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Top Left: Jack Farley's first Turkey. It weighed 13 pounds and had a 5 inch beard. Jack is 13 years old and is Dennis Weber's grandson. *Congratulations on getting your very first Turkey Jack, we are all very proud of you!* See Page 1 & 26. (Photo by Hazel Wilcox at Dave's Triangle, Inc., Liberty, IN on Brookville Lake)

Top Right: Vietnam Veteran Joe Goebel has had a dream of placing a Huey UH-1 as if in flight on top a platform similar to the ones I have saw in Fairmont and Sullivan, Indiana in my travels around our state. Joe Goebel wants ours to be permanently placed in the Wayne County Veteran's Memorial Park where he and other Veterans have dedicated that hallow ground to all the Veterans who have served their country, symbolized by the many Memorials already in place from the Civil War to the present conflicts in the Middle East. Joe's dream has come true. The UH-569 Helicopter in this photo on cover has been permanently placed on the aerial platform Joe made and helped it put there on May 18, 2019. See Pages 1,13-16 (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Left: Rabbit Hash General Store which was established in 1831. Back in the 1990's Rabbit Hash

was one of my regular stops. It is located right across the Ohio River from Rising Sun, IN. On February 13, 2016, the famous General Store was destroyed by a fire, and the latest mayoral election also acted as a fundraiser to restore it. It was restored and reopened on April 1, 2017.

The Rabbit Hash Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places on December 4, 2003. It includes 330 acres, 12 buildings, 6 structures and 3 objects around 10021-10410 Lower River Road. (Information obtained from Wikipedia). See Page 4. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Bottom Right: Honoring our Veterans on this holiday weekend is an important part of this celebration. Saturday afternoon the line of freedom will be displayed on the north side of the Union County Courthouse including past & present military service members. This is followed by a salute to veterans by the local honor guard!

With this in mind the UCDC and The Gad-a-bout would like your help in making this year's parade an event to remember. See Page 18-19. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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On The Cutting Edge



by Ray Dickerson
The Gad-a-bout



Left: Phil Stevenson (Centerville School Superintendent)
Right: Jim Howell (Centerville H.S. Principal 1962 - 1993)

ANNOUNCING OUR 60TH 1959 GRADUATION REUNION TO BE HELD AT CENTERVILLE SENIOR CENTER JUNE 21, 2019

I have sent out letters and post cards to 33 former Classmates in early April inviting them to our 60th 1959 Graduation Reunion to be held at the Centerville Senior Center on June 21, 2019 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. We had 46 in our graduating class, but unfortunately 13 of those are no longer with us. To date we have 8 classmates coming plus six spouses making a total of 14. I was hoping more would come, if you are contemplating coming please contact me by Friday, June 14th so we can count you in for your free meal (s). Sherry and I will be meeting Thursday to speak with caterer. I have a plan to fill the gap if we don't hear from any more classmates.

Here is our schedule for June 21st.

2:00 PM - Arrive at Senior Center

3:00 PM - Tour of our former High School
Tour Guides Phil Stevenson & Jim Howell

5:00 PM - Meal

6:00 - 8:00 PM - Reminisce, Look at Memorabilia, Scrap books, etc and leave at 8 p.m.

For more information call me at 765-960-5767 or e-mail raythegadabout@gmail.com.

The next evening June 22nd plan on attending Alumni Banquet in the Jr High Gymnasium at 5 p.m.

Call ahead to reserve your class table or yourself.

I hope we can have a table for the Class of 1959. Last year only two of us attended if I remember right.



PIONEER VILLAGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF SR 256 AND SR 203 AT HARDY LAKE NOW HAVE U-HAUL RENTALS

I've been visiting Hardy Lake since the mid 1970's when I published the "Outdoor Gad-a-bout." In fact one of my advertiser's there at that time was Pioneer Village.

Coby Whittymore is the current owner, he's been advertising in The Gad-a-bout for a very long time.

Just recently he told me to add U-Haul Rentals to his advertisement. This months ad is on this page to the right. Also at the top of this page are two color photos showing the type of U-Haul Trucks and Trailers he has on hand now. Coby is a one stop place for all your needs while visiting Hardy Lake or other outdoor localities. He has Ethanol-Free gas, Live Bait, Firewood, Hot Food (and it's very good), Bio-Diesel, Propane, Groceries, Fishing License and lots more. Stop by and see Coby, tell him you read about him in The Gad-a-bout. Call: 812-794-2769

I'M FEELING SO MUCH BETTER NOW THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP WATCHING THE FAKE NEWS PROGRAMS ON NATIONAL TV

For months since the 2016 National Elections here in the United States of America I've been on a roller coaster of mixed emotions trying to keep up with FOX, CNN & MSNBC, but mostly FOX. I was agitated, mad and couldn't understand how our elected officials could be so down right stupid and continue to beat a dead horse to death.

Then a thought came into my mind! It wasn't so much the elected officials as it was the way they were being reported day by day, minute by minute on National TV stations, FOX, CNN & MSNBC. Switching from one station to the other two, revealed a common denominator, questionable facts became more common in their reporting. Otherwise known as FAKE News by some people.

This past week, after not watching any of the National News Media for four weeks, I was telling my friends how much better I felt. I was making my rounds working on my July Gad-a-bout. In our conversation it was about normal things like the enjoying the outdoors. For instance: Did you find any mushrooms this year?

Boy, the lake sure looks good today, is anyone catching any fish.

It's been nice talking to you, see you in a week or so. Be safe.

VISITING RABBIT HASH GENERAL STORE

On our way back from visiting Knot Marine in Union, Kentucky Sherry and I decided to stop at
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by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville Lake in July

July is the month where the young of the year shad schools show up in the lake. This is not an edible fish, at least not for humans, but other fish love them. They are a schooling fish that feed the masses. The way they survive is by deception. When they're in a tight bait ball to other fish they look like one big swimming thing instead of 10,000 little things, this is the deception. Every predator fish swimming in the lake is trying to feed on them, but the sheer size is puzzling to the fish that are trying to feed on them.



Mark Ellis from Indianapolis With two nice walleye caught fishing with me. (Author Photo)



Jim Flooder from Hamburg Indiana caught this nice walleye fishing with me. (Author Photo)

in the evening, as it is getting dark.

For white bass anything white works. My favorite baits are white rooster tails or white curly tails. You want something with a little weight to it. Try to stay in the 1/8-ounce range. You want something that you can cast a long way, but yet the white bass can still get it in its mouth. The best method is to keep your eyes peeled when you're traveling around fishing spots on the main lake. Try and look for activity on the surface. When you see it start the big motor up and high tail it over close to them. Not to close though you will make them scatter. Once your close to the feeding frenzy. Just a simple cast and retrieve works the best. If you buddies catching them and you're not speed your retrieve up or slow it down that is what you're doing wrong.

When you're in this amped up cast and retrieve situation beware of other people on the boat, you do not want to be the guy with a hook in his chin. I have been there, not cool. The limit is 12 white bass per person so be careful with your count you can easily catch 12 in 12 casts. There is no minimum size limit on them, but your only allowed to keep 1 over 17 inches.

As far as walleye goes, if you're a troller nows your time. Have you ever heard a fly fishermen in a stream say you have to match the hatch? Well this is true in the lake also. Most of the year so far, the walleye has been targeting bugs, worms, larva, and crawl dads. But now there's a new food in the lake something that tastes like candy to a walleye and they are everywhere. There are so many shad in the lake in July it can be hard to get a bite. So, you have to improve your odds. One of the ways to do this is by trolling. You will need to be able to troll from about 1/2 mile an hour to 1 mile an hour to get a crank bait to work properly. Trolling gives you the ability to stay in the strike zone and cover a lot of water. If you're not a troller, spoons and blade baits work well also. If your timing is off your going home empty handed, but if you're doing the right thing in the right spot, the right way you're going to catch them. Keep your eyes on the fish finder, hunt em up and hook em up.

Good luck on your mission

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White bass are also a schooling fish, but they are predator not prey. They know they are being deceived and they have a plan, and you will see it in action sometime in July. Somewhere between 8am and 10am on the lake you will see what looks like piranha's feeding on the surface. What this is a big school of white bass feeding on a big school of young of the year shad. Their plan of attack is simple they work as a team to corral the big school of shad. Once they have them surrounded from all sides, they will force them to the surface where they become disorganized and the bait ball comes apart. Now the white bass can zero in on each individual shad and feed on them as long as they can hold them at the surface. This is only accomplished with teamwork.

Walleye feed on shad also, but their tactic is a little different. What they will do is move up on to a shallow flat or somewhere where the water is thin and wait for a 15-foot-high bait ball of shad to try and squeeze into 10 foot of water. When this happens the shad that are forced to the outside edges are picked off 1 at a time. This all takes place in shallow water in July, when the lake water temperature as been 80 degrees plus for a month. Shad thrive in this hot water, but most predator fish do not. I believe this is nature's way of keeping them separated for the most part.

Two big differences in these two feeding styles is the one you know when it's happening because you can see it the, but the other one will be just good timing. I have found over the years that fish feed better in the morning as it is getting light and,



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Monday May 27, 2019, an EF2 Tornado pummelled the town of Pendleton, Indiana where our post is located. Above two photos show some of the severity of the storm. (Author Photos)

News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Spring Storms Wreak Havoc

On Monday, May 27th Indiana and Ohio was hit hard with storms that caused damage across both of the states. One of the hardest hit areas in Indiana was the town of Pendleton where our post is located. Thankfully there were no fatalities and only one reported injury. The National Weather Service surveyed the damage the next day and ruled that an EF2 Tornado had hit the area. There were a lot of downed trees and missing roofs in the town.

As soon as we got the word we began sending troopers into the area to provide security, traffic assistance and simply help residents any way we could. It's what we do, regardless where in our state we're needed, we go. Tuesday we had the town pretty much closed off to traffic while crews worked to clear debris from the streets. By

Tuesday night the east side of town was reopened with power restored and by Thursday most of the town had been reopened.

Over the years I've been sent to major tornado scenes at Moscow, in Rush County, and Henryville in southern Indiana, both being hit by EF4 tornados. Words simply can't describe the destruction you see at these scenes. I've added a couple photos of just some of the damage we saw in Pendleton. The Town of Pendleton is to be commended as they truly did an awesome job of mobilizing, getting power restored, streets cleared of debris and the town reopened for normal business.

Indiana Fireworks Law

The Indiana State Police would like for all Hoosiers to have a safe Fourth of July holiday. Due to many Hoosiers celebrating our nation's independence with the use of fireworks, the Indiana State Police would like to inform citizens of the Indiana fireworks law which is in place for the safety of everyone. Below is the actual code from Indiana Statute 22-11-14-6.

