a barn owl from a hoot owl if one was jerking hair off the family cat. Being largely nocturnal creatures they hunt mostly at night, thus making it difficult to see, much less identify, the varieties. The hoot owl is the largest of the local breed and can be recognized by the mournful call that gave it its name. If you have doubts about recognizing it, simply rent an old Dracula or Frankenstein movie. One is bound to show up somewhere in the film.

These birds are capable of more complex communication than hoots. Some time ago a mating pair had taken up housekeeping about fifty yards from our campsite. The old man must have been hanging around with the wrong crowd and his wife was waiting for him when he got home. The exchange started with the usual hoot, hooting and then swung into a series of yelps, wails and caterwauling that sounded like two Chicago cabbies trying to be the first through an intersection. Startled at first, my wife and I picked sides in the squabble and yelled encouragement to the combatants.

"Yeh, give him h----" said Judy. I retaliated by shouting, "You don't have to take that Big Al. Show her you have just as much right as she does to hang out all night".

Judy turned to me with fire in her eyes and said, "Oh, yeh? How would you like to hang around with Big Al tonight?" Exchange led to exchange and by the time the decision was made for me to sit on a limb and hoot at the moon until morning, the owls were quiet and no doubt snuggled in their nest. A word of advice: Don't get involved in family disputes with hoot owls.

The one critter that draws more attention than any other is the snake. I've always lived by one philosophy. If it isn't blessed with fur, feathers or legs, give it plenty of room. This is unfortunate because the snake is a much maligned creature, being one of the main reasons we seldom find a mouse in the cereal box. Many farmers would rather have snakes in the corn crib than their mother-in-law in the living room. The normal species we find in this vicinity are black snakes, garter snakes and water snakes. I've been told there are snow snakes and sand packers (everyone knows the story on that one) in this area. As for me, I can't tell one from another, so I just assume they're all cobras and give them a wide berth.

Some of the other critters city folk might encounter are groundhogs, squirrels, salamanders, chipmunks and possums. All are harmless, but if you decide to move from your high rise apartment to the boondocks, take a Blue Tic hound along, build a six foot high critter wall around the house, and stay out of hoot owl family disputes.

So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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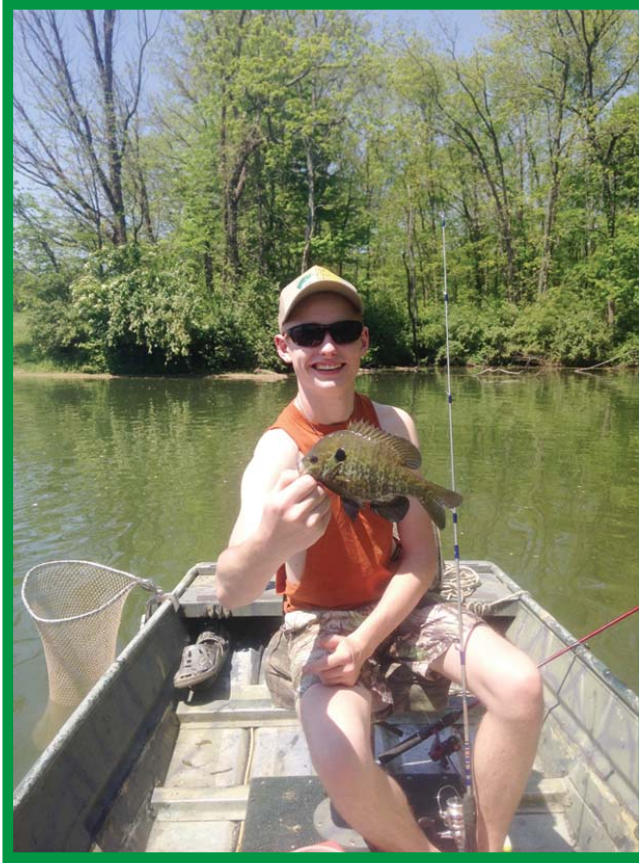


With Cole King

MY NEW NOT SO SECRET WEAPON

It is no surprise that we are approaching spring time. Of course this brings warmer weather, in turn giving us great hiking conditions, and busy state parks. But why am I excited for spring? Well, this is the time of year that us pan fishermen start preparing for bluegill season. I've got my tackle box sorted, and my trips all planned out. This year is different, however. To put it simply, I got my first boat.

