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Top Left: This is Cade Pershing (8) showing off one of his many crappies he caught on the Salamonie Reservoir. He had a great time fishing and was lucky enough to have Tony Colgan captain the boat! See page 8 - 9 & 26 (Photo by Ryan Pershing)
Top Right: On September 17th Pendleton District First Sergeant Tim Kaiser was honored by Superintendent Doug Carter at the District 51 post meeting for achieving 40 years of service with the Indiana State Police. Kaiser, who reached the milestone on August 19th, was awarded a framed certificate and a longevity pin by Superintendent Carter. First Sergeant Kaiser received his award then took the opportunity to announce his retirement from the Indiana State Police effective in November. See pages 6-7 (Photo by Sgt. John D. Bowling)
Bottom Left: When archery hunting, closeness is the name of the game. Getting a wild whitetail within archery range is no small feat. Seemingly a million things must all go right for it to happen. If one thing doesn't, it can all be over in a hurry. Then, getting your bow drawn and a shot off without detec-

tion is even more difficult. If I had not killed white-tails with a bow myself, I would swear it weren't possible. See Page 18-19. (Photo by Joe Martino)

Bottom Right: My good friend Jack Petruska sent me this deer photo in 2007. Jack lives in Iron, Minnesota. (Photo by Jack Petruska, Iron Minnesota)

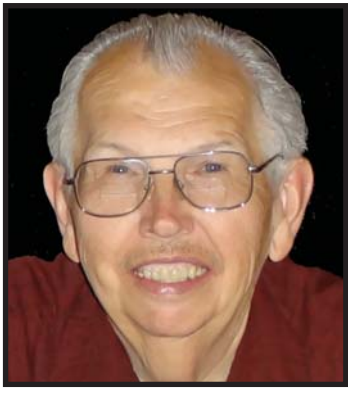
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# Roaming The Outdoors



by **Ray Dickerson**  
**The Gad-a-bout**

**OUR DAUGHTER AMY DICKERSON IS TRAVELING TO HAITI IN JUNE 2020 AND IS REQUESTING HELP FOR TRIP EXPENSES**



AMY DICKERSON, RN

Hello everyone,

I am traveling to Haiti in June of 2020 with an organization that provides different services to the people in the area of Anse-a-Pitre Haiti. The organization is called Ann Prepare Lavni, which is Haitian Creole for "Let's Prepare the Future".

Our group will be working with local nurses and doctors to help provide medical care and education to the local people. The money I raise will help pay for the traveling expenses and our mission fee, which allows the people to have free medical care while we are there. I have a goal of raising \$2000 and any extra money over my goal will help pay for medications and equipment for the clinic.

Here is the website for the organization:  
<https://annpreparelavni.org/>

And here is a link to my personal GoFundMe to make a donation online:

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Thank you for taking the time to read this. Thoughts, prayers, and well wishes are also welcomed!

Amy Dickerson, RN

**DISTRICT 56 STATE OF INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE DR. BRADFORD BARRETT HELPS VETERANS BY SUPPORTING BILL THAT EXEMPTS MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME FROM STATE INCOME TAX**

## STATE OF INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

October 7, 2019

Raymond E. Dickerson  
403 E School St  
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Dear Friend,

As I reflect on my service as your State Representative, I am reminded of the sacrifices made by families like yours to preserve our country's freedoms and enable all citizens to participate in our republic. As a state, we owe our veterans a debt of gratitude and want to show them the support and appreciation they deserve by making Indiana the best place for veterans to live.

One of the biggest wins for Hoosier veterans this year was the passage of a House Republican priority bill that exempts military retirement income from state income tax. Military retirees should see an immediate benefit in 2019, and by 2023, all military retirement income will be fully exempt. Once entirely phased in, those who have worked hard defending our country will be able to keep the full amount of their well-earned military retirement.

With over 400,000 veterans living in Indiana, we must always strive to improve and strengthen our support of Hoosier military families. Unfortunately, many programs designed to help Hoosier veterans are underutilized due to a lack of effective coordination and promotion. To combat this, House Enrolled Act 1268 creates a strategic link between state agencies to ensure veterans are given the recognition they deserve. During driver's license applications and renewals, Hoosier veterans will have the option to confirm their veteran status with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). Not only will this provide them with the opportunity to indicate their service and be able to more easily partake in the many different forms of recognitions our business and civic organizations provide our honorable veterans, but this will also allow the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a list of veterans with which they can better market state programs that include health care and education benefits.

This year, we also required the BMV to redesign and customize the Indiana Disabled Hoosier Veteran license plate. Currently, a veteran can only indicate their respective military branch on the basic military license plate. Now, disabled veterans will be able to proudly display their military service seal while still utilize the benefits granted to them due to their status as a disabled veteran.

I am honored to represent so many brave men and women in House District 56 who answered the call to defend our country. The service of our veterans and active duty military members helps me fully appreciate the freedoms we enjoy and motivates me to best represent our shared community. It is my hope that veterans and their families will continue to enjoy the Hoosier way of life and offer their expertise and experience to Indiana's economy. If there is ever anything I can do for you, I hope you won't hesitate to reach out to my office.

Best Regards,

Dr. Bradford Barrett  
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# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**

Professional Fishing Guide

## Fishing Brookville Lake In November

If you're are planning on Fishing Brookville lake in November, be prepared.

The 1st thing you're going to notice right away is the height of the water. On October 15th the corps of engineers starts to lowers the lake down 8 feet from summer pool. The second thing you will notice is all the boat docks will be laying on the ground next to the water. Not a game changer, but somewhat of a pain. The third thing you will notice is that most of all the bathrooms are locked. I say

most because its just the ones that have water are locked, the pit toilets are open. There are 2 main lake boat ramps that you can put in all winter, they are Bonwell and Fairfield. Bonwell has water in there bath rooms and Fairfield has pit toilets. Three boat ramps you shouldn't go to are Garr hill, Hanna creek or Dunlapsville. Garr hill will have dry ground between the end of the ramp and the water's edge. I talked to a guy that still tried to launch his boat there. He got stuck and got a ticket for off roading on state property. Hanna creek has a gate a cross the road about half way back the road to the ramp with no turn around at the gate, and Dunlapsville is in the wildlife resting area.

When you're on the water be aware of shallow areas in the summer, they are all pretty well marked but in the winter they are not. In the main lake you are pretty good, except around Garr hill flat and Fairfield flat. When you're back in the coves be aware of the tree tops sticking out of the water, as long as you go slow you will just kind of bounce off of them, but there are those ones you can't see.

Your fishing technique should be really deep or really shallow. The reason I say this is the fish will be solely feeding on other fish. This will be done by holding under bait fish in deep water and feeding on the week ones as they fall to the bottom or chasing schools of bait fish in the shallow water.

If you're fishing deep, look for fish on your fish finder close to the bottom these will be the fish that are actively feeding. Use a medium heavy 6 ft. spinning pole or a medium heavy 6 ft 6in. bait cast-er. You can use monofilament or braided line. I personally like to use mono when I'm fishing shallow and braid when I'm fishing deep.

Two things that will affect fishing at this time of year is winter draw down by the Corps of Engineers and fall turnover by mother nature. The winter draw down starts some where around October 15th and ends when the lake is 8 ft. below summer pool. If we get rain at this time it will vary, but the ultimate goal is to have the lake 8 ft. below summer pool till April of the following year.

Fall turnover is something that happens when the water temperature on the surface gets colder

than the water below it. Basically, when the water gets colder on the surface it gets heavier and sinks through the warmer water below it. When this happens it re oxygenates the deep water allowing the fish to go as deep as they want in the winter to escape the cold water of winter. This all takes about a week. When this is taking place, fishing is lousy. The best way to combat this is look for cleaner water if you see the water looking all rusty or brown this is a tell-tale sign that fall turnover is happening. Move around the lake looking for clean water say at the north end of the lake or back in the coves.

When fishing shallow use live minnows, crank baits, stick baits or swim baits. If you're fishing deep use live minnows, spoons, blade baits or jigging rapala's. Always keep your eyes on your fish finder looking for fish close to the bottom while looking at the surface for any kind of disturbance. 52 Pik-up will stock all this stuff all winter along with fried chicken, cold pop and breakfast sandwiches made fresh every day. Stop in and see us on your way to the lake, we got your back.

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## News from the Indiana State Police



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

### Pendleton District First Sergeant Retires After 40 Years of Service

**Pendleton** – On September 17th Pendleton District First Sergeant Tim Kaiser was honored by Superintendent Doug Carter at the District 51 post meeting for achieving 40 years of service with the Indiana State Police. Kaiser, who reached the milestone on August 19th, was awarded a framed certificate and a longevity pin by Superintendent Carter. First Sergeant Kaiser received his award then took the opportunity to announce his retirement from the Indiana State Police effective in November.

Tim Kaiser graduated from Yorktown High School in 1974 and from Ball State University with a Degree in Criminal Justice in 1978. He was hired by the Indiana State Police in 1979 and graduated from the Indiana State Police Academy in 1979. He was first assigned to the Connersville Post and in 1984 transferred to the Redkey Post where he continued to work as a road trooper.

In 1991 Kaiser was reassigned as a detective to the Pendleton District. In 1996 he was promoted to Sergeant to serve in the Laboratory Division as a polygraph examiner. In 2001 Kaiser was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant to serve as the Regional Laboratory Manager in Indianapolis.

In 2004 he was reassigned to the Pendleton District to serve as the First Sergeant. During his 40 year career Kaiser has served as a Crash Reconstruction Investigator, an Aircraft Accident Investigation Team member and has been an instructor in Firearms and First Responder training.

Kaiser received the J. Stannard Baker Award for Highway Safety in 1991 from The International Chiefs of Police. The award was the result of an investigation by Kaiser into a safety defect that led to the recall of over 600,000 vehicles nationwide. Kaiser also received a Sagamore of the Wabash award by then Governor Evan Bayh for that same investigation.

Tim Kaiser, who resides in Madison County with his wife Kathy, has two adult daughters and three grandchildren. If you see Tim make sure to congratulate him on his 40 years of service and retirement. I'm sure the Pendleton District will miss that grin, quick wit and well respected work ethic!

### It's Fall, Time to Watch for Deer!

October begins my favorite time of the year with crops being harvested and the beginning of deer season. But the annual crop harvest (which is running late this year) coupled with the beginning of hunting season and the "rut," (deer mating season) makes deer movement more prominent and the number of car/deer crashes increase. This increase usually starts about mid-October and continues into November. So it's a good time to remind motorists to use extra caution when driving in rural areas of Indiana. Deer are generally more active in the early morning (pre-dawn) hours or the hours just after dusk, but could be on the move at any time.

Motorists should take the following precautions when driving in rural areas to avoid having a crash involving a deer:

- When possible use high beam headlights at night and be aware that deer could be standing on or near the side of the roadway.



