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ABOUT THE COVER PHOTOS

Top Photo: The Flag of the United States of America - Our Country. The greatest nation on the Planet Earth.

Bottom Photo: The Planet Earth - Our Earth. It is my belief that:

Statement to the left: UNITED WE STAND - DIVIDED WE FALL

Statement to the left: OUR EARTH IS A LIVING PLANET THAT CONTROLS THE WEATHER FOR ITS' NEEDS NOT OURS

Statement to the right: GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH

Statement to the right: EVERY TYPE OF WEATHER INVOLVES THE MOVEMENT OF WEIGHT TO BALANCE OUR EARTH: (NASA Photo)

The Pledge of Alligance to the Flag: I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. (Wikipedia Photo)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson
The Gad-a-bout

AMERICA MAY BE HEADED FOR A CRISIS OF SUCH A MAGNITUDE OUR VERY FREEDOM MAY BE JEOPARDIZED BEYOND ANYTHING WE HAVE ENDURED BETWEEN 1776 AND 2019

I try to stay away from politics in The Gad-a-bout, but I am concerned we may be facing the largest threat to our nation that I have seen in my life time.

Who would ever have guessed that The United States of America could be threatened by its' own Democrat members of Congress talking about wanting us to change to a "Socialist" way of governing The United States of America.

Who would believe that after duly being elected as President of The United States legally and forthright, Donald J. Trump would not be recognized as the President of The United States by the Democrat Party.

Where does it say in our Constitution that either Party in our form of Government has the right to ignore the Authority of the President once he or she is elected to the highest office in America?

In my opinion the two who need to be ignored by everyone is House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senator Chuck Schumer the, undynamic duo.

On my cover I have placed two images, the Flag of the United States and the Planet Earth.

I am proud to be an American Citizen, having been born here April 22, 1941. My family raised me to respect the American Flag and my country. My schooling taught me the history of The United States of America. In 1946 I learned in school how to recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily by facing the American Flag which was hanging at the front of the room usually above the black board, placing my right hand over my heart and reciting:

"I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." (Note: *under God* was added on Flag Day in 1954).

To the left of the American Flag I have placed the words, "United We Stand Divided We Fall."

Patrick Henry said....*"Let us trust God, and our better judgement to set us right hereafter. United we stand, divided we fall. Let us not split into factions which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs."*

Today we are deeply divided more so than I care to imagine. Who would have believed that an elected member of Congress in The United States of America would want to change our Freedom loving way of life to live a socialist way of life.

To the right of the American Flag I have placed the words, *"Give me liberty, or give me death!"* is a quotation attributed to Patrick Henry from a speech

he made to the Second Virginia Convention....March 23, 1775 at St. John's Church in Richmond, VA."

I for one believe in what Patrick Henry said so eloquently, we as a freedom loving nation must continue to prevail in this time of uncertainty.

Now more then ever we need to use the common sense that led us to become the great Nation we are and can continue to be if only we stay United as one Nation

I have the American Flag and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag displayed on the back of my delivery truck with "under God" underlined in red, for all to see.

On both sides of my delivery truck I have placed a statement for Veterans:

"American men and women Veterans have paid the price of Freedom, as are those still serving in the United States military service here at home and around the world.

An American military man or woman doesn't ask why, he or she just stands up and voluntarily put themselves in harms way to protect the Freedom we all share.

God Bless The American who wears a Uniform and helps defend the Freedom we all enjoy because of him or her.....Ray Dickerson, U.S. Air Force 1959-1963."

We have always been a strong nation, all believing in our way of life. We must remain this way and make no mistake about it our Freedom will only be safe if everyone living in The United States of America exercise their right to vote in 2020.

2020 could be a continuation of a President who has made huge strides in making all of us better off because Donald J. Trump has the back bone to back up his words with action.

I don't know about you, but a failure to vote in this upcoming election may spell the difference between a continued Free American Democracy or a Socialist Government bent on destroying freedom.

America's future lies in our hands - Vote in 2020!

THE PLANET EARTH - OUR EARTH

My two statements about our Earth sometimes referred to as "Mother Earth."

Left side: Our Earth is a living Planet that controls the weather for its' needs, not ours.

Right side: Every type of weather involves the movement of weight to balance our Earth.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

Climate Change has existed for as long as Our Planet Earth has been in existence. The Planet Earth is a living planet that depends on the movement of weight to remain on its axis as it orbits around the sun. Everything Natural and alive moves weight on and inside our Earth second by second for as long as the Earth exists as a planet.

GLOBAL WARMING:

Global Warming is a myth, it is simply a part of the climate change our planet earth has experienced since its beginning.

Human Beings are only a small portion of Climate Change, they can barely take care of them selves let alone be responsible for changes in our Earth.

SEE PAGE 8-9 STEVE DAKE'S ARTICLE

Red Skelton's explanation of each and every word of The Pledge of Allegiance on January 14, 1969.

EVERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

BASS TOURNAMENT MAY 4, 2019

The Everton Volunteer Fire Department Incorporated and PH Custom Lures have come together to present this one day event May 04, 2019 on Brookville Lake at Fairfield Boat Ramp

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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard
Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Frances Slocum The rest of the story

Everyone in Indiana has heard the story of Frances Slocum who was stolen by Indians as a little girl in Pennsylvania and 50 years later was discovered living near Peru, Indiana. Her story has been written by several authors.

Frances was adopted by an Indian couple and given the name of Maconaquah, "Little Bear Woman" or "Lion Woman." She was happy with her Indian family and refused to return to her white family. "I am an old tree and cannot be moved about." She wanted to stay in her log cabin and be buried by her Miami Indian husband and sons.

Her brothers hired George Winter to paint her portrait. Her two daughters sat with her but one refused to have her face portrayed so turned her back to the artist. A doll made by Bobbie Bear looks exactly like Frances and is in the Fulton County Museum.

When the Miami tribe was forced to leave Indiana in 1846 and move to Kansas, Frances's family of 26 members was given special permission by Congress to remain in Indiana.

A moccasin worn by Frances is in the Fulton County Museum. It was given to Reba Shore's father, Frank F. Moore, in 1901 at the Fulton County fair by Chief Godfroy. The chief was grateful to Reba's father for hosting him at his house at night during the fair.

Frances Slocum's name was given to the cemetery where she is buried, the waterway near by, a state forest and a nature trail.

In 1967 her grave and the entire graveyard was moved to higher ground when the Mississinewa River was dammed to create a reservoir.

The school at Bunker Hill is named Maconaquah. There is also a historical marker for her in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania.

Frances' grandson, Camillius Bundy, became Chief of the Miami that stayed in Indiana and founded the tribe's legal organization, the Miami Nation of Indians in Indiana. Her great grandson, Clarence Godfroy (1880-1962), was reported to be the last Miami who could speak the native tongue fluently.

The Miami Indians purchased the old Peru high school and turned it into their headquarters. One room is a museum, another room a gift shop, and one room is used for a day-care. They use the gym for a Bingo hall. They are having a Go Fund Me to raise money to fix a leaking roof. See miamiindians.org.

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide



Left Photo: My daughter Katelyn Walker caught this nice crappie fishing with me on Brookville Lake. (Author Photo)

Crappie fishing at its finest

This is the month where the water in the lake finally gets in the sixties. This is the warmest water temperature these fish have felt since September of last year. This will have a huge affect on their ability to move around the lake and start to feed. Three issues they will have to contend with are water temperature, spawning cycles, and there is no young of the year yet to feed on. This doesn't keep them from looking though.

This entire cycle of life is driven by water temperature. Once the fish come up out of the deep water where they have been held up all winter, they are

pretty sluggish. They tend to stage in different water columns acclimating to the new water temperature. As the water warms up, they will move right along with the water temperature getting more active as it progresses.

All the female fish have been holding on to their eggs all winter that they had developed last fall. As the water warms up, the eggs start to swell or get ripe. This will prompt the female fish to look for a good spawning site. If you're a female crappie you are hanging out with hundreds of other female crappie in the same shape you are, along with hundreds of male crappie all with the same thing on their mind. These huge schools of crappie are close to every cove, every brush pile, every isolated hump in the lake. What has to be right is the water temperature. Now for crappie that water temperature is around 65 degrees. I have seen these schools of crappie on my Lowrance depth finder many times. What they do is stage away from these spawning areas in deeper water waiting for the water temperature to get just right. You can catch these fish as they are staged in deeper water by getting the bait at the depth they are holding in. Its not fast and furious, by any means, but you can catch a few. Once they move up shallow though, it's on. This can and will be some of the best crappie fishing you'll experience all year.

As a guide I fish every day in the summer with customers, so we have that advantage of checking the progress every day. I will let you in on a secret though if you stop at 52 Pik-up to take on fuel, bait and supplies on your way to the lake you simple have to read my fishing report and you will be able to see when we go from catching 20 crappie a day to 100 crappie a day that the spawn is on.

What I do is watch my depth finder to see if the

fish are still holding in the deep water every day, I will cast a crappie jig to the shallow spawning areas every day and watch the water temperature every day. Some years you have problems with water temperature or lake levels. If you have a cold snap that drives the water temperature back down the crappie will just not move up and spawn. They will wait and the cycle will be delayed until the water temperature gets back up to where it needs to be. The lake level will mess with the spawn some, but the fish will just compensate and spawn a little deeper. Some years when everything is perfect you will have a huge crappie spawn. You can tell this by crappie fishing itself.