) A person who ignites, discharges, or uses consumer fireworks at a site other than:

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(c) A person less than eighteen (18) years of age who possesses or uses a firework when an adult is not present and responsible at the location of the possession or use commits a Class C infraction. However, if a person possesses or uses a firework when an adult is not present and responsible at the location of the possession or use within five (5) years after a previous possession or use by the person as described in this subsection, whether or not there has been a judgment that the person committed an infraction in the previous possession or use, the person commits a delinquent act under IC 31-37.

(d) A person who ignites, discharges, or uses consumer fireworks:

(1) after 11 p.m. except on a holiday (as defined in IC 1-1-9-1(a)) or December 31, on which dates consumer fireworks may not be ignited, discharged, or used after midnight; or

(2) before 9 a.m.;

commits a Class C infraction. However, if a person recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally takes an action described in this subsection within five (5) years after the person previously took an action described in this subsection, whether or not there has been a judgment that the person committed an infraction in taking the previous action, the person commits a Class C misdemeanor.

(e) A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation causes harm to the property of a person commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(f) A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation results in serious bodily injury to a person commits a Level 6 felony.

(g) A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the

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Delphi Homicide Suspect

Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

Volunteers needed at the State Fair Fishin' Pond

If you have an interest in helping kids learn to fish, you are needed at the Indiana State Fair. The DNR Go FishIN program has been operating the Fishin' Pond at the State Fair for the past 14 years. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to help at various stations around the pond. The pond allows kids from ages 5-17 to fish for free for 15 minutes. Volunteers are needed to help with the actual fishing activity. Doing so includes helping two or three kids cast cane poles, bait hooks, remove caught fish and return them to the water. If that's not your thing, other volunteers are needed to work at the registration booth, serve as instructional speakers, get equipment ready, and help with education and hands-on crafts. Volunteers will get free admission to the fair on the day of their work and a free Fishin' Pond T-shirt.

Sign up or get more information at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/5495.htm>.

Grants available for field trips to state parks and lakes

Are you an educator who wants to get your class outdoors during the 2019-2020 school year? If so grant funds are available for taking your class to

state parks or lakes. The grants are available for grades K-12 from the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation. More information is at http://www.in.gov/activecalendar_dnr/EventList.aspx?view=EventDetails&eventidn=23420&information_id=55379&type=&syndicate=syndicate.

Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Safety

Summer is upon us, warm weather has arrived, and people have relinquished cabin fever for outdoor recreation. With this comes the ever-popular ORV being ridden in various ways. If you own or operate an ORV, please read this section carefully. I mention this information every year because I want those who use an ORV to do so safely.

First and foremost, remember that a law was passed a few years ago requiring ORV occupants under age 18 to wear a helmet—on both private and public property. The helmet has to be an approved helmet that meets U.S. Department of Transportation standards.

In order to operate an ORV on a public roadway, the ORV has to be registered through the BMV and display a valid decal on both sides of the ORV. The registration cost is \$30 for three years. To be legal for an ORV to be operated on a county road, the county in which the ORV will be operated must be open to operation on county roads. An ORV cannot be operated on state highways, except at a 90-degree turn to cross them.

In order to operate an ORV on a county road that meets the above requirement, you need to possess a valid driver's license, and the ORV must be registered with the BMV. The few exceptions can be found at the link below.

Even though helmets are not required on occupants over age 18, it is a good idea to wear one. The same goes for wearing the safety belt on an ORV. Doing the latter will prevent the occupant from falling out during a rollover or crash. Also, it is important to follow the manufacturer's regulations for that piece of equipment. If the ORV is rated for one occupant, then only one occupant should be on board. An example is a four-wheeler that is typically rated for one rider—the operator. Being over the capacity of that ORV can cause the balance to shift and the center of gravity to be offset, creating an unsafe operation condition.

Last, match the operator to the equipment. For

younger operators on private property with adult supervision when required, it is recommended that ages 6-11 only operate machines under 70 cc, and ages 12-15 only operate machines 70-90 cc. It is recommended that ages 16 and older operate machines over 90cc.

For further information regarding ORV safety and the open counties for ORV operation, see <https://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4229.htm>.

Boating Safety

Boating season is upon us. I have mentioned many times before about personal flotation devices (PFDs) and the requirements regarding them. I want to address some other boating regulations that might be unfamiliar.

First, no occupants are permitted to ride on or sit on the gunwale of the watercraft (boat) while it's under power. The gunwale is the uppermost portion of the boat around the entire boat.

On watercraft under 21 feet in length, no occupants are permitted to ride on the bow or the front of the boat. If they do so, they risk the chance of falling overboard, which places them near the engine and propeller.

If operating on inland waters of Indiana, a speed limit is in effect after legal sunset. Once legal sunset occurs, watercraft cannot exceed 10 mph.

Once legal sunset occurs, watercraft must display the legally required lighting. The lights that are required will vary depending on the watercraft being operated. Typically, on motorized watercraft, red and green lights are required on the front, with an all-around white light on the rear when the boat is under power. If a motorboat is at anchor, then the white light must be displayed. Non-motorized watercraft, such as paddle boats, require a hand-held light.

If operating on waterways within Indiana, you have to slow to an idle speed when within 200 feet of a shoreline.

Last, if you are going to pull a skier or a tube behind a watercraft on inland waters of the state, then an observer is required to be in the watercraft. The operator's sole purpose is operation, and the observer's sole purpose is to watch the skier or tuber and let the operator know if an issue arises.

For additional information on boating safety, see <https://www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/8678.htm>.

As Always, Stay Safe Indiana! ■

News From The Indiana State Police

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violation results in the death of a person commits a Level 5 felony.

A Few Stories From The Road

In May I heard a few good stories I thought you might enjoy. I was working one day when I heard a local city police department get sent to an apartment for a disturbance. It seems a man's wife wouldn't give him the TV remote, so he called 9-1-1 to have the city police respond to get the remote for him. Sounds like a personal problem to me and definitely misuse of 9-1-1!

I'm constantly hearing local departments getting called by parents who have a child refusing to

go to school or who is unruly. One such call was for a 4 year old who, according to the caller, "was going to bust up the place." Now I don't know about you, but I can tell you when I was four, heck, even when I was fourteen, you might step "out of line" once, but the "lesson you were taught" assured you wouldn't ever do that again. I guarantee you, mom didn't need the police, and "busting up the place" was NEVER an option or thought.

The last one I'll leave you with is my favorite. A trooper I know was sitting in a truck stop lot working on paperwork when he saw a semi pull out of the lot, out onto the access road and right out onto the state highway barely even slowing down as he drove through the stop sign. The trooper stopped the truck, and although there was a slight language barrier, the driver quickly understood when the trooper gave him his ticket.

The man became so mad that he told the trooper he was going to call 9-1-1 to "tell on him" for giving him a ticket he didn't deserve. As the trooper stood on the side of the truck the man dialed 9-1-1 and told them he was getting a ticket that he didn't deserve from an officer and they should send an officer out to take care of this officer. (Sounds like another misuse of 9-1-1 to me!) Needless to say, they didn't send out an officer, because there was already one there!

You know, now that I think about it, this story brings to mind one of the many "valuable lessons" I learned as a child. Sounds like this guy needs to spend some time with my mom so he too can "learn a valuable lesson" about "Tattling." These stories serve as a reminder that real life is always funnier than fiction! Stay safe and I hope you all have a fun and safe Fourth of July. ■



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Top Photo: From left to right, Centerville Utility worker Steve Skaggs, New Castle inmates Mark Haley, Thomas Hubert, Brian Ross, Brandon Quate, Elijah West, William Adams, Mike Marrow, Michael Wise and Officer Baker. Officer Baker and inmates from the New Castle Correctional Facility under the direction of Centerville Utility worker Steve Skaggs spent all day May 29th & 30th cleaning gutters and painting curbs on US 40 East and cleaning gutters on Morton Avenue in Centerville. The gutter cleaning and curb painting is in preparation for a visit by Lt. Governor of Indiana Suzanne Crouch, in conjunction with Centerville pursuing a Indiana Main Street Designation. Bottom Left Photo: Here the inmates are cleaning the gutters along US 40 east. Utility worker Steve Skaggs is keeping pace with them so they can put debris in the back of his truck. Bottom Right Photo: The inmates continue their gutter cleaning as another Centerville Utility truck keeps pace with them also. Officer Baker followed in a Van for the inmates to ride in when not working. Officer Baker and the inmates will return in a couple weeks to clean gutters and paint curbs on US 40 west and Morton Avenue. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Centerville Pursues Indiana Main Street Designation

For Immediate Release:

Centerville, IN - A group of Centerville business leaders and residents led Centerville to apply for official recognition from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). After forming an official 501 (c)3 nonprofit, Main Street Centerville, Inc. several months ago, they are now pursuing their official State Main Street designation.

"We are incredibly pleased to be this far along in the lengthy process," said Main Street Centerville President, Kyle Turner of Turner Insurance, "The designation will help us further our mission to enrich our town through economic development, redevelopment and beautification initiatives. Indiana Main Street has excellent strategies for improving small towns across the State, some of which we have already put into practice."

The Main Street Centerville committee has led efforts on community festivals and beautification throughout 2018. More than 30 volunteers have attended monthly meetings & 16 currently serve on committees and focus on four key areas: Design,

Organization, Promotion and Economic Vitality.

"Main Streets are vital in every community and the more time and effort that goes into improving a Main Street, the more benefits it will produce," said Jodi Golden, Executive Director of OCRA. "When leaders decide to work towards an Indiana Main Street designation it means the community is focused on improving their quality of place and revitalizing their downtown. I applaud Centerville for taking the proactive steps and I wish them the best of luck."

Since 1985, the Indiana Main Street Program (IMS) has been helping communities revitalize the economy, appearance, and image of their downtown commercial districts using the National Main Street Center's successful Main Street Approach. Main Street is a comprehensive, incremental approach to revitalization built around a community's unique heritage and attributes.

"The Main Street group put this (application) together and stayed with it through the whole process," said Centerville Town Council President Dan Wandersee. "This is excellent for our community. I applaud them."

"Now that they have accomplished this, we can have dialog between the town government and Main Street," Wandersee continued. "Hopefully, the two

can bring things to downtown not only for businesses but for the community as a whole."

The Indiana Main Street program's support of its designated local IMS programs has resulted in significant investment and economic growth from the bottom-up in Main Street districts. Since 1985, Indiana Main Street communities have achieved:

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The Main Street four-point approach is the most effective economic development tool for downtown revitalization and can help set local groups up for success with grants and fundraising opportunities.

A community-wide celebration will take place along with a Main Street Centerville Community Fest later this year. These festivals, occurring throughout the summer months, are free to the public and bring music, food and other entertainment to the town.

For more information on Main Street Centerville visit MainStreetCenterville.org.

