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Top Left: If you are from Indiana, and you have fished for any length of time, the name Gary Hardwick is synonymous with fishing. I was fortunate to spend time with Gary and his wife Jean recently, and understand why he is considered a fishing legend. This man has forgotten more than most of us will ever know about fishing! Trust me when I say, he hasn't forgotten much! See page 24-25 (**Gary Hardwick Photo Reprinted here with permission of Indiana Bass Federation President & Ken Bortlein 9-13-2019**)
Top Right: United Methodist Minister Ted Chalk tells my readers how he got to be our Minister in Centerville, Indiana. In his words - My name is Ted Chalk and I am privileged to be the pastor of Centerville United Methodist Church and Richmond First United Methodist Church. I was appointed to First United Methodist in July of 2013 and to Centerville in July of 2016. There is much to be

excited about doing ministry with the faithful servants of both churches. See pages 13 - 16 (**Photo by Ray Dickerson**)
Bottom Left: Fields Shooting Preserve is taking reservations now for the upcoming hunting season. The Licensed Shooting Preserve is owned and operated by Fields Outdoor Adventures, LLP. Ryan Fields is the manager, Mark and Jason Fields are co-owners. See Page 18-19. (**Photo by Ryan Fields**)
Bottom Right: On Saturday, August 24th we hosted our second Bozarth Crappie Tournament of the 2019 season. 2019 season got off to a rocky start as all three lake properties had above summer pool levels. The lake levels have returned to summer pool properties. We had a total of 17 teams entered to compete on what turned out to be a nice August day in Indiana. See Page 20. (**Photo by Ryan Pershing**)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson
The Gad-a-bout

PICKLEBALL
THE LATEST SENIOR PAST TIME

My wife and I eat out a lot. Several times a week we will go out and buy a meal, usually supper. Than go park in Clear Creek Park in Richmond to just sit, eat and relax. It's quiet there and we used to enjoy watching squirrels, birds and an occasional person hikin' through the park.

A couple years ago or longer we noticed folks walking around throwing frissbies long distances. That got our attention because we couldn't figure out why they were doing that. Then we saw some strange looking round objects with chains hanging around them. We watched closer as a couple guys threw their frissbies toward the yellow objects.

Couldn't figure out how they scored or if they ever accomplished anything, but at least they were getting exercise.

A little time later the Park Department took out all the playground equipment and built back a beautiful new playground. Wasn't long and droves of families was using the new playground.

A few weeks later or longer the Park Department removed the Tennis courts and put a new layer of pavement on top. Scuttle-butt was that they were putting in Pickleball Courts. I asked Sherry, "What's Pickleball?" She told me she had heard about it, but didn't know what it was, only that she had friends who played it.

A week or two later the Park Department put up what looked like new Tennis Court nets. A few days later they had painted lines on the pavement. Then they put a fence completely around the pavement.

A few days later when we went to our usual parking spot a lone guy was hitting yellow balls from one side to the other. There was a sign that read "Pickleball Courts" another read "Open Play" with times posted.

A week later when we arrived at the park a slew of folks, mostly Senior Citizens littered the eight courts. They were hitting large yellow plastic balls with what looked to me as a large ping pong paddle.

Since then the crowd has grown.

Guess what though, for some reason we don't see any squirrels, birds nor butter flies in the park anymore. Guess I will have be content to watch the squirrels in my back yard from now on or buy pick- leball equipment and join the crowd. I used to love playing ping pong.

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Pickleball Courts at Clear Creek Park in Richmond, Indiana. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

viewed on Page 26 in full color. The second one is a Cookie Walk sponsored by the Edwards Memorial United Methodist Women on Saturday, December 14, 2019.



Photo of Methodist Minister Ted Chalk's Sermon for Sunday September 15, 2019. I think it was aptly named for people like me who miss attending Church due to not "Overcoming My Own Stuff, like deadlines - See History of Methodist Church. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

HISTORY OF THE CENTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN THIS ISSUE

Really, where did this come from.....