On September 17th Pendleton District First Sergeant Tim Kaiser was honored by Superintendent Doug Carter at the District 51 post meeting for achieving 40 years of service with the Indiana State Police. (Author Photo)

- Drivers should watch approaching vehicles and observe what may break their headlights beams; it could be a passing deer. This technique allows extra time to slow your speed and be alert for the deer.
- Watch for reflections from the deer's eyes.
- Where there is one deer there are often several. Do not assume you missed the deer because more could follow. **BE ALERT!**
- If your vehicle strikes a deer don't touch it. A frightened or wounded deer can cause you serious bodily injury. Remain in your car, make sure you and your passengers are safe, and call the police to obtain a crash report for your insurance company. You should report this as you would any other crash.
- Finally, as always, **BUCKLE UP!**

For more information concerning deer habits, population, and trends in your area contact your local

conservation officer or the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife at 317-232-4080.

### ISP Hiring Troopers

The Indiana State Police is still accepting applications through 11/3 at 11:59 p.m., for the 80th Recruit Academy. Individuals who are interested in beginning a rewarding career and way of life as an Indiana State Trooper may apply online at <http://www.in.gov/isp/2368.htm>.

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3. Must meet a minimum vision standard (corrected or uncorrected) of 20/50 acuity in each eye and 20/50 distant binocular acuity in both eyes.
4. Must possess a valid driver's license to operate an automobile.
5. Must be willing, if appointed, to reside and serve anywhere within the State of Indiana as designated by the Superintendent.
6. Must be a high school graduate as evidenced by a diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED).

The starting salary for an Indiana State Police Department Recruit is \$1,615.39 bi-weekly during the academy training. At the completion of academy training, the starting salary is \$48,000.00 a year, with raises each year thereafter. ISP offers a health care plan, which includes medical, dental, vision and pharmacy coverage for both current and retired employees, along with their families, until reaching age 65.

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

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

## How to Get ISP News Releases Sent Directly to You

Just a reminder that you can get ISP news and road closures sent directly to your phone or computer by signing up to receive ISP News Releases. Just follow the directions below to subscribe to the GovDelivery Service, so you can receive traffic and road closure updates as well as the news at the same time the media receives it.

- Visit the Indiana State Police website at <http://in.gov/isp/>.
- Once at the ISP Site scroll down to the words "Stay Connected"
  - Enter the primary email address where you would like to receive ISP News Releases
  - This process can be completed for as many email addresses as desired
- Follow the intuitive prompts to complete registration and select any or all of the ISP locations from which your media organization would like to receive ISP News Releases
- You will receive a confirmation email from GovDelivery if your setup was successful.

## Tale from the Road

A trooper I know clocked a car on a two lane state road, just out of a small town, at 107 M.P.H. He got the car stopped and when he walked up the driver tried to hand him a receipt rather than his license and registration. When the trooper asked him why, the man replied that he needed to show him the proof that he had just bought a new set of tires for his car. Now, according to this man "everybody knows" that you need to take new tires out immediately to see how they perform at high rates of speed. As he explained "That's all I was doing." Well, it was a nice try, but still no excuse to be driving 107 M.P.H. in a 55 zone. As the PRO-fessional driver would say, "Here's your safe driving award!" Thanks for reading this month's article and for allowing all of us to serve all of you. Stay safe, and we will talk again next month. ■

# Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PLO Travis Stewart

## Advice for deer hunters on deer diseases

In this issue I will share information regarding deer and diseases associated with them. The following information has been provided by the Division of Fish & Wildlife. If you subscribe to Wild Bulletin, then you probably are already aware of this information. If you are not a Wild Bulletin subscriber, you can sign up at: [wildlife.IN.gov/5704.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/5704.htm).

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) has been confirmed in several counties in central and southern Indiana. As a result, county bonus antlerless quotas were reduced to a maximum of two in areas most heavily affected by EHD. EHD does not affect humans, and deer infected with EHD is safe to consume. Learn more about EHD online at [deer.dnr.IN.gov](http://deer.dnr.IN.gov). A brief overview of EHD is outlined below, as shown on the DNR website.

EHD is a viral disease that affects deer that is transmitted by biting gnats or midges (Culicoides) that breed and live in small pools of standing water.

Signs typically show up about seven days after being infected with the EHD virus. External signs of EHD are not eating, weakness, loss of the fear of humans, circling, and other neurological signs. Other signs include swelling around the neck or head. Increased body temperature can cause deer to seek cool places, such as in and around water.

EHD can only be diagnosed by a qualified laboratory.

After the insect population is reduced by cold weather in the fall, the spread of the disease is reduced. Therefore, one should expect new infections to stop shortly after the first hard freeze in the fall.

Hot, dry weather with little rain, often characterized by prolonged summer-like conditions extending into the fall, may increase the occurrence and duration of an EHD outbreak. As usual water sources become scarce on the landscape, more deer use any water that is available. As deer gather around these water sources, more deer in the population may become exposed to infected biting midges, which spread the disease between deer via bites from the insects. Large deer populations can further

exacerbate an outbreak as more deer frequent these watering holes.

EHD is a naturally occurring disease in our region. Occasionally Indiana DNR receives reports of small, isolated outbreaks. However, major outbreaks are cyclic (about every five years or so). Indiana has experienced two major outbreaks of EHD:

2007: EHD confirmed in 36 counties and suspected in an additional 23 counties.

2012: EHD confirmed in 29 counties and suspected in an additional 38 counties.

During the hunting season, if you find a deer that has grooves, cracks, or sloughing in its hooves, the animal may have survived an EHD infection. These defects in the hooves are a result of the deer having had a high fever and may resemble the groove in a fingernail when it grows out after being hit. Such a deer is safe to handle and eat.

Bovine tuberculosis (bTB) is a bacterial disease that can affect cattle, deer, other mammals and humans. It is not believed to be established in Indiana's wild deer herd. If hunters find white or tan lesions on harvested deer's organs or the inner wall of the chest cavity, they should contact an Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) veterinarian by calling 877-747-3038 or visit [boah.IN.gov/2396.htm](http://boah.IN.gov/2396.htm).

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) has not been detected in deer tested from Indiana. CWD is found in free-ranging white-tailed deer in states close to Indiana, including Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin. To learn more about CWD and CWD surveillance, visit [on.IN.gov/CWD](http://on.IN.gov/CWD). A brief summary of CWD is outlined below.

CWD is a serious neurological disease affecting white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, and moose. It is a member of a group of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs), or prion diseases. CWD is fatal in these species. CWD is spread through bodily fluids like feces, saliva, blood or urine. CWD is transmitted either through direct contact or indirectly through environmental contamination of soil, plants, food or water. CWD is similar to mad cow disease in cattle, and scrapie in sheep.

Every year Indiana DNR biologists and staff collect tissue samples from hunter-harvested and road-killed deer for CWD testing. To date, CWD has not been detected in deer tested in Indiana.

You can learn more about CWD surveillance and testing at [on.IN.gov/CWD](http://on.IN.gov/CWD).

Regardless of the harvest, hunters and trappers should adhere to the following best practices when field-dressing or handling any carcass or other raw meat:

1. Wear disposable gloves
2. Always wash your hands afterward
3. Clean and disinfect instruments after use
4. Don't handle or consume wild animals that appear sick or act abnormal
5. Cook meat thoroughly
6. Minimize contact with brain or spinal tissues

The above information was provided by the Indiana DNR website, and further information can be obtained at [deer.dnr.IN.gov](http://deer.dnr.IN.gov).

As always, Stay Safe Indiana! ■

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Left Photo: This is father and son, John and Jonathan Brumley, with their first place crappie. They had a total weight of 8.19 pounds and also had the second biggest fish with a crappie that weighed 1.27 pounds. Congrats to John and Jonathan! Right Photo: This is the grandfather and grandson duo of Blake Morris and Gary Reed showing their second place overall crappie. They had a total weight of 7.89 pounds. (Author Photos)

## Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing  
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

### Bozarth Crappie Tourney

The Fall season has started in grand fashion as we have been blessed with wonderful weather which has allowed all outdoor enthusiasts to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Camping, horseback riding, hiking, hunting, and fishing just to name a few are all in full gear at the Great Lakes of the Wabash as everyone is looking to enjoy the last few weeks of nice weather before we turn our sights to the cold and dreary winter months ahead. With that in mind I would highly encourage everyone to take these last few weeks of nice weather we have ahead of us and go explore all the great things nature has to offer.

On Saturday, September 21st we held our final crappie fishing tournament of the 2019 season. We had an impressive number of teams show up and battle in what turned out to be a very nice morning on the lake. For our season ending, Bozarth Classic, we

allowed teams to have the option to fish both the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. For these tournaments, we award total weight for their top seven crappies as well as the "Big Fish" award.

Taking home first place was the father and son team of John and Jonathan Brumley, whom brought an impressive total weight of 8.19 pounds for their top seven crappies. They also had the second biggest crappie with 1.27-pound crappie. They caught a majority of their fish on two stumps while fishing on the Salamonie Reservoir. I believe this team had a special someone watching over them as one of our long-time anglers, Jeff Yeakle, had recently passed away. Jeff was a great man and even better fisherman and I got the privilege to meet him through our tournaments in years past. Looking back, I was always impressed with the way he took his grandson, Jonathan, under his wing and help mold him into the impressive fisherman and young man he is today. I'm sure a lot of the fish caught on this day were spots he had showed them through the years. Big congrats to John and Jonathan on a great catch!

Coming in second place was the team of Gary Reed and Blake Morris as they also had a great day on the lake with 7.89 pounds. They fished on the Salamonie Reservoir in 8-10 feet of water spider rigging and using Big Diddy Baits. Our third-place finish went to the team of Jeff Bookwalter and Dennis Snyder with a total weight of 7.53 pounds. They also netted the third big fish of the day with a 1.2-pound crappie. Our fourth-place finish went to Aaron Scott as he brought 6.76 pounds of crappie to the weigh in

line and also had the days big fish with a 1.48-pound crappie. Congrats to Aaron on a fine day of fishing! Rounding out the top five was the team of Jeff McKeighen and Allen Reed with a total weight of 6.54 pounds.

As we conclude our 2019 Bozarth Crappie Tournament schedule I would like to thank all the fisherman who took the time to come fish our tournaments. We have a great group of anglers and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the 2020 fishing season. Anyone interested in fishing in our future tournaments feel free to contact us at (765) 981-4522 for more information.

In closing, I would like to take a moment and highlight the life of one of our local fishing legends that use to roam the Salamonie Reservoir and frequent our store. Claude Warren, also known as P Stick and Top, passed away on October 1, 2019. If one ever fished on the Salamonie Reservoir then odds are you would have come across Claude as he spent a majority of his time on the lake fishing. He LOVED fishing and when he was around his gang of friends enjoyed talking IU and Kentucky basketball. He is going to be greatly missed but we know he is now pain free and enjoying his time catching up with all his lost family and friends. R.I.P. P stick!

See more about Claude Warren next page.