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Left Photo: This is first place winners Gary Reed and grandson Blake Morris. They had a total of 5.5 pounds which was good enough to take home first place overall and also had the second biggest fish with a 13 inch and 1.12 pound crappie. Right Photo: This is first time tourney fishermen Nathan Riggle and Zach Ball showing off their third place overall fish. Their total weight was 3.27 pounds. (Author Photos)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store
Bozarth Crappie Tourney Results

The Great Lakes of the Wabash region has been hammered by large amounts of rain this spring which has made the start of the 2019 recreation season a tough one for all the outdoor enthusiasts. As of Tuesday, June 4th all three reservoirs sit well over summer pool (Salamonie at 22.8 feet over, Mississinewa at 11.4 feet over, and Roush at 28 feet



This is Allen Reed with a few of his second place overall fish. Fishing solo, his total weight was 5.41 pounds (.09 short of first place) and he also landed the biggest fish of the day with a 13 inch and 1.27 pounds crappie. (Author Photo)

over) and our hope is the rain will slow down and allow all three lakes the chance to return to normal summer pool levels so we can resume all the exciting recreation opportunities these properties provide us.

With that being said all three properties remain open.

The rain also caused havoc to the start of the 2019 crappie tournament fishing trail as several scheduled tournaments had to be canceled or rescheduled due to the high lake levels. The Crappie USA tournament originally scheduled for Saturday, May 11th has been rescheduled on Saturday, June 22nd. The Indiana Slab Masters 2 day crappie tournament which was scheduled on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th has been pushed back to Saturday, September 7th and Sunday, September 8th. You can visit the Crappie USA and Indiana Slab Masters website for more information concerning these tournaments. As for the 2019 Bozarth crappie tournaments, we had to cancel our 2nd scheduled tournament of the year on Saturday, June 1st but were able to squeeze in our first tournament of the year on Saturday, April 27th.

The first Bozarth crappie tournament held on Saturday, April 27th had a total of 9 teams. Conditions for this tournament were not ideal as the Salamonie Lake was well over 10 feet of summer pool and rising throughout the day. One team unfazed by the lake conditions was the winning duo of Gary Reed and grandson Blake Morris. They caught fish all day long primarily using Big Diddy Baits and brought an impressive total weight of 5.5 pounds for their top seven and also landed the second biggest fish of the day with a 13 inch and 1.12 pound crappie. Congrats to Team Reed and Morris!
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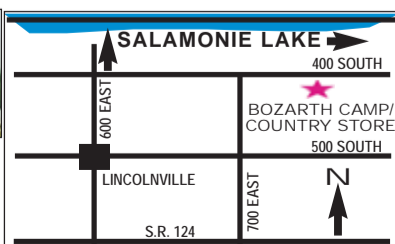
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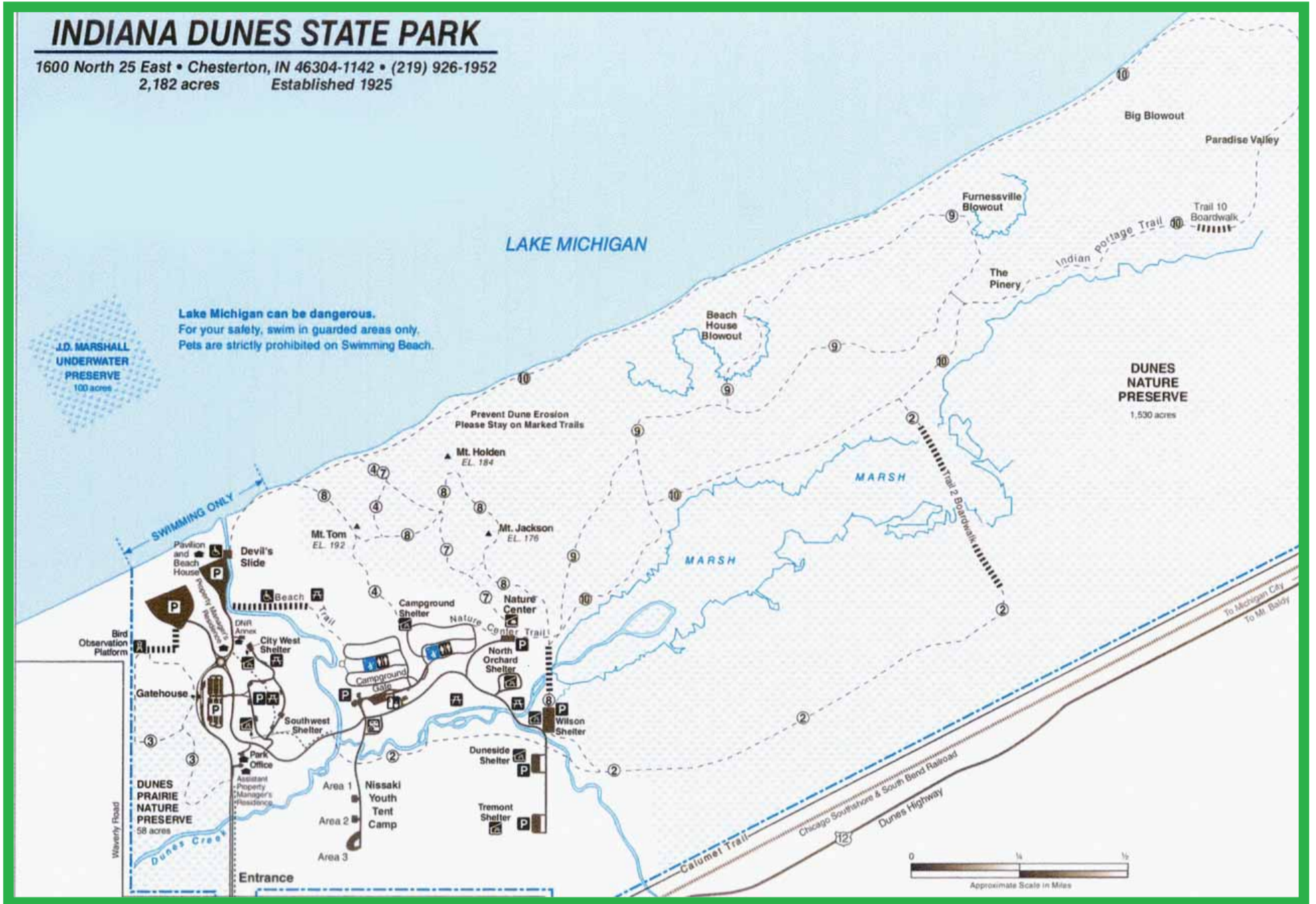
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Indiana's first National Park - The Indiana Dunes National Park. (Map of Indiana Dunes State Park is courtesy of the IDNR)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Indiana's First National Park

On February 15, 2019, after 53 years as the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, this area along the Lake Michigan southern shoreline is officially the Indiana Dunes National Park. Enclosed in this newest of 61 national parks is the Indiana Dunes State Park. If all of those names confuse you, just remember—this area, and all of its outstanding activities and amenities, still offers the sun, sand, and water it always has.

While most of us have visited the Dunes occasionally or often during our lifetime, a lot of us, myself included, don't know what is included in this package. If you like water, this area has 15 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. The State Park is more than 2,000 acres surrounded by 15,000 acres of National Park. Its most prominent feature, and the

one which it is named after, is the sand dunes. Imagine a sand pile almost 200 feet high, created originally by glaciers.

With sand and water comes beaches. Nine separate ones are situated along the shore. These are West Beach, Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, Porter Beach, Dunbar Beach, Kemil Road Beach, Lake View Picnic Area and Beach, Central Avenue Beach, Mt. Baldy Beach, and the Indiana Dunes State Park Beach. Each of these have different amenities, rules, and regulations. These include camping, pets, programs, hours, fees, and more. For the National Park info, go to www.nps.gov/indu. For the State Park, visit www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2980.htm.

If you are interested in more than just splashing in the water, or tanning yourself on the beach, you don't have to look far for more activities. Try a one hour flight over the dunes and nearby area by visiting Porter County Regional Airport and setting up a flight with one of the local flying services. If planes don't appeal to you, and you are a certified diver, go to the J.D. Marshall Preserve where you can dive on a 1922 shipwreck. (Visit www.indianashipwrecks.org.) Susie doesn't particularly like to fly, and neither of us dive, but we can go to a third choice which is one of our favorite pastimes. Check out www.brother-nature.com or call 877-725-6665 and schedule a fishing charter with the Gad-A-Bout's own Mike Schoonveld.

Now that you've had an opportunity to venture over, under, and on the waves of Lake Michigan, what else is there to do in and near the Park? Of course, there are many hiking trails in the Dunes. From easy, (my choice!), to difficult, make your decision. There are biking trails throughout the park,

once again ranging from easy to professional (see www.outbacktrail.org.)

Bird watching is a popular activity in the State (or National) Park, and surrounding areas. Cowles Bog, the Great Marsh Trail, and Westchester Migratory Bird Sanctuary all have rare and state-endangered species. For more information on this activity, go to www.indianadunes.com/birding. While I am not an expert at bird identification, I do know most of the common birds, and have numerous feeders at home where I occasionally see unusual visitors.

On our first visit to the newly named Indiana Dunes National Park, I plan on visiting the Broken Wagon Bison Farm near Hobart. They offer a wagon ride out to see the 70 animal herd. I don't know if we get to feed them or not, but when we toured a bison ranch in Iowa, we had several bison hanging their huge heads into the wagon waiting for us to feed them ears of corn. Neat experience!

Sun and sand aren't the only things offered in this area as evidenced by the fact it has almost as many visitors per year as Mount Rushmore. Chesterton, Porter, Portage, Burns Harbor, Valparaiso, Hebron, and many other nearby towns offer outstanding shopping, dining, lodging, fishing, fresh produce markets, historic tours, and much more to round out your visit.

While only 150 miles from Indianapolis, I would certainly plan on spending a couple (or three) days on the trip if possible. For us, that would be a day fishing, a day shopping and dining, and another day just visiting other attractions. On the way home, I would definitely make a stop at Wolf Park north of Lafayette. This unique attraction was started in 1972

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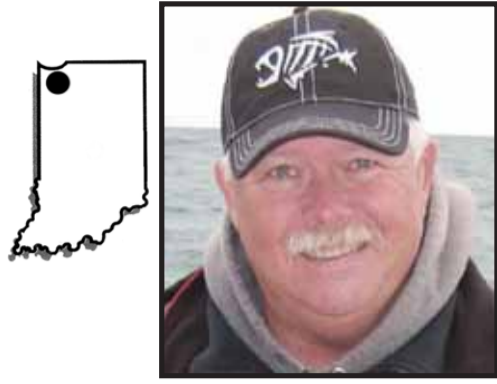
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

Be A Hero - Transport Zero

I helped Johnny Candle, noted walleye pro from North Dakota, load up his boat one rainy morning after fishing with him at Lake of the Woods. There were several stories I could tell about that morning but this one starts at the end of the trip when Candle pulled the boat up out of the water and then stopped just before he got to the flat pavement at the top of the ramp.