For a very long time I have wanted to attend church again, but old habits are hard to break when you can come up with enough excuses not too. Like my missing Church today due to sending this Gad-a-bout issue to the printer by my set deadline. I think Pastor Ted Chalk is on the right track. This is the second Sunday I missed Church using the excuse of sending the layout to my printer. I will have to try and get it done more quickly in the future.

The very first church I remember attending in Centerville was the Friends Church that was next door to my Aunt Kate's house on south Morton, it's now a Baptist Church.

I barely remember going to my cousin Barbara's wedding in the Centerville Methodist Church.

Somewhere along the line I began attending
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October Fishing in Brookville Lake

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fish get their second wind.

In the summer, striped bass white bass and wall-eye will hang close to the thermocline. As surface temperature gets in the 70's and into the 60's these same fish will be kind of released to go to the surface and chase bait at will. This pattern will hold true till the lake starts to be drawn down for winter pool. The Army Corps of Engineers draws the lake down 8 feet starting in the fall on or about October 15th.

The entire Brookville lake complex is built for the level of the lake to be at 748 feet above sea level. The Corps. tries to maintain this level starting in late April till October 15th. If you can remember the lake was up over summer pool by 6 feet three or four times this summer, and every time the lake was drawn back down to 748 feet above sea level. This is how the Corps. controls flood waters, not only in and around Brookville, but the Ohio river as well. You always should remember the lake is a flood control project first. Brookville lake and several acres around it are owned by the federal government. The federal government leased the lake and property around it to the state of Indiana. The state of Indiana has the Department of Natural Resources to maintain it. But the overlook, control tower, the dam and everything below it to about state road 101 bridge is all controlled by the Army Corps of engineers.

As far as fish go, if the lake is coming up the fish are on the banks. If the lake is going down it pulls fish off the banks. The problem I have and you will too is as soon as the shallow bite starts to get good the lake starts to be drawn down to winter pool. Now the fish think the lake is drying up so they move out and suspend over deep water. But wait, there's more. In the summer time, there is a thermocline that prevents the fish from going deep due to the lack of oxygen. In October, you have what is known as fall turn over. This is where the surface temperature gets colder and heavier, it sinks through the deep water re-oxygenat-



Woody Fox New Palestine Indiana with a nice walleye. (Author Photo)

ing the water all the way to the bottom. So now when the fish move out to the deep water due to winter draw down, they can hold close to the bottom instead of suspending over deep water. What this means to us as fisherman is now their catchable. Don't give up on that shallow bite though, after a while fish will get use to this draw down and occasionally chase bait into the shallows. The entire ecosystem in the lake knows that cooling water means winter is coming. Some animals put on the feed bag while they can while other animals like bugs worms and crawdads merely hibernate. Keep this in mind when choosing what to fish with.

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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

State Fair a Great Success

I write this in late August and wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone who stopped by our information booths at the State Fair this year. I was in the north informational booth for the first eight days of the fair and had a lot of people stop in to say hello. Some of my visitors included my Centerville High School Principal from back in 1979, James Howell and his son Brad, and even a high school classmate Mark Gossett and his wife Kim, who graduated a year after us. You just never know who you might see at the Indiana State Fair.

If you've ever been to the state fair you know you'll see the Indiana State Police all over the grounds, as well as at three information booths. It's a great detail for a lot of reasons, with one being that you get to work with troopers from all over the state. It's actually become like a family reunion of sorts for us as we get to visit with troopers we may only see once a year. Those of us that volunteer to work the fair will tell you the best part is being able to interact with folks while still being visible and present in case you need something.

As always I had several unique photo opportunities, including my yearly photo with "Billy the Soybean" who I think was about to collapse from heat exhaustion; County 4H queens and even a photo with Spiderman and Captain America. People literally come from all over the world to visit the fair, as I met folks from the U.K., Taiwan and Finland. We had a family from Illinois tell us how nice our fair was, and how much more they enjoyed our fair than theirs.

