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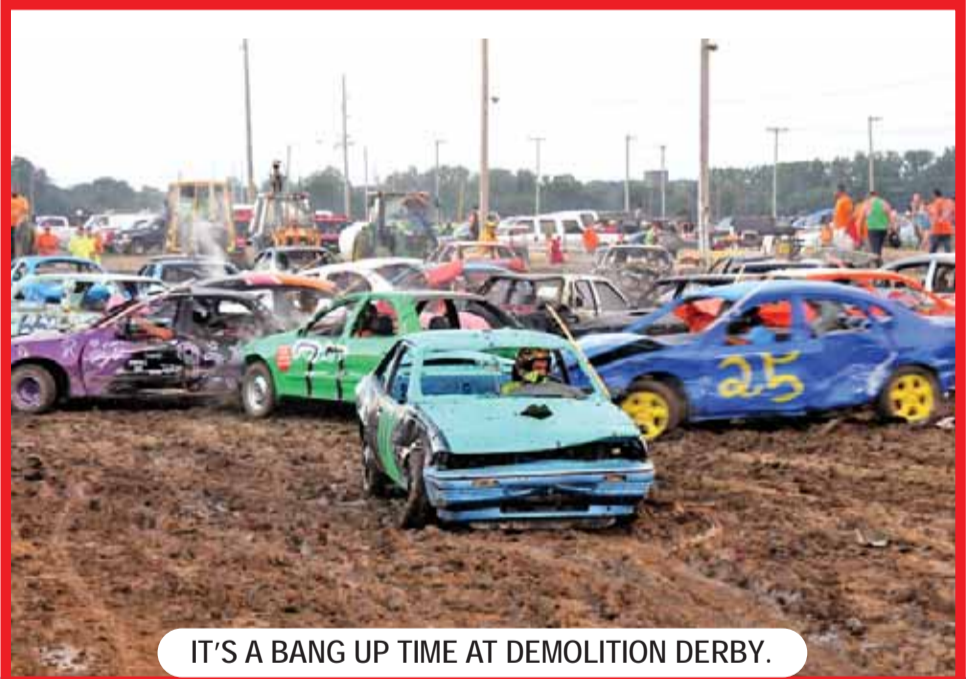
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Scott Ramey, owner of Ramey's Hardware and Plumbing in Liberty, IN sent me this photo of Ben Peters holding his white bass. I called Scott to see if he could send me the photo of his catch, but he caught and released his that day. They caught their white bass on White Rooster Tail lures April 13, 2019 in the East Fork of the Whitewater River south of Treaty Line ramp. (Ben's photo submitted by Scott Ramey via e-mail.)

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Top Left: 168th Wayne County 4-H Fair June 22-29, 2019 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Young lady is enjoying a ride on the ever popular "Merry Go Round." See Pages 12-17. (Photo by Sandy House)

Top Right: This is our family attending the Ronald McDonald House Charity Bike Ride. This is a yearly fundraising event that highlights all the great things the Ronald McDonald House does for families who are dealing with a sick child. Words can't explain how thankful we are for everything the Ronald McDonald House provided for our family during our 150 day hospital stay. The Ronald McDonald House gave us a place to be together as a family, sleep, eat, do laundry, and many other great things all while being close to our little baby girl. From left to right: In back Ronald McDonald and Ryan Pershing. In front Rayli, Cade, Haili and Ashli holding Karli. Read about the Pershings 150 days waiting and praying for the recovery of their 1 lb. 3 oz. new baby girl, Karli. See Pages 18-19 (Ashli Pershing Photo)

Bottom Left: Indiana Conservation Officer, Travis Stewart says, During this time of the year, many wild animals are going to have little one's coming

into this world. Some individuals find these in the wild and think they are abandoned by the mother; or the parents were killed by one way or another. See Page 7. (USFWS Photo)

Bottom Right: Garrett Jackson from Connorsville, IN caught this muskie (in his words). I caught the 41" Muskie on a white skirted spinner bait with red head and double Colorado blades. That bait was hand tied and painted by Nate Lake (Bud's Baits) a Brookville local. I was throwing that spinner most of the day on a medium 7' rod with 14 lb Fluorocarbon line. This fish was the hardest fighting fish I've ever had on my rod. I was casting up into timber in about 2 foot of water when my rod bent and I was just holding on trying to have my buddy position the boat around and away from the timber and into open water to be able to land this fish. It was a fight of a lifetime. Jeremy Lobenstein netted this fish in a very small collapsible net and somehow got her to fit. I was bass fishing the liberty bass clubs first tournament of the season that day. This was caught and released and I Hope she keeps the species alive in Brookville lake. (Garrett Jackson Photo)

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On The Cutting Edge



by Ray Dickerson
The Gad-a-bout

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In this issue you have everything you need to attend our 168th Wayne County 4-H Fair, June 22-29 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds located 861 North Salisbury Road, Richmond, IN 47374. For out of towners there are several ways to get to our Fairgrounds. *(Please Be aware of road construction throughout the city of Richmond, Indiana)*

Coming from the west take US 40 (National Road) after leaving Centerville turn left at the second stoplight onto Salisbury Road going north, past the green houses, the fairgrounds will be on your right. There is parking across the road for walk in attendance, There is an admittance fee. Parking and entrance gate is also available if you continue north to North "L" street turn right to entrance gate on your right.

Coming in either direction on I-70 from Indianapolis or Ohio exit I-70 at U.S. 35 which is Exit 149 South. Continue south to 3rd (Third) stoplight and turn right onto North "L" Street going west. Watch for Entrance to the Wayne County Fair on your left. Turn left, gate attendants will collect admittance fee. *(See Fair Program for Fair Information on page 13 & 16 in this issue for information on special days where parking is free for certain conditions.)*

The Fair Program is part of a 4-Page pull out you can remove from this paper and carry it with you as you visit the 168th Wayne County Fair, June 22-29, 2019.

Wayne County fair photos from 2018 are on the bottom of Page 1, on page 12, 16 & 17. A complete listing of all activities, special entrance arrangements by activity plus more in the 2019 Fair Program on Page 13 & 16 of this issue.

See Page 14 & 15 for an Aerial view of the complete fairground with Activities, Buildings, Areas, Parking and other locations indicated by yellow and red Arrows pointing to their exact location on Fairgrounds.

Hope to see you there, it's going to be a lot of fun, exciting rides, lots to eat as well as all the 4-H activities and special events.

I want to publicly thank Sandy House who has graciously helped me put this Wayne County 4-H Fair Pull-out in The Gad-a-bout by providing me with the Fair Program and 4-H Activity photos. I couldn't do it without her help. Thanks Sandy! If you have questions call me at (Cell) 765-960-5767 or

e-mail raythegadabout@gmail.com .



Top Photo: At left Josh Nelson and at right owner of Affordable Lawn Care, Curtis Kidd.

Bottom Photo: Tim Nelson's home where Curtis and Josh were mowing grass when I talked to them. As you can see they did a good job mowing Tim's yard.

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I've been in a bind for the longest time, mostly due to our extreme wet season. I have two yards to mow and a limited time to mow due especially this past Saturday, May 11th when I was on deadline for my June Gad-a-bout and I'd only gotten the front part of my yard here at my office mowed and the back yard was getting taller by the day.

As I was concentrating on an article I was preparing I heard someone mowing nearby. I looked out my side window and saw that my neighbor had his yard being mowed by a contractor instead of mowing it himself. A light bulb went off in my mind, maybe I could get that same contractor to mow my back yard for me. So I went outside and swiftly walked to Tim Nelson's yard and patiently waited until I could get the guys attention that I wanted to talk to him. He saw me waving at him and pulled his mower over to where I was standing. I told him my problem and asked if he could cut my back yard for me when he finished with Tim's yard. He said he could, I told him to come to my door (pointing to where he needed to come) and I would pay him. A short time later I heard he and his helper mowing my back yard. They did a spiffy job too, much quicker than I can mow with my push mower.

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June Fishing Brookville Lake

If Your fishing on the banks on Brookville lake and you are scratching your head wondering why you're not catching fish, there is a reason for that. There are no fish there. All the fish have flown the coop, sort of speak. The only reason the fish are on the banks at all are to spawn and the ones that aren't spawning are there just trying to eat on the spawning fish or their eggs. By the end of May the spawning cycle is over and they're on the move, summer living here we come.

If you don't have a fish finder go buy one, if you don't have a boat go get one because where these fish are going, you're going to need it.

Brookville lake has about 12 different predator fish living in it, and they all have their own little ways of getting through the day. Some fish like walleye or catfish like living close to the bottom. Some fish like crappie like living in and around standing timber, while striped bass or white bass like spending their day roaming the main lake like one big giant eating machine. What they all have in common though is feeding and structure. For example, when a walleye wants to feed it will position its self on a shallow flat lying flat on the bottom. Lying on the bottom motionless using the coloration of its skin as camouflage. It will wait till something comes close enough to it and flick its tail to catch it. If you have ever watched a blue heron feed along the shore it's like that.

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

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

Now striped bass and white bass have a completely unique way of doing things. These fish stay in schools, big schools. The white bass and striped bass don't intermingle though. I have seen the white bass schools meet the striped bass schools and it does not end well for the white bass. They are very similar in the way they feed, live and move around the lake, but the white bass is no match for the sheer size of the striped bass. They both feed on the big schools of shad in the lake. What they do is coral the schools of shad and move them close to an underwater point. At the

last minute, they will rush the school of shad and in a panic the shad school will come apart. This is where the white bass or the striped bass will be able to target them and pick them off one at a time. I explain this act like this. If you and your buddy was riding on an elephant's back in Africa and you came across a pack of lions. The lions would look at you like you were one big thing and just think that's too big to eat. But if the elephant bucked you and your buddy off its back and you all ran in separate directions it would be game on. This is why little fish stay in schools so they can look like one big thing not 10,000 little things. If your ever on the water and you see something on the surface of the lake that looks like piranhas feeding on the surface. It's a big school of white bass or striped bass pushing big schools of shad to the surface to disorient them so they can pick them off one at a time. Only difference is you can visually see this happening. It's an exciting and humbling site to see.

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

Tag Nobbe

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by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Indiana State Police Annual Summer Youth Camps

To date more than 45,000 Hoosier youth have been afforded the opportunity to spend face time with law enforcement officers in a positive environment. Countless camp graduates have gone on to careers with the ISP or in other related fields; many camp graduates go on to be adult camp counselors after they begin their law enforcement careers. Due to the longevity of the camp program, many camp attendees have completed and retired from a career in law enforcement.