I've grown up fishing out of jon boats and crappie boats, but this will be my first opportunity to captain my own vessel. Last year, on the first night of our annual "Fish Camp" in Montgomery, Indiana, I got to talking to our good friend, Kenny Isaacs (who we call Unc.) I told him that I would be getting my driver's license later that year, and I was hoping to bring my own rig to fish camp that next spring. My goal was to have a slide-in truck camper, and of course my own boat. He was happy to hear the news, and optimistically said he would keep an eye out. I headed for home that Sunday, because the school doesn't seem to like it when I skip to go fishing. Keep in mind, my father has the freedom to stay a bit longer. That following Tuesday, I got an unexpected text from dear old dad... "Unc found you a boat for free!!!!" Somehow, Unc had dug up a 14' Smokercraft in less than a week. Dad and I retrieved it from Connersville in the next couple of weeks. It needs a little work, but I don't mind. She is wide, sturdy, and downright beautiful! We already had a trailer here at home, but it also requires a bit of elbow grease. The plan was to make the boat and trailer our winter project, and have it ready by this May. I am lucky to say that I have a very supportive family. At Christmas time, a large amount of presents were fishing related. My aunt Robyn got me seats for my boat, and my paternal grandparents surprised me with a new trolling motor. The next step is getting some carpet and plywood. I hope to make the boat look as nice as possible, yet keep it light. Although the majority of my fishing will be on developed lakes, I would like to keep the possibility of "pond hopping." That is, keep the boat light enough to lift into small bodies of water that don't have boat ramps. Some of my favorite lakes are surrounded by small farm ponds and strip pits that are immensely under fished.



The reason why I can't wait for warmer weather. (Photo by Jeff King). (Photo by Jeff King)

Before we began work on the boat, I started scanning craigs list for that slide in truck camper. It wasn't long after I started searching that Dad broke some bad news to me. In his opinion, my rusty old truck bed won't be able to support the weight of a true camper. So, I reluctantly shifted my pursuit from a truck camper, to a camper shell. The problem is that my truck is a 1992, and to make matters worse, it is a stepside. This means that compatible shells are few and far between. And when I did find one, it was rarely a fitting color, and often far out of my price range. Finally, after months of scouring, I stumbled upon the perfect mate. Not only was its black paint the perfect match for my dark grey truck, but its price was astonishingly lower than the others available. I called immediately, and was shocked to learn that it hadn't been sold. It was nearly 200 miles away, but conveniently located just fifteen minutes away from my father's family just north of Evansville. I got in touch with our "local contacts" and arranged for them to pick up the camper shell. We picked it up that next week, and were lucky to find that it was in near perfect condition. With this new camper shell, I'll be able to expand my trip radius, and stay overnight. My theory is that if I have more time to fish, I will catch more fish. I plan on building a storage drawer for the bottom of my truck bed (only about a foot tall,) and putting my cot or air mattress on top of that.

This definitely changes things when it comes to my fishing. I guarantee I will be spending a lot more time out on the water, and I wouldn't want it any other way.