Some years it's very easy to catch Crappie and some years it's hard. I personally think there is a 4-year cycle.

There are several methods to catching crappie. Minnows, wax worms, artificial, casting, trolling, spider rigging, or bobber fishing. Its really just your preference, but when their spawning you can't beat casting a jig tipped with a wax worm or fishing a minnow under a bobber.

Good Luck Tag

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Jack Marquart from Carmel Indiana caught these two nice crappie while fishing with me. (Author Photo)



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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Traffic Law - Driving Left of Center

A trend I've noticed the past few months is folks driving left of center when not permitted. Now I'm not talking about an impaired or distracted driver, one that keeps weaving back and forth. I'm talking about a car that comes upon a utility truck in their lane, or even another car that is LEGALLY parked on their side of the street and they suddenly decide to drive left of center into the lane of oncoming traffic to go around. If I'm coming the opposite direction, I have a legal right to continue in my lane, unimpeded.

In other words, it's not my responsibility to stop and wait on you because you feel something is in your lane or is blocking your lane. 9-21-8-7, Safe Passing to the Left says "A Vehicle May Not Be Driven to the left of the center of the roadway in the overtaking and passing of another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless the left side of the roadway is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit the overtaking and passing to be completely made without interference with the safe operating of a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction."

Now that last sentence is a mouthful, but basically says you can't drive left of center if it interferes with traffic coming at you. Again, if I'm in the opposite lane coming at you, it's not MY responsibility to stop or even slow down, because you want to pass a utility truck in your lane, or even if you want to drive left of center because you think a car, that is legally parked, is in your lane. Here is an interesting thought; they usually don't allow parking on streets or roadways that are too narrow for two cars to pass.

Can you drive left of center to check your mailbox? NO! I recently popped up over a hill on a narrow two lane county road to a van on the wrong side of the road, in my lane, checking their mail. I had to slam on my brakes to avoid collision. Safely park and walk to your mailbox.

I've got a great deal of respect for those in the refuse business. They work long hard hours and are out in all kinds of weather all year long, and their job is a dangerous one. But any safety director at any of the major companies will tell you that they tell their drivers do not drive left of center to pick up trash, because they know it's illegal and unsafe.

If you're delivering newspapers can you drive left of center to do so? NO! Postal employees don't drive left of center

to deliver mail, because they know it's illegal and unsafe. If you're out delivering papers, sit on the right side of your vehicle like mail carriers do or have someone in the passenger seat to handle the papers.

If you cause a crash or drive left of center in front of an approaching officer, you will get a ticket for being left of center when not permitted-simple. It falls into the category that we officers see more and more, that being people refusing to slow down or stop for anything, including officers, school buses, oncoming traffic and even other crashed cars. If you see an obstacle ahead in your lane, slow down or stop, then proceed out and around with caution, when safe to do so.

Seat Belts Work

One of my favorite things to do is speak to driver education classes. I have a standard one hour presentation, and it always starts the same way. We all have that relative that refuses to wear their seat-belt. The argument I hear a lot is, "I don't want to be trapped; I want to be thrown clear of the crash."

Now we've all seen NASCAR races on TV, and seen those in car camera shots showing the race car driver strapped into a wraparound seat by a huge harness, and a steel pipe cage all around him to protect him. I've never seen a NASCAR driver interview where he says, "I don't wear my safety harness, cause' if I crash I want to be thrown out of my car clear of the crash."

They don't say that because they know the safest place to be in a crash is strapped inside that car with a steel cage around them. Your car has a steel cage built around you also, you just can't see it. There is a steel bar across the roof, one through the middle of the door and on each side of the door. When that door is closed and latched, you have a steel bar cage around that passenger compartment.

I can show you picture after picture of crashed vehicles where the vehicle is demolished, but the steering wheel and seats are still intact inside the passenger compartment. Yep, I'll take my chances any day strapped inside my car's steel cage over my body skidding down the highway. If you've got that family member that doesn't like to wear their safety belt, try to convince them to wear it. NASCAR drivers stay strapped in so they can live to race another day. We should follow their lead and do the same.

Indiana State Police Increases Impaired, Dangerous Driving Patrols for March Madness & St. Patrick's Day

The Indiana State Police is joining law-enforcement agencies across Indiana this March to increase dangerous and impaired driving patrols for the NCAA Tournament and St. Patrick's Day.

Back in 2017, the weekend beginning St. Patrick's Day had the highest number crashes involving impaired drivers. With March 17, 2018 falling on a Sunday this year, police will be conducting random patrols, saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints intended to make our roads safer all that weekend.

"This is when we celebrate a time honored Hoosier tradition, March Madness and basketball," said Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. "However if you drink, your plans should include a designated driver, ride sharing program, or taxi to get you home safely from your celebration. Troopers will be out looking for those drivers who fail to heed this advice and will provide another form of transportation to those drivers; but it won't be to their home."

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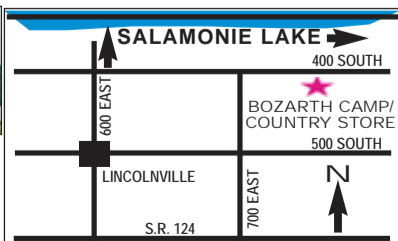
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by **PIO Travis Stewart**
Gobbler's Corner

Spring have finally arrived and the weather has turned for the better. Warm weather brings with it breeding season for turkeys especially. If you are like me, this is the time of the year to be in the woods yet again and hunt the ever eluding beard hanger.

I've only had a few opportunities to get in the woods and turkey hunt. This is not for my lack of will or enthusiasm into the sport. Rather it's my busy personal life. Finding to time to get into the woods can be any hunters greatest hurdle. Everyone wants to know if a Conservation Officer ever gets a chance to get into the woods. I would say that we do; as much as anyone at that. With personal life taken into account though, I find myself with a great will to be in the woods in the spring but have other agendas to attend to. My mindset is to get into the woods, hunt the eluding gobbler as mentioned, and have the "luck" of harvesting a tom.

Turkeys can be a difficult species to hunt, like many. There are different tactics that be utilized to take a bird. From stalking, to sitting and calling, or a combination of both. In the end it takes the tom's lust to be pulled away from his "girls" and venture to the sound.

Of the times I've hunted these birds, one comes to mind when speaking about in this article. I was set up with a clearing to my front and working a bird. I would hit the trusty slate call, and within mere seconds he would respond. The sound alone of his call would get my heart racing and ears perked. We "communicated" back and forth several times and I waited. I had that gut feeling, the one where you know he's heard my call and is going to come strutting in at any moment. So time passed, seeming like hours in the moment and nothing happened. No sound, no movement, nothing. I tried to communicate again, and to my surprise he responded. I knew I had his attention, and it seemed as though he was closing the distance. Finally the tom appeared in the distance, but it was just that; distant. He was far off, and with the pump in hand there was no shot even plausible that could be made from my position. I knew that point if I called he could see my movement on the slate and not being adequate with a mouth call I



Steve Backs IDNR Turkey Biologist. (DNR Photo)

waited. In the end, the tom ended up "hanging up" on me, strutted some more and never closed that distance. So what do you do?

There are different articles out there talking about different tactics that can be used to harvest that tom. I am not going to get into those tactics, as I strive to speak more on safety rather than how to hunt. The "how to" comes with being in the woods and speaking with the veteran hunters; i.e. the sportsman stage of Hunter Development.

What I do want to talk about is if you decide to venture away from that seated position and stalk the tom. Again whether this works or not is varying on different circumstances, but in doing so be aware of the dangers associated with it.

First off, know that stalking or walking through the woods can put you in a position of not only noticed by the eluding tom but an unsuspecting hunter. Be sure at all times of your surrounds and always know of your target and what is beyond.

Secondly, during the spring turkey season "hunter" orange is not a requirement. This causes the hunter to camouflage themselves into their surroundings. If the hunter has not properly dressed though they will be at greater risk for an accidental shooting. Never wear red, white or blue clothing during the spring season. These colors are apparent in the head of the tom, and to a hunter not paying heed to their target this could end in a bad situation.

Lastly, there are calls now that mimic the sound of a gobbling tom. These can be effective in different situations, but again can lead to unwanted injuries. If a property is being hunted by multiple individuals, hunters trespassing, or a neighboring hunter they may suspect the sound being a tom and pursue to catch a glimpse of the bird. As mentioned, if the target is not clearly observed, the hunter with the gobble call can be assumed as a tom and shoot.

I know I have spoken on these safety measures before, but wanted to hit on them again. The goal in hunting to be successful but do it in a safe manner for the hunter and others around.

If you find yourself in a situation where a Conservation Officer needs to be reached, our dispatch operates 24/7 and can be reached at 812-837-9536. You can also contact our dispatch at 1-800-TIP-IDNR (847-4367). If you submit a TIP, you can be eligible for a reward.

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Raising the American Flag at Ground Zero of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 by three New York City firefighters following the September 11 attacks. Photographed by Thomas E. Franklin of The Record (Bergen County, N.J.). (Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia)

Blue River Outdoors



by Steve Dake

I Pledge Allegiance

I was on my way back to Indiana from the Shot Show in Vegas sitting by an older gentleman like myself. We were talking about grandkids. He said he has 10 grand kids. I have 8. While he was talking to them about school and telling them when we went to school first thing we did was the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and a prayer. He said his 5 youngest could not recite The Pledge Allegiance.

That reminded me of a great humanitarian, comedian, and fellow Hoosier Richard "Red" Skelton from Vincennes, Indiana.