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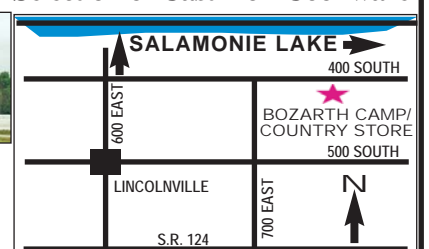
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Left Photo: This is Jeff Bookwalter and Dennis Snyder with their third place crappie. They had a total weight of 7.53 pounds and also had the third biggest fish of the day with a 1.2 pound crappie. Right Photo: This is Aaron Scott showing off his crappie that was good enough to take home the Big Fish award and also 4th place overall. His big fish weighed 1.48 pounds and total weight was 6.76 pounds. (Author Photos)

**IN MEMORY OF  
CLAUDE WARREN (P stick)**

**Roaming The Outdoors**

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**CORRECTION - TO ANITA MCFALLS  
ARTICLE IN THE OCTOBER 2019 GADABOUT**

Sent: From Anita McFalls, Saturday, September 28, 2019

To: Raymond Dickerson

Subject: Clarification

Ray, as I said in my other e-mail, I need to make a clarification if you will please.

If you'll print: I need to make a clarification regarding my last article about Gary Hardwick.

In the Bass Federation Northern Division, I reported that Gary won in both 1985, and 1986. While the Indiana team won, and although he placed first in 1986, Gary placed 2nd in 1985. As you will recall in my article, I told you that Gary is very honest and upfront. He didn't want someone to think he was taking credit for something he didn't do. ....more from Gary next month!

Thanks Ray

**FREMONT MAN INJURED IN TREE STAND  
FALL (STEBEN COUNTY)**

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a tree stand fall that occurred yesterday evening in Fremont at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the 1300 block of east State Road 120.

Matt Goins, age 34, of Fremont, was hunting from a tree stand in a wooded area behind his residence and was wearing a full safety harness. He unhooked the tether from the tree to climb down, and when he stepped on the top set of climbing sticks, the strap became dislodged. Goins then fell approximately 20 feet to the ground.

From the base of the tree, Goins called his wife, and she then called 911. Goins was transported by ambulance to Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne for treatment of his injuries.

Conservation Officers were assisted on scene by

the Fremont Fire Department, the Fremont Police Department, and Steuben County EMS.

With Indiana's deer hunting season now open, Conservation Officers remind hunters to always wear a full body safety harness and life line system to prevent falls anytime their feet are off the ground when hunting from a tree stand, and to always check the condition of their equipment before using it.

For more information see [hunting.IN.gov](http://hunting.IN.gov).

**FALL IS A GREAT TIME  
FOR CRAPPIE FISHING**

As water temperatures cool down, crappie fishing heats up.

Fall is a great time to fill your freezer with fish in preparation for a long winter. Crappie begin moving into the shallows to feed when water temperatures dip into the 60s. Structures such as tree stumps, logs, rock ledges, or docks will usually hold good numbers of fish. Targeting them with jigs and minnows can be an effective way to catch big crappie.

Crappie are managed with a 25-fish bag limit throughout the state with no size limits except at Dogwood and Hardy lakes, where there is a 9-inch minimum. A valid fishing license is also required.

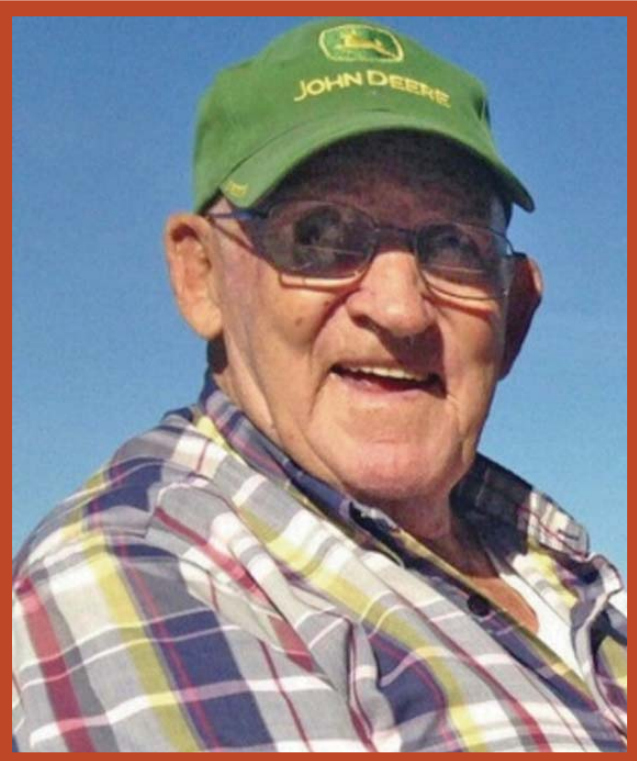
Crappie are well distributed in lakes and streams across the state so there is a good chance that there are fishing opportunities close to home, regardless of where you live. A map of Indiana's best crappie lakes can be found at [wildlife.IN.gov/10192.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/10192.htm).

If you are already a seasoned crappie angler and are looking for a new place to fish, consider a lake that has undergone habitat enhancement.

To date, Sullivan, Monroe, and Cecil M. Harden lakes have received more than 750 artificial habitat structures. Jigging along these structures should prove effective for crappie. Maps detailing artificial habitat locations at these lakes can be found at [wildlife.IN.gov/7665.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/7665.htm).

**DNR ANNOUNCES LAKE MICHIGAN  
STOCKING INCREASE**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has  
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Claude Warren (Photo By Ryan Pershing)

This is Claude Warren, also known as Top and P Stick, who passed away on October 1, 2019. He was a regular here on the Salamonie Reservoir and at Bozarth's Country Store. He loved fishing and talking IU and Kentucky basketball. He will be greatly missed by everyone that had the privilege of knowing him.

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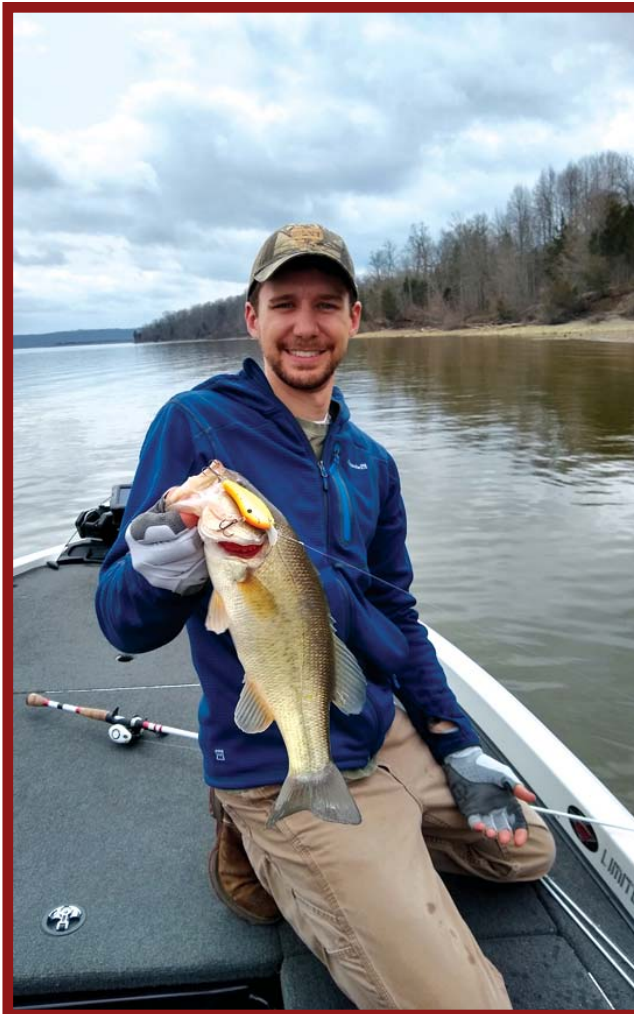
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# Catching Takes Lots of Practice



by Tyler Frame  
Frame's Outdoor



Wes Frame with a nice fall Brookville Lake draw down largemouth bass. (Author Photo)

## Fishing Lake Draw Downs

We are deep into fall, the leaves are slowly disappearing, and most reservoirs are in the midst of the annual draw down for winter. Here on Brookville Lake the draw down starts October 15th and will drop on an average of one foot per week. Many anglers fear these conditions, when the water levels are on the fall. Bass adapt to changing water levels repetitively throughout the year, but this time of year they are gorging themselves in anticipation for winter and falling water levels seems to affect the feeding fish very little.

Despite the lake draw down the bass are feeding and readily available for catching. During these conditions we will start by choosing shallow, slow tapering banks with down timber along the shoreline. During the lake draw down the bass will position out off the bank on the vary ends of the shoreline cover. The ideal spot is a bank transitioning from deep rock to shallow sand with an isolated tree top extending out from the bank. With falling water conditions most of the shoreline cover will be less and less fishable each week as the water continues down. Many anglers believe this makes the fishing tougher but it actually makes catching bass more predictable. If you are a bass angler you know that isolated cover holds the highest probably of catching a bass and each week of the lake draw down there is less cover for fish to hide and ambush food.

This is the time of year when we are fishing our fastest. Bass are scattered from

the main lake to the very back of the creeks and speed and efficiency is vital to catching larger numbers of fish. This is the time of year when we put away the jigs and soft plastics and get out the crankbait, spinnerbait and topwater. These bass will still react to a slow presentation but we believe we catch them faster and cover more water with these types of baits. We hear many anglers this time of year make the comment that they were flipping treetops and caught a bass or two in a day's time. They were onto the right pattern but they simply didn't fish enough treetops with this slower presentation. When the water temperature is above 60 degrees we will always start with top water. We love a fast moving white Buzzbait or a large Zara Spook on the ends of the treetops. Another good choice is bumping the wood with a shad pattern square bill crankbait. Next we will roll a double willow leaf spinnerbait through the treetops as well and our goal once we get a bite is to run that lure through every treetop in Brookville Lake as quick and efficient as time will allow. One thing to always remember, if you are not bumping the cover with your lure your

missing strikes. Try these tactics on Brookville this fall, you won't be disappointed.



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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

**NOTE:** This column was first printed in Michigan Outdoor News and was entered into a contest sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation. The contest judged columns and magazine features written in the past year about the need to keep Asian Carp from spreading into the Great Lakes. The column won first place.



Asian carp spreading to Great Lakes tributaries is a long range threat. (Author Photo)

Disasters seem to be best understood or comprehended that way. At least it's a way to compare a flood with an earthquake with a hurricane. What is the economic damage?

The dollar figure most often used to warn of the economic damage to the Great Lakes should Asian carp become established is six billion dollars annually to the "fishing industry" which I assume is a cumulative figure combining the economic impact of both recreational fishing and commercial fishing.

When a person sees this number, the A follows B reasoning is A) should the carp proliferate in the Great Lakes then B) they will somehow displace the salmon, trout, walleye, whitefish, perch and other species people harvest from the lakes.

Asian carp feed by filtering algae, plankton and other nearly microscopic "edibles" from the water. This is the same thing baby fish feed on their earliest stages of life and the same things the slightly larger things like freshwater shrimp eat. Once baby fish grow, they switch to feeding on shrimp and other zooplankton before ultimately switching to eating other fish.

If the carp get established in the lakes, they'll vacuum out enough algae, plankton and the rest of the stuff at the bottom of the food chain to starve the sport and commercially important fish. Eventually, they will eliminate six billion dollars worth, each year.

Except for one thing, the invasive mussels have already done that. Lake Michigan's water is now more clear than Lake Superior's water. (Lake Michigan has far more zebra and quagga mussels.) Lake Michigan is ground zero for where Asian Carp could access the Great Lakes because of its connection via man-made waterways to the mid-American river system.