First, he went to the rear of the boat and pulled the



Transport Zero should be the goal for every boater. (Author Photo)

drain plug out of his boat then climbed inside to make sure the livewell was drained. The few fish we'd kept would soon be in the fish cleaning house. They didn't need the water any longer and Johnny didn't need any of the water which might have come from Lake of the Woods left in his boat.

He was also following the law - both the Minnesota law, where we were fishing and the North Dakota law where he'd be heading in a few days. Both states have "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers" regulations which prohibit transporting a watercraft without having the drain plug removed and other water holding compartments emptied.

For many years the Great Lakes seemed to be the ground-zero for aquatic invasive species such as alewives, zebra mussels, round gobies and many others. The Great Lakes have almost 200 invasives in them.

With the increasing popularity of fishing the Great Lakes, it was just a matter of time until one (or more) of the invasives slipped or slopped into some fisherman's multi-species boats or into a livewell one day and ended up being unwittingly transported to an inland lake when the fisherman switched from fishing, say Lake Michigan to an inland lake elsewhere. One of the fun things about owning fishing boat on a trailer is the ability to fish one place one weekend and somewhere else the next.

Voluntary compliance helped, but as invasive mussels, non-native water plants and even exotic fish started cropping up in new lakes and rivers, many states, including Minnesota and North Dakota went from voluntary to mandatory compliance. Johnny launches and loads his boat every day when he's guiding or in a tournament and stopping to drain his livewell and pull the plug from his boat each time is as much a part of his routine as attaching the tie down straps.

In Indiana, Ohio and Illinois the "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers" movement is still in the voluntary

stage. You or I don't have to pull the plugs or drain our livewells to be legal, but that doesn't mean it's not a good idea - especially if you jump from lake to lake on a regular basis. Few things can disrupt the ecosystem of a lake or river more than being invaded by foreign species.

If everyone makes a voluntary effort to "Be a Hero - Transport Zero" which is the motto being pushed in the Illinois DNR's educational campaign, there will be no need to make boat draining a law. How would you like to be pulled over after a day of boating because a cop noticed your boat's drain plug hadn't been removed?

Even in places where boat draining laws have been passed, compliance isn't 100 percent and that can mean even further restrictions on boaters. Here's a story from Colorado.

The city of Westminster gets their city water supply from Standley Lake. It's over 1200 acres in size and a popular place for recreational boaters and fishermen and women. In fact, the Colorado state record walleye was caught in the lake - a colossal 18 pound and change brute!

Starting this summer, the boat ramps at Standley Lake are closed. Officials in charge of the lake cited 24 times, just last summer, when people with boats showed up, ready to launch, which had not been properly drained the previous time they had been used. No one knows how many times similar things happened, undetected.

City officials, concerned about what could happen should zebra mussels or other invasive species become established, closed the lake to trailered boats.

I like Illinois' motto: Be a Hero - Transport Zero. It sure beats paying fines or finding a favorite lake off limits.

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

A lesson from a child Author is still reminded of lesson from son's first fishing trip

This time of year I am reminded of my son's first fishing trip and what it did for not only him, but for myself as well. Even though it was over fifteen years ago, I will never forget it. Partly because when it comes to the outdoors, he loves it every bit as much now as he did then.

That spring started out as usual for me – Things piling up at work, home projects planned, but already behind schedule, etc. Because of all of this, I had become quite apprehensive at the thought of not getting everything done that I “needed” to. Nonetheless, my wife and I took a couple of days off so that we could spend some time together and visit with friends.

Fishing was included in how we chose to spend some of our free time. Our son Nicholas was less than two years old, so I was not sure how it was all going to work out, but we would see!

Before he was even born, I had always fantasized that Nicholas would enjoy fishing, hunting, and the outdoor sports as much as I do. I dreamed of all of the good times that we may someday hopefully share. Now the time was upon us, and nothing could have prepared me for what happened. Early into the endeavor, my son was reeling in the line when a small bluegill attacked the nightcrawler. He managed to land that small fish, with some help from dad, and he was instantly hooked on the sport. We spent the remainder of the day plunking our bobber into the lake, and reeling in many more bluegills and crappies. The only time my son ever showed an inkling of being uninterested was when we were required to pause from fishing in order to rebait the hook, or untangle a mess in the line. Even though he was young enough to still have a pacifier in his mouth, he already knew the importance of keeping his line in the water!

Needless to say, that trip turned out to be one which I will never forget. It was, without a doubt, one of the most memorable fishing trips I have had, and I never wet a line! It was even more than that, however. It was a lesson in life for me. I learned that it is sometimes better to slow down and enjoy our families and our hobbies together, instead of simply doing one or the other. What's more, I was taught



Nicholas Martino loved fishing from an early age. While he never lost that passion, he has also taught his father some very valuable lessons along the way, and not all of them have had to do with what lure to fish where and why. (Author Photos)



this very important lesson by a toddler.

Well, that was simply the first of several fishing trips we have been on since then, and as I watch him now competing in high school bass tournaments, I cannot help but sometimes think back to that day years ago and how it all began. It is said that children have short attention spans, and that is true, but in the case of Nicholas and fishing, he simply does not tire of it. He never has. When it is time to pack up and go, or when darkness falls, he still wants to stay and fish.

It is amazing how some of life's most important lessons can be learned from some of the little people. It is easy to get wrapped up in our own interests and become selfish when in pursuit of them, but when it is all said and done, what's more important is what we can teach and pass on to others, and help them to enjoy. This is how we should achieve true satisfaction. By teaching Nick to fish, I will accomplish far more for the sport than I ever would by simply fishing more often myself. I began to instill a love of nature and a respect for all wild things into my son's heart at an early age. Plus, he has now begun sharing this with his friends and their parents as well.

By the way, while it is great that he has become so fond of fishing, the old saying, “Be careful what you wish for” comes to mind. It seems as though I have created a monster. While I certainly have gotten my wish, I am now constantly asked to go fishing every time he sees water! I would not have it any other way, though. Hopefully his love of fishing will continue to blossom and, in turn, help to make him a fine steward for the sport in the years to come.

In today's concrete and technological world of

ever increasing split families, there are fewer children becoming interested in the outdoor sports. It seems as if life is too fast-paced, or simply that there are less wild places in which to pursue such outdoor activities. It does not always take remote, out of the way locations to find good fishing, however. Many of the local reservoirs, parks, and the like can cough up plenty of action for the ardent angler. The key is for children to have the right person to introduce

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Left Photo: The long awaited day arrived on Saturday May 8, 2019. Vietnam Veteran Joe Goebel kneeling at the base of the tower where their Huey UH-569 sits today after it was lifted and placed there by a crane. Joe built the miniature Huey UH-1 from scratch in his workshop, he is an expert welder by trade. Right Photo: Vietnam as Seen Through the Lens by David Vergun. (DOD Photo) "The appearance of U.S. Department of Defense visual information does not imply or constitute DOD endorsement."



Left Photo: The wait is over, Huey UH-569 arrived at 10:56 A.M. at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park led by Vietnam Veterans who have escorted it to its final destination.. Right Photo: At left Former owner and the man who prepared this Huey UH-569 to be put on top of the tower in the park, Charley Walker. Standing next to him is Veterans Ron Hill and Roger Stinson, both of whom worked tirelessly getting the park ready for this day to come. (Author Photos)

Huey UH-569 has Come To Its New Home To Stay

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

I'm going to paraphrase the first paragraph of an article I did on Joe Goebel in my October 2018 Gad-a-bout.

"Vietnam Veteran Joe Goebel has had a dream of placing a Huey UH-1 as if in flight on top a platform similar to the ones I have saw in Fairmont and Sullivan, Indiana in my travels around our state. Joe Goebel wants ours to be permanently placed in the Wayne County Veteran's Memorial Park where he and other Veterans have dedicated that hallow ground to all the Veterans who have served their country, symbolized by the many Memorials already in place from the Civil War to the present conflicts in the Middle East."

Joe's dream came true on May 18, 2019 when Charlie Walker and his son Christian delivered Huey UH-569 which was carried on a trailer they pulled from Indianapolis to Richmond.

I arrived at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial

a few minutes before the caravan arrived from Indianapolis. I took some random photos, then heard voices saying here it comes. So I stayed near the tanks area and zoomed in to photograph the caravan coming down the hill into the park. First came the Richmond police escort followed by three army jeeps, the front one was being driven by Vietnam veteran Ron Hill. Following the jeeps was a pickup driven by Charlie Walker of Indiana Air Search and Rescue, riding with him was his son, Christian Walker. Behind Charlie's pickup was a trailer with Huey UH-569 arriving at its final home the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park. Following Huey UH-569 was several cars which was being followed by lots of motorcycles followed by more cars and pickup trucks. The park filled to capacity of people who escorted Huey UH-569 to its final home.

As Charlie Walker was heard saying later just before the C & C Crane crew were ready to begin lifting Huey UH-569 up on the tower (his sincere words of appreciation for the reception he received both enroute and at the park which was inaudible in parts due to background music in the park. Here is what my tape player picked up.)

Charlie asked for everyone's attention. Everyone within ear shot quieted to listen to him. Charlie said,

"On behalf of our crew first I want to tell you how much of an honor it is to be here with you today. We have a lot of crew who worked very hard on this ship. My partner workers were all Vietnam vets. This ship was sitting in the Carolinas in a jungle like atmosphere with another ship I picked up and brought back to Indiana. This ship was in many attack helicopter units and it made it back here. It had 1,400 hours of combat flying time in Vietnam and was shot up, making it rare for the helicopter to survive. It had a lot of scab patches. What are scab patches? (From the crowd) Bullet holes. Charlie replied, this is a real war horse, not only did it fight in war, but it also sent men out who were being injured in war. And I know for a fact, because I love Jesus Christ very much. I feel the soul, I know some souls moved on in this helicopter. So how beautiful is it today it's being dedicated here in the city of Richmond.

It's amazing!

When I came here into this town and met your Mayor and your Police Department, it brought me to tears three times. Phenomenal, Joe and Barb, Joe a Vietnam Veteran, he put his heart and soul into having this task, I mean look at this tower, only Joe

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Left Photo: C & C Crane crew from Eaton, Ohio (PH 937-787-4394) who donated their Crane and the man power to put the Huey atop the tower. From left to right front row - Micah Clopper, Victor Silba and Tom Caden. Back Row - Ethan Laux, Devin Quinn and Randy Smith. Right Photo: Charley Walker told me all the guys with the T-shirts "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" donated their time to assemble the Huey UH-569. Watching them assemble it step by step was an effort worth watching unfold all day.