On January 14, 1969, Red Skelton touched the hearts of millions of Americans with his "Pledge Of Allegiance", in which he explained the meaning of each and every word. Red Skelton's recita-



Richard "Red" Skelton
July 18, 1913 — September 17, 1997

tion of the "Pledge of Allegiance" was twice read into the Congressional Record of the United States and received numerous awards.

RED SKELTON: "I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance and he

walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name... He said": "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge Of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word:"

"I

Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge

Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance

My love and my devotion.

To the Flag

Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of Freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, Freedom is everybody's job.

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For which it stands One Nation

One Nation — meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible

Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty

Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice

The principle, or quality, of dealing fairly with others.

For All

For All — which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine. And now, boys and girls, let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance:"

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Since Red was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: Under God. He said, "wouldn't it be a pity if someone

said that is a prayer, and that would be eliminated from schools, too?"

The Supreme Court ruled that prayer and Bible reading in public schools as unconstitutional. They later said the same for the Pledge of Allegiance.

With that said I'll end this article like Red did at the end of every show "Good night, and may God bless"

The Gun Den News

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We will be carrying live bait and fishing items starting this spring.

Till next month we at The Gun Den would like to thank everyone for there business and support. ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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in Union County. This event will be held from 07:00 A.M. till 3:00 P.M. with door prizes, Biggest Bass Contest, and raffle items. The EVFD fireman and support staff will be roasting a hog and selling refreshments, starting with breakfast. Proceeds from this event will go to purchase new fire equipment and apparatus for the Everton Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

With Everton Volunteer Fire Department and PH Custom Lures both are located in Fayette County we hope to include fisherman from surrounding areas, as well as other states. While this is our first year, we are planning to make this an annual event

Our goal is include more fisherman and sponsors as the years continue. Everyone's support and generosity is greatly appreciated..

Everton Volunteer Fire Department serves the residents of Fayette County, Union County and provides mutual aid to Franklin County Emergency Services whenever requested.

Everton provides fire, emergency medical first response and scuba dive rescue and recovery services to the west side of the Brookville Lake, Egypt Hollow, and Quakertown area.

EVFD is a 501©3 organization allowing for donations to be tax deductible. Receipts available upon request. Your support and generous donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!!!

HONEYWELL CENTER EVENTS FEATURED AT SALAMONIE

Learn about different events at the Honeywell Center in Wabash at the Salamonie senior luncheon.

Ellen Mock of the Honeywell Center will share upcoming 2019 Honeywell Center scheduled events on Monday, April 1 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center.

The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Spaghetti 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.

TURKEY RUN & SHADES NEWSLETTER ROCKY HOLLOW TRAIL REPAIRS

Since November, Rocky Hollow has been closed to hikers. Rocky Hollow is located just north of the Suspension Bridge on trail 3 at Turkey Run State Park. This canyon is one of the most hiked locations in Indiana.

To help preserve the natural beauty in this location, trail repairs are being made. The main goal is to define where the trail is. Over the years, the amount of foot traffic in that area has widened and split the trail creating a network of rouge trails.

To the average visitor, it's impossible to tell the difference between the rouge trails and the park created trail. The repairs will consist of creating designated water crossings with native stone, preventing erosion by rock cribbing, and protecting the natural springs. The entire project is projected to finish in late spring. However, Rocky Hollow floods annually in spring so the project may be delayed until summer.

All other parts of the park are open including Bear Hollow, Turkey Hollow, Falls Canyon, Boulder Canyon, and Gypsy Gulch.

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Explore Shades with a Naturalist guided hike of Trail 7. Hike will traverse a Kickapoo ravine, and will be about a mile in length. Hiking boots required and a red flashlight is preferred. Meet at the Hickory Parking Lot. Rugged night hikes are not suitable for children under the age of 10.

April 13 Eaglet Day

Revisit the nests from Eagles In Flight Weekend (Last weekend of January every year) in search of eaglets. Vehicle caravan from Turkey Run State Park to eagle nests located on the maps and eagle nests along the Wabash River (West Union Bridge floodplain). \$5 per person, does not include lunch. Payment due at Nature Center

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by Dan Graves

RETIREMENT ISN'T FOR THE WEAK HEARTED

(What do you do when you're retired and it's too cold to fish. You get into more trouble than a cat in a dog pound.)

As everyone who spent their younger years with their noses pressed to the grindstone knows, leaving the work force can be one of two things: freedom to indulge in those things you didn't have time for while working, or sitting in front of the t.v. chomping on potato chips while watching soap operas and trying to decide whether to wear the same pair of socks again today or stand them up in a corner and put on a clean pair. Everyone looks forward to bonding out of slave labor and dreaming of days spent traveling, finishing that quilt that you started twenty years ago, or finally tackling those projects you've planned for years, the ones that started with Pa Kettles favorite saying, "I'll get around to that, someday". With the exception of a select few, mainly those with the financial wherewithal to pursue their dreams, either end up sitting on the front porch swing, spend the cold months in Florida or hanging around at a fast food joint in early morning discussions on how the world has gone to you-know-where in a hand bag.

For some, a hobby can fill the idle hours. For me that has been motorcycling. That is until I found myself in a horizontal position wondering how a creaky old guy like me could pick up a 620 pound machine. Not willing to give up the macho image of a hardened biker, I had to humble myself and settle for a (I hate to say it) scooter. It's a big scooter but it still doesn't convey the image of a grizzled, knuckle dragging one percent. Since two-wheeled entertainment is practical for only a few months in the year, I decided to seek employment. Not just any job, but one that will offer a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.

After scanning the want ads in the newspaper, I selected a few that I felt were worth pursuing. One caught my eye immediately.

Plastic Injection Molding Process Technician: A title like that would be a major load to carry even before tackling the job responsibilities. After reading the skill requirements I decided it would be easier to pick up 620 pound motorcycles for a living.

Field Interviewers: I had to pass on this one after noting the following requirements:

Conduct lengthy in-home interviews with adults, take physical measures and biomarkers including grip strength, saliva, and blood samples. In other words, use a tape measure, engage in arm wrestling, spit in a cup and try to hold the victim down long enough to jab them with a needle. That sounds risky, especially if the victim doesn't necessarily care for the idea of donating a blood sample.

Experienced Tech For Garage And Mechanic Work (no heavy engine or school needed): Now you're talking my language. For years I considered myself an engine guru, performing most repairs on the family machines in our garage. I had no schooling on the subject and as far as I was concerned, there wasn't a single engine too heavy to lift. Admittedly, there were occasional errors that required assistance from outside sources, but overall, when it came time to mow the lawn I could depend on my expertise to get it done at least once. I'm keeping this one in reserve as a possibility.

One of the more popular ads were for farm hands. Now here is a profession for which I feel highly qualified. Those qualifications include daily feeding of flocks of ungrateful chickens that have absolutely no table manners, kamikaze roosters that apparently regard me as a baby snatcher while I gathered eggs, and a brood of pigs that have no appreciation for their fine quarters and daily supply of slop. Dumping a bucket of disgusting looking stuff into their feed trough would look like tossing a stack of Playboy magazines into a fraternity house. Many years ago I tried it and after cleaning chicken coops and tossing hay to an old cow, which incidentally resulted in a pitch fork through the top of my foot, I now feel capable of handling anything farm related. Before I would accept a position, I would need assurance that the livestock has been raised in an environment similar to a Marine Corp. boot camp. Follow orders, no rowdiness, know your place in the rank and file and don't expect to be fed before 9:00 a.m. I would require weekends off. No exceptions.

For anyone over the age of sixty, the remembrance of service stations is a pleasant one. They sold gas and oil while an attendant filled your tank, checked your oil, cleaned your windshield, and thanked you for your patronage. Today, if you're a cash customer, you estimate how much fuel you need, go inside and pay, return to the pump, find that you overestimated the amount by \$1.32, go back inside and wait in line for a refund. If you use a credit card, you fill the tank and later find that a skimmer inserted in the pump has drained your checking account. Perhaps a non-paying job as an attendant to these customers would be in order. Volunteering to perform these services for a customer could mean a less stressful environment at the Quick Stop and perhaps a few cash tips. On the other hand, in today's suspicious society, I can envision a nice senior lady whapping me with her purse while yelling, "Get away from me, you pervert!"

After due consideration, perhaps it would be better to stay with snow shoveling, lawn mowing and keeping the swing on the front porch in working order. I might even consider commercial bass fishing. After all, these are dirty jobs but someone has to do it.

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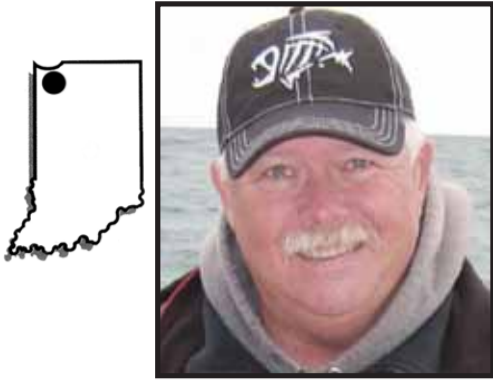
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

THE HALF-RECORD RULE

I'm often asked by people who are unfamiliar with a particular species of fish being discussed, "How big do those fish get?" I don't usually give a direct answer. What do is tell them the average size fish for the area or body of water being discussed, what size would be considered exceptional and, if I know the number, I'll tell them the size of the current state record.