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Renfro's Indy Sport Show

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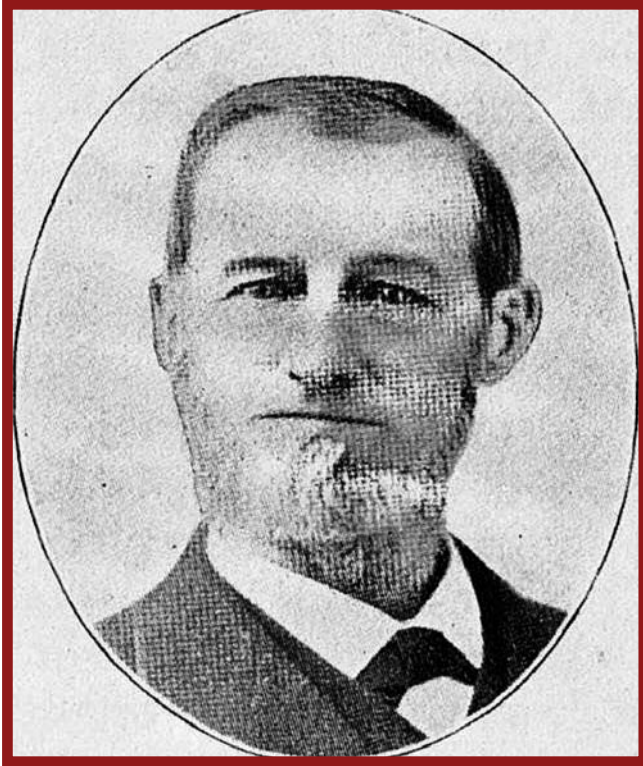
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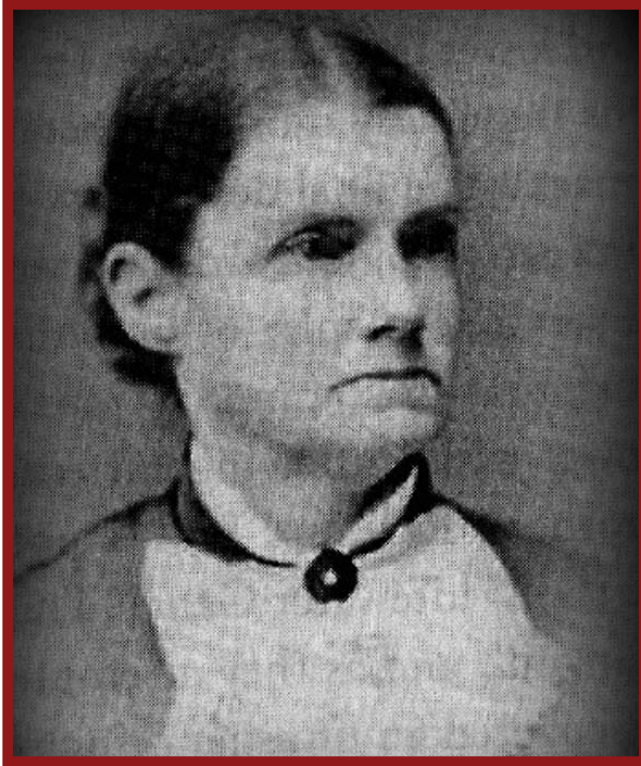
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New Adventures In Old Places



by Donna Schroeder

The Magnificent McFarlans

One of the most influential and innovative families ever to live in Fayette County was that of John B. and Lydia McFarlan. Last month, I told you about their family home. Although it has fallen on hard times, a potential buyer is hoping to bring it back to its former glory. Now I will give you a bit of history of the family and how they came to live in Connersville.

John B. McFarlan was born in London, England on 7 November 1822, and, at 8 years of age, sailed with his family to America. They then made their way to Hamilton County, Ohio, near Cincinnati. He was one of eight children of James and Ann McFarlan. James was born in Scotland and was a silk manufacturer in England. Having brought his family to America, he became a farmer, buying land in the area now included in the city of Cincinnati.

John B. worked on the family farm and attended school. He was apprenticed at age 17 as a carriage blacksmith in Cincinnati. Having completed his training, he started his own carriage shop in Cheviot, a suburb of Cincinnati. While living there, he married Lydia Jackson. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom survived to adulthood. These children were James, William, Maria, and John B., Jr. All became involved in their father's enterprises.

About 1850, John and Lydia moved to Indiana, bringing their belongings to Cambridge City by canal boat. They remained in Cambridge City for

six years where he had opened his own carriage works before migrating to Connersville.

Once in Connersville, John bought out the carriage manufacturing firm of Ware and Veatch and remained involved in that business until his death. The factory he bought was located in what is now downtown Connersville, between Central and Grand on 6th Street. The business remained in that location for thirty years. In the meantime, McFarlan continued to buy out smaller carriage manufacturers, and the company added more buildings to their complex. The McFarlan Carriage Company, comprising J. B. McFarlan, Sr., J. B. McFarlan, Jr., Charles E. J. McFarlan, William W. McFarlan, and James E. McFarlan was formed in 1883, and turned out hundreds of buggies and carriages every year.

In 1886, J. B. McFarlan decided to move his company to 82 acres north of town. The location was north of Mount Street and west of Western Avenue. It was his intention to entice other manufacturers to relocate to the area, creating the first industrial park in the United States. The locals called it "John McFarlan's Corn Patch". While his factory was being built, he recruited other industries to build within the area, especially those who manufactured components needed for his carriage and buggy business. He realized this would make it more convenient for him to acquire needed parts while ensuring other businesses a continuing market for their products.