If the mussel invasion already sucked the life from the bottom of the food chain, would the Asian carp exacerbate it? Hardly, most Asian carp, were they to freely swim upstream from the Illinois River into Lake Michigan, would quickly starve to death. There's not enough algae and plankton in the lake to keep them healthy.

But maybe one in a hundred would live in the lake long enough to find, say the Root River in southern Wisconsin, Trail Creek in Indiana or the St. Joseph River in southern Michigan. Maybe only one in a thousand would find a new home in these or other tributary streams. But if they did, they could proliferate in them and a new invasion would occur. From the St. Joe to the Black River. From the Black to the Kalamazoo or the Grand and on up the coast.

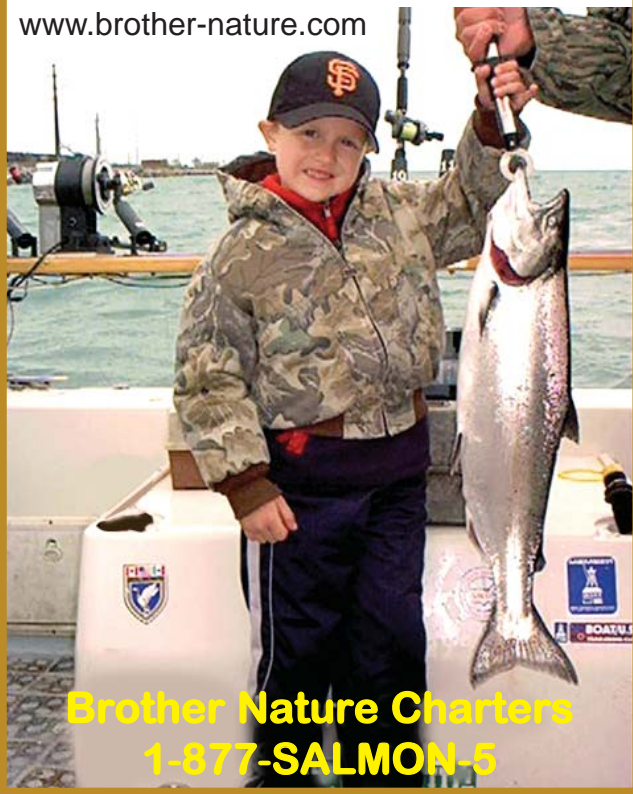
Eventually, should this happen, much of the northeastern United States and southeastern Canada could be infiltrated by flying carp and their cousins. That's the real threat of letting Asian carp gain access to the Great Lakes. If that were to happen, the economic damage would make the six billion dollar figure now bandied about seem insignificant.

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Still, of all the invasives in the Great Lakes, none are as well known as the YouTube stars - the "flying carp" - jumping into boats in middle America's big rivers. Too bad zebra and quagga mussels and other invasives weren't as photogenic and engendered equal amount of dollars and concern when that invasion occurred.

The flying carp are actually silver carp, which along with their cousins, bighead, black and grass carp are often grouped together as Asian carp. When I get questioned by someone about invasives in Lake Michigan (or the other Great Lakes) almost always the question is about Asian carp.

You'd think the lakes are swarming with them. They aren't, though many of mid-America's big rivers - the Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois and others are swarming with them and the potential does exist for the swarms to spread on northward and eventually get into the Great Lakes.

No one wants that to happen and the easiest way to quantify the magnitude of the damage should they get into Lake Michigan and then spread to the other lakes is to express it in dollars and cents. Hurricane Sandy caused \$62 billion in damage. Western wildfires cost \$18 billion last year.

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# C&C Webster Store



by Carol & Carter Hall  
Webster Store Owners

## Webster Store Full of Surprises

I'm Carol Hall, owner of the Webster Store. I worked at Perfect Circle, Dana Corp, for 30 years. When I got 30 years in I could retire with a pension. So I knew I wanted to retire then, but I wanted to do something. Some people would say I could do volunteer work like visit the sick at nursing homes and hospitals. But I wanted to do something different.

I didn't want to work for someone else, so I started looking for something to buy. I like a store, I looked at a few places, but I knew the Webster Store was for sale. The owner wanted too much for it, so I kept looking.

My daughter lived in Webster so we decided to go to the store about a year later. The owner asked if I would be interested in making an offer. I made an offer and a few days later he accepted my offer. That was 1988.

At that time I was still working my full time job at Dana. So I hired a lady and my daughter to run the store until I retired from Dana. The hours at that time were 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., six days a week and six hours on Sunday.

Then in 1994 I had my 30 years completed June 6th. That was also the year I met and married my husband Carter Hall. I retired July 29, 1994. That's



Carol and Carter Hall proprietors of C&C Webster Store and Village Post Office located on Southeast corner at Main intersection in Webster, Indiana. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

when I started working full time at the store.

Carter also worked at Dana, but couldn't retire until 2003. So I changed the hours at the store to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and worked there with two other employees.

Finally after many years Carter retired from Dana.

I had a fellow working back then who decided to move from where he was living, which was a lot further from the store. With winter coming on, he quit, which opened the door for Carter to start working with me. We changed the hours then to 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with just Carter and I working at the store.

Checking back, the Webster Store building has been here for over 100 years. It's always had a grocery in it. At one time it had gas pumps too, but their gone. It always had a Post Office in it to and still does.

We thought we'd make a small change and began adding collectables and seasonal items to sell.

So, when you come in for a loaf of bread, milk, candy, pop, etc. You may see something you've never seen before or something you might say, "I had one of those when I was growing up!"



Large Rooster on top of center aisle and 48 State United States Flag hanging from the ceiling.



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Grocery Aisle with Meat and Dairy Case in rear. United States Village Post Office supplies near front of store.

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**Editor's Note:**

As I wrote in October 2012 in The Gad-a-bout about C&C Webster Store shortly after they began advertising in this paper earlier in 2012: "Boy do I have the memories from Webster and a wife too." Sherry Kendall Dickerson lived in Webster with her family. I met her through a mutual friend, Amy Harrison. Sherry and I were married in the Methodist Church in Webster on July 1, 1967. The church sits

next door to the Webster Store and Post Office.

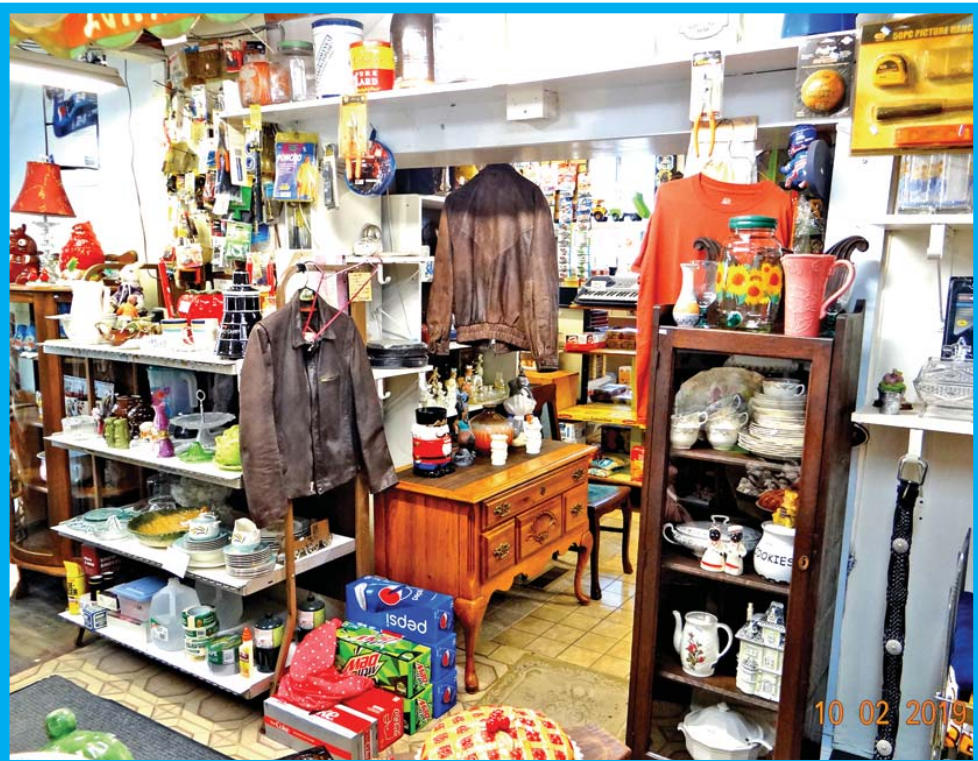
A lot of the worlds problems are solved in our conversation when I visit with Carol and Carter Hall each month. If life were only that simple!

C&C Webster Store is easy to locate, it is just a short distance northwest of Richmond, Indiana and is accessed easily by either U.S. 27 or U.S. 35.

Take U.S. 27 north, cross I-70 continue north, when the 4 lanes reduce to 2 lanes watch for Union

Pike on your left and turn left onto it. Watch for Webster Road just a short distance on your right, turn right travel west to Webster. (See Below)

Take US 35 north, cross I-70 continue north, watch for sign on your right for Webster turn right onto Main Street. *C&C Webster Store is at the intersection of Main Street and Webster Road, a 4-way stop on the southeast corner.* (See Map on C&C Webster Store Ad on Page 12)



Left Photo: Carol and Carter standing near some of the clothing, glassware, dolls, furniture and gift items you will find in their store. Right Photo: Clothing, glassware, cook-jars, furniture, household items and more. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Left Photo: Lamps, Glass Case, glass ware, cookie jars and household items. Right Photo: Bikes, wagons, pet food, soft drinks, toys and more. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Left Photo: Carol Hall sitting at check out, on the wall are shelves of dolls, toy guns, bb guns, time pieces, clocks, candy and more. Right Photo: Ceramics, glass ware, lamps, candy jars, bags, sweaters, greeting cards and more. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## Getting close is What it's all About

When archery hunting, closeness is the name of the game. Getting a wild whitetail within archery range is no small feat. Seemingly a million things must all go right for it to happen. If one thing doesn't, it can all be over in a hurry. Then, getting your bow drawn and a shot off without detection is even more difficult. If I had not killed whitetails with a bow myself, I would swear it weren't possible.

The early archery deer season is here. It's hard to believe how fast summer flew by, yet, here we are. It's October, we've had our first frost, and it's time to pursue whitetails with stick and string. Hunting deer with archery equipment is my favorite form of deer hunting, for a few reasons. Fewer hunters in the woods, the weather, the fall colors, the length of the season and the whitetail rut! There are reasons that season is longer than the gun seasons and that there are fewer bowhunters than punkin' ball slingers; Archery hunting is tough. It can be quite frustrating and it takes a huge commitment of both time and dedication, along with a healthy dose of resolve, resistance and patience. Bowhunting presents its own unique set of limitations and challenges that make it necessary for a hunter to possess a skill set of patience and of learning how to deal with close calls, near misses, coulda-woulda-shouldas and failures. So many things can make the difference between success and failure. Bowhunting requires unobstructed shots; something that rarely occurs in the woods. There are plenty of obstructions that can get in between you and the deer, and it doesn't take much. A small twig can be all it takes to block the path between a dead deer and one that gets unscathed.