The Indiana State Police have allowed their troopers and staff members over the years to volunteer and participate in the camp program as camp directors, counselors and staff. The below information was taken from the camps web site for this year. If you know a child that may be interested in attending a camp, or if you would like more information on the camps and their history, please visit the Indiana Troopers Youth Services Web Site at <http://trooper.org/>

Career Camps

Similar to the Indiana State Police Academy, career camps give high school age students an in-depth and hands on law enforcement experience. This means that any child going into high school or that has graduated but not yet attended college is eligible to attend camps. These camps are co-ed camps that are directed by Troopers throughout the entire week. Our staff is compiled of male and female law enforcement personnel, utilizing many of the same experts that train our very own Troopers, as well as professionals from other walks of life that relate to a law enforcement field. Attending the camps, each camper will find out what it takes to be a police officer, experience some of the same things that officers do during their career and get to see the other careers and specialties within the law enforcement field. Campers will participate in physical training, con-

duct their own crime scene investigations, hear from defense attorneys, judges, and other experts in the criminal justice field, and watch exciting police demonstrations! All career camps are held at Universities to give participants an idea of college life while at the camp. All career camps start on Sunday and end that Friday. There is a graduation ceremony at the close of the camp that Friday afternoon that parents/family are invited to attend!

Indiana Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy Camp

The ISP and ITYS are partnering with the American Legion for this camp! The American Legion believes that our youth have a strong sense of patriotism and a high regard for Law and Order. The objective of IYCLEA Camp is to provide a first-hand look at the role of a police officer in today's society. This is similar to the Career Camp above (a week long, co-ed and any child going into high school or that has graduated but not yet attended college), but is more closely modeled as a mini, week long Indiana State Police Academy. This camp season, the American Legion has graciously agreed to sponsor 50 youths to attend this camp!! The first 50 registered prior to July 2, 2018 will be accepted. Please contact Sgt. Danielle Elwood Henderson @ (317) 450-8720 for information on your local American Legion for sponsorship information.

Junior Pioneer Camp-outs

Unlike the Career and Law camps, the Pioneer camps are designed specifically for children between ages 11-14 who need a structured program with close supervision. Group homes, welfare departments, law enforcement agencies, probation departments and school counselors may recommend children for the Pioneer Camp. These camps are held outdoors for a week. This is a co-ed camp in which the kids learn to work together to prepare their own meals, campsites and explore the outdoors. Campers receive more one on one time with law enforcement officers who can help them start to develop a more positive outlook on their future. These camps can be applied for online but *must* have a recommendation to accompany the application.

[Click and Download to Word Doc – 2018 ISP Youth Camp Registration Form](#)

Motorcycle Safety

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

Tips for passenger vehicles:

- Watch attentively for motorcycles. Check blinds spots before changing lanes and look twice at intersections before you turn or pull out into traffic. Use your turn signals when changing lanes.

- Anticipate hazards that may confront and affect a motorcyclist like large pot holes, debris, or other hazardous road conditions. Allow at least two seconds of following distance between your vehicle and a motorcycle.

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

- Remember, motorcycles are entitled to operate in a full lane.

- Obey all traffic laws.

- **ALWAYS LOOK TWICE BEFORE PULLING OUT OR TURNING!**

Tips for motorcycle riders:

- Wear protective equipment and clothing, especially a helmet with face shield.

- **Make yourself visible by wearing bright Hi-Viz clothing, using reflective tape and by using your motorcycle's headlight. Always use turn signals when changing lanes and turning.**

- Check your motorcycle before each ride, and do not ride if any equipment is not operating properly.

- Look for road hazards, especially potholes this year! Be especially cautious around intersections, alleys, driveways, and other areas where an animal, pedestrian, or vehicle might enter your path.

- Avoid riding in the blind spot of other vehicles. Ride defensively; always leave enough reaction time for unexpected movements from other vehicles.

- When operating a motorcycle during inclement weather, slow down and use extra caution. Avoid sudden changes in direction or speed.

- Be cautious in construction zones watching for different pavement heights and drop-offs.

- Never ride impaired.

- Never perform stunts like "wheelies" or other tricks.

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

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Travis Stewart

Important Tips To Help You Enjoy The Outdoors

Finally warm weather has arrived, and if anyone is like me they want it to keep just as it is; mid 70's with sunlight and low humidity. With Indiana though, it's going to change and may fluctuate up or down. I want to speak about some different topics related to this time of the season.

Keep 'em Wild.

During this time of the year, many wild animals are going to have little one's coming into this world. Some individuals find these in the wild and think they are abandoned by the mother; or the parents were killed by one way or another. I urge everyone to let them be. Not only is it illegal to possess a wild animal, with the exception of a permit, but you are doing them more harm than good.

Once a wild animal is taken into the "parentage" of a human, they start to become domesticated. This makes it harder for the animal to be reallocated back into the wild.

The best course of action is, again, to let it be. If you feel there is something wrong with it; sick or parents deceased or anything not mentioned, then contact a wild animal rehabilitator at wildlife.IN.gov and click "wildlife rehabilitator". You can also contact your local DNR Law Enforcement Division district for their assistance; or contact the Fish and Wildlife Division at 317-232-4080.

Barn Owls

The barn owl is characterized as having a distinctive heart shaped face with dark eyes. They have a height of 16 inches, and weigh anywhere from 1 to 1.5 pounds. This medium-sized owl has been declining, and was placed on the endangered species list; with only 43 nest being located state-wide in 2017. This owl is names such because of their usual nesting location; being as you guessed in a barn. If you want to watch a live video feed of a nesting pair you can follow the link: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-wild/8183.htm>.

Fishing for Free

Are there any readers that want to get out and enjoy from fish? Do you want to get a line wet, and



Please leave me where you find me, I'm not abandoned my mom is nearby waiting for you to leave! (USFWS Pic)

throw the ole bobber out for pan fish? Are you one that wants to do these things, but for one reason or not you have yet to purchase your annual fishing license? Then you are in some luck because Indiana has 4 free fishing days each year. These days fall on a Saturday in April, May and June. The dates vary every year so be sure to pick up a fishing guide for the dates along with information pertaining to bag limits and sized; as well as other important information. The free fishing days for this year, 2019 are as follows: May 20th and June 3rd and 4th. It is important to note that these dates are for Indiana residents only!

Ford Hoosier Outdoor Experience

On a different not for some readers, or those who have limited outdoor experience. The DNR has hosted and supplied "man power" for this even for many years, but it was placed on hold last year. For those around the Indianapolis area, or wishing to drive a few extra miles are in luck. The Hoosier Outdoor Experience has returned this year, and is planned for June 10th and 11th at Fort Harrison State Park. This event will host a large variety of hands on outdoor fun. The most exciting thing about this event is it's free!

Lake Use Permits

I lastly want to ensure that readers and those who you know pick up your annual lake use permit. These are required on any watercraft using state park, reservoir, or forestry lakes. There is a list of the lakes that required this permit, it can be located at: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/8521.htm>.

Now you may be wondering why you have to purchase this lake use permit; seeing that you already pay a lake and river enhancement fee (LARE). That fund from LARE is administered by the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the program's purpose is to ensure the continued viability of Indiana's publicly accessible lakes, streams, and reservoirs by controlling inflows of eroded soil and associated nutrients to lakes, streams, and reservoirs.

The funds generated from the lake use permit are collected and then deposited into a dedicated account that funds the operation of state parks, reservoirs and forests and those funds are used only in those locations. Two thirds of the funds that are required to operate these properties, are funded by the lake use permit fee.

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Knot Marine crew from left to right: Chris McDaniel part-time employee who works when needed to rig boats. Charlie Points is the Service and Parts Manager, Robbie Worthington is the General Manager and Robert Chappell who works part-time with advertising, sales, rigging and anything else that needs done. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Visiting Knot Marine In Union, Kentucky

by Ray & Sherry Dickerson

Back in September 2018 Robert Chappell contacted me about advertising Knot Marine located in Union, Kentucky in The Gad-a-bout. At the time I couldn't meet them in person so they sent me their information, I put their ad together and they've been advertising ever since. When I was set up at Renfro's Indy Sport Show in February, Robbie Worthington, General Manager of Knot Marine visited me in my booth, he introduced himself to me and we had a nice conversation.

Recently I contacted Robert Chappell telling him I wanted to do an article about their business, so we set up a time and date for me to visit with them. This past Tuesday, May 7, 2019, Sherry and I left home around 10 a.m. bound for Knot Marine. I know now why I definitely need a GPS unit, as I overshot Union Kentucky arriving in Warsaw (Route 42). I was on the right road, but wrong destination. We back tracked to Beaver Road (Route 338) arriving actually a few minutes before my scheduled arrival time.

All's well that ends well, I guess.

I asked Robert Chappell if he could send me some information about Knot Marine. It follows.

Knot Marine Owners

Walden's Written Bio
Submitted by Robert Chappell

Doctors Eric and Pam Walden, both eastern Kentucky natives moved to Northern Kentucky in 2004 after completing Dental School. Both having Dental degrees they had many choices on where they could call home. Knowing one day they would like to start a family, a small town was at the top of the list. They chose Northern Kentucky, specifically Union, because of the thriving economy and wonderful school systems. With it being only a 20 minute drive to a major city it had the small town atmosphere they were both looking for.

With the community being in high demand for a specialist in Endodontics (root canals), Eric opened his practice right away and not long after, Pam a general dentist, joined a local practice. The two of them have been actively serving the community ever since. Eric and Pam have two children. Emily who is a freshman at Notre Dame Academy and Max a 5th grader at St. Timothy's Catholic School.

The Walden's became the proud owners of the Knot Marina in 2012. Since purchasing the business they have worked vigorously to make it a place for family and friends to gather and enjoy great food and

the outdoors. The property on Gunpowder Creek was formerly know as Trixie's Marina Bar and Grill.

After taking ownership the Walden's have made many improvements throughout the property including updating the restaurant and bar area as well as restoring the docks and launch ramp. Each improvement has brought more interest from the community and with the people of Union behind them, they continue to engage and come up with more ways to bring excitement into the area. The Knot has quickly become a local favorite hang out spot. They recently opened up the bar area and added patio seating where throughout the summer you can enjoy great food, drinks and live music every weekend.

Alongside the restaurant and bar the Walden's have added a boat store and service center where you can find many different ways to enjoy the Ohio River whether its on a boat or land. At the marina, you can rent or buy top of the line new or used boats. They carry many brands including, Qwest Pontoons, Sea Ark, Polar Kraft Aluminum Boat and Monterey Fiberglass boats. If you need to repair or to winterize your boat they can accommodate in their service center. The service center works on Mercury, Honda, Yamaha, as well as Suzuki Outboards.

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Top Photo: A panoramic view of Knot Marine and Restaurant located at 4895 Beaver Road, Union Kentucky. Middle Left Photo: Brand new pontoon boats lined up ready for you to hook onto your vehicle. Middle Right Photo: Knot Marine has a ramp and docks with fuel that gives you access to the Ohio River from their property. Left Bottom Photo: A new Showroom will soon be located adjacent to this storage area. Bottom Right Photo: Standing in front of The Weather Oar Knot Restaurant from left to right is Robert Chappell (Sales), Jennifer Mullins, Michelle Buckler and Mary Crider (Restaurant Staff), Robbie Worthington (General Manager) and Sherry Dickerson (Gad-a-bout Staff). (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

ABOUT KNOT MARINE

Submitted by Robert Chappell, Sales

Our Staff

Robbie Worthington's bio: General Manager
Has been in a boat since the day he could own one! Has worked with boats for over a decade and is the man to talk to if you have a question about which boat is best for you and your family.