This seven pound bass isn't a record, but it's a half-record! (Author Photo)

For instance, if I'm asked, "How big do king salmon in Lake Michigan get?" I answer this way. "Most of the mature fish weigh in the teens, anything over 20 pounds is a nice, big salmon, but they can get bigger. The Indiana state record is 38 pounds.

Using the same logic, in most lakes in Indiana a two to three pound walleye or bass is normal, and anything larger than 5 pounds are pretty darned nice fish. Most fishermen would agree, though the state record walleye is over 14 pounds and the record largemouth is nearly 15 pounds.

Record-sized fish are exceptional specimens,

more akin to the one in a million person able to run a four minute mile or a person standing over seven feet tall. It's even more than one in a million for a person to go fishing and catch a record-sized fish, or even a near record.

Still, most anglers want to catch a really nice fish once in a while. Sure it's fun to catch a nice bunch of two or three pound bass, a mess of average-sized perch or a 20 pound salmon, but catching that one extra-large specimen, the one you'd consider hauling to the taxidermist, snap photograph of to post on social media or at least to send a picture to fishing buddies, is special as well.

So what qualifies? The answer to that is certainly a personal decision, but the rule of thumb I use is if a fish is half of the record size, it's special. Using the example above, the Michigan record for king salmon is 38 pounds so according to my "half-record" rule, if you subdue a 19 pound salmon, brag it up, certainly snap some photos or even head for the taxidermist. The same goes for any other kind of fish half as big as the records list.

ATTAINABLE GOALS

At least the goal of catching a half-record fish is attainable. Catching a state or world record may not be possible. It's not your skills as an angler aren't good enough, your ability to pick the right place to try for that record fish isn't up to par or your tackle won't be up to the task of subduing the prize-winning fish. It may not even be you are just low on "fishing luck."

There may not be state record-sized fish alive in the state or world record-sized fish swimming anywhere in the world. You can't catch what isn't there.

There's a reason the world smallmouth bass record has stood at 11 pounds, 15 ounces since 1955. There are plenty of people fishing for smallmouths. There are thousands of lakes and streams which are home to smallmouths. Surely, just through blind luck if there is or had been a 12-pounder or dozens of 12-pound smallies swimming in lakes, somewhere in the world, someone would have caught it sometime in the last 60 years. Setting a goal to catch one would be the same as me setting a goal to run a two-minute mile.

At the same time, setting a goal to catch a half-sized record smallmouth, a six-pounder, is a reasonable goal. I've never caught one that size. I was in the boat with a friend who caught a six-plus smallie last spring from the Niagara River and I was hoping to catch it's twin. At least I was at the right spot at the right time.

If you would like to learn the world record sized fish for the kind of half-sized fish you'd like to catch go to www.igfa.org. The Indiana DNR keeps track of state record sized fish and list them on their website: <http://www.eregulations.com/indiana/fishing/record-fish-program/>. You'll have to do the math yourself.

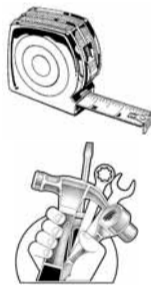
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How the bullet got bent in a 90 degree angle and lodged in the trigger housing is a real head scratcher. (Author Photo).



Had the base of the bullet been a few thousandths higher the bolt would have struck the primer set the round off most likely injuring someone severely. (Author Photo).

Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith

Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

Failure to Feed Malfunction

Occasionally when firing a semi-auto rifle or pistol the weapon will not load the next round and the shooter will have to perform a malfunction drill to clear the bad round and load the next, but what do you do if the bolt or slide will not close? It will not go back into battery. In the last month I've had two instances where guns have come in that the bolt or slide has failed to return to battery. In both instances my initial reaction was "How in the world could that happen".

The first was a Winchester 190 .22LR rifle. The bolt was stopping in the half closed position. The original owner of the rifle had tried several times to force the bolt closed but couldn't get it to close. The bolt could be pulled back and locked open, and the chamber was clear. The magazine tube had been cleared of the remaining rounds and the barrel was also clear. At first look the feed lifter could be seen but would not move. A closer look and I saw the back end of a .22 cartridge underneath the half closed bolt and the tip of the copper plated bullet against the lifter.

To remove the bullet the rifle had to be disassembled. The cartridge had been bent to a 90 degree angle in the loading gate of the trigger assembly and just under the bolt travel and on top of the lifter. I have no idea how this could have happened. The unfired cartridge rim where the primer is located, was

just under the bolt. Had it lodged a few thousandths of inch higher it would have discharged the bent cartridge and exploded like a small bomb probably severely or fatally injuring anyone handling or close to the gun. The lesson learned here was don't try and force the bolt into battery. The owner had not seen the bent cartridge when they inspected the gun and had tried to force the bolt closed. It was a sharp eye and strong light that I saw the tip of the bullet upon my inspection.

The next instance was with a Ruger P89DC. The owner had loaned the pistol to another and when it was returned the slide was locked in a half opened condition. I didn't believe what I was seeing. There was a 9 mm Luger cartridge stuck halfway into the chamber. BACKWARDS! At first I couldn't imagine how a bullet would be loaded into the chamber backwards. Then I asked to see the magazine and there was the problem. It was loaded backwards. I had never tried that, but it can be done. 9 mm Luger cartridges are of a rimless design. The 9 mm chamber is tapered and the cartridge can be inserted base first and will lodge tightly halfway into the chamber. The slide would not close completely and applied enough force against the round that the round became tightly wedged in the chamber. The only way to remove the cartridge was to push it out from the muzzle end. I used a wooden dowel to lightly tap the cartridge and coax it from the chamber. Since I was pushing in the area of the primer I used the small wooden dowel with the end cupped to avoid the primer and applied the force on the rim around the primer. I doubt the wooden dowel would be sharp enough to dent the primer enough to set the primer off but you never know. This is one of those situations of "Don't try this at home". Take the gun to a gunsmith to remove the bullet. In that condition the gun cannot be disassembled. The barrel is locked into the frame by the pressure of the slide moving forward while pressing on



A better view of the mangled and bent .22 LR after it was removed from the trigger housing. (Author Photo).

top of the barrel forcing the barrel down out of lock to chamber the next round, that is if its not in backwards. Before returning the gun to the current owner I gave instructions on the proper loading of the magazine, insertion of the magazine, and chambering of the round, and gave them a stern warning to not loan the gun to anyone for any reason.

Quote of the Month

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

(from email: "Life from the seat of a tractor – An old Farmer's Words of Wisdom we could all live by....." Author Unknown)

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



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4 What??? Stuck Backwards? How in the world could this happen? See next picture. (Author Photo).

5 Notice the magazine is loaded with the bullets in backwards. This shows a strong need for gun training. (Author Photo).

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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“NOTICE”

Gun Safety Recall

I posted this last month but it is worth posting again.

Posted By Kel Tec Weapons
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IMPORTANT SUB-2000 SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

We have recently identified an issue with the heat treatment of certain steel tubes received from a third-party supplier from which the barrels for a limited number of Gen 2 SUB-2000 rifles were manufactured. This could potentially cause the barrel to rupture when a cartridge is fired and could result in serious personal injury. The safety of our customers is our primary concern, so Kel-Tec has voluntarily initiated this recall because of the possibility of a barrel rupturing.

This recall only affects a portion of Gen 2 SUB-2000s that were manufactured in 2017. Gen 1 SUB-2000s are not affected.

To check if your firearm would need to be sent in for barrel replacement, please follow this link: <https://recalls.keltecweapons.com/>

All costs associated with the recall of your firearm shall be covered by Kel-Tec. ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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before the caravan leaves. Space is limited due to parking near nest locations. Car pooling will be required. Questions? Contact the Turkey Run Nature Center at **765-597-2654** or adouglass@dnr.IN.gov.

Morning caravan, 9 a.m.- noon, Registration
 Afternoon caravan, 1-4 p.m., Registration
April 18, 6 p.m. Friends Group Spring Banquet: Indiana Skunk Rescue

Join the Friends of Turkey Run & Shades State Park for a fun filled evening at the Turkey Run Inn. The Friends members will be having their spring banquet with a program following. The banquet is pot-luck style. Bringing a dish is not required but is appreciated. After the food, Indiana Skunk Rescue will talk about domestic and wild skunks. Everyone will get the opportunity to meet their live educational skunk.

April 26-28, Women’s Wellness Weekend

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Friends of Indiana Dunes Native Plant Sale
 Saturday, April 13, 2019, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. CST
 Join the Friends of Indiana Dunes at their 23rd Annual Native Plant Sale taking place at the Dunes Visitor Center just outside the state park. Over 100 species of native plants will be on sale that day. Come early, before they're gone or contact the Nature Center at **219-926-1390** or email Marie Laudeman mlaudeman@dnr.in.gov for pre-orders

Friends of McCormick’s Creek State Park Annual Native Plant Sale
 Saturday, April 13-14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 At McCormick’s Creek State Park Nature Center Several native plant species available for purchase Questions contact: WWilliams1@dnr.IN.gov **812-829-4344**

The Friends of Brown County State Park Annual Plant Sale
 Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. until sold out (approximately 1 p.m.) At Brown County State Park Nature Center Selling an assortment of native and

non-invasive garden plants. Donations welcome. All proceeds will be used for future park projects. Questions contact: friendsbcsp@gmail.com **812-988-5240**

Friends of Mounds State Park Native Plant Sale
 Saturday, May 11 10 a.m. - until plants are gone or 1 p.m.