Distance is another. Even armed with the very best in archery equipment, effective range is measured in tens of yards. Today's bows are capable of shooting further than ever. They are actually capable of outperforming the person behind them. This no reason to try to "reach out there" with respect to a shot at an animal, however. Kinetic energy decreases rapidly in relation to distance. This is especially true with those who shoot shorter draw lengths, so even if shooting a crossbow, don't be fooled into



The author arrowed this world-class whitetail buck during the 2018 season at a distance of only 16 yards. (Author Photo)

thinking that you can make longer shots than you could with a bow.

Regardless of how close you are to a deer when taking the shot, they can also "jump the string" of even the fastest bows. The term refers to a whitetail's ability to effectively duck at the sound of the shot, resulting in your arrow narrowly missing the deer completely and sailing over its back. According to research, a bow would have to propel an arrow well over 700 feet per second in order for a deer to not be able to do so.

When deer are within archery range, a whole different set of circumstances come into play as well. When a deer is ten yards away, any subtle movement or noise can send it on its way. Years ago, as I came to full draw on a mature doe, I shifted my feet slightly, sending a piece of dried mud from the sole of my boot to the ground. Before I could settle the pin behind her shoulder, she was gone. This is just one example of how things can change quickly if you are a bowhunter.

When you get archery close to a wild whitetail, your nerves are shot. The sheer excitement can result in rapid breathing, shaking and a surge of adrenaline, any of which can easily cause an errant shot as you try in vain to contain yourself. Fred Bear said it quite well. "An archer that can place every arrow in the mouth of a tea cup in a target does not impress me nearly as much as a bowhunter who can place an arrow in the mouth of a five-gallon bucket while shooting at a live animal." Another one of his also comes to mind for this article. "There's more

fun in hunting with the handicap of the bow than there is in hunting with the sureness of the gun."

Bowhunting is certainly not for the faint of heart. Nor is it for those who cannot handle being defeated repeatedly. If you cannot remain humble, then it might not be for you. But if you can, when the stars do align, success is so much sweeter.

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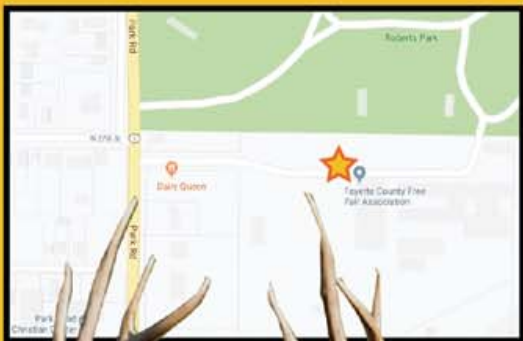
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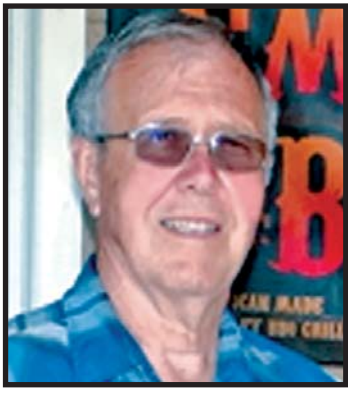
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# Rihm Foods Inc.



by Jim Rihm  
(Semi-Retired)

## Custom Hog & Beef Processing 1890 - Present

Rihm's meat business dates back to 1890 when my great grandfather George Rihm Sr. opened the first Rihm's market in Piqua, Ohio. He had immigrated from Germany in the 1850's at the age of 14. From there, his sons opened meat markets in Knightstown, Cambridge City and Greenfield. Their cousin, Norbert, opened a store in Morgantown, Indiana. George Rihm Jr. opened his meat market in Cambridge City in 1926. His wife, Helen Decker Rihm had a brother in the meat packing business in Piqua, Ohio. This connection helped George keep the meat supply during the Second World War.

George's sons Walter, Bill and Tom were raised in the business. George passed away in 1945 while Walter and Bill were in the service. Walter was on Iwo Jima and didn't know his dad died until a month later. After the war was over, Walter came home and kept the market running with brothers Bill and Tom. In 1948, they added frozen food lockers and a smokehouse to the building that is now a liquor store.

In 1958, Walter and Tom bought Puckets Locker plant in Straughn.



Left to Right: Gus Rihm, Don Rihm, Jim Rihm, Jerry Rihm and Joseph Rihm (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

In 1964 we opened a grocery store in the old K of P building. We tore down the old hotel building, which was now a parking lot between the grocery and the old meat market. We purchased the liquor store from Bill Wessler and moved it into the old meat market. We continued to use the rear of the liquor store building for the wholesale meat business, running a delivery to area schools and restaurants.

In 1972, we opened a new meat plant on Hunnicutt road southwest of Dublin. We combined the old locker plant at Straughn and the wholesale meat business from Cambridge City into the new plant. At that time the custom processing of beef cattle was at it's peak. Over the next several years that portion of the business started to decline and

we got into delivering commodities to schools and Indiana state institutions. We delivered to 22 counties in Indiana from Marion in the north to Madison in the south with 6 delivery trucks. This was when we added on a larger freezer and warehouse facility. After that contract ended we started catering and venison processing. That's when we bought our first smokehouse. That business thrived and we added another smokehouse. The following year, and another the next year. Jim and Jerry ran the meat plant and Don managed the grocery store along with sisters Linda and Joanna. During peak seasons a lot of family members and friends pitched in to help with the deer processing and catering business.

In 2012, Jim and Don decided to semi-retire and



George Rihm, Sr's Market opened in Piqua, Ohio in 1890. Rihm Photo



George and Carl Rihm in 1926 at their Knightstown Meat Market. Rihm's Photo



George Rihm and Norbert Rihm in Cambridge City Meat Market in 1936. Rihm Photo



Walter and Tom Rihm June 1973 at front door of new meat processing plant.





Rihm Meats slaughtering and processing plant located on Hunnicutt Road south of Dublin, Indiana. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Venison Summer Sausage.



Smoked Loins and Bellies Hanging in back. Smoked Chops in front on racks.



Left meat cooker cooks 2,000 lbs., 3 loads a day. Middle cooks 1,000 lbs.



Jerry Rihm grilling meat for a customer on their Smokin Brothers grill.



Susan Gollhofer, Rihm's office clerk holding The Gad-a-bout. Rihms first advertisement was in my September-October 1990 issue.

we sold the grocery store, warehouse and Liquor buildings to Brent and Kent Fortman.

In 2013, we sold the liquor business to Tony Abrams from Rushville doing business as Bob O Link Liquors.

In 2017, we added a Smokehouse room to hold 2 Larger smokehouses and a rotisserie oven.

Jerry and his two sons, Gus and Joseph continue to run the meat plant. Jim's grandson, Wyatt, makes six generations in the meat business.

**Editor's Note:** I must apologize to Lori Winkle who works at Rihm's and I've probably talked to her more than anyone else at Rihms. Lori works in the office part-time, we see each other when I'm delivering The Gad-a-bout to them usually late in the day. Susan Gollhofer (photo at left) is the office manager

I began publishing The Gad-a-bout in April 1990. Rihm's Meats began advertising with me in my 6th issue, the September-October issue 1990.

I owe a debt of gratitude to not only the six businesses who began advertising in 1990 and still advertise with me, but to all the businesses who help me keep The Gad-a-bout going year after year. I hope to continue for as long as I am able. I will celebrate my 30th year publishing The Gad-a-bout and my 79th Birthday in April 2020.



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**Ervin's Tine & Tail Taxidermy**  
by Carrie Ervin

Chad Ervin, son-in-law of Jim Rihm, started his full-time taxidermy business, Ervin's Tine & Tail Taxidermy, in January 2018. He is a graduate of the Western Pennsylvania School of Taxidermy, and studied under Marc Jordan while there. His shop is open year-round, and is located at 5150 Gilmer Road, in Greens Fork, Indiana. You can contact him by texting or calling 765-969-3035. Ervin has a website at [ervinstaxidermy.com](http://ervinstaxidermy.com), where he has many photos of his work, and also has a social media presence on Facebook and Instagram. Feel free to stop by and check out his showroom.

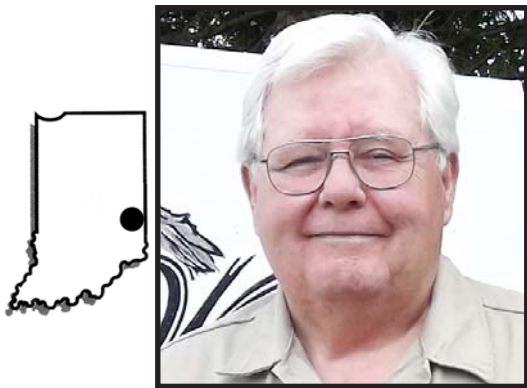




Left Photo: From left to right .38 Short, .38 Colt Police, .38 S&W (Long), .38 Spl., and .357 Magnum. All in the same chamber diameter but different lengths. Middle Photo: On the left is the .32 Short and right is the .32 Magnum. Right Photo: Left is the .44 Special and right is the .44 Magnum. (Author Photos)



**Random Notes from:  
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair**



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

**Which Ammo Should I Use?**

In August of this year I wrote an article on a 9mm Largo, and the confusion in substituting similar ammo. I want to expand that discussion. So that everyone is on the same page as I discuss the ammunition, let's set the definitions used.

- Bullet, the projectile launched
- Case, the metal tube that contains the gun powder
- Rim, is the outer portion of the base which is larger in diameter than the case and contains a pocket to hold the ignition source
- Mouth is the open end of the case where the Bullet is inserted and launched from.

Note that I didn't include Cartridge in that list. That list is the definition of a cartridge.

In today's list of firearms are guns that will shoot multiple classes of ammunition. The single shot .22 caliber rifles will shoot the .22 short, long, and long rifle. .22 caliber revolvers will also shoot the .22 short, long, and long rifle. Semi-auto pistols in .22 caliber will only shoot the long rifle. There may be exceptions in some rifles. The

Taurus Judge is one designed for to shoot the .410 gauge of shotgun shells and the .45 Long Colt pistol cartridge. Both of which are rimmed cartridges and head space on the rim.

The family of .357 Magnum Cartridge guns, rifles, pistols, and revolvers can safely shoot the .38 Special cartridge without modification or damage. The .357 Magnum and .38 Special are rimmed cases with the same bullet and case dimensions but different case lengths. The same is true of the family of guns chambered for the .44 Magnum will also shoot the .44 Special. However, this is not true in the reverse, that is, a .38 Special or .44 Special chambered gun will not accept the longer Magnum round of the same caliber.