Robert Chappell's bio: Sales
Works at the dealership part time and helps out with Advertising, Sales, Rigging, and anything else that needs to be done around the dealership. He is

also a Veteran of the United States Army National Guard.

Charlie Points bio: Service
Service and Parts Manager, does anything else around the dealership that needs to be taken care of. Charlie is an avid bass angler who also owns and runs a lure company known as Evolution Lures. He is also a Veteran of the United States Navy.

Chris McDaniel is also a part time employee that will come in and rig boats. **Terry Carter** is also a big help around the dealership when it comes to driving boats from here or there. **Tommy Bishop** is another sales guy on our team who works part time and is heavily involved in the Gallatin County High School

Bass Fishing Team. We also count on a lot of good friends and family when it comes to a super packed, fun, and busy boat show season. Without all of these guys we would not have been able to do a lot of the stuff we have accomplished so far this year.

Future:

-We are looking forward to a lot of big things happening in our future, with the arrival of our new boat brand SeaArk, as well as a new showroom coming in the near future.

-We also want to continue to grow to our market needs for the customers around the Tristate area

-We are aggressively growing in the catfishing
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Oso Blanco wearing his surgery collar. (Author Photo)



Oso sleeping in his new crate with surgery collar on.



These are just a few of the toys for the puppy. Thought they would keep him from chewing on other stuff.. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Am I Too Old for a Puppy?

It seems like most outdoorsmen (and women) have a dog of some sort. Most just have a companion dog, while others go more sophisticated and purchase a hunting dog of some breed. Regardless of which choice we make, almost all of us start with a puppy.

I am now in my early seventies and have had a dog for as long as I can remember. While I was growing up, my pets were just mixed breeds. The first I can remember was just a big, long haired, friendly, mutt. My siblings and I, our cats, ducks, and other pets, climbed all over him and he put up with it. We lost him to old age.

When I was in high school and college, we had another mix which had a lot of boxer in him. I called him "Woofie". I have no idea where he came from, but we got him as a puppy. He was a great dog and spent many hours wandering fields and woods with me. He was not a hunting dog, but he would go squirrel hunting with me and fetch the critter when I dropped it from the tree. He was best friends with my pet goats. I don't remember training him, but he would do everything I told him to. He was getting grey around the muzzle when he got into an argument with a car and lost.

When Susie and I got married, a bought her a Christmas present from the local pet store. It was an American Eskimo puppy. We named her Friski Lady. We trained her at home and she learned quickly. We had to have her put down when she was 15 and having severe seizures. The vet said she had a brain tumor.

Our next dog was another Eskimo but it was hard to tell when we bought her. She came from a hog farm and actually ran with the pigs. She was black and stunk like a pig sty. We took her straight from the farm to the vet. We told them to bathe her, de-flea her, and get her suitable to bring in the house. Fluffi Lady was the name we put on her papers, although she never acted like a lady.

Having spent her the first eight weeks of her life with pigs, she didn't know how to bark. But she did know how to oink. No one believed us until they heard her. The neighbor's dog finally taught her how to bark at about three months old. Even at an old age, her nose was always raw and bleeding from rooting like a pig in the dirt. We taught her everything we wanted quickly and easily. The breed is very smart and very teachable. She died of cancer at age fifteen and was still oinking.

Our third American Eskimo was named Friski Lady. Once again, training at home was easy. She had no bad habits and like our others, she had the run of the house (and the large fenced yard) as soon as she was housebroken. She never chewed on anything and loved to go camping with us. She died peacefully while I sat on the floor petting her. She was 16.

Then came number four. We couldn't find a female Eskimo. Several breeders said they would have some in several months, but we couldn't wait. The house seemed empty after Friski died. So we bought a male. He was a little older, at four months. His parents were both AKC and UKC Grand Champions, and his dad was UKC Dog of the Year. We would not be showing him, but it was nice to know he had great breeding.

We found Oso Blanco (Spanish for white bear) was extremely smart. Apparently smarter than either of us. After two months, he would sit, down, off, high five, and a few other tricks on command. But, we couldn't teach him to keep his mouth closed. Everything that would fit in his mouth he tried to eat. The trash can was great fun. Paper towels were his favorite. I put a mouse trap on the floor by the trash. He would just step around it. So, I put six traps down. He would get an inch or two away and bark at the traps. Then he learned to drop his toys on the traps to set them off. He would pick up the trap and carry it off and play with it. We bought a trash can with a lid. He would knock it over and scratch the lid off. If we failed to completely latch the bathroom doors, he would run through the house trailing a long



We put a toy in his bowl to make him eat slower. Author Photo)

string of toilet paper.

We finally decided to ask for outside help. We went to Petsmart and booked an hour of individual obedience training. We spent the first half hour teaching him mostly to drop and leave items, and to come when we asked him to. The trainer, Heather, asked if we wanted to take him home and work on these things and bring him back later for the second 30 minutes. We agreed.

Two days later, we took Oso to the vet to be neutered. The doctor encountered some problems and had to make three incisions to complete the procedure. They said we had to keep him quiet, no running, jumping, etc. for 10 to 14 days. Right. That's all he does besides eat. He is wearing a plastic collar to keep him from biting at the incisions. I have to put him on a leash every time he needs to go outside. To protect the house, we purchased a small crate he stays in when we are not home. Then, we had to buy a larger crate so the collar would fit through the door.

We have to give him pain pills for a few days and also some sedative pills to help slow him down until he heals. Fortunately, he will eat anything, so pills are just another treat to him.

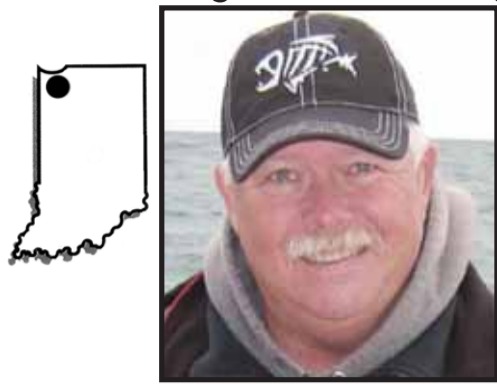
If I had known the problems we would have with the new puppy, I would have bought a goldfish. But, if we can get through the next few months, I think he will make a great friend for the next decade or so.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

Boat Insurance Necessary Evil

I went through what is a “normal” growing process for millions of boat owners. My first boat was a small, aluminum canoe, not worth a whole lot of money but it was a big deal for me. I checked with my insurance agent and found my home insurance easily covered the price if some-



Most boats sink when tied to the dock. Is yours fully insured? (Author Photo)

tenance. Few policies pay for a new outdrive bellows or routine maintenance.

So who pays? If, as a consequence of the failed bellows or a maintenance failure, your boat is severely damaged or totaled, a policy with “consequential damage” coverage will pay for losses that are a consequence of a non-covered situation.

***Fuel-spill liability:** In addition to your policy’s standard liability coverage for physical damage or bodily injury to a third party, fuel-spill liability protects you from claims resulting from accidental dis-

thing would have happened to it.

When I moved up the boating ladder, into a power-boat, my insurance agent pointed out I would need to up my coverage. The home insurance wouldn’t be enough. Then a bigger boat showed up in my driveway and instead of tacking the insurance on to my home policy, I needed a separate policy to cover the price and I needed to include liability coverage in case of an accident on board.

Finally, when I became a “professional” boater and started my fishing guide business. I had to go a completely different direction with my insurance. The DNR required me to carry a substantial amount of liability in case a customer was injured while on my boat; and if that’s not to enough, my regular insurance company dropped me. They didn’t offer commercial policies and I had to find a company that did.

If you are a boat owner prepping for the season, it’s time for you to dust off your boat’s insurance policy, check with your agent and grab a magnifying glass to read the fine print. Are you properly covered?

Insurance is a necessary evil. It’s one of the few things you buy with the express hope you never have to use it. If you do need it, somehow the evilness seems to disappear.

Unlike auto or homeowners insurance, boat insurance has distinct coverages that can perplex boaters and leave them scratching their heads. You need to understand what most call “the fine print.” Here are some examples

***Consequential Damage:** Half of all sinkings occur at the dock or when a boat is anchored; usually, when some small part below the waterline fails. However, these parts – an outdrive bellows or an intake for the livewell, for example – most often fail due to wear, corrosion or a lack of main-

charge of oil or fuel. Those claims can be staggering (and it doesn’t take a lot of spillage to add up). Some policies only pay the costs associated with a fuel spill up to the policy’s set limit of boating liability coverage. A better policy separates out fuel-spill liability and provides coverage up to the maximum amount you can be held liable for under federal law, which today is a whopping \$939,800.

***Rescue towing:** Many boat insurance policies offer some kind of on-water towing endorsement to provide a level of towing and assistance for routine breakdowns. Know how you will be able to use that coverage - who provides the service? Does the company have 24-hour dispatch service to call for assistance? Is it easy to summon on-water help? Most important, how much does it cover? Some plans will cover a only up to a set amount. Tow companies charge by the hour, distance and time of day. Assistance could cost thousands. Having an on-water towing endorsement or a stand-alone on-water towing membership plan could allow you to leave your credit card in your wallet.

***Other losses:** If a garage fire, tornado or some other situation occurs, damages the boat but it isn’t a total loss, it will need to be moved to a repair facility. Are these costs covered?

***Trailer issues:** Not all boat insurance policies automatically provide boat trailer coverage, so be sure to check. Not all auto policies cover trailering. Read the fine print.

There are several insurance companies who specialize in boat insurance. I’m not saying your agent doesn’t know the answers, but you may want to check with www.BoatUS.com/Insurance or www.charterlakes.com. Both are companies which specialize in boating’s necessary evil.