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I-69 SECTION 6 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY KICKS OFF IN MARTINSVILLE

Warmer weather means construction on I-69 Section 6 will begin in earnest next week.

On Monday, Milestone Contractors and subcontractor crews will be in Martinsville clearing trees and brush, placing erosion control and preparing right-of-way for future bridge and roadway construction. Work will be limited to three areas in town: at South St./Home Ave. near Martinsville High School, at Grand Valley Blvd. east of SR 37, and on Cramertown Loop just south of Florida Ave.

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Top Left Photo: Flintknapper Edward Mosher from Monticello, IN standing behind his table of flintknapped knives and arrowheads of all shapes and sizes. Top Right Photo: Young man holding a tray of jaspers, agates, fossils and other minerals. EIGGS member Bill Wilson carefully checks his tray and notes he has a shark tooth in it as he carefully puts the rocks in a bag for him to take home. Bottom Left Photo: Looking across the vast number of visitors in one corner of the Kuhlman Center, outside the parking lot was full with numerous vehicles parked in adjacent spots outside the lot. Bottom Right Photo: On behalf of the Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society, club member John LaMont presents the 2019 Charlene Reidenbach STEM Scholarship to Sharon Corwin (National Trail High School). From left to right, Jadisbeth Corwin, John LaMont, Sharon Corwin and Corey Corwin. Scholarship winner Caleb Neal (Hagerstown HS) was unable to attend the show. See additional Scholarship information in article and photos on Page 15.

Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society's 46th Annual Spring Gem Show March 1 -3, 2019

Sherry and I attended the Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society's (EIGGS) 46th Annual Spring Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds March 1-3, 2019 on Saturday afternoon March 2nd. As we approached the fairgrounds we saw a packed parking lot ahead of us. I snaked through the several rows of parked cars finally finding a lone one towards the south east corner of the lot. Vehicles were parked at every available spot along the roadways surrounding the Kuhlman and Raper Center too.

We entered the Kuhlman Center entrance, got our tickets and entered the bustling crowd of visitors and vast array of booths. As usual Sherry walked her way as I began taking photos around the room. I

stopped by to visit with Mr. & Mrs. Canton at the Canton Collectibles booth. They set up at this show in March and at Van Wimmer's Gem Show in April at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. (See their booth photo in my March Gad-a-bout, page 22).

I then stopped at EIGGS member John LaMont's booth after snapping a photo of him in his booth. John asked if I wanted to take a photo of one of the scholarship winners. I replied, "Sure." So he got Sharon Corwin and her parents to pose with him presenting the scholarship certificate to her. (See photo above and other winner information in this article)

Then I continued visiting other booths and dealers with whom I've become acquainted with attending this gem show through the years. Occasionally finding Sherry who also was visiting the booths in her quest to find a rare gem or pretty rock. We probably have close to a ton of pretty rocks at home, but very few gems. We do have a lot of petrified wood we removed from Arizona back in 1972, but that is another story.

I visited with Edward Mosher who is a master flintknapper from

Monticello, IN. He is always set up behind the Silent Auction booth near the center of the east end. See photo above shown with a great number of his knives and assorted stones. You can follow him on: Mosher Knapping on Facebook.

From Ed's location I stopped to watch the children mineral sluicing back in the north east corner of the building. Last year they ran out of rocks by 9 a.m. This year they planned ahead and had a greater number of rocks available for the kids to enjoy sluicing their tray in hopes of finding a special rock. (See photo above)

From the gold panning area I took several more photos of the crowd, display cases and found the Sherry again. We looked some more then prepared to leave. Before leaving I stopped at the entrance table asking if and when it would be possible for me to take a photo of the members helping put the show on. EIGGS member and Treasurer, Angie Shaffer, with whom I had been in contact with getting information prior to the gem show suggested I come back

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EIGGS volunteers who worked Saturday afternoon. Back Row left to right: Bobby Shaffer, Dave Straw, Harris Precht, John LaMont, John Morse, Tim Merrill, Mary Ann Morse, Scott Gibson, Joe Wirrig, Jim Lucas. Front Row left to right: Deb Chagares, Emily Gibson, Nikki Merrill, Hailee Shaffer, Mona Jones, Marty Lucas, Angie Shaffer, Naomi Jones (Faithe Jones, in front of Naomi), Dakota Jones, Bryant Jones, Judy Burton, Danny Spurgeon. (Photo by Ray Dickerson) Not shown in this photo volunteers who worked the show Friday, Saturday morning and Sunday.



Scholarship Winner Sharon Corwin (National Trail HS)

at a quarter till six p.m., I could get a photo then before the show closed.

Sherry and I left around 3:30 p.m. We went on into Richmond and had an early supper then I took Sherry home and returned to the Gem Show at a quarter to 6 p.m.

I found Angie telling her I wanted to take the photo as soon as they assembled. She announced over the loud speaker for all members and volunteers to come to the lobby for a photo shoot.

In two shakes of a lambs tail the room filled with everyone. I told them tall people in the back and short ones up front. Before the words left my lips a young lady appeared at the front of the assembly and began arranging everyone in perfect unison. I took



Scholarship Winner Caleb Neal (Hagerstown HS)

my usual two photos, one with normal lighting and one with the flash. Then I asked them to stay where they were so I could record their names. They did so and it was a wrap.

Sherry and I left for home.

That evening I came over here to my office turning on the computer. Lo' and behold the first e-mail I opened was from Lisa Morris asking me to send her the photo of the group I took earlier that day.

So I sent her a copy of the group photo.

In no time I received a complete list of names of those in the photo I took, relieving me of having to listen to my tape player for their names and spelling them right too!

Lisa also sent me the following information

Charlene Reidenbach STEM Scholarship Recipients

The Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society proudly supports STEM education and since 2005 has offered an annual scholarship to a Wayne County high school senior majoring in a STEM field.

**2019 Sharon Corwin, National Trail High School
Caleb Neal, Hagerstown High School**

2018 **Noah Hancock, Lincoln High School**

Chloe Anderson, National Trail High School

2017 **Kylei Klein, Lincoln High School**

2016 **Dakota Harrison, Lincoln High School**

2015 **Kiersten Merida, Lincoln High School**

2014 no scholarship awarded

2013 **Kayli Burke, Lincoln High School**

2012 **Kaitlyn Blansett, Centerville High School**

2011 **Tyler Smith, Lincoln High School**

2010 **Katie Temple, Centerville High School**

2009 **Charles Bartlett, Hagerstown High School**

2008 **Brittany Vanbastelaer, Centerville High School**

2007 **Rebecca Lanter, Hagerstown High School**

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2005 **Katie Cooper, Hagerstown High School**

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1. REGISTRATION. There will be a short mandatory meeting approximately 15 minutes prior to take off. Entries and fees must be received no later than April 26, 2019. Starting positions will be determined by date of postmark on entry.

2. PARTICIPANTS. Everyone (male/female) is welcome to enter, however, the tournament director reserves the right to refuse entry from any contestant. Anyone under 18 years of age may fish only with parent, legal guardian or other adult if a signed statement is provided. *ANGLERS MAY NOT FISH ALONE*

3. BOATS AND MOTORS. All boats must be equipped with a lanyard type kill switch. Boat must be at least 15 feet in length. Trolling as a method of catching fish is prohibited. Stick steering is considered dangerous and shall not be permitted. Jet motors and tiller steering is allowed. Every boat must have an aerated live well large enough to maintain a live limit of fish. Altering a boat from factory specifications to gain length or height is not permitted.

4. HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS. Your motor must not exceed the manufacturers or Coast Guard horsepower rating for your boat. Jet drives are allowed; however, motor power head rating must still comply. Any questions please contact tournament director.

5. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT. Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork strips or rinds, etc. Only one rod and reel may be used at any one time, however, several may be rigged and ready for use. Rods shall not be more than 8 feet in length.

6. SAFETY. Safe boating conduct should be observed at all times. Competitors must have a US Coast Guard approved P.F.D. on and secured any time the gas engine is running. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. An operating lanyard type kill switch must be attached to boat and operator when gas engine is in operation. Boat operator must test kill switch prior to each tournament.

7. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS. Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except areas designated by state or federal officials or any other water determined by the tournament officials. ALL ANGLING MUST BE DONE FROM THE BOAT. Anglers shall not leave the boat to land a fish or gain access to fishing waters. Anglers must be in contact with the boat at all times except in case of emergency or brief excursions in "nature calling". *There shall be no trailering of fish during weigh-in*

8. PENALTIES. Only largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass will be weighted. At no time shall a team have more than a limit of five (5) fish in their live wells. Doing so is grounds for disqualification. The length for fish shall be 14 inches or otherwise regulated by the state. Fish will be measured with mouth closed on a "Golden Rule". As solely determined by tournament official, all fish brought to weigh-in must be of legal size determined by state law for that body of water fished. Short fish will be culled from your sack and your largest fish will also be culled from the remaining fish. A courtesy measuring board will be available to be used. For each dead fish a ½ pound penalty will be deducted from your total weight. The dead fish penalty applies only to the total creel weight and not towards any big bass weights/awards. A team who arrives at the official check-point area after prescribed check-in time will be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute. After 10 minutes all weight shall be lost for that day. Late penalties do apply to any "Big Bass" weights. At no time shall a bass be stringed and doing so will lead to disqualification.

9. RULINGS. The tournament officials shall reserve all rights for rule interpretations and to refuse an entry. Furthermore, tournament officials have the authority to announce or present any rule revisions (printed or not) as deemed appropriate. Violating tournament rules may be reason for disqualification.