During the latter years of the 19th century and during the 20th century revolvers chambered in .32 caliber were popular as concealed carry (belly) guns. In 1878 S&W introduced the .32 S&W (also known as the .32 S&W Short) for its pocket revolver. Of course at that time it was a black powder cartridge and was later (1940) loaded with smokeless powder at the same chamber pressure. In 1896 the .32 S&W Long (aka:7.65x23) was introduced to be used in S&W's new hand ejector revolver. It too was at first loaded with black powder but in the early 1900's a newer model of the .32 S&W Long Hand Ejector revolver was developed to use smokeless powder at the same chamber pressure. This cartridge was popular but as usual the next cartridge was the .32 H&R Magnum and then the Federal .327 Magnum cartridges. These all head space on the cartridge rim. The Short can be fired safely in all the 32 Long and Magnum revolvers. The 32 Long can be fired in the Magnum chambered revolvers but not the reverse but like the .38 Special and .44 Special can't handle the Magnum cartridges.

John Browning developed the .32 ACP cartridge which was a semi-rimmed straight walled cartridge for use in blow back designed semi-auto pistols and is still in use today. It cannot and

should not be used in the revolvers chambered for the .32 S&W short, .32 S&W Long, or .32 H&R Magnum. The 9mm Luger also called 9mm Parabellum is confused with the 9mm Largo but they are not same round and one cannot be substituted for the other. As I stated in the August article the guns chambered in 9mm Largo, which is not easily available, can use .38 Auto ammo. .38 Super ammo is loaded to a higher pressure which may damage older guns chambered in the 9mm Largo. The 38 Auto ammo is coming back but is still hard to find.

Always know the caliber of the gun and ammo you are using. The gun manufacturers are required to "clearly" mark the barrel with the caliber or gauge of ammo the barrel is designed for. Shotgun barrels are clearly marked with the gauge and length of shell the barrel will accept. A 12 ga. 2 3/4 inch barrel will not take a 3" magnum shell. Same is true of 16, 20, and 410 shotguns. Have fun shooting but be careful and know your caliber or gauge before you shoot.

**Quote of the Month**

*"The Second Amendment is timeless for our Founders grasped that self-defense is three-fold: every free individual must protect themselves against the evil will of the man, the mob and the state."*

*Tiffany Madison – Journalist with writings published in five outlets, including Washington Times, Policy Mic, Voices of Liberty, and The Libertarian Republic.*

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,

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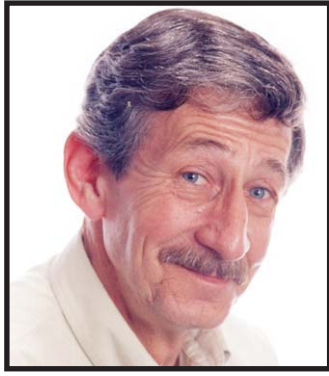


would like to just make a comment email me with your comments at [PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com](mailto:PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com). I'll answer your questions with the most up to date information available. Some answers may be included in this column as I'm sure there are others with the same question. No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

Remember, BSAR (Be Safe, Be Aware, Be Responsible)

Marshall Smith  
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

# Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

model at only \$xxxx" he replied.

"How much?" I shouted. "I didn't pay that much for my last used car. Do the people who buy these things use them to unplug their back yard oil wells"?

"You have to realize sir, that these are hand made rods."

"So is our patio deck but I couldn't get that much out of it."

Somewhat sarcastically, he replied, "We have some split bamboo models that are slightly more if you care to see them. The maker splits his own bamboo."

"So does a panda" I growled. When I asked him if he had anything in the \$29 range he moved to another prospect who had picked up the \$xxxx model and was waving it around like the radio antenna off a 1967 Volkswagen.

Next came the boating section. At one display sat a monstrous cruiser, a gleaming fiberglass sculpture that seemed to defy all laws of physical probability in getting it into the building. At the stern sat an attractive young lady by a sign that said "Please remove your shoes before boarding. Wait until a sales representative is available to accompany you". Standing on the fantail I asked her if she knew how difficult it was to get our galoshes off and back on. She smiled and apologized but said, it's the rule. "What's the price on this little tub" I asked.

Cheerfully she replied, "We have a show special at only \$xxx,xxx."

"How much? The Sheik of Kuwait couldn't afford this thing. What's the matter with you people? First it's \$xxxx fly rods and now a boat worth my entire income for the next 20 years. Haven't you noticed how many people come in here with mud on their shoes?"

"Yes sir, we have. That's the reason for the sign."

Next was a pair of hulls 25 to 30 feet long, each sporting engine compartments with a pair of huge V-8's. Another awe struck show goer asked a sales rep how fast the thing would go. "About 90 miles per hour and with a tweak of this hyperbolic modulating attenuator, over a hundred". There is an old saying that if you have to ask you can't afford it, so Tony asked. "Around \$xxx,xxx" or \$xxx,xxx less than the shoes off model.

"Now we're talking", Tony replied. "They're getting cheaper and if we look a little longer we'll find one in our price range". A half hour later we found it. Twelve feet from stern to bow it sported a pair of metal bench seats, a flat bottom, oarlocks and a price tag of \$xxx. "Do the oars come with it?" I asked. "Probably not, but if you'll buy one I'll buy the other and we'll save up for the boat."

Finally, we roamed into the camper section and wondered at some of the luxury accommodations available to those who wish to rough it. One unit even had a small garage just large enough for half of a Honda Civic. Muttering in disbelief, we left knowing that we had saved about three quarters of a million dollars that day by resisting temptation. Being poor isn't a sin, but having a garage in your camper is.

## THE COST OF BEING A SPORTSMAN

Have you ever really considered the costs of being a sportsman or woman? For instance, a bird hunter misses a shot and says, "Drats. That bird just cost me a buck-and-a-half for a shell". How often have you considered using snorkeling gear to retrieve an expensive lure off an underwater log? This month, as I watched our grass shrivel from a lack of rain I thought back to a previous Sport, Boat and Travel show where my son and I decided to see how the other half, the half that knows what it's doing, lives. With a press pass that gave us unlimited access to the show, not to mention free parking, it sounded like a smart financial thing to do. It was time to start planning for that years upcoming fishing season.

The show covered acres of square feet in six buildings. On display were myriads of fishing, hunting, boating and camping gear. While some hawked their wares or services, others conducted action displays of their equipment. One gentleman demonstrated a fish filleting device by placing a scrawny bluegill in a box and drawing a double bladed knife through it. Opening the box he withdrew two fillets about the size of postage stamps. "I've beat the water to a froth in an attempt to keep critters like that away from my bait" I whispered to Tony. I wondered if the device, although quite ingenious, could handle a fish longer than three inches.

We walked by row after row of booths displaying guided fishing and hunting trips and fishing gear of every shape and description. Of course, being purists of the fly rod discipline we scoffed at such artificial baits as "The Hawg" and other disdainful names. Imagine bringing a nice catch home and bragging about catching them on "The Hawg". Fly fishermen live by higher standards, using such creations as "Wooly Boogers" and "Humpy Hairwing". Eventually we found the display we were looking for. A rack of hand made fly rods held a fine selection of sticks that felt good in the hand. A salesman approached and began extolling the merits of his wares as I whipped a seven foot six over his head. "How much is this one" I asked. That one is an exceptionally fine

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Entrance to Peek n Peak Resort. (Author Photo)



Segways lined up getting ready for next trip out. (Author Photo)

## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### Adventures in Chautauqua County

I have been a member of the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers (AGLOW) for 20 years now. I didn't realize when I joined the organization how much it would change our lives. The annual AGLOW conference is held each year in various locations from North and South Dakota, to New York, including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, and others.

When attending these events, Susie and I were able to visit parts of the country we might not otherwise see. Besides local attractions, hunting and fishing outings are usually included in these trips. We took advantage of these opportunities whenever possible.

We found after attending a conference in any of these areas, the local Tourism Bureaus usually invited us back to sample more of their attractions and activities. This led to numerous trips back to Chautauqua County, New York. This area is located in the far western end of the state, and is about eight hours from central Indiana. We leave home around five in the morning, and arrive at our destination with time for an afternoon of fun to start our visit.

This county has a lot to offer to anyone interested in the outdoors. Our favorite spot is Chautauqua Lake. It is 13,000 acres, being 17 miles long and about two miles wide with a depth of 78 feet. We have fished it on numerous occasions catching many panfish, walleye, smallmouth bass, and one

musky. On one trip, we were fishing for musky. The weather wasn't cooperating, being cold and windy, so we cut our fishing short. As always, I had a back-up plan. We got our metal detectors out of the truck and spent several hours on the beach digging bottle caps, pull tabs, and coins. No jewelry, but we will look again on our next trip.

On another trip with a group of outdoor writers, I was fishing for smallmouth. We were using light tackle, with four pound test line. I was dragging some kind of rubber worm and had caught a dozen or so bass, all in the four to five pound range. I had another hit and started reeling. I told the guide I had a good one on, maybe a six or seven pounder.

With the light tackle, I had to be careful. When I finally got the fish to the boat, we looked down and it was a large musky. He saw the boat and immediately took off, taking most of my line with him. I slowly worked him (or her) back again, and the fish once again took off after seeing the boat.

On the fifth time, the fish was tiring and the guide grabbed the net. Unfortunately, the net was a small, one handed thing, suitable for bass. He tried to net the musky, but only half would go in and the fish slipped out and ran again. The sixth time was a repeat. The fish slipped the net and slowly swam away. Finally, on the seventh return to boat side, the guide placed the net under the fish and flipped him in the boat.

Immediately, the lure flew out of his mouth. The guide said he saw the hook just barely in his mouth on the fourth or fifth trip and he knew I would lose him if I tried to horse him to the boat. Fortunately, I have been catching muskies for over 40 years and have had some practice. He picked up a measuring stick. It was 16 inches long for bass. I reached in my pocket where I always carry a 39 inch tiny tape measure. That wasn't long enough. The fish was 41 and a half inches. No way to weigh him.

That same morning on Chautauqua Lake, two other writers caught muskies, both over 40 inches. One was fishing from a Hobie kayak and a nearby pontoon came over and netted the fish for him. We all took pictures and released them. The musky season was not in yet.

On another trip to Chautauqua County, we were fishing the eastern end of Lake Erie, near Buffalo. The weather was supposed to go downhill in a few hours, so the guide didn't take us very far into the lake. We had Elizabeth, the Director of Niagara

Falls Tourism Bureau with us. It was her first fishing trip, and it took several of us to talk her into going.

We immediately started catching fine smallmouth bass. All were over four pounds. Elizabeth quickly caught one and brought it to the boat. That was the only time I had ever saw anyone dance in a boat. Her first fish was a five pounder. We could look west and see a storm heading our way, so the guide moved us back closer to the dock. We continued fishing, catching, and moving toward the dock. We finally decided to head in before the storm arrived. That was the best smallmouth fishing day I had ever had, even though it was a short one.

There are many tributaries flowing through Chautauqua County. Steelhead are numerous and great to catch and large fish are numerous, whatever species for which you are fishing.

While I haven't done any hunting in the county yet, turkey, deer, and bear are plentiful. Archery season for deer and bear is open this month, and while I am a bowhunter for bear, I won't be able to go this year.

If hunting and fishing are not high on your list, (or you have extra time while there), Chautauqua County has many attractions to fill your visit to New York. We have hiked Panama Rocks, a scenic park with million year old rocks 60 feet high, with trails running through them. This park is only 15 minutes from Chautauqua Lake. For more details, go to [www.panamarocks.com](http://www.panamarocks.com).