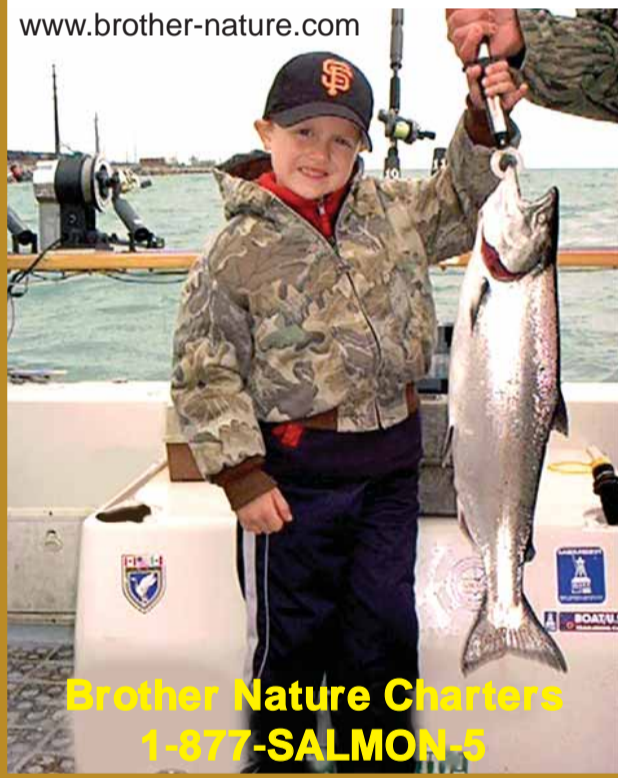
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Sunday, June 23
 "the church" service - 10:30 AM - Free Stage
 Little Miss & Mister Contest - 2 PM @ Free Stage
 Bluegrass & Gospel 3 - 8 PM @ Free Stage
 Moto Cross Racing - 5 PM
 Horse Pull - 7 PM - FREE Admission
Monday, June 24
 Car Show - 5 PM - Kuhlman Center Parking Lot
 Skid Steer Rodeo - 7 PM Corey Cox - 7:30 PM @ Free Stage
Tuesday, June 25
 Silly Safaris - 5:30 & 7:30 PM @ First Bank Tent
 Hoosier State Tractor Pull - 7 PM Moron

Brothers - 7:30 PM @ Free Stage
Wednesday, June 26
 Kicks 96 Idol - 6 PM @ Free Stage
 Karaoke Following Idol
 Truck / Tractor Pull - 7 PM
Thursday, June 27
 Kids Day - 12 Noon to 4:30 - Armband Special - \$13
 3 Bar J - 7 Event Rodeo - 7 PM
 Silly Safaris - 5:30 & 7:30 PM @ First Bank Tent
 Dance Technic 5-7 PM @ Free Stage
Friday, June 28
 4-H Livestock Sale of Champions Auction - 11 AM
 Steven's Puppet Show - First Bank Tent 1 - 8 PM
 Brothers Walker - 7:30 PM @ Free Stage
 Mud Bog - 7 PM
 Fireworks @ Dark - Tune in TBA for music to show
Saturday, June 29
 Steven's Puppet Show - First Bank Tent 1 - 8 PM
 Kicks 96 Idol FINALS - 5 PM @ Free Stage
 Karaoke Following Finals Demolition Derby - 7 PM

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Saturday, June 15
 7 PM Wayne County Teen / Preteen / Junior & Queen Contest, Location: Centerville High School
Friday, June 21
 6 PM Color Guard Grand Entry - Mini (K-2) Horse & Pony Show
 6:30 PM 4-H Public Fashion Revue, 4-H Graduation & 4-H Awards - Kuhlman Center
Saturday, June 22
FAMILY FUN NIGHT SPONSORED BY REID HEALTH
 9 AM Color Guard Grand Entry - 4-H Horse & Pony - Western Show
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 Noon - 9 PM 4-H & Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center
 12 PM Moto Cross Registration and Practice (Matt Baker 765-541-9170)
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 7 PM Billy Bales Memorial Horse Pull (Patty Bales 765-993-1240)
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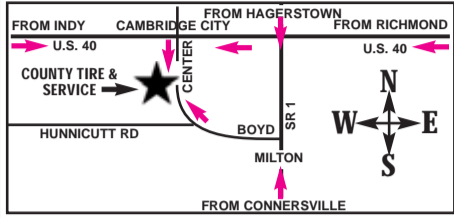
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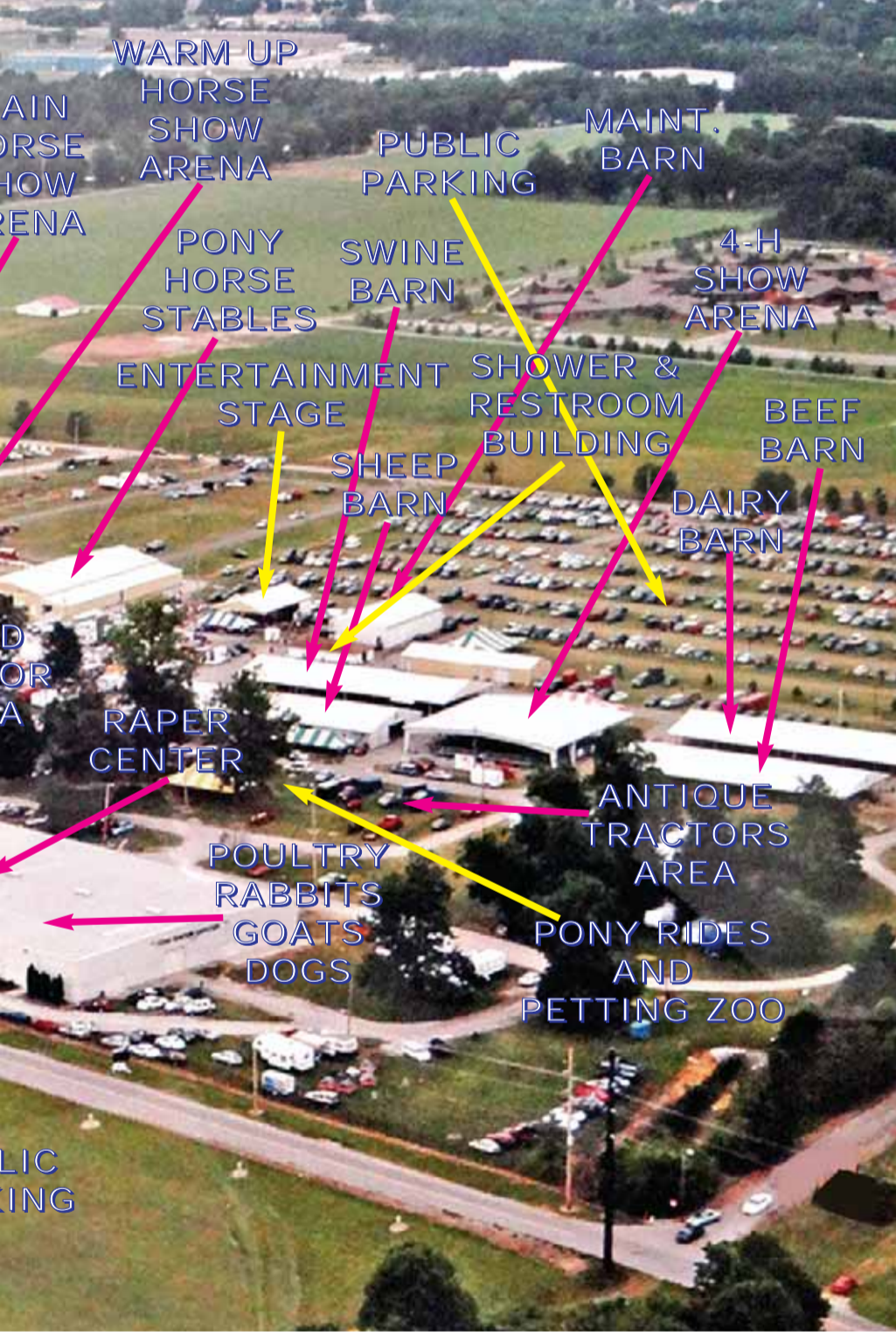


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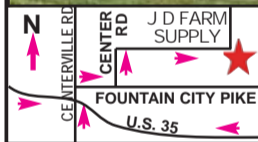
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 2 PM 4-H Swine Show & Mini 4-H Swine Show
 2 PM - 4 PM Special Program at the Sand Pit - Behind Kuhlman, across from Rain Garden by Horse Arena (look for sign)
 4 PM - 8 PM Farmer's Market Richmond Parks Dept. - Behind Kuhlman Center
 4 - 9 PM Drug Free Wayne County Partnership @ First Bank Tent
 5 PM Goat and Poultry Dress up Parade - Raper Center
 5 PM - 8 PM Car Show - Cruz in the County Fair - Kuhlman Center Parking Lot (Enter West Gate-Show Cars Only - After 4 pm) FREE ENTRY (Larry Sittloh 765-220-0888)
 5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$18.00
 5:30 PM Color Guard Grand Entry - 4-H Horse & Pony - Contesting
 6 PM Antique Tractor Parade
 7 PM Open Skid Steer Rodeo - Track Side - (To Enter Contact John Lackey 765-993-5775)
 7:30 PM Corey Cox - Free Stage - coreycoxmusic.com
 Evening The Always Amazing Kid Davie - TBA www.kiddavie.com

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 9 AM 4-H Sheep Fitting
 Noon - 9 PM 4-H & Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center
 4 - 8:30 PM Blood Drive in the Kuhlman Center (Sandy House 765-489-5559) www.indianablood.org
 2 PM - 4 PM Special Program at the Sand Pit - Behind Kuhlman, across from Rain Garden by Horse Arena (look for sign)
 4 PM 4 - H Sheep Show & Mini 4-H Sheep Show
 5 PM Sheriff Dept. & Emergency Vehicles, Police Dept, DNR, Fire Depts, all on display - Kuhlman Center Parking Lot
 5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$18.00
 5:30 & 7:30 PM Silly Safari (Animal Show) - First Bank Tent
 5:30 PM 4-H Horse & Pony Show - Special Skills
 6 PM Antique Tractor Parade
 6 PM Free Kiddie Tractor Pull - FFA Fun Barn
 7 PM Hoosier State Tractor Pull (John Lackey 765-993-5775)
 7:30 PM Moron Brothers - Free Stage - Facebook The Moron Brothers Store
 Evening The Always Amazing Kid Davie - TBA www.kiddavie.com

Wednesday, June 26

"SR. CITIZEN DAY" Free Parking For Seniors Only (55 & Over) DAILY SPONSOR: LIFE STREAM SERVICES

7 AM Jr. Leaders Breakfast - Kuhlman Center Kitchen
 9 AM 4-H Pet Show & Mini 4-H Pet Show - Kuhlman Center
 9 AM 4-H Cat Show & Mini 4-H Cat Show - Kuhlman Center
 Noon - 9 PM 4-H & Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center
 9:30 AM 4-H Goat Show & Mini 4-H Goat Show - Raper Center
 10 AM 4-H Dairy Feeder & 4-H Dairy Steer Show
 11 AM - 7 PM Wellness screenings, chair exercises, games & more by Lifestream at First Bank Tent
 12 PM 4-H Beef Show & Mini 4-H Beef Show - Grooming, Showmanship, Minis, and Heifers (Show Order)
 2 PM - 4 PM Special Program at the Sand Pit - Behind Kuhlman, across from Rain Garden by Horse Arena (look for sign)
 4 PM - 8 PM Farmer's Market Richmond Parks Dept. - Behind Kuhlman Center