10. SPORTSMANSHIP. Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Alcohol and abused drugs are not permitted in a boat during tournament hours. Fish must be caught in a sporting manner, therefore, snagging fish is not permitted.

11. TIES. All monies will be totaled and split equally.

12. PROTEST. Protest against another competitor must be in writing, signed and in the hands of tournament director within 15 minutes after scales are closed.

13. REFUNDS. Your entry may be refunded only if the tournament director is notified by entry deadline of April 26, 2019. There is a \$20 bank charge for returned checks.

14. INSURANCE. Adequate liability insurance is required of all contestants using their boats in the tournament.

NOTE:

Mailed Entries and fees must be received no later than April 26, 2019. *(Cut out and Use Entry Form Bottom of Page 17)*

Entries will be taken day of tournament but will be **CASH ONLY**

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Left Photo: Photo of a Dunstan Chestnut grove showing wide spreading form of tree in front. Right Photo: A tray full of chestnuts ready for people, critters, or planting. (Author Photos)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

The American Chestnut Its Death and Rebirth

At the end of the 1800's, the American chestnut was the most important tree species for both food and timber in the Eastern United States. Its range covered the forest land 1,500 miles long and 1,000 miles wide, from Maine to Georgia and from the east coast to the Mississippi. Both the Native Americans and the settlers of this area depended on this species for a variety of reasons.

A large specimen of the American chestnut tree (*Castanea dentata*) could reach 100 feet tall and have a diameter of nearly 10 feet. In an open area, the species would branch early and have a wide crown and be shorter. If the tree was in a crowded woods, it would grow tall and narrower to reach the sunlight. It was a relative of the beech tree, belonging to the Fagaceae family. The chestnut has a rapid growth and unlike oak trees, it bears a heavy crop of mast (nuts) yearly, beginning at age of three to five years. It was also used widely as a timber tree for furniture, fencing, shingles, flooring, piers, and more.

But, in 1904, this species was invaded by a bark fungus accidentally introduced from China. In the next four decades, virtually all of these great trees were infected and died. It is estimated that over three billion succumbed to this fungus. Just a few widely scattered chestnuts survived, somehow able to fight off the deadly blight.

Some chestnut trees not growing in their native

range, were able to survive because the disease didn't reach their area. Pioneers moving west took nuts with them and planted them outside the risk area. Wisconsin has a stand of 2,500 mature chestnuts which is the largest native stand in the U.S. although there is some disease in this stand. Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky and other places have a few of the American chestnut remaining.

For thousands of years, deer, turkey, bear, squirrel and other wildlife depended on the nuts from this tree to help them survive the winter. One acre of chestnut trees could produce one to two tons of sweet tasting nuts every year with a single tree growing 10-20 pounds of the large seeds. These nuts are much more nutritious and tasty than acorns. Studies have shown chestnuts are preferred 100-1 over acorns by deer.

But, this almost total death of the American chestnut tree is not the end of the story. Midway through the 20th century, plant breeder Dr. Robert Dunstan began a project to save this valuable tree. He took some Chinese chestnut trees which were blight resistant and hybridized them with some of the American trees which had survived the disease. While the Chinese species was resistant to the disease, they had poor nut production. Dr. Dunstan continued working with these trees, growing offspring until they were at nut producing age, then, backcrossing them with the parents until he achieved a hybrid which reflected the best of both parents. Now, in the 21st century, these trees have been grown all over the nation, showing almost every tree was now blight resistant. They are called the Dunstan Chestnut.

Continuing with the work of Dr. Dunstan is his grandson, Robert Dunstan Wallace. He has established a commercial nursery growing the chestnut and other fruit and nut trees at the Chestnut Hill nursery. Besides the chestnut, Chestnut Hill Outdoors offers both American and Oriental persimmon trees, pears, plums and more. Red, white, and live oaks are also available, as are pecan trees. These trees are available in different sizes and ages. While all of these species can be picked up at their nursery site (www.chestnuthilloutdoors.com), or ordered direct from them, some Walmart and Rural King stores also carry these plants.

I had received some emails from this company over the last few months and read about their product and their program. Having taken some forestry



The Dunstan chestnut in full bloom. (Author Photos)



This is what a chestnut on the tree looks like before ripening. There are 2-3 nuts inside each pod.. (Author Photos)

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Top Photo: Chestnut seedlings being grown in a greenhouse. Bottom Photo: A portion of the nursery with potted trees ready to ship. (Author Photos)

classes in college and studied dendrology (tree identification) for a year while there, the loss of the chestnut trees and the chance for their recovery was of great interest to me. Then, while at the recent Renfro Boat, Sport, and Travel Show, I saw the Chestnut Hill Nursery booth. Susie and I stopped and talked at length to Iain Wallace who was the representative at the display. I learned a lot about their Dunstan chestnut trees and found they would grow in our area. I was told I needed at least two trees to pollinate, should put them 25-50 feet apart, and they would bear nuts in just a few years. I had to have a couple for my property. They will be shipped to me at the proper planting time for our area.

For more information on these great products, go to www.chestnuthilloutdoors.com, or call them at 1-855-386-7826. While I am planting just a couple chestnuts for our own use, if you have more space available, you might consider planting a few (or many!) for a food plot. The critters will appreciate it, and in just a few years, you can have your own "chestnuts roasting on an open fire".

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An "Always-on-Deck" Technique

Z-Man® unveils easy-to-rig Neko ShroomZ™ Nose Weights

LADSON, SC (March 6, 2019) – Ask pro angler Mark Daniels Jr. to call out his all-time favorite finesse rig and the answer is easy: "Neko rig, man, no question." Daniels, a rising star on the Major League Fishing Tour calls the Neko an "always-on-deck" technique.

Easing the process of weighting his favorite soft stickbaits, Daniels recently unveiled Z-Man's Neko ShroomZ Nose Weight, an intelligent terminal tackle accessory that's simple and effective to rig with all softbaits, including ElaZtech®.

"The Neko ShroomZ employs the same head design as Z-Man's Finesse ShroomZ jighead, a shape that adds a sweet rocking, pivoting action to whatever bait you put on the hook," said Daniels. "This cool little weight has a stainless centering wire and a double-barbed keeper. The wire easily penetrates the material and makes it way easier to rig perfectly straight. The keeper grabs hold and stays locked in place."

Z-Man confidant Drew Reese, co-creator of the Neko ShroomZ, said the team worked through "at least nine different keeper configurations before implementing its final, bulletproof design. It grabs and holds ElaZtech just as well as other soft plastics; much easier to rig than traditional nail- and screw-style weights. If you're dealing with extra aggressive bass that like to jump and thrash on the hook, a tiny drop of superglue on the shaft creates a permanent connection."

Timed to tap spring bass bites across America, Daniels offers advice for putting the Neko ShroomZ to work. "I've always got a medium action spinning rod on the casting deck, Neko-rigged with a Z-Man Hula StickZ—that's my favorite finesse bait for sure. The Finesse WormZ is another fish catcher. And I'm super hyped about a brand new ElaZtech bait I've been throwing lately. Can't talk about that yet," he says with a playful grin. "But stay tuned."

Neko Tackle

Daniels casts his Neko rigs with 15-pound Seaguar Smackdown braid and a 6- to 10-pound Seaguar Tatsu fluorocarbon leader. "You need line that's fine and supple enough to maximize the action of a Neko rigged bait. From there, I run a #2 Owner Sniper Finesse hook, impaling the worm about 1/8-inch up from the egg sack, toward the narrower end."

While traditional Neko- and wacky-rigging requires the angler to slide a rubber O-ring over the bait, under which the hook is planted, ElaZtech is actually tough and tear-resistant enough to eliminate this extra accessory. "You can definitely direct-hook ElaZtech baits for Neko rig fishing," Daniels observes. "Sometimes, though, I'll still use an O-ring, which helps prevent the hook from stabbing back into the bait on a hookset. The O-ring also helps the bait slide up the line, so you're directly connected to the bass."

Neko Apps

"In tournaments, we're constantly fishing for pressured bass," he adds. "A Neko-rigged Finesse

WormZ or Hula StickZ offer such a non-threatening presentation that fish don't get conditioned to them. Deadly throwback baits, too. And I love the rig around docks because it skips really well. The Neko ShroomZ is also a great tool for spawning bass. Keeps one end of the bait pinned in place on the bed while the other end floats above, tail wagging with the slightest movement of the rod tip.

"Actually, it's easy to overfish this rig because it's so naturally subtle and lively. I always tell people, 'less is more' with ElaZtech. Throw it out, let it go to the bottom and lightly shake the braid. A lot of times, a bass will follow to the bottom, and strike as soon as you make the bait dance a little."

Daniels adds that with weight options from 1/6- to 1/20-ounce, he's fished Neko ShroomZ-rigged baits from 1 to over 30 feet of water. "I like to fish it vertically for deep spotted bass, watching the fish's reaction on electronics. The bait's that versatile."

Beyond Nekos and wackys, one intriguing alternative has affectionately become known as the 'Tiny Child Rig'. "It's sort of a Texas rig in reverse," says Kyle Peterson of Wired2Fish.com, who unveiled the rig last summer. "I needed something hydrodynamic and subtle I could drop straight into logjams, brush-piles and heavy vegetation without snagging. Take a Z-Man Finesse TRD and Texas rig it with a Neko-style hook and Neko ShroomZ weight in the thicker end. Looks like a miniature pogo stick hopping along bottom, but bass and walleyes eat the heck out of it. The rig's so fun and easy to fish that, well, let's just say it lives up to its name."