Left Photo: The Crane operator gently lowers the helicopter down to within inches of the aerial platform Joe Goebel built. Crane crew members align it up with the platform and motion for it to be placed on the platform. Right Photo: Once the helicopter is in place on the platform, Joe Goebel begins welding the first of four sets metal supports which will hold the Huey UH-569 and platform together as one unit. Other workers work in unison with Joe performing other tasks in the same vicinity.



Left Photo: Charley Walker keeps an eye on the progress of installing rotor assembly in top of Huey. The Crane operator assists in this very important assembly process. Right Photo: Charley Walker and Vietnam Veteran working on main rotor as other Veterans work on tail rotor. These are the final stages and last before placing the Huey on tower.

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could do something like that and all the people who worked with him.

Charlie continued, any way what I want to say is a quick prayer, he and everyone removed their hats and caps. Then Charlie placed his right hand on the Huey UH-569 as everyone bowed their heads in prayer.

"Lord we dedicate this helicopter today to the sol-

diers, men and women who served in Vietnam. They never received the accolades they deserved, now this is their promise. We dedicate this helicopter to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we could have this freedom today that we're enjoying. And we dedicate this helicopter to all the Veterans who made it back here. We dedicate this helicopter Lord to all the young people who need to learn what wars about. We dedicate this helicopter to the City of Richmond.

We thank You for having us all here together, because today we are One. We thank You for this solemn moment.

Amen."

Then the C&C crane crew moved the crane closer to Huey UH-569 and gently lifted it up setting it on top of the tower.

Then Charlie Walker and one of his crew got aboard the Beard Masonry lift platform and steadily

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Left Photo: C & C Crane operator lifts Huey 569 off the ground and begins raising it high enough to sit it on the top of the tower. Right Photo: Huey 569 now is resting at the top of the tower, positioned to be bolted down in its final resting perch. Approaching on a lift platform owned by Beard Masonry of Richmond, IN is Charlie Walker and the operator of the lift. (Both C&C Crane from Eaton, OH and Beard Masonry of Richmond, IN donated their equipment and manpower for this project.)



Group Photo of the unsung heroes who pitched in to help make Vietnam Veteran Joe Goebel's dream come true of placing a Huey UH-1 as if in flight on top a platform in park. Front Row, Left to Right: Tom Caden, Randy Smith, Christian Walker, Joe Goebel, Derrick Kidwell, Micah Clopper, Stu Reynolds, Loren Johnson and Victor Silba. Back Row, Left to Right: Chuck Koschnick, Charlie Walker, Devin Quinn, Jim Ogilvie, Grumpy Williams, Todd Blouslog, Bob Brenner, Richard Knight, Ethan Laux and Harold Mousie Evans.

moved up under the helicopter to insert the very large nuts and bolts that holds Huey UH-569 securely to the aerial platform and tower. They worked steadily making all the bolts were as tight as possible. Once completed they backed away from the tower and back down to ground level.

I know everyone involved wants to thank all the volunteers who helped make Joe's dream come true. Huey UH-569 is now firmly placed up on the tower as if in flight on top of the aerial platform Joe built for this important addition to the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park (see photo on page 16).

Due to a lack of space in this issue the Memorial Day article at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Day celebration and Dedication of Huey UH-569

will be in my August issue which will be distributed in mid July.

I hope I've got all the name spelled correctly in these photos. When I listened to my tape recorder I had some problems with the wind drowning out some of your voices. I will put corrections in next month if you contact me as soon as possible after reading this issue. I want to add this one comment, some of my veteran friends whom I photographed did poke fun at me, but I won't mention any name (s), well maybe I will - is that okay Ron!

Seriously though we all owe a great debt of gratitude to all our Veterans, without them we wouldn't have a great nation like the United States to live in, God Bless them, One and All!

A great debt of gratitude goes to **C&C Crane from Eaton, Ohio** who donated their equipment and man power to lift and move Huey UH-569 through all of its different stages of movement and finally place it on top of the tower. If you are ever in need of a crane, call them at **937-787-4394**.

Also donating their equipment and man power was **Beard Masonry of Richmond, Indiana**. The use of their lift was utilized in providing a work platform for working on Huey UH-569 on ground level and securing it to the tower. You can contact them by calling **765-969-0630**. They specialize in Masonry new construction, restoration and repair.

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Left Photo: Beard Masonry of Richmond, IN (PH 765-969-0630) donated the use of this lift to secure Huey UH-569 to its tower (see right photo). Right Photo: Micah Clopper (C&C Crane Co) holds tower support in place while Joe Goebel aligns two connections with metal rod, while third guy inserts bolt in the other hole.



Left Photo: Charlie Walker and one of his crew tighten huge nuts and bolts that will hold the Huey and its aerial platform tightly together on the angled landing position. Right Photo: I took this picture at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park on June 4, 2019. It took a lot of hard work to put the Huey up on the tower, but its' home now!



End of the Last Day Group Photo, Left to Right: Kneeling - Gary Franklin, Loren Johnson, Wally Dudek and Stu Reynolds. Second Row - Charlie Walker, Christian Walker, Todd Blouslog, Grumpy Williams, Jim Ogilvie, Joe Goebel, Lorene Knight, Richard Knight and Bob Brenner. Third Row - Bob Brenner, Jerry Wiggins, Dave Fradenburg, Ron Hill, Robert White and Ron Weadick.

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

BE LIKE A SALMON AND SWIM UPSTREAM

(Doing what you're told, on one hand is smart. But standing on a street corner in a snow storm waiting for the "walk" sign to light up when there is no traffic in sight is downright dumb.)

Signs, signs, everywhere are signs
Clogging up the scenery, breaking my mind
Do this, don't do that, can't you read the signs?

These lyrics from a sixties song are meant to illustrate how our everyday activities are regulated and controlled by the rules and regulations posted on signs. Stop, Yield, No right turn, No left turn, Stay out, No standing or stopping, No smoking, No shoes, No shirt, No service (I've wondered what would happen if I went in wearing only shoes and a shirt)—the list seems endless.

I sometimes like to live dangerously and do just the opposite of what the sign says. For instance I opened a box ice cream, the type that has four flaps on the end. As I closed it I noticed printed on one of them, "Close this flap first". Hmm, I wondered, what would happen if I closed it second? Not wanting to get in trouble if I were observed deliberately breaking a rule, I checked all the windows to make sure no one was peeking. As an additional safety measure, I took the box into a closet and closed the container with the other flap first. A thrill ran through me as I returned the container to the freezer. I'd done it and apparently got away with it. Never mind that the next time I used it the flaps were stuck so tight to the ice cream that I had to peel the box off and put the contents in a zip lock bag. It was worth it knowing I had exerted my individuality by swimming upstream.

Another sign that confused me was the one that read "Absolutely No Heavy Trucks Will Be Towed At Owners Expense". I sat at the entrance to the parking lot wondering what constitutes a heavy truck. With my Blazer weighing about two tons, I imagined it would fall into the light truck category and be towed off. How could I make it heavy enough to avoid that and get my shopping done with the assurance that it would be there when I returned? Perhaps I could load it with a ton of concrete blocks. Still not certain what the weight limits were, I decided to shop at a store without this restriction. I asked the manager if a two ton truck would be acceptable

on his lot. He didn't answer my question but instead took my arm and asked if I had the phone number of someone who could come and get me and see me safely to wherever I lived. He would be glad to make the call. I politely refused and while trying not to excite him, backed slowly away. To avoid any further confusion I've decided to ride my motorcycle on future shopping trips.

I honestly believe that some signs are put there for no other reason than the amusement of some people. For instance, in a nearby large city was a sign that said "No Parking Between Signs". I looked around and saw another sign a half block away on my side of the street. Directly across the street was a sign that said, appropriately enough, "-----'s Sign Shop". Was I not supposed to park between the signs on opposite sides of the street or did the sign up the block have anything to do with it? Being careful not to park between the opposite signs I pulled the curb and walked up to the next one on the same side. It said the same thing. Now I was thoroughly confused. Later, I tried to explain to the officer that the signs should read "No Parking At the Curb From This Sign To The Next One North". He failed to see the logic in this.

One of my favorites are the "Walk, Don't Walk" signs at intersections. In the first place they should read "Run, Don't Walk", because even if they bother to work they give you the walk sign for about three seconds. This gives the pedestrian just enough time to get into the middle of an intersection, which is the same as walking in front of an elephant stampede. For the so-called convenience of the pedestrian, push buttons installed on posts at the corners that are supposed to activate the Walk sign. Actually, they control nothing and are not connected electrically to anything. The only result one gets from pushing them is a missed chance to dart across the street between cars. In fact, if pedestrians were to obey these signs, which always say "Don't Walk", they would be trapped on their side of town forever.

Sooner or later, all of us will have purchased bed clothes, pillows, mattresses, or cushions for the house. Attached to these items is a tag (a miniature sign) that says "Do Not Remove Under Penalty Of The Law". Why? If you do remove it and you're caught, what branch of the law will be responsible for throwing you in jail? I visualize the scene in the courtroom as the trial is summarized and the jury has returned its verdict. The judge scowls down at you and says, "Due to the severity of your crime and based on the fact that you have been found guilty of willfully and knowingly removing the tag from your bedroom pillow, you will be remanded to the state prison where you will be held until such time when you will be hanged by the neck until dead".

I'm going to confess. I removed one. I can no longer bear the burden of guilt. My wife bought new pillows with the accursed tags attached. I took one of them into the closet and tore off the tag, knowing well what the consequences would be if I were caught. I committed this heinous crime two years ago and I haven't had a good nights sleep since. I'm ready to pay my dues to society and serve my time. My only regret is that I will probably be assigned to the prison work shop making "No Parking" signs for the state.

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Top Photo: The official start of the 2018 Liberty 4th of July Festival Parade began when the Cannon fired on Union Street in front of the Courthouse. Bottom Photo: Within minutes the parade is within eye sight being led by Liberty Police officers and a Fire Truck followed by 40 or more entries. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



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- Band - Amy Sailor Band 8-11pm

Saturday, July 6, 2019

- Pancake Breakfast at the Liberty Firehouse 6-11am
- Liberty's 41st Annual Freedom Run 8:05am Vendors Open 9am-11pm
- Annual Book Sale at Library 9am-1pm
- Pie Sale at the Log Cabin by the Historical Society 10am til sold out
- Band - Shots Fired! 3:30-5:30pm
- Patriotic Baby Contest 4pm
- Line of Freedom Ceremony 6pm
- 4th of July Parade 7pm
- Band - Sean Lamb Band 8-11pm
- Chalk Art Competition TBA

Sunday, July 7, 2019

- Vendors Open 11am-4pm
- Pie Sale at the Log Cabin by the Historical Society 10am til sold out

Melissa Browning, executive director of the Union County Development Corporation (UCDC) is inviting you to come spend a traditional weekend with the Liberty community. The 47-year-old 4th of July tradition will have some new and old time fun. The plan for the weekend is family fun for all ages!