5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$18.00
 5:30 PM Color Guard Grand Entry - 4-H Horse & Pony Show - Versatility
 6 PM Kicks 96 Idol Semi-Finals, Karaoke Following Idol - Free Stage
 6 PM 4-H Steer Show - Beef Rate of Gain, Beef Feeder, Beef Steer (Show Order)
 6 PM Antique Tractor Parade & Games Following at the Antique Tractor Area
 7 PM Adult Pedal Tractor Pull - In front of antique tractor display
 7 PM Truck & Tractor Pull (Kyle Schlechty 937-459-0229 Darke Co. Puller Rules or John Lackey 765-993-5775)

Evening The Always Amazing Kid Davie - TBA www.kiddavie.com Thursday, June 27

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 12 NOON - 4:30 PM Kids Day - Poor Jack Amusements - Armband Special \$13.00
 2 PM - 4 PM Special Program at the Sand Pit - Behind Kuhlman, across from Rain Garden by Horse Arena (look for sign)
 3 PM 4-H Horse & Pony - Fun & Games
 5 PM - 7 PM Dance Technic @ Free Stage
 5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$18.00
 5:30 PM Silly Safari (Animal Show) - First Bank Tent
 6 PM Supreme Showman - Horse Arena Opening Ceremony, Then completed in Livestock Show Arena
 6 PM Antique Tractor Parade, Games & Ham & Bean Supper - Antique Tractor Area
 6 PM Free Kiddie Tractor Pull - FFA Fun Barn
 7 PM 3 Bar J - Seven Event rodeo - IPRA-Rodeo.com (Mike Johnson 937-459-7352)
 7:30 PM Silly Safari (Animal Show) - First Bank Tent
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Friday, June 28

LIVESTOCK SALE DAY - DAILY SPONSOR: BLUE BUFFALO HEARTLAND

10 AM - 9 PM 4-H & Open Class Exhibits - Kuhlman Center
 9 AM & 1 PM J.U.K.O. Campers Visit Fair - Richmond Parks Department
 11 AM 4-H Livestock Sale of Champions Auction @ Kuhlman Center
 1 PM - 8 PM Steven's Puppet Show - Every Hour @ First Bank Tent
 2 PM - 4 PM Special Program at the Sand Pit - Behind Kuhlman, across from Rain Garden by Horse Arena (look for sign)
 5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$18.00 - 2019 Wayne County 4-H Members With Card \$10.00
 6 PM Antique Tractor Parade
 7 PM Mud Bog (Bob Houseman 937-533-1358)
 7:30 PM Brothers Walker - Featured on NBC's "The Voice" @ Free Stage www.brotherswalker.com

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9:30 AM 4-H Tractor Operator's Contest - at north end of fairgrounds
 10 AM Open Dairy Show (Rodney Klein 765-914-3413)
 1 PM - 8 PM Steven's Puppet Show - Every Hour @ First Bank Tent
 5 PM Kicks 96 Idol Challenge FINALS, Karaoke Following Idol - Free Stage
 5 PM till Closing Poor Jack Amusements - Armbands \$18.00
 7 PM Demolition Derby - Cars & Kids Power Wheels (John Lackey 765-993-5775 or BK Promotions 765-702-6914)



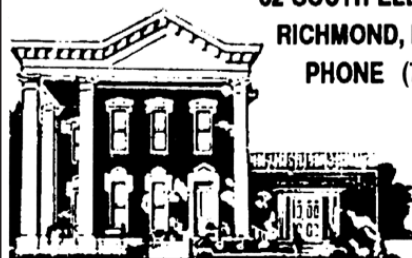
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Karli and I attending the Ronald McDonald Charity Bike Ride. The Ronald McDonald House provided us with a place to stay and several other amenities during our 150 day stay. (Author Photo)



This is a picture of our whole family taken in the Ronald McDonald House. From left to right is Hali, Ryan, Rayli, I'm holding Karli and Cade is sitting on my left. It was quite an ordeal for our family but it also brought us closer together. (Ronald McDonald House of Northeast Indiana Photo)

I Spent 150 days living at the Ronald McDonald House

by Ashli Pershing

Ashli Pershing, who serves as a nurse at Parkview Wabash Hospital, her husband, Ryan, and their children Hali, Cade, Rayli and Karli, are the featured family for this year's Ride RMHC charity cycling event on April 28, benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). In an effort to raise awareness

about all of the wonderful ways the RMHC supports local families, Ashli shared her personal story of overcoming the odds and leaning on those around you.

I am a NICU mom and member of a Ronald McDonald House family.

My pregnancy began like many others do. Our other three children were school-age and begging for me to have a baby. I became an OB nurse because I loved being pregnant so much I wanted to make a career out of helping women through the birthing process. Of course we would have baby No. 4!

On April Fool's Day, I found out No. 4 would become a reality. I knew this would be my last pregnancy, so I wanted everything to be perfect. For the first time, I didn't want to know the gender. I wanted this to be a true surprise. I didn't fret about buying "things". We had done this before and we were pros.

Around 20 weeks, we found out that the baby was measuring small. Not just small, but

extremely small; less than the first percentile. We were referred to the high risk doctor at Parkview Regional Medical Center and told by our primary OBGYN that we wouldn't be delivering in the community hospital, but in Fort Wayne, where there was a NICU. Being a nurse and working professionally with this doctor, I knew something was really wrong.

The next week, we met with the high risk doctor and on that day my blood pressure was really high. I was admitted immediately and the care team started running tests. I went home on bed rest. The test results started coming in, and everything checked out OK. Genetically, there were no issues and nothing else we could attribute to her size. The doctor predicted I was on my way to becoming pre-eclamptic.

By my next appointment, a week later, I had protein in my urine. This confirmed the pre-eclampsia he was predicting. I was again admitted, this time to stay until the baby came. At that time, the baby was too small to live, so we were made aware of palliative care options. I knew the options. They weren't acceptable.

I stayed on bedrest in the hospital for 11 days letting the baby grow. On the 11th day, at 26 weeks and 5 days gestation, we went into an emergency C-section to get the baby out before it became too sick from my pre-eclampsia to have a chance at survival.



This is Karli, photo was taken 4 days after her birth. She weighed 1 lb and 3.9 ounces! She was on a ventilator for 60 days and overcome so many obstacles! She is strong fighter and our little miracle baby! (Author Photo)

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This is a photo of me holding Karli along with staff from Parkview Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House as we finally got to leave the hospital and take Karli home after 150 days! (Ronald McDonald House of Northeast Indiana Photo)



Left Photo: This is our picture of us for the Christmas season. While in the hospital we celebrated many holidays, birthdays and other special days with Karli at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, IN. Right Photo: Family photo of us finally getting the chance to be together in the hospital for the holiday season. (Author Photos)

On August 27, Karli Mae Pershing was born, weighing in at a magnificent 1 lb 3oz and 11.8” long. I looked at my husband from the surgery table and said, “We can do this. We can work with 1 lb 3oz.”

Karli was whisked away to the NICU immediately to begin life-sustaining measures. We were warned that life in the NICU would have many roller coasters for our micro-preemie. It did. There were so many violent ups and downs that I don’t care to ever

attend an amusement park again.

Karli was eventually intubated for life support for 60 days and then spend another 90 days beyond that growing strong enough to come home from the NICU. We spent 150 days with our child in the hospital. Looking back, I can’t even fathom how we did it, but I know a big part of it was through the love we have for our child and the fact that the Ronald McDonald House exists.

The RMH became my refuge. It was my home. My family. My way to stay connected to my tiny little baby that needed me so badly. It was the place my family could be a family. I made friends. I had spiritual encouragement. I shed tears there with other mamas and strangers prayed for our baby.

We saw three seasons while living at the RMH. We celebrated birthdays and Halloween and Christmas and the New Year. And eventually, on January 24, our baby came home. She came home whole and complete and healthy, and I owe so much of that to being able to stay at the RMH. I didn’t have to worry about traveling an hour each way every day to see her. I didn’t have to worry about travel expenses, hotel bills, food, and how to get clean laundry. The RMH alleviated all of that. It was a burden that could be lifted from our family so I could take care of our baby and have access to her 24 hours a day. It was a game changer. A life changer.

There will never be enough ways for us to thank the RMHC for what they gave us. We will forever support them and encourage others to choose this organization and their mission when considering a charity to support. This was never the way we imagined No. 4 would go, but we couldn’t have gotten here without the Ronald McDonald House.

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Ticks suck

What you don't know about the Lyme Disease could be worse than what you do.

We all know someone who has been diagnosed with Lyme Disease. It's that common anymore, which begs the question; are that many folks really coming into contact with the tiny deer ticks that carry the chronic disease? Or can it be caught in other ways?

Of the handful of people that I know of that have it, it took them months and numerous Doctor's appointment before final diagnosis. The disease has ailments which resemble many other illnesses so pin-pointing it can be difficult. Also, most Lyme Disease tests are highly inconclusive and there are vast instances of false positives. But there may also be other, more sinister reasons for the trouble getting a proper diagnosis.

The bacterium has found a way to trick the immune system and white blood cells so that it's not detectable until treatment is initiated. Because of this, doctors are merely guessing until it becomes conclusive that you have the disease.

When a person has had the disease for a long period of time before diagnosis, the condition is called Chronic Lyme, yet when the disease goes undiagnosed for a long period of time, that is exactly what it is; chronic. Doctors are reluctant to diagnose these patients due to fear of losing their practices, because the CDC denies that Chronic Lyme is a thing. Insurance companies and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) may be doing whatever it takes to stop Chronic Lyme Disease from being diagnosed, treated, or widely recognized as an increasingly common issue. Why? One reason could be the profit made off of increased visits and prescription drugs.


It is believed – and stated – that Lyme disease can only be transmitted from a tick bite from the minuscule deer tick, but it really makes me wonder. I mean, with between 300,000-500,000 new cases diagnosed each year. That is at least as much as the number of women diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and seven times more than those diagnosed with HIV.

These numbers are staggering. As one who is in the woods a lot, I often find ticks crawling on me, but rarely have I found the tiny deer tick, which the only supposed carrier of the disease. Still, the disease is always in the back of my mind. I certainly have no desire to suffer the horrible effects of it. New research, however, points out that the deer tick may well not be the only way in which you can get Lyme Disease.


This begs the question; can the disease be spread in other ways? Who's to say that it can't? Given the numerous amount of cases reported each year, and several of them from people

Blacklegged Tick (Deer Tick)


Image source: URI TickEncounter Resource Center




Enlarged View




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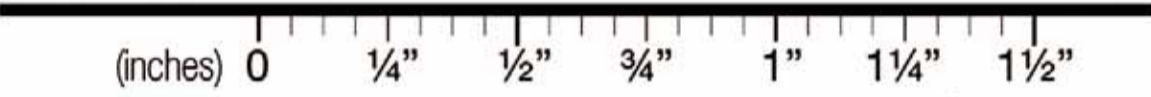
nymph



adult male




adult female




(inches) 0 1/4" 1/2" 3/4" 1" 1 1/4" 1 1/2"


Approx. Size



nymph
(1/32" - 1/16")



adult male
(1/8")



engorged adult
(up to 1/2")

What you don't know about Lyme Disease. (Author Photo)

whom rarely, if ever come in contact with the tiny deer tick, it begs the question.