We also spent a few days at Peek and Peak Mountain Adventures. This resort offers a tree top course with 69 obstacles, including cargo nets, ladders, zip lines (one 1400 feet long!), and eight different difficulty levels. Segway trails snake through the woods with instruction provided before heading out. Great amenities including pool, spa, and outstanding lodging can be found here and at [www.pknpk.com](http://www.pknpk.com).

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Susie on trail through Panama Rocks. (Author Photo)



Author with musky taken in Chautauqua Lake. Photographer unknown.



Another fine catch from Chautauqua Lake. (Author Photo)



New York State, Department of Environmental Conservation, trapping muskies in Chautauqua Lake for eggs for hatchery and restocking. (Author Photo)

## Roaming The Outdoors

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announced a plan to increase stocking in Indiana's Lake Michigan waters.

The new, interim plan comes in response to a recent Lake Michigan Committee (LMC) recommendation to increase lakewide stocking levels.

"Lakewide data indicates the predator-prey balance in the lake has improved," says Jeremy Price, DNR fisheries supervisor and Indiana's LMC representative, "and the size of the salmon out there certainly supports it."

Beginning in 2020, Indiana's stocking quota will increase by nearly 87,000 Chinook Salmon equivalents. Chinook Salmon equivalents are conversions fishery managers use to evaluate impacts of different salmonid species on prey fish populations.

The new stocking quota adds back about half of the cuts made in 2017, when DNR managers reduced Chinook Salmon and eliminated lake trout stockings from Indiana waters.

DNR plans to increase chinook stocking by 150,000 fish in 2020, a move made possible through the increase in stocking quota and additional reductions to stockings of steelhead and Coho Salmon.

Fall fingerling Skamania Steelhead will be discontinued on the Little Calumet River and substantial cuts to fall fingerling Coho stockings will be replaced with fewer, but larger, spring Coho yearlings. Similar changes on the St. Joseph River enacted in 2015 have

proven extremely successful at increasing salmon returns.

"The new plan gets us back to stocking chinooks annually at all three of our ports," says Ben Dickinson, DNR biologist for Lake Michigan. "When we cut Chinook stocking in 2017, we promised our anglers that we'd try our best to get back to three ports annually. Today we are pleased to deliver on that promise."

While some hatchery logistics still need to be resolved, the plan is mostly set for 2020. Price and Dickinson intend to take input from anglers on the plan through one or more public meetings this winter.

"We think most anglers will really like this strategy," Price says, "but we want to give folks an opportunity to tell us what they think before making this the stocking plan for 2021 and beyond."

Learn about Lake Michigan fishing at [wildlife.IN.gov/3625.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3625.htm).

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Central Zone: Oct. 19 – 20  
South Zone: Oct. 26 – 27

#### Veteran Waterfowl

North Zone: Oct. 12 – 13  
Central Zone: Oct. 19 – 20

South Zone: Oct. 26 – 27

#### Stay safe on the road – Look out for deer

As the days shorten and the breeding season for deer approaches, the chances of encountering deer on Indiana roadways increases significantly. Motorists should pay particular attention while driving to decrease the risk of collision. Deer-vehicle accidents can be minimized by practicing good defensive driving skills.

Staying aware and keeping the following information in mind can help motorists reduce their chances of becoming another deer-vehicle collision statistic:

Deer are most active between sunset and sunrise.

Deer often travel in groups. If you see one deer, another is likely nearby.

Be especially careful in areas where you have seen deer before.

Use high beams when there is no opposing traffic. Scan for deer's illuminated eyes or dark silhouettes along the side of the road.

If you see a deer, slow your speed drastically, even if it is far away.

Exercise extreme caution along wooded edges, at hills, and during blind turns.

Never swerve to avoid hitting a deer. Most serious crashes occur when drivers try to miss a deer, but hit something else.

#### Provide cover for wildlife this winter

As crisp autumn air arrives and reminds us that winter is around the corner, it is also a good time for Hoosiers to think about winter habitat for wildlife.

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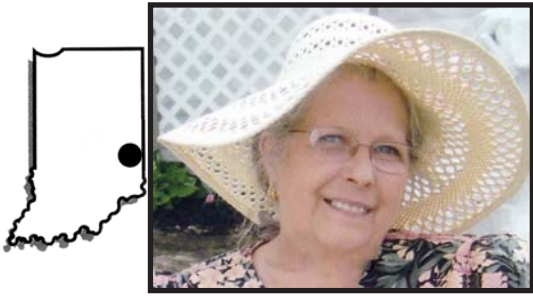


The birthplace of Oliver H. Smith is listed on National Registry of Historic Places.



Elmhurst, home of Oliver Smith

# Whitewater Valley History



by **Donna Schroeder**  
Fayette County Historical Museum

## Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

If you love history, you love old books, otherwise – how would you learn about history? Among the books at the museum is one called Early Indiana Trials and Sketches by O. H. Smith. It is a collection of trial history, humorous sketches, and stories of early Indiana.

Oliver Hampton Smith was born in 1794 in Burks County, Pennsylvania, (or near Trenton, New Jersey, depending on the source) the son of Thomas and Letitia Smith. His grandparents on both sides were friends and followers of William Penn and sailed with Penn to America. The Smiths were unpretentious people, and Oliver received a good common school education, although, somewhere along the way, he became a gifted writer, legislator, and attorney, much of it self taught.

When his father died in 1813, Oliver decided to explore the country. He had never been more than thirty miles from his home and tells of his astonishment and delight upon seeing New York City. After a while, he returned home and was employed for a year or so in a woolen mill.

Wanderlust overcame him again, and he made his way to Rising Sun, Indiana, in 1817. He then went to Lawrenceburg where he studied law and was admitted to the bar of the Dearborn County Court.

From there he went to Versailles where his first client was a farmer who was suing a neighbor who

had tapped the farmer's maple trees. Smith's client prevailed and was awarded a settlement of 12 1/2 cents. Smith's fee was \$2.50.

In 1820, Oliver came to Connersville to practice law and was asked to run for the state legislature. He won and was made Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. It was his first big assignment, and he was asked to speak. He writes that, upon being called upon to speak, he was able to only say "Mr. Speaker" before sinking to his chair, unconscious.

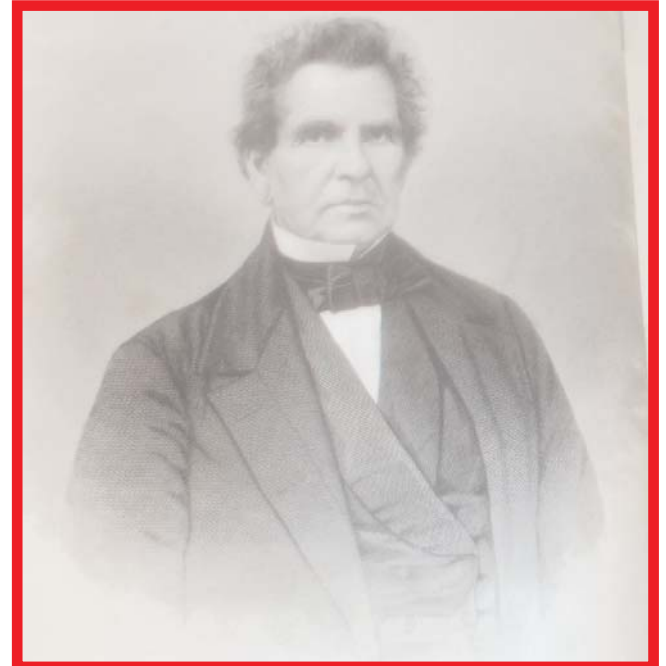
In 1824, he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney of the Third Judicial Circuit by Gov. Hendricks. He gives accounts of some of the most interesting cases in the state's history. He was elected to the United States Congress in 1826, serving for one term. His most notable accomplishment was persuading Congress to fund the building of the Cumberland Road.

During these years, he lived in Connersville. In November of 1821, he married Mary Brumfield in Wayne County. He built his beautiful home, known as Elm Farm. It consisted of two stories, with two rooms on the first floor and two on the second and a kitchen on the back. Afterwards, the home had several owners and several additions. It is now what we know as Elmhurst and is the home of the Masonic Lodge. He was active in the affairs of Connersville during his residence here. References are made to his contributions to various charitable causes.

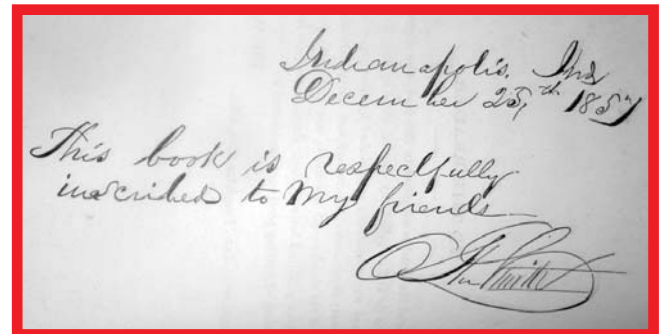
In 1836, he was elected to the United States Senate, serving one term. During that period, he sold Elm Farm and relocated to Indianapolis. He is the only United States Senator elected from Fayette County.

After one term in the Senate, he practiced law in Indianapolis. He also became involved in the railroads. His health began to fail about 1858, although it appears he continued to write articles for various Indiana newspapers until a few weeks before his death March 19th 1859.

In 1856, he wrote the above mentioned book. From the inscription in the front, we know that the one we have was given to an unnamed friend and was among the third one thousand printed. I suspect the friend may have been Elizabeth Page Edwards who insisted it not be taken from her library. Another name written in the book is



Portrait of Oliver H. Smith.



Signature of Oliver H. Smith

Cathcart, dated 1894, as well as the name of a donor in 1964. I believe the donor may have given the book to the museum at that time.

Oliver Smith is buried with his wife in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. Reprints of his book are available from several sources online. If you enjoy reading about early Hoosier history – everything from Indians to court cases to Smith's friendship with Davy Crockett, you should buy a copy for the long winter nights ahead.

Come visit Historic Connersville and our museum! We have something wonderful coming to our collection. More about that next month! We're located at 200 W. 5th Street in Connersville. Hours are 5 – 7 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. til 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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# News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard  
Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

## Thanks to all for Trail of Courage

The weather was perfect both days at the Trail of Courage Sept. 21-22, 2019. Many wonderful things happened during the Trail of Courage. One of the bad things is that I forgot to do several.

The day before the Trail, Bill took a photo of Sue Tyler's Trading booth but we forgot to email it to the newspaper so I am sending it now. Sue makes clever cloth dolls with no sewing. They are called church dolls because little girls took them to church to play with and if they dropped the dolls, no noise was made. I bought one for \$6. It is so pretty.

Eddie Joe Mitchell sent us a hand drum he made but I forgot and left it on my desk at the museum. I did remember to tell Janet Pearl about it so she could send him a thank-you note. Janet is secretary of the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association.

Chuck Young of Berlin Batterie won the Sentinel cup for best camp. There were only three men competing in the muzzle-loading shooting contests. I could not remember who the winner was. Thanks to Earl Whitaker, Range Officer, for remembering. The Best Over-all Shooter was Jim Messmer, Griffith, Indiana.