Sold in 4-packs, Neko ShroomZ Nose Weights are available in four sizes—1/6-, 1/10-, 1/15- and 1/20-ounce—in Black and Green Pumpkin finishes. MSRP \$4.99 per 4-pack. Learn more at zmanfishing.com.

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In deer hunting, two can be a crowd. When hunting gobblers, the opposite is true. Having a second caller with the ability to move and float around can be a huge plus this spring.



Left Photo: Standing on the left and helping me hold the turkey I took is Justin Bernard, I'm on the right. Right Photo: Standing on the left is Justin Bernard and on the right is Don Ennis who took the turkey he is holding. (Author Photos)

Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Sometimes Two is better than One in the turkey woods

When it comes to hunting, sometimes it's nice to be in the woods alone to enjoy the peace and solitude, but if tagging a bragging-sized longbeard is your goal, sometimes having a partner can play to your advantage.

Mature gobblers are notorious for hanging up just outside of shooting range, often making a seemingly sure thing quickly fade into a memory.

This is where having a buddy with you can really pay off. I learned this lesson big time years ago and have relied on it several times since then.

The first time I tried this method, a pair of longbeards flew down from their roost with a hen already in tow. This is always a tough situation to be in. Our calling had the toms fired up and answering our calls, but when my buddy began to slowly work his way behind me and down the ridge in the opposite direction of the toms, they almost came unglued. His drift calling pulled the two lovesick birds away from the hen and nearly lead to the demise of one of them. Another few steps and the barrel of my gun would have had a chance to get warm.

It was not long after that before proof that two callers were better than one became quite clear once again.

Later that same morning, we located a trio of gobblers that were without hens. The birds were really fired up and hammering hard, so we had to set up right then and there. We didn't even get a chance to set our decoys out.

Even though the birds were answering our calls fairly well, they just wouldn't commit to them. One wary old gobbler finally poked his head over the crest of the hill that lied in front of me, but tucked back down before I could get on him. Once he tucked back over the ridge and out of sight, we thought all was lost. But no sooner had the bird disappeared than he let out gobble. A minute or two later, two of the birds engaged in a battle for dominance which we could hear from our position.

At that point, we felt like we might get lucky and possibly pull the bird back in for one more look-see. It was worth a shot. No sooner had my buddy slipped down the ridge a little bit and made a series of yelps, than one of the toms popped his head over the ridge in the hopes of finding the hen that was slipping away. This time, however, my
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Harrisburg High School later known as Fayette Central. (Author Photo)



Everton High School sweater. (Author Photo)

Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder
Fayette County Historical Museum

It Really is Madness!

Ray Dickerson always confuses me. This is the April Gadabout, but it will be distributed in mid March. To me, that means I should write about something that happens in March, namely that strange malady that plagues Hoosiers – March Madness.

I don't like football. It strikes me as being just too rough, and the games last way too long for my attention deficient brain. Baseball is okay. I liked playing baseball as a kid, and I was a fair pitcher. I never cared for batting because hitting the ball meant I might have to slide. I never got the hang of sliding.

Basketball was, well, a whole other ball game. I was pretty good at hitting the basket. Nobody expected me to slide. I liked it, and I like watching other people play. It keeps moving. There's a limit to how long the game will last, unless there's an overtime. Nobody spits on the court. It's civilized.

I started life in a small school. Our county was awash with small schools. Basketball wasn't just a game. It was where the community came together in the winter. My dad drove a school bus, and there were times he took the team to other schools. When there was a game, we had to hurry around and finish chores and homework, so we could get to the game on time. Almost every boy in the school got to play, and most of the girls got a shot at cheer leading. Those days are gone, of course. Our high school burned when I was in first grade. There were still a few small high schools left, but



Photo of Nellie Henry Barrett from Orange High School who scored 29 field goals in 32 minutes of actual play against Bentonville as reported by the Anderson Herald. (Author Photo)

NELLIE HENRY.
In a recent game with Bentonville, Nellie Henry, of the Orange high school basketball team, scored twenty-nine field goals in thirty-two minutes of actual play for what is believed to be a high scoring record. Needless to say Orange won the game. The score was 60 to 13. Nellie, or "Peaches" as she is known by her teammates, is the Orange team's star and it's a continual "swish", "swish" when she trains her eyes on the iron rims. The Henry family formerly lived in and near Anderson and are still readers of The Anderson Herald. Orange is near Glenwood, between Rushville and Connersville.

Article from Anderson Herald about Nellie Henry from Orange, Indiana. (Author Photo)

the county consolidated a few years later, and there's only one team for the entire county. We're all still proud of our team. After all, Connersville won two state championships, but it doesn't feel the same as when you actually knew all the players personally, and the coach was probably doing double duty as a teacher and often as principal.

All those little schools had spirit. The rivalry was fierce. They had a county tournament every year. The winner got a trophy and was allowed to have custody of "the bear" for the coming year. Each school had an outfit for him in their school colors. He's not a big bear, but he held a place of honor. Thankfully, he's in our museum now, dressed in the outfit of the school that won the very last county tournament.

The Fayette County Historical Museum is blessed to have many of the trophies from the various small schools, as well as sweaters, cheerleader outfits, photos, and yearbooks. Now that we have a nice area for displays, people have been

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Orange High School sports memorabilia in our Museum. (Author Photo)



Alquina High School sports memorabilia. (Author Photo)

very generous in their donations of memorabilia. When I was in school, girls only played in gym class. When my kids started school, each country grade school had both boys' and girls' teams, so I was excited that my daughters, as well as their brother, had the opportunity to play. Girls' basketball was also catching on in high schools. I'm glad that women now have that opportunity.

Imagine my surprise to learn that our little high schools had a girls' league in the 1920s! Even more surprising was that my first grade teacher was a star player.

Her name was Nellie Henry Barrett. She was born in Orange, Indiana, in 1906. She graduated high school from the same building where she became my first grade teacher. She attended Danville Normal School for her teaching degree, finishing in 1930, and her teaching career lasted

many years. It's always odd to imagine that your teachers had a life before they became your teachers. To me, she was Miss Nellie all my life. I knew that she had a family. I knew her mother, and I knew her daughter. We were neighbors. My family went to the Christian Church two blocks from the Methodist Church she attended, but the two churches often held joint events.

Little did I know that, in the 1920s, she was a crack ball player, known as Peaches. I suppose that might have come from her strawberry blonde hair. I really don't know how she got the name, but I know that, in January of 1924, the newspaper reported that the Orange girls trounced a neighboring team with a score of 60 to 13. Peaches was believed to have set a record by scoring 58 of the 60 points!

The gym where she played basketball wasn't a gym at all. It was a tiny building that had served as the Methodist church in the early 1800s. When the Methodists were able to build a more suitable edifice, they donated their building to the town for use as a town hall, and it was moved closer to the school. When interest in town meetings waned, the school began to use it as a gym. The boys and girls who played in that building told of skinned knees and elbows caused by hitting the rough sawn walls.

In 1997, I was honored to have been asked to write the letter nominating Miss Nellie for our county's Teacher Hall of Fame. How cool was it that I wrote a letter supporting the lady who taught me to write? Peaches passed away the next year at the age of 92, gone but certainly not forgotten by Fayette County.

You can share all the school memories and a lot more at our museum. Come visit us! We're located at 200 West 5th Street in Connersville, Indiana. Winter hours are Saturdays only, 10 a.m. til 4 p.m. ■

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gun roared, and he got a face full of number 5's. When using a second caller, here are a few ideas that may help you out:

1. Have the second caller position himself or herself fifty to eighty yards behind the hunter. This gives the gobbler the impression that the hen is further away. This way, if he hangs up eighty to one hundred yards out, he is in perfect range of the gunner.

2. If a tom becomes extremely wary, have the caller move off away from the tom, all the while calling and scratching the leaves around him. This will give the impression that the hens are not particularly interested in him. Sometimes this is all it takes to pull in that trophy longbeard those last critical yards.

3. Try a few different calls until you find one the gobbler responds to well.

4. Take full advantage of having two callers in the field. Two hot hens can often times be more enticing to a gobbler than one.

Sure most of the time hunting solo is all that it takes to harvest a big gobbler, but on some cantankerous toms, adding a second caller to your bag of tricks can sometimes make the difference between being successful or having a close encounter. ■

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Union County High School Unified Sports Team Plunging. (Author Photo)

Outdoors With Lonnie



by Lonnie Snow

Special Olympics Polar Plunge

Our 2019 Polar Plunge held on February 23rd at Whitewater Memorial State Park in Liberty Indiana was very successful. The water was 38 degrees for the plunge but the air temperature hovered around 50 degrees for the day.

We had 119 plungers brave the water to support Indiana Special Olympics. The good news is all 119 plungers came out! The event raised over

\$13,000. Special Olympics Indiana had set the goal of raising \$1,000,000 for Special Olympics this year by hosting 18 Polar Plunges across the State of Indiana. Special Olympics is celebrating their 50th Year Anniversary.

The Snow Bandits Plunge Team (Team Captain Lonnie Snow) raised over \$6,000 for Wayne/Union County. They won the Most Money raised and largest plunge team award. As the Team Captain I surpassed my goals this year and it was because of the community support I received.

I want to personally thank the Union County Foundation for the grant monies to purchase new signs for the polar plunge coming into Liberty. Prime Products created the signs and donated more than they received to create our signage. Special thanks to the use of the 4H Community Center for use of their building for our After Splash Bash.