Lyme Disease as an STD?

The bacteria that causes Lyme disease is *Borrelia burgdorferi*, a type of corkscrew-shaped bacteria known as a spirochete. It is related to *Treponema pallidum*, the spirochete that causes syphilis.

Dr. Alan MacDonald, MD says that he found *Borrelia* (Lyme) DNA in 7 out of 10 postmortem Alzheimer's patients' brains. This is interesting since Lyme is a cousin to syphilis, which also invades the brain in tertiary or neurosyphilis. He goes on to say that he has "Never had a single patient with Alzheimer's, ALS, Parkinson's Disease or Multiple Sclerosis who tested negative for *Borrelia*."

So, is the possibility that Lyme Disease can be sexually transmitted one of the reasons that the number of cases is so high? A study was presented at the annual Western Regional Meeting of the American Federation for Medical Research, and an abstract of the research was published in the January issue of the *Journal of Investigative Medicine*.

Medical Daily reports that the study, tested semen samples and vaginal secretions of three groups of patients to investigate whether passing Lyme disease to a partner through unprotected sex is a possibility.

One researcher in the study notes, "There is always some risk of getting Lyme disease from a tick bite in the woods. But there may be a bigger risk of getting Lyme disease in the bedroom."

Transmission from Mother To unborn Child

According to information obtained from LymeDisease.org, a North Carolina State University researcher, Dr. Ed Breitschwerdt, discovered that *Bartonella* (a common Lyme co-infection) can be passed to unborn babies, which can lead to chronic infections and possibly birth

defects.

They tested blood and tissue samples taken from a mother, father and son who had suffered chronic illnesses for over a decade. They also conducted an autopsy on their daughter, who was a twin to their son, and who had died shortly after birth. Samples taken from the autopsy contained DNA evidence of *B. henselae* and *B. vinsonii* subsp. *berkhoffi* infection. This same infection was also detected in the brother, mother and father. Dr. Breitschwerdt's research can be found online in the April 14 *Journal of Clinical Microbiology*.

Different strains of Lyme?

In 2002, W.T. Harvey, an MD from Houston, started seeing large numbers of chronically ill *Borrelia burgdorferi* PCR- and seropositive patients in the Houston area. It is declared a zoonotically "non-endemic" area, so he began trying to understand just how this epidemic was occurring. W

"In order to understand this finding prior to sufficient data availability, we chose to examine critically the currently accepted but troublesome 'Lyme disease' concepts," Harvey's study reads. "Our method was to analyze each foundation 'Lyme disease' premise within the context of available medical and veterinary literature, then to reconstruct the disease model consistent with the preponderance of that data. We find the present conceptualization of the illness seriously truncated, with a high likelihood of two distinct but connected forms of human *B. burgdorferi* infection. The yet-unrecognized form appears to have a broader clinical presentation, wider geographic distribution, and vastly greater prevalence. We conclude that 'Lyme disease' currently acknowledges only its zoonosis arm and is a limited conceptualization of a far more pervasive and unrecognized infection state that must be considered a global epidemic."

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According to Suzy Cohen of suzycohen.com, you may not even have to travel outside your home to catch Lyme.

She states that, "Most Lyme sufferers have pet cats and dogs, they are not aware that their pets gave it to them. But it happens like this, your pets go out into the yard to do their duty, and ticks jump on them, especially in May and June, their breeding season but any time of the year is possible. Your pet totes these ticks into your house and then you cuddle with your pet. The ticks get on you, and numb your skin. They are teeny tiny, about the size of a poppy seed and you'll never know you got bit. They like every part of your body, but especially warmer areas, like armpits for example. You may never know. Sometimes the Lyme can happen from a cat scratch or bite. When I ask pet owners about their pets, they go into a bit of denial, because of the great love they have for pets. But you have to realize pets, for as delightful as they are, are tick taxis. If you have Lyme, and get bit again by your pet, you are potentially introducing new coinfections or re-inoculating yourself with more Lyme organisms. It explains why some people just can't get well, or get setbacks even under treatment."

The bottom line:

There is still so much that we do not know or understand about this dreaded disease. And it looks like it may be transmissible in many more ways than we realize. While the onslaught of the disease itself began with ticks, considering the alarming rate at which new diagnosis are popping up each year, it can no longer be a disease once thought to target only those who venture outdoors.

Until more is brought forward about Lyme disease, we will still be in the dark about most things related to it – and forever fearful of its effects. ■

Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, AND ROBO CALLS, OH, MY

(There was a time when people went out and did their shopping before supper time. These days, the chances of getting through an evening meal without a call from a telephone peddler are pretty slim.)

Telephone solicitation or telemarketing as it is referred to in politically correct circles, is reaching epidemic proportions. Hardly a day goes by when at least call is from some place or person trying to sell a product or service. I have been offered everything from aluminum siding for our former brick house to a free ride on the back of a dolphin if I'll try a free home trial of their product or service.

Whatever happened to the good old days? There was a time when home sales were conducted door-to-door by sales people who carried samples of their wares or catalogs to illustrate their products. Unfortunately, most of them had been at it for so long that they were stuck with one door greeting no matter who answered the knock.

"Hi there little fella. Is your mommy home?" My dad would answer, "Nope. She lives on the other side of town with an old reprobate I call Pop. But if you'd like I'll call the one who lives here But I'd better warn you she's in a bad mood, and if you're going to try to sell her something you'd better have enough padding on your behind to soak up a load of #5 shot."

Faced with the prospect of trying to sell a combination can opener, mouse trap, and door stop to a woman who knew the business end of a shotgun, he would promise to return on a better day and leave. The sight of our German shepherd standing behind dad with its upper lip curled back and his hackles up helped to accelerate his departure.

Those were indeed the good old days when the harassed had an opportunity to sic the dog on the harasser. With today's telephone (and now internet) harassers we don't have that luxury. However, there are alternatives to a German shepherd that work almost as well in getting the point across, that you don't appreciate being hauled out of the bathtub by someone trying to sell you a one year subscription to the Miss Nude Siberia magazine. Depending on the product, there are a number of responses to solicitors that are not only appropriate for what they are selling, but also guarantee that they will never call again.

For the home equity loan sharks:

(Phone rings, you answer:) "----- resi-

dence, may I help you?"

May I speak to Mr. ----- ?" (They always use your full computer registered name.)

"May I ask who's calling?"

"This is the Grubnitz Home Equity Loan and Truck Drivers Training Institute." (Now that you know to whom you're speaking, adopt your best southeastern Arkansas accent.)

"Goooooleee, am I glad you'all called. Me an' the old lady was just a'talkin' about gittin' a loan on this here rat tra- house. Ya see, with all these young-uns hangin' around here we ain't had the money to put a new roof on the joint. An' to top it all off, them Goodwill people won't give us no more credit. So, you can just send me as much of that equity money as you want. By the way, I sure would appreciate it if you would teach me to drive a truck 'cause I ain't got a job." By this time you'll probably be talking to a dial tone with no hope of ever hearing from this or any loan company again.

The next most common call is from home improvement companies trying to sell aluminum siding or windows. Here's your chance to hit 'em where it hurts.

"Hello, Mr. -----?"

"Yeh".

"How are you today sir? I'm representing the Rippim and Scratchim Aluminum Siding and Storm Window Company. Do you own your home, sir?"

"Naw, the bank just lets us live here as long as we keep in contact with 'em once a month."

"Well -----, (by now they've switched to calling you by your first name like an old buddy) we are conducting a survey of homeowners in your neighborhood. Would you answer a few questions?"

"Yeh, as long as they're no more complicated than, what is the square root of nine."

"Is your home a single story or a multiple story dwelling?"

"There you go already. I told you to keep those questions simple. I don't know how many stories there are about this place. We've only lived here for two years."

"No -----, (your first name again) you don't understand. How tall is it?"

"Let's put it this way. There's a small airplane stuck in the roof. Been there for two weeks and I can't get anyone brave enough to climb that high to see if there are any survivors." By now he's rubbing his hands in anticipation.

"I see. We'll have a representative in your area tomorrow and we'd like to stop by and give you an estimate on beautifying your home with aluminum siding and new storm windows."

"That will be fine but tell them not to stand too close to the place. Some of the bricks have been falling out from around the eaves."

"Bricks?"

"Yeh, and as for the windows, I put bars over all of them to keep my crazy uncle from attacking anyone. You'll have to replace the bars." Scratch one siding salesman.

Some calls come from the people who furnish the means for phone solicitation in the first place. Phone companies. They offer cheaper rates and better service than their competitors while making you feel like you're being taken to the cleaners by you present server. After listening to their spiel I like to make a counter offer.

"I have a pet monkey I'm trying to sell. You take the monkey and I'll take your service." So far I still have the same carrier and that pitch hasn't taken the monkey off my back. ■

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Left Photo: My new to me air compressor. I installed the ball valve and Water/oil trap. The blue tubing on the floor is a pex-al 1/2 inch tubing which should carry all the air I'll need. It is easy to install and bends holding its shape without a tube bender. Just don't make a bend with less than an 8" radius. Right Photo: "I've installed some of the tubing and am locating the stations. There will be 3 regulated stations and one unregulated." (Author Photos)



Left Photo: Finally installed and running. It took a couple of more days to chase down leaks and tighten all the leaky fittings. Right Photo: After 24 years of service I hate to get rid of the old compressor. I'm going to have to think of how I can re-purpose the good parts. The motor seems good, the pressure switch and regulator seems okay, and the tank appears solid. I'll be thinking about that. (Author Photos)

Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith

Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

Shop Upgrade

This month I'm going a different route. I've been having difficulty with my old air compressor which has given me long and dependable service. Unfortunately, after 24 years parts for the old compressor were no longer available. I began searching the internet and local stores for a compressor in the less than \$1000 range. I had also decided to increase the size and output of the compressor. I often use a sand blaster to bead blast parts and remove some rust from parts and guns. The old compressor didn't have enough capacity (20 gallon tank) nor enough output (8 scfm) to dependably run the blaster, nor any of my air tools for more than a minute or two. Of course it wasn't meant to.

I wanted a larger capacity tank, such as a 60 gallon tank, and enough output to use the bead blasting cabinet. There

were several good deals but I wanted a proven unit that didn't depend on China for parts. I was also watching the auctions and went to several auctions looking for a large compressor. Most of the auctions only had compressors like what I had that was failing. I wanted one that if it needed parts I could easily find repair parts. In early April I attended an auction that was only a couple of miles from me and found that they had a compressor which was just what I was looking for and it looked brand new. It wasn't of course and was already 19 years old but again, it looked brand new. I bid and won. Now, to get it home. With help from the auctioneer's helpers we got it loaded on my pickup but they laid it on its back. Since it was an iron cast compressor motor lubricated with oil I was concerned with oil getting into the tank. I got it home and with the help of an engine hoist and my neighbor, we unloaded the compressor. I didn't try to start the compressor once unloaded. I had checked it at the auction and it ran fine. I wanted to let it set for a few days (14 actually) to let any oil which may have accumulated in the top of the cylinders to drain back. While it was setting I drained the oil and opened the tank water drain. The oil dip stick showed it was very low on oil and what drained out was black and dirty. Using a magnet I didn't find any metal particles in the oil. The tank had water in it but didn't appear to have much. Then I realized it was only dripping out and was probably plugged. I ran a wire up the drain and more water came out. The compressor may not have been used for months while it waited for me to come along and buy it. I refilled the oil reservoir with fresh synthetic oil and replaced the air filter, and then it sat for another few days while I installed a 220v 30 amp outlet just for the compressor. The rating label showed 17 amps running.