The location was favorable for at least three reasons. The old canal offered the potential for hydro electric power. The railroad ran adjacent to the property, offering a convenient way to ship products. Natural gas had been discovered in northern Indiana, and could be piped in as a cheap fuel. McFarlan formed the Connersville Natural Gas Company to meet this need.

In addition to the companies related to the manufacture of horse drawn vehicles, the Connersville Furniture Factory and other manufacturing concerns soon located in the park.

J. B. was also involved in organizing several other companies, involving himself in construction, a furniture factory, and banking. His business accomplishments were many. Next month's account will tell the tale of the family's involvement in the conversion from horse drawn to motorized vehicles. ■

Renfro's Indy Sport Show

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Boat, Sport and Travel Show's Opening Weekend, February 16-18. The Expo brings together enthusiasts, manufacturers, major dealers and bike-related exhibitors from across the country showcasing the very latest motorcycles and a full complement of related motorcycle lifestyle products and services. This amazing array of unique exhibitors featuring the latest in motorcycle accessories, biker apparel, custom paint and fabrication, lifestyle services, new and used motorcycles and more, this year's expo will feature a variety of cruising bike categories in the Biker's Showcase, sponsored by Ride Safe Indiana; Abate of Indiana's Tiny Tots Riding Experience; and a return of the Pioneers of Hoosier Motorcycling, a historical exhibit and interactive panel discussion featuring the bikes and personalities from Indiana's significant motorcycling past. New this year is "Barn Finds to Forgotten Treasures," an interactive exhibit of rare and unique motorcycles found in old barns and warehouses throughout the Midwest. The Indiana Motorcycle Expo is the annual, late-winter event that is sure to heat up the passions of any biker and get them fully prepared for the coming season on the open roads.

21st Annual Indiana Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo (Feb. 22-25 only) – The Midwest's Premier Hunting Expo, the Indiana Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo has everything the hunter or hunting family could hope to find in one place – no matter what kind of camo they wear. Special features include a new Archery Alley, Outfitters from Around the World, Deer Scoring and Hoosier Record Book Trophy Deer Display and great hunting seminars from the Holder Family (Raised Hunting TV), Greg Abbas (A-Way Outdoors TV), Bill Epeards (whitetail and turkey hunting, Hunting Camp Ask The Pro moderator), Tom Nauman (mushroom hunting), Byron Ferguson (archery), Field Hudnall (waterfowl hunting), Jeff Foiles (waterfowl hunting) and more. You won't believe your eyes when you see the Hoosier Record Book Trophy Deer Display, the most amazing display of record bucks you've ever seen. Have you been dreaming of booking a once in a lifetime hunt? You're not going to find a larger or better selection anywhere in the Midwest. Each year, the "Ask the Pros" panel at the Expo is among the most popular events. And this year, it's taken on an international flavor. This is the place to meet one on one with outfitters from around the globe including the U.S., Canada and countries from around the world. World-renowned big-game safari hunter Bill Epeards will lead an "Ask the Pros" seminar titled "Hunt Africa." And if you're thinking of hunting anywhere in the world, a group of outfitters from the four corners of the globe will present another "Ask the Pros" seminar titled "Hunt the World."

I hope everyone reading the above article gets to visit the Ford 64th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show. ■

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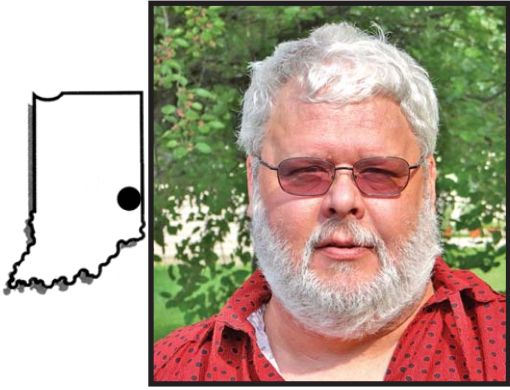
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Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

Season Ending / Remembered

By the time that you get the March issue of the Gad-A-Bout, the Indiana State Trappers Association's (ISTA) Feb. 10th Fur Sale will have been held, probably. If not, I hope to see you in Peru, IN, same place and same time as last year. Next month I will have the sale prices and I pray they cover the costs of the trapper doing his trapping. My goal each year is to cover my gas money. I probably do that one (1) year in five (5). I just enjoy the sport, the out of doors, reading the "sign", and seeing the animals in their element. In the snow, it is easy to see where they came from, how they worked the set, and whether they got caught or not. I just do not have the time to do much more than that operating two (2) offices and covering other responsibilities.