The UCDC is proud to sponsor the festival on the courthouse square in Liberty this year **July 5-7, 2019**. Our celebration will have some wonderful entertainment and amenities. **Friday July 5th** from 8 to 11 p.m. the **Amy Sailor Band** will entertain you. On **Saturday July 6th** you can sign up for the "Freedom Run" as early as 7:15 a.m., the run begins at 8:05 a.m. The route is from Liberty to Brownsville. from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. **The Band "Shots Fired!"** will entertain you from 3:30 to 5:30. From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The ever-

popular **Patriotic Baby Contest** is at 4 p.m. on Saturday it is a big hit! Bring those chubby cheeks and sparkling eyes and win! The **Line of Freedom Ceremony** is at 6:00 p.m. The **4th of July Parade** begins after the Cannon fires on Union Street in front of the Courthouse (See photo). The **Sean Lamb Band** will entertain the crowd and from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday evening **Sean Lamb** will perform.

Honoring our Veterans on this holiday weekend is an important part of this celebration. Saturday afternoon the line of freedom will be displayed on the north side of the courthouse including past & present military service members. This is followed by a salute to veterans by the local honor guard!

With this in mind the UCDC would like your help in making this year's parade an event to

remember. Get your creative mind in gear, dust off some wonderful ideas and develop a unique way to display your individual, business or organizations Patriotic pride and your love of Union County.

Be inspired with original or time period outfits or show off an inventive mode of transportation. Whether you are walking, marching, 4-wheeling it, driving your truck or tractor pulling a trailer, a miniature car full of clowns or just clowning around - we want to see you there! For more information about the Parade or this event please feel free to contact the UCDC: unioncodc@etczone.com Phone: 765-458-5976 on the web: ucdc.us.

Sign up for the "Freedom Run" and "Parade" on the official entry forms on Page 19. I hope to see you there.



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AID: Three water and Gatorade stations. Time splits every mile.

FACILITIES: Port-a-johns available at Liberty Festival and at the finish line in Brownsville.

AWARDS: The age groups for men and women are as follows: 12 and under, 13-15, 16-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-47, 48-55, 56-63, 64-71, 72 and up. "Clydesdale" division: 200 lb and over. Trophies will be awarded to the top five female and male finishers. Ribbons will be awarded for each age group.

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Note: I also understand we are not to throw candy or other objects from our unit.

Signature: _____



Left: Dog, Terrie Markesbery & Sherry Dickerson on porch of Rabbit Hash General Store.



Right: Ray & Sherry Dickerson inside General Store (Photo by Jeff Barker, Evansville, IN)

Roaming The Outdoors

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Rabbit Hash General Store which was established in 1831. Back in the 1990's Rabbit Hash was one of my regular stops. It is located right across the Ohio River from Rising Sun, IN.

However to go there here is the official directions on their brochure. From Kentucky I-75, Take Exit 178 (SR 536 (Mt. Zion Road) head west for 14 miles and watch for Rabbit Hash Historic District signs,

follow signs to Downtown Rabbit Hash.

From Indiana the simplest way to get right down town Rabbit Hash is to take the Ferry from Rising Sun across the Ohio River. However getting to anywhere in Indiana right now is a little dicie. Check with INDOT on road closures before you go anywhere is the best bet.

On February 13, 2016, the famous General Store was destroyed by a fire, and the latest mayoral election also acted as a fundraiser to restore it. It was restored and reopened on April 1, 2017.

The Rabbit Hash Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places on December 4, 2003. It includes 330 acres, 12 buildings, 6 structures and 3 objects around 10021-10410 Lower River Road. (Information obtained from Wikipedia).

They were paving the main road into Rabbit Hash when we headed that way. Fortunately for us when we started to go down the road we wanted to, we were stopped by a road crew who was paving the road further on. The road crew was nice enough to

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by Marshall Smith
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Trigger pull weight, What is Safe?

The International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) for competition shooting limits its minimum trigger pull for double action revolvers and pistols to a minimum of 5 pounds. Single action pull weight is not set and only requires the trigger to operate safely. NRA trigger pull for single and double action police type pistols is 3.5 pounds. In the full bore rifle competition the pull weight is 3 lbs. There are other weights allowed but the question I'm getting to is just how light should the trigger pull be for a home defense handgun, rifle, or shotgun. The answer is subjective and has to consider the training and abilities of the individual handling the gun. The answer must also look at how the gun is to be used, daily carry gun, home defense gun, for target shooting, or for hunting. Each of these uses can call for a heavier or lighter trigger pull weight.

A light trigger pull is the primary cause of accidental discharges by the trained, untrained, and inexperienced shooters. By accidental discharge I mean those that may occur when holstering the gun and snagging the trigger on the holster thumb release, or catching it in the clothing or jacket causing the lightened trigger to discharge the gun. I don't include discharging the firearm by pulling the trigger with your finger even though it may have been unintentional. That is just plain unsafe firearm handling, lack of training, and no excuse can be accepted for that. With today's modern firing pin safeties, accidental discharges when dropped or bumped are uncommon.

I have been asked to lighten trigger pulls of handgun and rifles to as little as 2 lbs. I say "asked" because I have a general rule not to reduce the trigger pull on any gun to less than what would be required in a competition match for that type of gun. However, I always try and determine the purpose for which the gun is to be used. If the owner is planning on carrying it for defense, or for defense of the home I strongly suggest that the trigger pull be no less than 4 to 6 pounds. A lighter trigger pull runs the danger of being unintentionally discharged.

Exceptions to my rule would be for Bench rest

shooters. They often have trigger pulls of less than 2 pounds as in that type of shooting once the gun is aimed and locked down, the safety is release and the trigger is often pressed by mechanical means. Completion Target shooters are controlled by the rules for the competition shoot. Hunters on the other hand really must be careful when adjusting the trigger pull to a lighter weight. They must ask themselves "Will I be carrying the gun loaded and ready to fire?" "Is the Safety in proper working order and will I be carrying with the safety on or off?" "If I drop the gun from the tree stand, will it discharge?" All valid questions and must be considered. It is my opinion that Hunting rifles and shotguns should be about 5 to 7 pounds. Most trigger systems come from the maker with acceptable trigger pull weights for the average gun owner with some experience and training. Many of the major manufacturers of hunting rifles and shotguns now provide the gun owner an option which allows the gun owner to adjust the trigger pull weight on the rifle and on some shotguns. The lowest adjustment weight I am aware of is 2.5 pounds. Home defense use guns should be left at factory set trigger pull. You run a strong risk of a civil suit or criminal action should it become necessary to use the gun in defense of your home and you have modified it from original. I would think the plaintiff's attorney or defense attorney would have a field day accusing the homeowner of intentionally planning on shooting an intruder since the gun had been customized for that purpose.

Before adjusting the trigger weight or having it done professionally, check the trigger creep. Trigger creep is the movement of the trigger before releasing the hammer. On some it is as small as .015" while on others it may be as much as half an inch. Don't mistake On rifles and handguns reducing the creep makes the trigger feel more crisp and the trigger pull weight much less noticeable. A 4-5 pound trigger pull weight that is crisp may feel to some to be a "hair trigger". The let off is quick and smooth, crisp.

Quote of the Month

"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower ~

Kimber Safety Recall

From KimberAmerica.com/safety: "Kimber Mfg. Inc. ("Kimber") has discovered a quality issue involving: (a) factory installed optics versions of Aegis handguns and KHx handguns shipped from January 2018 through May 15, 2019; (b) Optics Ready versions of Aegis handguns and KHx handguns shipped from January 2018 through May 15, 2019; and (c) the separately sold optics installation plate compatible with Aegis and KHx Optics Ready handguns (part numbers 4000750, 4000753, and 400754) shipped from product launch through May 15, 2019. This recall affects all such products shipped from product launch through May 15,

2019."

"This quality issue could allow the optics assembly to become separated from the handgun when it is fired, presenting a risk of serious personal injury to the user."

Go to <https://www.kimberamerica.com/safety> for more information and a list of serial numbers, or call Kimber at 888-243-4522. The full notice is to large to be included here and this is just the first paragraph of the notice.

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

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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Who was Chief White Eagle really?

I knew Chief White Eagle aka Basil F. Heath for over 30 years but never really knew him. He kept his secrets – about his ancestors, his childhood, his vocation, everything he did. Like a movie star, he wanted only the romantic things that placed a favorable light on him to be made public.

Bill and I met him in 1984 in Chicago at a museum meeting. In 1985 as president of Fulton County Historical Society, I invited him to come to dedicate the newly-purchased FCHS land at the Trail of Courage. He gave programs at the Trail of Courage every year after that until his death in January 2011.

He said he was in movies, the first being “Northwest Passage” in 1938. But when the Internet was invented, none of his stories about being in movies could be verified.

He said he was Mohawk and grew up on the Grand River Reservation in Canada. But when Susan Campbell was writing his life story for a book she published, he revealed to her that his ancestors were from Brazil. However, because he requested that she not tell anyone, she kept his secret. It was only recently that Susan shared a letter with me in which he told his true history.