The spot I chose for the compressor was currently loaded up with unused cabinets, uninstalled moldings, unused table leaves, and other items not being used and

probably would not be used. I spent two days moving all those items out to other storage locations or just on my covered patio until I could find another storage location. Once an area was cleared I installed the outlet and moved the compressor, that is it was walked to its new location. I installed a 3/4 inch ball valve and then started the compressor. It went from 0 to 100 lbs pressure in about 3 1/2 minutes. For a 60 gallon tank I thought that was good. Once at pressure I opened the water drain valve and it squirted a few drops out and plugged up. While I was looking for the wire to clear the drain it finally burst through the plug and sprayed rusty water all over the floor and anything within 10 feet of the drain. I estimated about a pint of water was discharged but it seemed like more. The original owner had installed a longer drain tube and a small ball valve making it easy to drain the tank. It apparently hadn't been drained in a while.

Now I wanted to install air lines around the shop and when I checked on the price of copper pipe I was in sticker shock. I found online a system ready to install called RapidAir which included everything I needed to install an airline system. It took me a couple of days to install the air lines and I had pipe and elbow fittings left to add more stations. I have 3 regulated stations and one station running directly off the compressor. A water/oil filter/trap was

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Blue River Outdoors



by Steve Dake

Be Wary of Where You Step!

As we lace up our hiking boots to take to the local woods, or head out to tame our back yard landscaping, it's important to be on alert for the greenery that could potentially cause harm and discomfort. It seems the old saying, "Leaves of three, quickly flee, berries white, poisonous sight," holds true.

Poison Ivy

Poison Ivy has slightly shiny, dark green leaves, which are usually found in groups of 3 and can be smooth or notched. In the fall they turn red. The plant most commonly grows as a vine, but can also be found as a low-growing shrub.

What you need to know about poison ivy:

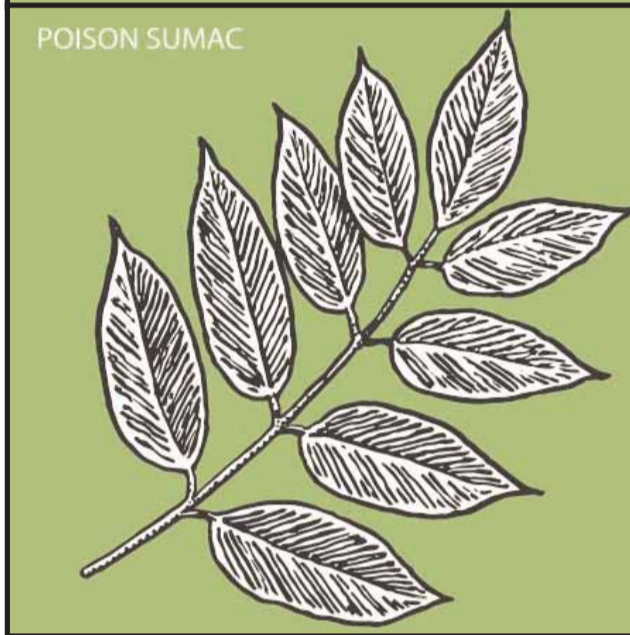
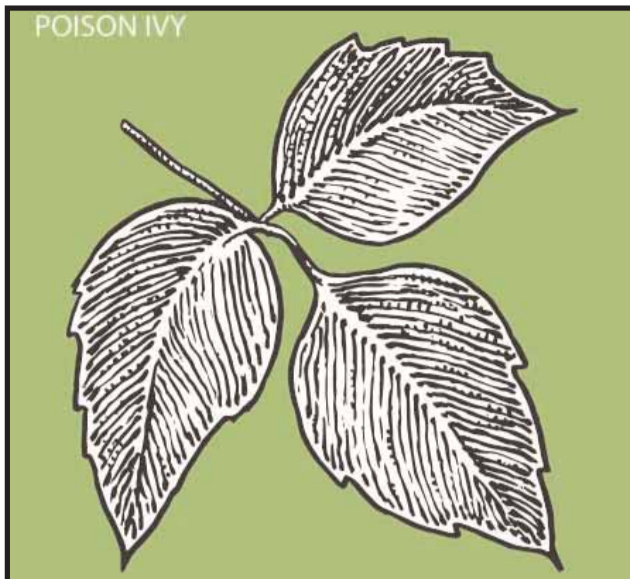
- Immediately wash the exposed areas of skin with mild soap and running water. If you are in the woods, wash thoroughly in a running stream.
- Clothing that has been exposed to these plants should be laundered several times before wearing again.
- Gardening tools, sporting equipment and pets can also be sources of contamination.
- Avoid burning these plants - breathing in the fumes can cause toxicity.
- The fluid from blisters is not contagious.
- Avoid scratching, which can lead to infection.
- Corticosteroids, such as hydrocortisone cream, can be used to relieve symptoms, but should be used with caution in children.
- Antihistamines should be either taken by mouth or rubbed on the skin but not by both routes at the same time.
- Soap-less showers several times daily will help provide relief.
- The resulting rash can take up to 48 hours to appear and may last 2-3 weeks.

Poison Sumac

While it's unlikely you will come into contact with sumac in Indiana, it can be found in swampy, boggy areas and has yellowish flowers that mature into clusters of glossy yellow or off-white berries. The sumac found along the roadside and as ornamental plants is not poisonous. Treat with cold compress, calamine lotion, hydrocortisone cream and an antihistamine to combat itching.

Poison Hemlock

This plant looks like a wild carrot or giant parsley, with stout, smooth stems with distinctive purple spotting, and small, white flowers in umbrella-shaped clusters. It is toxic when ingested and contains highly poi-



Top Left Poison Ivy. Top Right illustration of Poison Ivy's affect on a human arm. Bottom Left Poison Sumac and Bottom Right photo of Poison Ivy vine growing up a tree. (Illustrations and photo courtesy of IDNR.)

sonous alkaloid compounds. It typically grows along roads, streams, trails, ditches, forest edges and waste areas.

Stinging Nettle

Stinging nettle is a common sight in the woods, on the banks of rivers and in waste areas in Indiana. Touching stinging nettle can produce itching and welts. The plant is armed with small hairs that, when touched, can inject a cocktail of histamine, serotonin, acetylcholine and formic acid¹¹. Histamine causes an immune reaction in the body, while serotonin and acetylcholine are neural transmitters. Formic acid is the same compound we see in bee stings and fire ant bites. Stinging nettle often grows in patches and can become quite tall, growing up to 5 feet, but most likely 2 to 3 feet in height. Its stems are unbranched and leaves are opposite, egg shaped and with serrated margins. You can identify this plant by the stinging hairs on the stem.

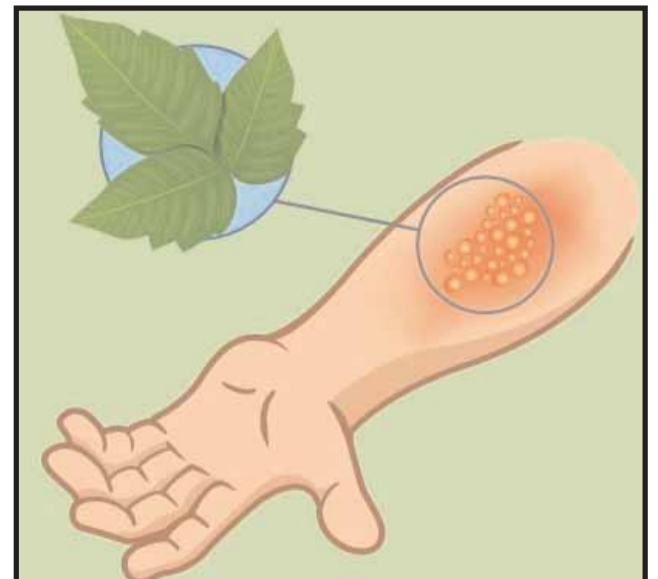
Poison Oak

Contrary to common belief my research found that this plant is not found in Indiana.

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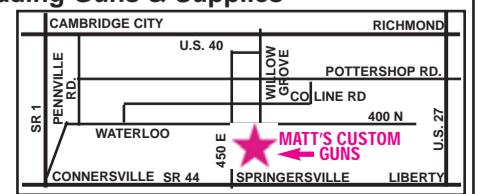
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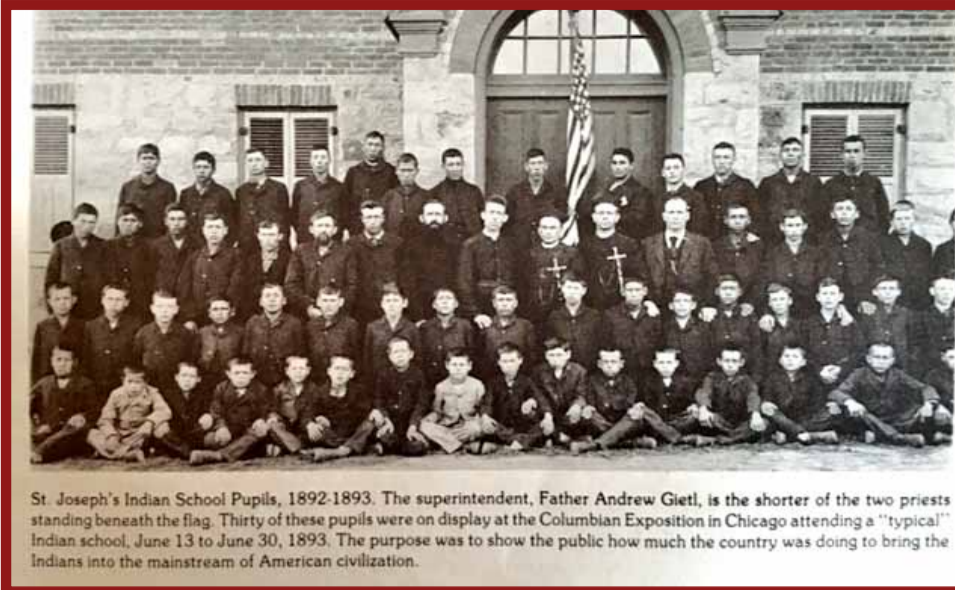
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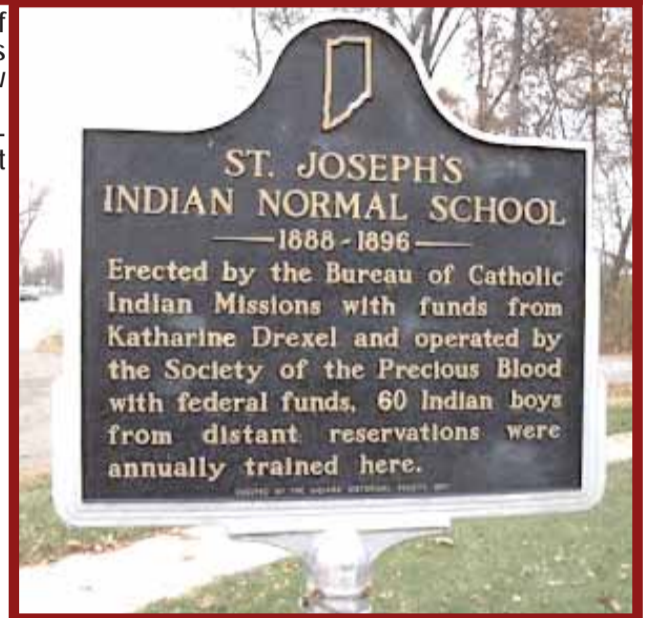