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Team Captain of Snow Bandits (Lonnie Snow) taking a dip. (Author Photo)



Team Snow Bandits taking a plunge. (Author Photo)



Counting Down to the Bassmaster Classic

St. Croix Bass Pro Jesse Wiggins is all-in on Legend Tournament Glass

Park Falls, WI (March 6, 2019) – The clock is ticking down to the biggest event in bass fishing on the planet—the Bassmaster Classic. With it, St. Croix bass pro Jesse Wiggins is busy preparing his gear and mindset to compete against the very best bass anglers on the water.

“It’s been a goal ever since I was a kid to fish in a Bassmaster Classic. Once I started fishing the Elites and actually qualified, you learn what a big deal fishing in the Classic is and what it means to everybody. And you don’t take qualifying for granted because there are a lot of amazing anglers who didn’t even qualify for it. But to win it you really have to focus on the fishing part of it more than anything and avoid thinking too much about how awesome it is to be there. This is the third Classic I’ve qualified for in my career, and while I didn’t do all that well at the other two, I hope to change that at the event this year,” says Wiggins.

How does he plan to do that? By making sure all of his gear is ready to go and in tip-top shape and keeping his mind focused on the fishing part of what the Bassmaster Classic represents. “I think it’s going to come down to focusing on big fish—those five key, big bites a day. In terms of weights, I don’t think you’re going to see massive Pickwick or Guntersville kind of bags. I think anywhere between 15 to 20 pounds a day is going to win, so we’re really talking about focusing on fish over three pounds. The area also has some big smallmouths, so they could definitely play a part, too. I think I’ll probably start my fishing close to

the take-off at Fort Loudoun, but I will make that hour boat ride to Tellico if I have to.”

He continues: “The fish should be in pre-spawn mode, and there’s been a lot of rain and flooding so the Tennessee River is really flowing with heavy current and a lot of dirty water, which has actually had the fish biting pretty good. Knowing the Tennessee River, there’s definitely going to be some kind of crankbait bite involved with that dirty water. My plan right out of the gate is to throw cranks on the St. Croix **Legend Glass LGC610MHM**, and after that, we’ll just have to go from there.”

Wiggins is a huge fan for the ICAST award-winning Legend Glass family and plans to have a host of them on his deck, including a brand-new model to be released at the Bassmaster Classic Expo.

“I’ll also be using a prototype of the new Legend Glass LGC72HM for Chatterbaits and maybe a Rat-L-Trap. So, that rod, and a 7’4” medium-heavy power LGC74MHM Legend Glass and my personal favorite, that 6’10” LGC610MHM Legend Glass I mentioned, which I use for square bills or a DT6 – any kind of crankbait that dives under 10 feet. Most of the time if you’re throwing that shallow you’re fishing on the bank and using that 6’10” you can make unbelievably accurate casts. I’m in love with that rod. I tell you, there’s no confidence booster like having the right tools for the opportunity at hand,” says Wiggins.

In terms of line choice, Wiggins’ go-to line for crankbait fishing is 12-pound Seaguar AbrazX fluorocarbon, which he ups to 15-pound for Chatterbaits. For flipping, he uses Seaguar Low-Vis Stealth Gray Smackdown and prefers High-Vis Green Seaguar Smackdown with a fluorocarbon leader for any kind of finesse fishing with spinning gear.

Speaking of spinning gear, Wiggins plans to have a rod he co-developed with St. Croix very near on his deck during the event, too. “A bigger shakey head is just one of those baits you’ve gotta have rigged up on the Tennessee River—a big, oversized finesse worm on a larger shakey head—

they just catch fish there. So, I’m definitely going to have a rod I helped St. Croix design—the **Mojo Bass MJS73MHF POWER SHAKE** spinning rod—ready to go at a moment’s notice. It could very well play out that way.”

Wiggins says he’s excited to fish the Classic and thankful for both the quality of the gear he has to use and the people who continue to stand behind him as sponsors.

“I just can’t say enough good about being on St. Croix’s pro staff. The people are great to work with and fishing-wise, the product we get to fish with, well, it’s just amazing. The support the St. Croix staff has given me has been outstanding both in terms of working together on product development and events. Although it’s only my third year fishing for St. Croix, I look forward to more great opportunities with them in the future. I definitely feel like part of the St. Croix family.”



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At the annual gem & mineral show, club members John and Mary Ann Morse demonstrate how to use lapidary equipment to cut and polish cabochons. (Photo by Lisa Morris)



Instructor Debra Chagares offers advice to club members Joy Ingerman and Judith Echano Medina in a beginning wire wrapping class taught at the EIGGS clubhouse. (Photo by Lisa Morris)

EIGGS Spring Gem Show

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Two Area Seniors Earn Local STEM Scholarships

Local seniors Sharon Corwin and Caleb Neal are the recipients of the 2019 Charlene Reidenbach STEM scholarships presented by the Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society of Richmond, IN. The awards were presented at the annual Richmond Gem and Mineral Show, Saturday, March 2.

This annual award, now in its 15th year, is open to seniors at all Wayne County high schools, as well as National Trail High School, who plan to pursue careers in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering or math. Due to an outstanding pool of applicants this year, the group offered two scholarships instead of just one. Students must have GPAs of 3.0 or higher and a strong record of extracurricular involvement and community service. Information on this scholarship is available <http://eiggs.weebly.com/scholarship-application.html>

Sharon Corwin is a senior at National Trail High School in New Paris (OH). She is the daughter of Corey and Jadisbeth Corwin. She plans to use the \$500 scholarship to pay for expenses at Miami University where she will study computer engineering. "I am drawn to the ever-changing world of technology. It is hard for me to predict what my career will be like... However, I want to make sure I am using my skills to create new technology that is capable of helping people," Corwin said.

During high school, Corwin actively prepared herself for college by taking nearly 60 hours of college credit classes through Sinclair Community College and Edison State Community College. She hopes to attain her Associate's Degree at the same time as her high school diploma.

Besides pursuing academics in high school, Corwin has also been active in extracurricular activities. She served as a senior class officer, was active in Art Club, serving as president last year, and also participated in National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, Foreign Language Club and Renaissance.

Scholarship recipient Caleb Neal is the son of Chad and Meghan Neal. He is a senior at Hagerstown High School and plans to attend IUPUI, where he will be studying environmental science.

During high school he earned Academic All-State honors in tennis for all four years, won two scholastic awards in tennis and also earned the Best Mental Attitude award. In addition to tennis, he also played basketball and was active in a wide variety of extracurricular activities. He was a member of the band and also participated in Envirocon, Model Legislature, Academic Team, Business Professionals of America, Council for Student Change, Student Government and National Honor Society.

His interest in environmental science came from his childhood. "As a child, my family lived on the outer edge of Hagerstown, not far from Nettle Creek. My brothers and I would spend much time there, skipping rocks and swimming in the creek... It was



Left Photo: At a Saturday morning wire weaving workshop, club member Marty Lucas displays her progress on a wire weave bezel setting. Right Photo: During a Sunday afternoon "make and take" class, club member Erna Jacob works on her wire wrapping techniques. (Photos by Lisa Morris)



a grand time, but sadly, it was partially corrupted by consistent litter in the creek. This anger at the irresponsibility of people, as well as this exposure to nature most likely fostered my interest in the natural sciences," Neal said.

EIGGS Club Information

by Lisa Morris

Many rockhounds eagerly await the Richmond Gem and Mineral Show held every March at the Wayne County Fairground. The show is a great way to find gems, minerals and like-minded individuals; however, the show only occurs once a year.

People who want more than one weekend of gems and minerals a year should join their fellow rockhounds in the Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society (EIGGS).

Founded in 1966, EIGGS is a social and educational club for anyone interested in earth sciences; collecting minerals, crystals, and fossils; cutting and polishing stones, silversmithing and related activities. The purpose of this club is to promote education and fellowship among all persons in the earth sciences and in related subjects and fields, such as lapidary arts, metalworking and the collection and display of rocks, minerals and fossils.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at the clubhouse located at 5199 Route 40 West, Centerville, Indiana. This is about 1/2 mile east of Centerville at the intersection of Rice Road and Route 40. Programs are sometimes scheduled before the business meeting and fellowship is enjoyed after the meetings. Guests are always welcome.

In addition to meetings, the club holds weekly beginning lapidary classes on most Tuesday nights. The classes are free to

members in good standing, but a small equipment usage fee will apply. The club has equipment for sawing, shaping and polishing stones into finished pieces ready for mounting as jewelry. Once members successfully complete their basic training, there are additional open lab hours on Thursdays and Sundays.

Besides lapidary classes, members can attend wire-wrapping and wire-weaving workshops, can learn Viking weaving and can complete other rock related projects.

Interested people may attend a club meeting or visit the club on a Tuesday night for a tour. People may sign up for membership at the club, or they may print out a membership form online and mail it in. Forms are online at eiggs.weebly.com; look under the JOIN tab.

Dues are \$30 per year for a family membership (one household) or \$20 for a single membership (age 16 and over). Dues are paid at the start of membership and then at the beginning of each calendar year to continue membership in good standing.

For more information, interested people should go to the EIGGS website eiggs.weebly.com and search for the Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society on Facebook.



After pulling their bracelets through a drawplate, club members Jeanette Lunsford and Libby Adams show off their Viking weave bracelets. (Photo by Lisa Morris)

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