I can remember pulling up to my first coyote several years ago. The set was a urine post set made a few days earlier. The weather was cold and frosty with a light snow having fallen overnight. I parked in a little pull out on the side of the road. The set was over a bit of a rise, so you couldn't see it from the road. As I got out of the truck, I noticed a single line of coyote tracks, in the light covering of snow, heading over that rise, and not coming back. The ole heart just started to pound. Sure enough, as I crested that rise, there he was waiting for me. No tracks went beyond my set. He had walked right up to it,

and got caught right off, by his right front foot. He was a young'un, but still very large for a coyote. I still have his pelt on a stretcher. I use it sometimes at Trapper Education (TE) classes and other programs that I may get involved with. There is nothing like watching the face of a newbie, say a ten year (10) old, stroking that fur, with his eyes glazed over, thinking of his long line already, before he can drive. I was there once, and occasionally still feel that way.

Coyotes are skinned "cased", just like a raccoon, but I swear, their hide is glued on with super glue. Now I do not have an electric skinning machine rigged up like some trappers. I do everything by hand. As I recall, he reached from the top of my little shed to near the floor when I had him hung up ready to go. I was on my knees finishing with the head, what seemed like hours later. I did end up with a nice pelt, but it is too red to be worth much of anything to the fur market, so I enjoy it hanging in my reloading room. I would love to have it in the front room, but that was vetoed by the wife.

Fur prices do not promise to be very good this year once again. So this is a good time to learn to process your fur and properly prepare it to be shipped off to one of the auction markets. If you are lucky enough to have a fur buyer close to you, it is a good idea to at least sell some fur local, to help keep them in business. There just are not too many of them around anymore. They are going the way of blacksmiths. There used to be at least one in each town of any size across America. Now you are hard pressed to even find one.

Fur trapping is just one more skill our pioneers possessed that is slowly being lost. If you would like to help the ISTA keep that heritage alive, send a tax deductible check in to the ISTA c/o Ms. Georgia Gifford, 921 S. Locke St., Kokomo, IN 46901. OR find us on Facebook where I currently have a GoFundMe page running for the ISTA TE classes. I admit that it is not getting the kind of attention that the HSUS's cute little puppies in dirty, cold, cages get, but I will guarantee that more of the donations will go to the cause of TE and that none of the donation will go to pay six (6) figure salaries for the President / CEO of the organization and other officers. If you think I exaggerate, look up the HSUS on Charity Navigator or Charity Watch and see what you find. There Federal 990 filings are very interesting reading, if you like reading about huge salaries, fantastic advertising budgets, and huge legal and retirement funds. Oh, of course a percent or two gets to the benefit of the animals. Help the ISTA train responsible trappers.

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

Fred "DR" Philips, DVM

Indiana Outdoors

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laundering facilities, I wore my Sitka Core light-weight hoodie for days. And by the end of the trip, I stunk for days. But my hoodie didn't. Then, during the brutal muzzleloader season here in Indiana, their Fanatic line kept me as warm and toasty as if I were under my comforter at home - all with nothing but my skivvies on underneath. Go ahead, try to get that picture out of your head.

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He told me the one I remembered was demolished in 1971.

Graham sent me quite a few photo's of what is left of our former base - not much and posted more on line. He also sent me a photo of himself and two dogs (See Photo on Page 4).

In the April issue I will have a story about RAF Chelveston with photos and dialog I've learned since 1963. Today RAF Chelveston is covered with hundreds of solar panels and several wind turbines.

RAF Alconbury, my second base assignment is still active on a small scale. The air strip is becoming or may already have a English community built on top of it.