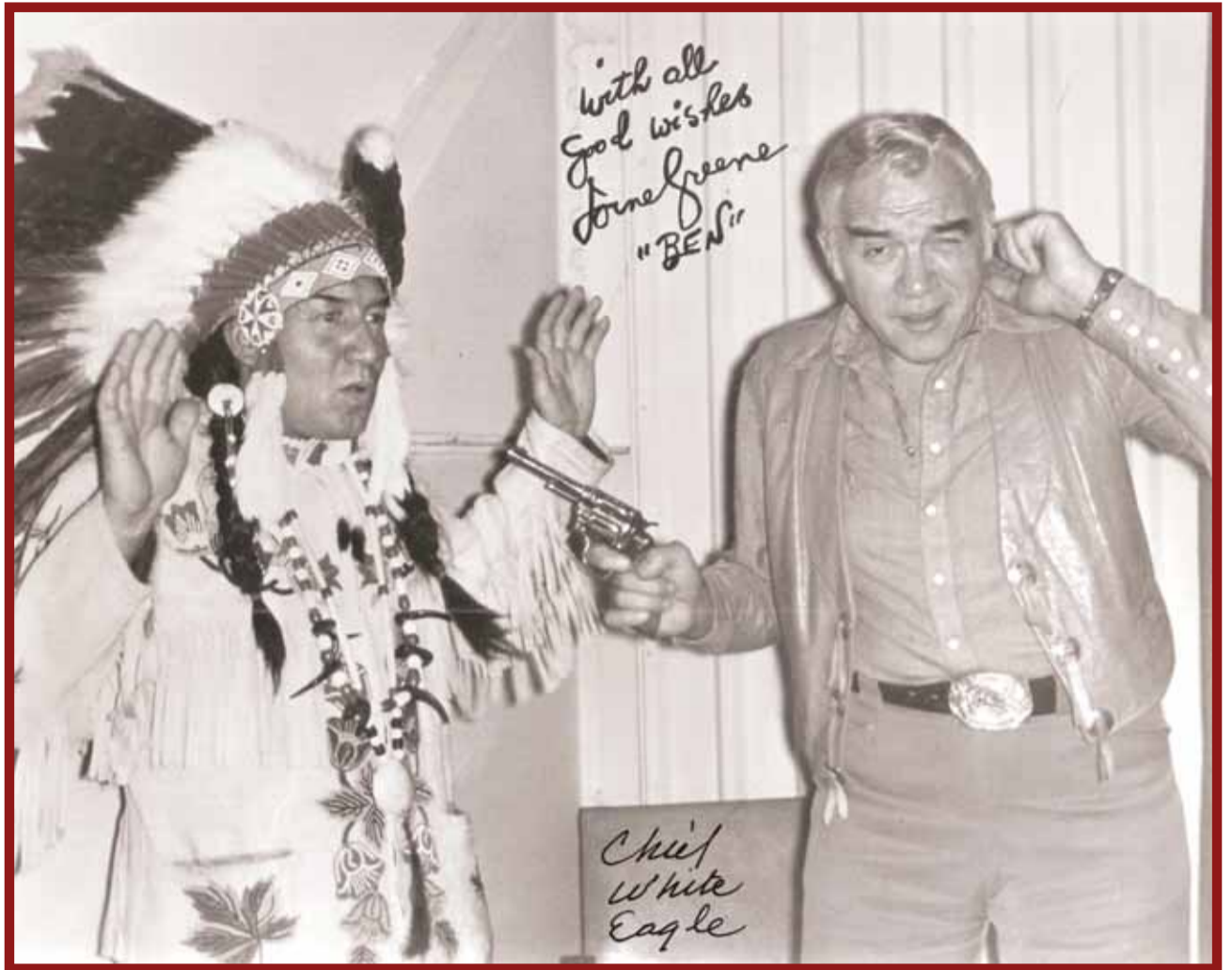
This is what he wrote:

“My grandmother was a full- blood Indian medicine woman from the Brazilian Amazon Indian territory. She met my maternal grandfather (surname D’Amoren or Da Amarin) when he came to the Amazon Indian territory in search of rubber plants, and to acquire the help of the local natives. There he met and later married my grandmother, according to the tradition of the Amazon Indians. She helped him form a friendship with the natives, to harvest the rubber plants. World War I had already started and was in need of rubber. This made my grandfather a very wealthy man.

“The Canadian government got word to my grandfather that they were interested in purchasing the rubber. So my grandparents traveled up to Canada to finalize the deal.

“They were welcomed at the Mohawk reservation, and they decided to settle down there. They left the business in care of his eldest brother down in Brazil.

“While they were living in Canada, my grand-



Chief White Eagle and Lorne Greene, star of Bonanza on TV. (Author Provided Photo)

mother became pregnant with my mother, Amelina. She grew up to be a very beautiful young woman. When she was in her teens, her father sent her to a boarding school to learn a trade. Since her mother was a medicine woman, she took up nursing. When she graduated from nursing school, she signed up for the Red Cross. The Red Cross sent her to England to help with war efforts.

“There she met a soldier named Andrew Cleave Heath. They dated for a few months and as hormones goes, she found she was pregnant. My father refused to marry her as he was already married to a woman in New Orleans. When the Red Cross found out she was pregnant, they let her go. While she was waiting for the birth of her child (me), she took up the only thing she knew very well: sewing beads on clothing. The company Revelle, a well- known clothing line, hired her to work for them. They held the contract for Queen Mary’s wardrobe. So she became the Queen’s personal wardrobe mistress.

“After I was born, March 18, 1917, my mother took her earnings and me, back to Canada. She was glad to be back with her parents (D’Amoren). However, my grandparents only lived a short while. First my grandfather passed away; then my grandmother followed six months later.

“As I grew up, and lusting for knowledge, a kindly old tribal Indian elder took me under his wing and taught me how to fish, hunt, and set a bear trap. His name was Frank Doxstador Sr. He became my mentor and teacher. In the Indian tradition, when the parents of a child die, the elders of the tribe take over the care of the child. Such was the case with my life.

“When my mother became sick and passed away with pneumonia, Frank Doxstador Sr. adopted me into the Mohawk tribe. Thus I became a Mohawk Indian by the tradition of the Mohawk tribe.”

He was married in England and had two daughters, who spent their lives in Essex, England.

For many years Chief White Eagle lived in Chicago and gave Indian programs. He worked for Brunswick Bowling, traveled for them and gave demonstrations, teaching children to bowl.

In 1977 Chief White Eagle/Basil Heath married Patricia Hannaway. She changed her name to Bobbie Bear after she married Chief White Eagle. She did some television work in Chicago. She learned to sign language the Lord’s Prayer and performed it for the wedding of a German prince and princess. Bobbie is a talented artist and made life-like dolls of Chief Godfroy, Frances Slocum, and even a doll of me, complete with glasses and my blue Potawatomi dress.

For several years before his death in 2011, I would take a tape recorder to his house and sit at his kitchen table to record his memories which I then mailed to Susan Campbell. She typed them and made them into a book, covering his childhood, working as a welder on high- rise construction, and as a soldier in World War II. The book was published in 2014 with the title “From Manhattan to Hollywood: The Stories of Chief White Eagle.” Notice it says stories, not history or biography.

The publishing company put Manhattan in the title, which was inaccurate because he worked on sky scrapers in Chicago, not New York. The publisher thought it would make the book sell better. Susan did call the princess to verify the story about the royal wedding and that’s true. Many of the stories he told in his own words are probably fiction. She had interviewed him in person and he misrepresented himself. As a result, she has written a disclaimer which is inserted in most of the books.

Several years ago a woman called me, said she was his niece, and told that he left England in 1950. However, I did not place my entire confidence in this because my own nieces do not know everything I

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Left Photo: Volunteers place the flags on the Veterans' graves each year. Right Photo: Volunteers working downtown. (Author Photos)

Visit Fayette County, IN For The Fun Of It!



by Donna Schroeder
Fayette County Historical Museum

Stay-Cation?

You know, gas is expensive right now, right? Have you ever considered coming to the Whitewater Valley instead of driving to the mountains or going to the beach?

We have some really great things to see and do right here in the heartland of America. Brookville Lake and Whitewater State Park have nice beaches and good fishing. The Whitewater River offers great canoe and kayak opportunities.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad will take you to Metamora where you can ride a canal boat. They also offer a dinner train, a Wild West train, and a train ride with President Lincoln.

Shrader Weaver Nature Preserve and the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary are great places for a hike. The Bird Sanctuary even has bird banding classes where you can learn about the migration patterns of different species. Have you ever thought about banding a hummingbird so it can be tracked? They will let you do just that!

You can trace the route of the Whitewater Canal, learn its history, and find out how and why it was replaced by trains.

In Franklin County, you can visit Little Cedar, the oldest church in Indiana still in its original place on its original foundation. It was built in 1812 by hardy Baptists from South Carolina. Inside the church, you will find the one remaining marker from the graveyard. It belongs to my gr gr great grandmother. Would it make it more interesting for you if I told you that it was stolen at once point and used as an altar for Satanic rituals? Well, it was. The man who stole it had murdered his one time girlfriend. When they appre-

hended him, he was in possession of the marker. If you're here on a Wednesday, you can also visit White's Flea Market, one of the best in the state. The church is right outside the area where the market is held.

Come to Connersville on a weekend, and you can shop at our Farmers' Market in the courthouse parking lot on Saturday morning, right next to the train depot. Across the street to the east is the Whitewater Valley Arts Association. They always have something on display. To the west is the Fayette County Historical Museum. Stop by to learn about everything in Fayette County from fossils to cars manufactured here. I can honestly say I think we have one of the nicest (if not the nicest) museum in the area. Most Sundays, I'm there to talk genealogy, too.

Which brings me to another subject that's near and dear to me. If you have roots in our county, I would love to talk with you. As county historian, my hope it to have an extensive family history center at the museum. I'm looking for any information folks have about our early pioneers, and I'm happy to help you with your research, too.

The Fayette County Public Library has a lot of information on the history of our county, and the Franklin County Library has a great collection, too.

Roberts Park in Connersville has a Kennedy covered bridge that was brought from its original location in Fayette County when it needed to be replaced by a bridge that could handle buses and farm equipment. The park has an aquatic center and beautiful picnic areas. The WPA was instrumental in making the park the beautiful place that it is. There are examples of the wonderful stonework they did. The park is also the location of Indiana's oldest free fair.

Elmhurst, the home of Caleb Blood Smith, is on the edge of town. This imposing home is now



Front of Vivian's house. (Author Photo)

owned by the Masonic Lodge. Smith was Lincoln's Secretary of the Interior. Stop by and we'll tell you why you can't visit his grave.

City Cemetery in Connersville is a local historic district. The Veterans Circle is the resting place of some Civil War soldiers and others are buried throughout the fourteen acres. You can visit Jonathan John, one of our earliest settlers, as well as William W. Frybarger, a Union Colonel, and little Oscar Wetherald who joined the Union Army at the age of fourteen. He died of disease in the war and his mother took the train to bring him home. The Claypool family is buried here. Their daughter Virginia Claypool Meredith was the first female trustee of Purdue University. Vivian Allison is buried here. Her father built a doll house to mark her grave when she died at five years of age – one hundred and twenty years ago.

I hope I've given you enough information to lure you to my little part of the state. We have scenery and sites that rival anywhere you could go, and we're only an hour from Indy, Cincinnati, and Dayton.

In closing, I want to say a short thanks to the folks who make a lot of this possible. The railroad, the art gallery, and folks at Elmhurst and the museum are all volunteers. Recently, when Vivian's house was found to be in danger of disintegrating, three local men spent weeks stripping,



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Left Photo: Inside Vivian's house. Right Photo: Another photo inside Vivian's house. (Author Photos)

painting, and making new parts for it. It will last another hundred years. The teacher and students from the FFA at the high school planted flowers around the house and at the grave of Colonel Frybarger's first wife. As I drove through our downtown tonight (it's on the National Register of Historic Places, by the way), a group of volunteers was busy turning an empty lot into a garden.