Thanks to Melinda Clinger for typing my script for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. I had written them last year but forgot to update them for this year.

Thanks to Bill Willard and George Godfrey for raising and lowering the flag each day.

Thanks to Rochester Mayor Ted Denton for presenting the Key to the City to Joan Carpenter McClellan, honored Potawatomi this year. And



Sue Tyler, Peru, Indiana, makes church dolls – lined up in her booth at the Trail of Courage at Fulton County Historical Society, Rochester. Church dolls are folded not sewn and do not make any noise if a little girl drops them in church. The Trail of Courage had its biggest attendance yet on Saturday Sept. 21, 2019. Next year it will be Sept. 19-20, 2020, always the third weekend of September. (Author Photo)

thanks to The Winning Edge for donating the Key to the City plaque.

Thanks to Joan McClellan to telling about crushed apricot seeds curing cancer.

Thanks to Karla Gregory for being the emcee on the Chippeway Village stage in the woods. Thanks to Bernadean Howard as emcee on the Hillside stage on Saturday and Kevin Kennedy on Sunday.

We extend condolences to participants who passed away this part year, including Paul Matovina, Jack "Spider" Sturken – blacksmith, Jenny Hoover, Robert Galley – rope maker, and any others we might have left out.

Thanks to the men who volunteered as tractor drivers to pull the trams around the parking field, giving rides to the public. Thaine Ratliff, Dave Nickels, Rich Rensberger, Paul McIntosh, Chuck Smith, Skeeter Daugherty, Vaughn Kepler, Dennis Johnson, Lonnie Cripe, Chris LaChance – I think I have everyone. This is a very important job and

requires looking all around for safety. And thanks to the tractor drivers who brought them from New Holland to the festival and returned them afterward: George Meyer, Jerry Grube, Bill Willard, Mike Mote, and Brian Ropp. Thanks to Jim Streater for lending three tractors.

Thanks to many people who volunteered to work, especially Jenny Parks, Shauna Dollinger, and Freddy Oden. Freddy installed water pipes and faucets from the well north of the culvert to the woods and the food booth. Thanks to Robert Wolfe, Lakeville, and others for donations to fund the water pipes.

Thanks to the many people who worked at the food booths and helped prepare and cook the foods. Everything was delicious!

There are so many who work unrecognized to make the Trail of Courage happen. I just want to acknowledge as many as possible. Thank you all! ■

## Roaming The Outdoors

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Naturally, decaying leaves, grass clippings, and dead wood are great resources for wildlife in winter. As a bonus, broken down plant matter releases valuable nutrients back into the soil.

Leave fallen leaves alone - Birds such as robins and thrushes seek out insects overwintering in leaves for

winter food. Leaves can also serve as insulation and cover for wildlife such as eastern box turtles and red bats, both of which are species of special concern in Indiana.

Don't cut back tall wildflower or grass stems - Quail and pheasants, among other wildlife species, can use wildflower or grass stems from the previous growing season as nesting material. These stems also house overwintering pollinators.

Build brush piles or leave dead trees - Decaying woody vegetation and brush piles can be a great source of winter cover. Standing dead trees, called snags, provide nesting spaces for many birds and mammals. Downed logs can retain heat and moisture in winter months, providing habitat for salamanders and frogs. Brush piles can protect species, such as rabbits, snakes, and some birds from harsh winter conditions.

For more information contact your district biologist

at [wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm).

### Thank you, turkey brood observers

Earlier this summer, Indiana DNR asked the public to report sightings of turkey hens with poults. These brood surveys inform wild turkey management efforts statewide.

For 2019, biologists received a total of 1,195 usable observations from 409 participants. This was a 47% increase in observations and a 76% increase in participants from 2018. In 2019, there were only nine counties without a single report, compared to 20 in 2018. Thank you to those who participated or intended to participate.

Results indicated that this was not an ideal summer for turkey brood production. Overall brood production was down 21% with all regions of the state showing some decline, likely due to above-normal precipitation

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Justin Smith Cutting Limb Above House & Garage.



Justin securing limb with safety strap to cage.



Justin safely dropping limb away from roof as Dustin Creech drags limbs away.



Jack Smith feeding limbs into the Chipper.

## Jack Smith & Son Tree Service

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson

For the second time, except this time it wasn't an ice storm that a limb from a maple tree in our backyard on School Street fell and brought down my neighbors power and telephone line September 3, 2019.

Coming to my aid again was Jack Smith and Son Tree Service on Wednesday September 4, 2019. I had to be gone that day delivering papers, so Sherry took care of everything on our end. Their crew included Jack and Justin Smith plus Dustin Creech. Before this happened Jack had come to give us an estimate on trimming our trees a month or so earlier.

So as it worked out they not only trimmed the limbs that caused the power outage, but also was able to trim both of our maple trees. Working on them

both Wednesday and Thursday cutting out dead limbs and other limbs that could eventually cause problems in the future. I was able to be there on Thursday, September 5th, having finished my deliveries that day early. When I arrived Jack had left for a bit, Justin was still trimming limbs. He asked me to see what they had done and wanted to know if I saw anything I wanted them to do. So I looked and told him about a couple limbs I would like cut out, especially the big limb that was still looming over

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Justin agreed and began cutting those limbs. I was very impressed especially when I watched how meticulously he handled the limbs above the roofs. He had heavy belt straps he hung the large limbs onto the cage platform then moving it away from the roof before dropping them to the ground. As he dropped them Dustin moved them to the chipper. They had a very smooth operation as they cleaned up the yard as they worked. Then Justin tackled a large limb that grew precariously above house and garage. As he cut the many sections it took all the way back to the tree trunk, he hung one or two pieces on straps and also carried one in his arms away from the roofs before dropping them to the ground.

Jack returned and the three of them worked tirelessly removing the smaller limbs leaving the big one for last. It was an ominous looking limb. But Justin made short work of it. The precision of his cutting each piece indicated to me that Jack had trained him very well. When the last piece fell, the three went about cleaning up every piece, even raking the yard leaving me with nothing to do except marvel at their workmanship.

I highly recommend Jack Smith and Son Tree Service if you need trees trimmed or cut down. Take note though, he is very busy and that is understandable given the fact that he does such a good job for his customers and does it at a reasonable price.

Call him at 765-220-1262, tell him you read about him in The Gad-a-bout.

**MAN CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE HUNTING VIOLATIONS**

(Putnam County) David R. McCollough, age 37, of Greencastle was charged with multiple hunting violations after a long investigation conducted by Indiana Conservation Officers.

The investigation stemmed from a complaint of hunting from an off-road vehicle (ORV) and trespassing on Nov. 18, 2018 during the time McCollough had claimed to have killed a trophy class deer. Electronic check station records revealed inconsistent reporting of the deer killed by McCollough. An interview with McCollough revealed additional discrepancies in his hunting activities.

Search warrants were issued and served on the cellular phone in McCollough's possession. Data retrieved from the phone account revealed text messages sent by McCollough earlier in the day of the alleged incident expressing intent to hunt without obtaining a valid hunting license. Other text messages sent by McCollough to two additional phone numbers that afternoon described him killing the deer and were time-stamped approximately 45 minutes prior to him purchasing the appropriate license online.

The Putnam County Prosecutor's Office filed multiple hunting-related criminal charges. The monetary value of the deer is estimated at \$4,500 due to its size. The deer was forfeited to Indiana Conservation Officers as a portion of the agreement established by the Putnam County Prosecutor's Office.

All charges are merely accusations, and defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Information on Indiana's hunting regulations is at [hunting.IN.gov](http://hunting.IN.gov).

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through much of June. We hope this year's participants continue to help us monitor turkey brood production into the future and encourage others to report their sightings.

**Waterfowl counts are underway**

Indiana DNR has conducted waterfowl counts during fall and winter migration since 1986. In most areas, counts are performed from the last week of August through January to gather migration data during potential waterfowl hunting seasons. Waterfowl counts occur on several fish & wildlife areas (FWAs), Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, and two southern Indiana rivers.

During the monitoring period, FWA property staff follow a mapped route and record all waterfowl observations once a week. Staff send property data to the waterfowl biologist. The river counts occur on two segments: one in the South Zone and one in the Central Zone. The segments are flown in a helicopter only from November through January because waterfowl usage of the rivers is very low until ponds and marshes begin to freeze.

Three-year averages of data are used to determine when migration occurs in each waterfowl hunting zone. This information helps time hunting season with the likely peak migration each year. In addition, data are posted online to share bird usage at the various participating properties. Waterfowl counts are not a census of all birds in the state at any given time; rather, count data provide an index of migration at the zone scale. Waterfowl usage of individual locations can vary widely depending on many factors.

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This is Cade Pershing (8) showing off one of his many crappies he caught in the Salamonie Reservoir. He had a great time fishing and was lucky enough to have Tony Colgan captain the boat!. (Ryan Pershing Photo)

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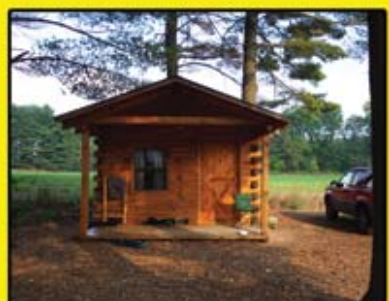
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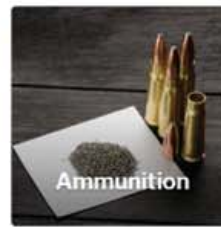
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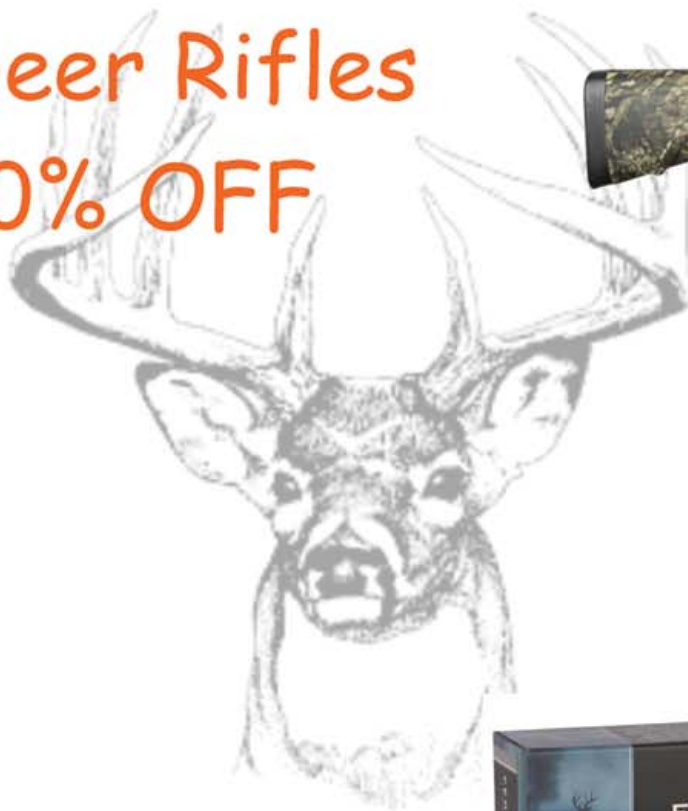


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