St. Joseph's Indian School Pupils, 1892-1893. The superintendent, Father Andrew Gietl, is the shorter of the two priests standing beneath the flag. Thirty of these pupils were on display at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago attending a "typical" Indian school, June 13 to June 30, 1893. The purpose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



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Top Right Photo: St. Joseph's Indian School Building. Bottom Right Photo: The Indiana Landmarks Foundation photograph, provided by Judy Kanne, Jasper County Historian, show Drexel Hall in 1890 with Indian boys lined up in front and recently, inset, after renovation.



News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

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St. Joseph's Indian School at Rensselaer

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

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

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

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

Indiana Magazine of History published an extensive history of St. Joseph's in 1973 which is available

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

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

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

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

An inspector thought "there must be some kind of electric current in their limbs." If they had nothing else to do, they would just scream out loud (think Indian yells), "kick backwards and forwards like young colts and just plain rough house it here and there." This together with occasional rabbit hunts and visits to the swimming hole in the nearby Iroquois River helped to make life bearable between long dreary sessions of prayer, study and work. The schedule required them to rise at 5:30 a.m. and retire at 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Indian School Building Saved

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

Millionaire Kate Drexel built more than 100 schools for Indians and blacks using her inheritance. She became a nun in 1889 and was canonized in 2000. She donated \$50,000 to build a big building for St. Joseph's Indian Normal School at Rensselaer. It was a Catholic boarding school for Indian boys with space for 70 boys, their classrooms, playroom (like a gym), dormitory, kitchen, a small chapel, and rooms for the superintendent and a teacher or two and around six nuns who ran the kitchen. An inspec-

tor's report said there were 29 rooms in all.

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

A Protestant group, the American Protective Association, influenced President Benjamin Harrison to appoint an openly anti-Catholic Commissioner of Indian affairs who announced the end of sectarian contractor government-subsidized Catholic schools. In 1891 the Commissioners of Indian affairs broke relations with the Bureau for Catholic Indian Missions. In the same year Kate Drexel became Mother Katharine Drexel, founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People. Congress passed measures to withdraw funding so that by 1896 many contract schools were closed, including St. Joseph's Indian Normal School, Rensselaer.

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

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

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

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

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

Efforts to save it led to the formation of the HPAJC - Historic Preservation Association of Jasper County, led by Judy Kane, retired professor and Jasper County Historian. The college, the HPAJC, and Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana worked to get grants. Drexel Hall was named on a "10 Most Endangered List." A \$500,000 grant came from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2001. Grants also came from the

Indiana Department of Commerce Community Focus Fund, Lilly endowment and others.

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

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

St. Joseph's College President Resigns Before Closing

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

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market as we are a sponsor for the Ohio Valley River Cats huge tournament they have in Rising Sun this year. We are sponsoring their 2nd big fish that is worth \$1000. Our Polar Kraft and SeaArk Aluminum boats will also help with this. We are growing aggressively in the bass and crappie fishing markets as well.

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Directions for Gad-a-bout Territory readers to Knot Marine Boat Sales and Restaurant: From Brookville, Indiana take U.S. 52 south to I-74 go under overpass, turn left onto I-74 East, continue east

by-passing Harrison, Ohio exit I-74 onto I-275 south crossing the Ohio River into Kentucky. Exit I-275 onto I-75 south, then exit I-75 at the Florence/Union exit (Highway 42), continue west on Route 42 quite a distance on the country road, watch for **Boone Docks Bar** on your left, immediately turn right onto **Beaver Road** which is **Highway 338** (No road sign, note the Beaver Licks business on northwest corner of Beaver Road intersection). Continue on Beaver Road (Highway 338) to Knot Marine which will be on your left.

Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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installed ahead of the stations and each station has a

ball valve to release any trapped water which got past the filter. All in all it took about a week for me, working by myself, to get the electric outlet and airlines installed. My last chore was to bolt the tank to the floor. A new carbide tipped concrete drill made that easy. I've included a few pictures which might help you visualize the job. I still have a few shelves to install and couple of lathes to move along with a drill press and other machinery before I'm done. When done I hope the shop will be more efficient and easy to work in without tripping over stuff.

Quote of the Month

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." — Benjamin Franklin, *Memoirs of the life & writings of Benjamin Franklin*

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 PrairieWolfGuns@gmail.com. I'll answer your questions with the most up to date information available. Some answers may be included in this column as I'm sure there are others with the same question. No question dealing with guns or self-defense is a bad or stupid question. Only those questions not asked.

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

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and we will definitely eat there again.

I recommend all my readers to stop in and eat at your very clean and attractive restaurant.

Thank you - Be Safe,

Ray and Sherry Dickerson - The Gad-a-bouts
**DNR NEWS LAW ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT 6
ORV ACCIDENT IN GREENWOOD
LEAVES TWO INJURED**

For immediate release: May 11, 2019

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating an off-road vehicle (ORV) accident in which one adult male and one juvenile female sustained injuries.

The accident occurred at approximately 6:30 p.m., near the 1300 block of Norton Drive in Greenwood.

Michael Landrum age 31 of Greenwood, was operating an ORV on a roadway in a residential area with a juvenile passenger. For reasons not yet known, the ORV flipped over pinning Landrum underneath, while throwing the juvenile off.

Both Landrum and the juvenile were transported to IU Health Methodist Hospital by ambulance. Landrum is being treated for head lacerations and the juvenile for hand and shoulder injuries.

The cause of the accident is still being investigated, but alcohol appears to have been involved. Neither victim was wearing a helmet or proper safety equipment. It is also unlawful to operate an ORV on a public roadway unless approved by county commissioners. Johnson County does not allow ORV operation on roadways. Indiana Conservation Officers stress safe operation of ORVs and the use of proper protective equipment such as helmets.

All charges are merely accusations and defen-

dants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Indiana Conservation Officers were assisted by Greenwood Police Department and Greenwood Fire Department.

Editor's Note: There are entirely too many of these ORV accident reports lately. What's the cure?

DUGOUT CANOE BUILDING EVENTS AT MISSISSINEWA & SALAMONIE LAKES

Learn how dugout canoes used to be built from experienced volunteers at Mississinewa and Salamonie lakes on various dates this summer.

Mississinewa 1812 living-history event volunteers will be making two dugout canoes for their October re-enactment, and invite people to come and watch them work using both traditional and non-traditional tools. The volunteers will be working on several dates throughout the summer.

Dates for Mississinewa Lake canoe building are **May 18, July 20, and Sept. 21**. Meet at Bostwock Pond in the Miami State Recreation Area (SRA).

Dates for Salamonie Lake canoe building are **June 15 and Aug. 17**. Meet at Wildlife Management Pond at the Lost Bridge West SRA. All demonstrations will be from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be limited opportunity for the public to participate. Property entrance fees apply.

To view all DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

DELPHI DOUBLE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION TIP INFORMATION

Delphi-Since the news briefing on April 22, 2019, the Multi-Agency Task Force has received over 2,200 emails, 400 calls and an additional 135 calls and or walk-ins to local police departments and state police posts around the state. The total amount since the inception of the email and tip line is over 42,000.

Please remember that we are looking for information that could lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed this crime.

- Be specific as possible to a description
- Name and age if possible
- A connection to Delphi and that person's location or address at this time
- Leaving information on how we can contact you for possible clarification of your tip is helpful but not required
- Tips can remain anonymous

If you have a tip, no matter how insignificant you feel it might be, contact us by email at abbyandlibbytip@cacoshrf.com or phone at **844-459-5786**.

(See Page 6 in this issue for new sketch of suspect)

STATE TRAVEL FEATURED AT SALAMONIE LUNCHEON

Travel the continental United States at the June Salamonie senior luncheon.

On Monday, June 3 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, Steve Park, Huntington North High School science teacher, will present his family's traveling adventures of the lower 48 states.

The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Pulled pork will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service.

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My biggest buck in 13 years of deer hunting and on the last day of muzzleloader season December 18, 2018. It was an 8 point buck, dressing out at 160 pounds. I took it in Delaware County. (Sara Day photo submitted via e-mail)



Karie Lewis from Connerville, Indiana caught this catfish in Brookville Lake on April 14, 2019. (Karie Lewis photo submitted via e-mail)



Garrett Jackson who lives in Connerville, IN caught this 41 inch Muskie while fishing in a Bass Tournament on Brookville Lake 4-14-2019. (Garrett submitted his photo via e-mail. (See more info on his muskie below)



Carlie Case with her first turkey taken in Decatur County on May 2, 2019. Her turkey weighed in at 24.5 pounds, it had a 10 inch beard and 1 inch spurs (Alex Case submitted photo via e-mail.)



Jerry Benjamin, Jr. took this 27 pound turkey April 27, 2019 in Wayne County. It had a 10 1/2" beard. (Jerry Benjamin, Jr. photo submitted via e-mail.)

I caught the 41" Muskie on a white skirted spinner bait with red head and double Colorado blades. That bait was hand tied and painted by Nate Lake (Bud's Baits) a brookville local. I was throwing that spinner most of the day on a medium 7' rod with 14 lb Fluorocarbon line. This fish was the hardest fighting fish I've ever had on my rod. I was casting up into timber in about 2 foot of water when my rod bent and I was just holding on trying to have my buddy position the boat around and away from the timber and into open water to be able to land this fish. It was a fight of a lifetime. Jeremy Lobenstein netted this fish in a very small collapsible net and somehow got her to fit. I was bass fishing the liberty bass clubs first tournament of the season that day. This was caught and released and I plan on having a replica mount done so the fish becomes bigger and someone else can have the same enjoyment I had catching this trophy fish and I Hope she keeps the species alive in brookville lake.. (Garrett Jackson Photo)



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