It doesn't matter how many things there are to see or do, people are the element that make a community a great place to be, and ours are second to none.

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So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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Great Lakes Of The Wabash

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Fishing solo and coming in second by a mere .09 pounds was Allen Reed. Allen had a total of 5.41 pounds and also won biggest fish with a 13 inch crappie that weighed 1.27 pounds. Rounding out the top three and fishing in their first competitive tournament was the team of Nathan Riggle and Zach Ball with a total weight of 3.27 pounds.

We would like thank all the fishermen who braved the conditions to fish and also like to remind everyone of our final two tournaments of the year which will be on Saturday, August 24th and Saturday, September, 21st. For more information you can contact us at (765) 981-4522.

If visiting the Great Lakes of the Wabash be sure to mark these scheduled events on your calendar. On Wednesday, June 26th the Salamonie Preschool program presents "Bugs, Bugs, Everywhere". Mississinewa Reservoir will have their annual Fireworks over the Mississinewa on the weekend of June 26-28th. The weekend of July 19-21 is the "Christmas in July and Smokey Bear" at the Salamonie Reservoir and the Mississinewa Reservoir will host the same event on the weekend of July 26-28. For more information on any of these events you can contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at (260) 468-2127. ■

Outdoors with Rich Creason

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and has wolves, and other critters to watch and also informational programs on these outstanding animals.

Summer is here. Plan on visiting Indiana's first and only National Park. Arrive at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center for information on getting the most out of your trip.

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Native American Indians in Indiana

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have done and certainly not the dates.

I am a historian. My first responsibility is to tell the truth and to correct errors when discovered. So now I am going to tell you who Chief White Eagle really was.

He was a handsome man who had a great talent. He practiced and developed a "radio voice" and he studied Indian lore, reading many books for the material he presented. He gave programs to Boy Scouts and many clubs and festivals. He told how to tell which tribes made which style moccasins and how to survive in the desert by cutting into a cactus for liquid. After his death, many of his books were donated to the Fulton County Museum, where they can be viewed as Chief White Eagle's Library.

Chief White Eagle aka "Baz" was a good friend, a kind, sincere and loving person. But he fell under the Hollywood guise of making up a history for himself. Like Roy Rogers, whose real name was Leonard Slye, or John Wayne, whose real name was Marion Morrison.

Bill and I took Baz and Bobbie to the Lone Ranger Festival in Illinois and many other places. He was paid to talk about being with the Lone Ranger and playing Tonto one season.

I have not been able to verify if Chief White Eagle was ever in any Hollywood movies. He had a TV show in Chicago called the Totem Club in the early 1980s. This I know because I saw a video of it. We do not know how much of his stories was truth and how much was fiction.

Chief White Eagle was always in demand as a speaker at historic festivals. He and Bobbie had a booth at the Trail of Courage for many years, selling his photos and Bobbie's crafts.

He was a good person and I don't want to run him down. I just want to tell the truth. After his death at Woodlawn Hospital in 2011, his ashes were scattered under the Great Peace Tree at the Trail of Courage grounds. Bobbie had planned to have her ashes scattered there too, but after Chief White Eagle died, she adopted Kenny Lone Eagle. He took her ashes and buried the urn on his farm near Knox.

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Old Prospector. (Author Photo)



Assorted Fish Dies. (Author Photo)

Outdoor Scenes & Verse



by Anita McFalls

Title: Invest and Impress

It's amazing the things you find in a small town! Although I was aware of SilverTowne in Winchester, Indiana, I never suspected that there is also a "Mint" in the town. When you think of a mint, your imagination immediately takes you to a big city, and the likes of Fort Knox!

SilverTowne began as a small coin shop founded in 1949 by Leon and Ruhama Hendrickson.

That small family business has now transformed into a multi-million dollar company, respected and recognized for the quality and purity of their products.

In 1973, when there were few businesses making proprietary bullion items, the mint was borne. It grew so fast that in 1985 an expansion was necessary to accommodate production of the hundreds, of thousands, of ounces of .999 fine silver bullion.

My husband and I, through the courtesy of a friend, had the opportunity to tour the SilverTowne Mint, and see "behind the scenes". It was quite an interesting, and enlightening experience to watch the process of a thousand-ounce silver brick melted at 1700 degrees in a crucible, fired, and then poured into a machine to create long strips. The silver was then rolled by machine

5 times, hardening more each time, to achieve correct solidity and thickness, (which is measured by micrometers for preciseness). Once that process was completed, blank rounds, or medallions, were punched out, placed in buckets, and taken to one of the Grabener coining presses for striking. The chosen die stamps the top and the bottom of the blank simultaneously. The machine is monitored constantly to be sure the blanks are seated and stamped properly. Dies are either "stock", or "custom".

A custom die costs between \$500.00 and \$800.00, and is tediously, and artfully created. The particular drawing is transferred onto the die block, and each mark is cut into the metal using die cutting machines.

In knowing the amount of time and precision involved, the charge to create a piece, with all of the intricate art work, is quite reasonable. Also, once purchased, you own the die. It is held in storage at the mint for future orders you may request. Custom ordering requires a minimum of 50 pieces, and is limited only by the customer's imagination, (which you will see in some of the photos).

These coins can also be enameled to further enhance their beauty and appeal. It is an unbelievably intricate art.

The first step in enameling the coin is to heat it in the oven to 140 degrees. The painting is done by a steady handed artist, using a small air compressor and different size syringe needles loaded with paint.

Varying size tips control the amount of paint flowing through the needle, and a foot pedal is used to control the air flow through the syringe. Talk about multi-tasking! This is an exact, and time-consuming process, and is amazing to watch.

The paint is mixed in a two-part epoxy for each color, (this is done by hand). The coin is heated each time the color changes to ensure drying of the previous color. Glitter, and glow in the dark, can also be added as special effects. Did I mention that this too, is all done while looking through a magnifying glass? How the artists can see anything after working on a project all day is beyond me!



Pouring Silver. (Author Photo)

Many organizations have dies struck with their company logos, in order to give keepsakes at open houses, retirements, fundraisers, or other memorable events. The Challenge coins remain popular for military, police, and fire, and the graduation and wedding medallions are a great way to mark a special occasion, and there is something for every occasion, the sky is the limit! The mint only sells retail for custom orders, and there is a plethora of "stock" choices to be had, or you can create your own. If custom is not your thing, or you don't require 50 items, shop at SilverTowne and you will be amazed at the amount of designs available. They also do engraving for only cents per letter.

Some of the newest, and most awesome mint pieces are 3D silver bullets! Whether you're a gun enthusiast, or just a fan of unique, collectible items, these are outstanding! They make great gifts, as well as investments!

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Enameling Process. (Author Photo)



Thin Blue Line. (Author Photo)



Assortment of Coins. (Author Photo)



True Love Never Dies. (Author Photo)



Silver Bullets. (Author Photo)

In addition to this collection is a .45 caliber replica called, The Thin Blue Line. This piece is a troy ounce of .999 fine silver, with an enameled blue line down the center. It's packaged in a foam lined box, with the thin blue line on the sleeve, and accompanied by a certificate of authentication. What a salute to our defenders! All of the above listed calibers of these silver bullets are also available with gold and rhodium plate finish.

If your organization or club has an upcoming event or contest, consider giving a unique gift with a personal touch. Give something that lasts, and more than likely with only increase in value. So, Invest and impress!

*Silver bullion is not "legal tender", but its value is in the silver itself, the sentiment of the occasion, and the desire for one to diversify their portfolio by investing in precious metals.

More information is available at silvertowne-mint.com.

Native American Indians in Indiana

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Bobbie gave me two large wooden horse statues, about 20 inches tall, that she said were made by her grandfather. I recently donated them to the Fulton County Museum.

We visited Kenny Lone Eagle on March 18, 2019, to see the box of photos that had been Chief White Eagle's. There were photos of him with Lorne Green of "Bonanza," in which Basil played a part. Also there were many pictures of him and Hollywood stars including Ed Sullivan and of him standing with many other celebrities. Kenny also had some legal papers, including Basil Heath's discharge from the Royal Engineers, April 5, 1942, London. It said he was a sapper, which means military construction engineer. So maybe the niece was right that he came to the U.S. about 1950.

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them to the outdoors. If we, as parents, uncles, cousins, godparents, friends, etc. don't take the time to show today's younger generation the ways of our ancestors, then they will simply go on playing Nintendo, watching TV, or worse. It is up to us to rekindle the passionate love of Mother Nature that I believe is hidden within all of us. The future of the sport depends on it. Without future anglers, much needed funds that are required to improve and maintain our fisheries will not be there, and more importantly, our children may be missing out on the opportunity to get reacquainted with not only nature, but their inner beings. Mother Nature can sometimes be the best therapist there is!

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Jack Farley's first Turkey. It weighed 13 lbs and had a 5 inch beard. Jack is 13 years old and is Dennis Weber's grandson. (Hazel Wilcox at Dave's Triangle, Inc. Photo, Liberty, IN)



Marshal Graham found these nice morel yellow sponge mushrooms on Government ground surrounding the Brookville Lake. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Liberty, IN)



This fellow caught his 24 inch walleye in Brookville Lake. We should have gotten his name but we were really busy that day. We'll get his name next time. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Liberty, IN)



This young fella caught this really nice walleye in Brookville Lake. We should have gotten his name but we were really busy that day. We'll get his name next time. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Liberty, IN)



These fellas caught their two man limit on some good eating walleye. We should have gotten their names but we were really busy that day. We'll get their names next time. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Liberty, IN)

Roaming The Outdoors

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let us follow them into downtown Rabbit Hash. That's one of the reasons I like Kentucky, they are very nice and aren't in a big rush all the time like us northern folks.

Once there we went into the General Store, it all looked the same as I remembered. Even the Proprietor was the same as when I delivered Gad-a-bouts there, Terrie Markesberry. You would like her she's very nice.

I don't have enough room in this issue to tell you more about Rabbit Hash, but I will write more about it in a coming issue.

I have a friend who I took to Rabbit Hash once, whenever I see him he asks, "When are we going back to Rabbit Hash?" When he reads this I know what the first words out of his mouth will be. Am I right Bob? ■



I went mushroom hunting May 20, 2019 when it was too late to do so. I was too busy when the season was in and it rained all the other times. I did find however on my way back from the woods 14 four leaf clovers. I had about given up hope of ever finding a four leaf clover. Here are three of them. ■



Priceless Photo: 6 year old Logan Dale Frasher was fishing with his Dad, Greg Frasher when he caught this 14 1/4 inch White Bass on his very first cast using artificial bait Easter Sunday April 21st, 2019 on Brookville Lake. It weighed just over 3 pounds! (Photo was submitted via e-mail by a very proud Mom, Crystal Frasher)



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