I really liked England, I was fortunate to have a good friend who worked in 10th Cams who had a Austin. We traveled from one end of England to the other. For nine days in August 1962 three of us traveled all over Scotland in his Austin, camping in hostels in a tent. One night we found a nice campsite near Balmoral Castle. We set up our tent, built a cozy fire and was getting ready to cook our supper. A car pulled up and a Forest Ranger got out. He informed us we couldn't build a fire on her Majesty's grounds. Then he left. We ate a cold supper.

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Left Photo: Staff at Centerville Indiana Casey's General Store located at 704 E. Main St. Left to Right: Mark Price (Tipton), Phillip Neali (Centerville), John Glassman (Richmond), Mary Jo Jackson Cambridge City), Manager Tracey DeLucio (Centerville) and Rosetta Snowden (Cambridge City) standing in front of Sub Line. Right Photo: Coffee bar and Check out area.



Left Photo: Sub Line, Food Warmers, Open Air Cooler and Soda Pop fountains. Right Photo: Donut Case, General Store merchandise and Coolers.

Centerville Welcomes Casey's General Store

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

The lot where Ford's Supermarket stood at east edge of Centerville was empty for quite some time. Then last Fall bull dozer's and ground leveling began on the lot. No sign appeared for the longest time as the lot was cleared of all the debris and cement. Steadily the beginning of construction appeared. I'm kind of nosy so I began checking on it. At the city building the town clerk told me that Casey's General

Store, who is famous for it's signature pizza, was coming to Centerville. I for one was quite happy that Casey's picked Centerville for a location. Casey's has over 2000 locations. I've stopped at their General Stores that are in what I call "The Gad-about Territory" quite often here in Indiana.

About seven weeks ago Casey's opened to the public. A couple weeks ago I stopped in and asked if I could put some of my February papers there. I was referred to a representative of Casey's who was handling those details until a manager was hired, she let me put some on a shelf near the front of the store. I left about 20, which didn't last too long, as I kept tabs on them.

Yesterday, February 9th I stopped and talked to the manager, Tracy DeLucio, asking if it was okay if I took some photos for a story I wanted to write about Casey's. She agreed so I took the above photos. I felt right at home after Tracy told me she lived in Centerville too, just down the street from where I live.

As you can see Casey's is well lighted and you have plenty of space to mingle. The staff is friendly, helpful and offer you assistance at the drop of a hat (an old saying). I visited Casey's website and the big news is they are hiring every where. Check out their website: <https://www.caseys.com>, put a forward slash behind it add /about-us and you can find out all

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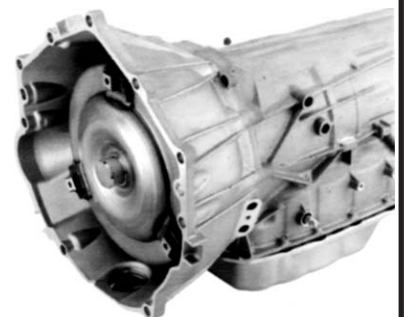
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Outdoor Scenes & Verse



by Anita McFalls

Pets

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Thank you!

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about founder Don Lamberti in Des Moines, Iowa where Casey's grew from one General Store to over 2,000 locations and growing. It's a fascinating story like so many stories of Americans who prosper because they have a keen sense of doing so and live in a country where just about anything is possible if one sets his or her mind to do it.

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Licking paws and washing faces
Round the corner, hiding places
Chatter from the kitty tree
Says there's something that you see

Contented purring, cooing sounds
Head tucked under, upside down
Paws are stretching, kneading air
Sounds of kitties everywhere

Nibbling at my nose and ear
Crouched down, wiggling, little rear
Tail swings like a pendulum
Unique and different, every one

Paws that gently pat my face
Take me to a happy place
Agility and balance seem
Like walking on a wooden beam

Such precious creatures God has made
Experiences I would never trade
A home so full of joy and love
A cat's a blessing from above

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when results are posted.

Turkey hunts open for application are as follows:

- Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-30.
- Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area: April 25-27; April 28-29; April 30-May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-11; May 12-13.
- Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge: April 25-27; April 28-30.
- Chinook Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29.
- Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-30.
- Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29.

- Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-30.
- Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29.
- Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-30.
- Hillenbrand Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-30.
- Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29.
- J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29; April 30-May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-11; May 12-13.
- Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29; April 30- May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-11; May 12-13.
- Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29; April 30- May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8;

- May 9-11; May 12-13.
- LaSalle Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29; April 30- May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-11; May 12-13.
- Mississinewa Lake: April 25-27; April 28-29; April 30-May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-11; May 12-13.
- Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge: April 25-26; April 27-28; April 29-30. (Youth only: April 21-22).
- Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29; April 30- May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-11; May 12-13.
- Salamonie Lake: April 25-27; April 28-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-13.
- Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29.

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—Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29; April 30- May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-11; May 12-13.

—Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29; April 30- May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-11; May 12-13.

—Winamac Fish & Wildlife Area: April 25-27; April 28-29; April 30- May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-11; May 12-13.

Only one application is allowed per license holder. No changes can be made once the application is submitted.

More information is available at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5834.htm.

SALAMONIE SENIOR LUNCHEON MARCH 5

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be Monday, March 5, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center.

Guest speaker Shelly Reed will present "Ouabache: Then and Now," an overview of Ouabache State Park history.

The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. A main lasagna dish will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted.

Reservations may be made by calling **260-468-2127**.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (dnr.IN.gov/uwis) is at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

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SALAMONIE PRE-SCHOOL OFFERS "EAGLES & HAWKS" FEB 28

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "Eagles and Hawks," Feb. 28.

Learn about the similarities and differences between eagles and hawks. The class will run from 10-11:30 a.m. and again from 12:30-2 p.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews.

Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's education, including learning letters, building a craft, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme.

The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at **260-468-2127**.

For more information on other UWIS programs, see dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash, or call **260-468-2127**.

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WOMEN'S WILDERNESS WEEKEND AT PATOKA LAKE, APRIL 27-29

Learn outdoor skills in a relaxed environment with other women at Patoka Lake's Women's Wilderness Weekend, April 27-29.

Women ages 16 and older can learn about archery, kayaking, Dutch oven cooking, survival, wild edibles and medicine, wilderness first aid, fishing and fly fishing, firearms safety, trap shooting, rifle shooting, camping, boating, self-defense, wildlife tracking, birding and more.

The weekend is sponsored by the Dubois County Shooting Sports Instructor Council. It includes overnight camping in the property's modern electric campgrounds. Meals will be provided on Saturday and Sunday.

Advance registration is required by April 11 and costs \$55 per participant.

For more information or to register, call **812-685-2447**.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

Gad's Corner

Photos sent to The Gad-a-bout for GAD'S CORNER must contain identifying information, date, weight, points, other, experience, etc. Send a phone number in case I need to contact you.

Send regular size, i.e. square and horizontal rectangular photos. Large vertical photos can only be used when I have enough space to use them. **Please identify person with game!!!**

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Emma Raye Gentry, age 12, took her first deer on Thanksgiving Day 2017 in Jay County. It was a 7 point, 140 lb. Buck in Jay County. Emma goes to Northeastern School in Wayne County. She is the daughter of Jason Ray Gentry of Portland, IN and grand daughter of Sherrie Gentry who works at Army Navy Store in Richmond. (Photo submitted by Sherrie Gentry by e-mail.)

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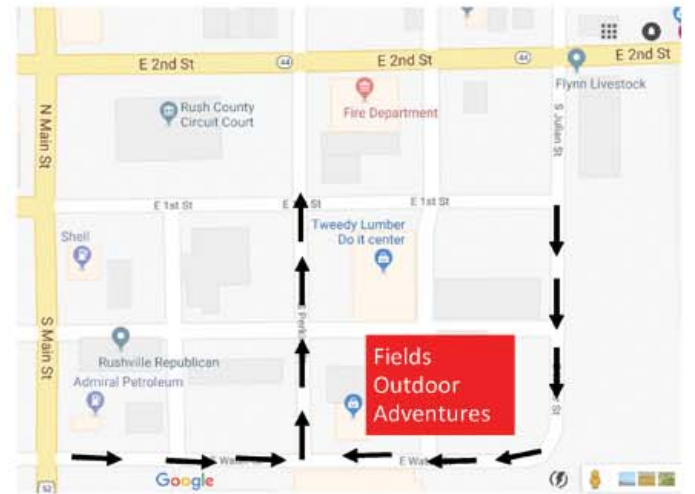


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Taser	Pulse Kit			\$249.99
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