Everyone was kind and upbeat as always, and it was great seeing some of the same smiling faces whether on trash crews, parking crews, shuttle crews or vendors. Two dollar Tuesdays remains the top day to visit, as it's more economical to get in and to eat at the fair. If you've never been to the ISF you should plan a family outing next year. If you do go, make sure to stop at the north booth

and say hello to myself and Master Trooper Randy McPike. Lots of folks did this year, and I had several mention the Gadabout!

Harvest Time Safety

With all the rain we had late this spring and early summer, crop harvest is running late this year. But it's still good to remind folks that harvest time is approaching and to watch out for farm equipment on our roadways. The Indiana State Police offers the below safety tip reminders.

Tips for farmers:

- Have all lighting and placards on your equipment as required by law.
- When parking equipment along the road while in the field, make certain it is visible at night.
- Avoid traveling on state and U.S. highways during rush hour traffic.
- Wear reflective or Hi-Viz clothing when working in low light conditions, so as to be seen by motorists and farm workers.
- Indiana Code 9-21-5-7, Motor vehicles driven at a slow speed impeding or blocking traffic, requires operators of vehicles being driven on a roadway of not more than one lane in each direction, at a speed below the posted limit, to move over to the right at their first opportunity if three or more vehicles are following, to allow those vehicles to safely pass.

Tips for motorists:

- Be patient when traveling behind farm equipment; farmers have the same rights as automobile drivers to operate their equipment on the roads.
 - When approaching farm equipment from the opposite direction, pull to the right of the traveled portion of the road and allow the equipment to pass.
- Always be cautious when approaching farm equipment parked on the side of the road. Someone may be getting into or out of the equipment or performing maintenance.

Be especially vigilant in watching for farm equipment on two lane roads, and around dusk when conditions can make the equipment harder to see.

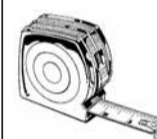
Pendleton Trooper Promoted to Sergeant

Indianapolis – Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter recently announced the promotion of Pendleton Trooper Earnest Paige Jr. to the rank of Sergeant, to be transferred to the Human Resource Division to serve as an Employment Services Section Coordinator. Paige was chosen for his new position based upon a competitive selection process that included written testing, oral interview, seniority, education, and past job performance.

Earnest Paige Jr., a five year member of the Indiana State Police, is originally from Fort Wayne and graduated from R. Nelson Snider High School in 2006. Paige then attended Indiana State University receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2011. He went on to get a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice graduating in 2013.

In November 2013 Paige attended the Indiana State Police Academy, graduating in May 2014. Upon graduation he was assigned to the Pendleton District as a road trooper. In addition to his duties as road trooper Paige has served as a member of the Mobile Field Force, been a Speed Timing Device Instructor and a Digital Media Recovery Specialist. In his new position he will be facilitating the hiring process for Troopers, Capitol Police and Motor Carrier Inspectors as well as serving as a recruiter and other administrative duties. ■

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

ADULT GAMES CAN BE DANGEROUS

(Years ago people could make a game out of most anything. Today, it would be a rare person who would agree to a friendly contest using dried cow chips.)

Some people consider hunting dangerous for the hunter and fishing as hazardous for the fisherman. Statistics show that fewer hunters shoot themselves in the foot than bowlers who drop the ball on their foot. And fewer fishermen get shark bit than golfers who get conked on the noggin by another player's ball.

On a recent holiday I watched a group of people playing a game using four inch square bags filled with corn and tilted platforms with a hole in them. The idea was to toss the bag from about fifteen feet distance and try to hit the hole. If the bag stayed on the slanted surface but did not enter the hole, a point was scored. If it went into the hole the thrower got two points. I watched for a while and decided to try it. How hard could it be to toss a square bag into an eight inch diameter round hole? I might as well been trying to heave a watermelon into a thimble for all the good my efforts produced. For one thing, a square wobbly bag filled with corn is anything but aerodynamic. The stupid things would appear to be right on target and then veer off, either to the right or left and land completely off the board. A friend standing next to me as I threw a temper tantrum said, "It's the wind. You have to compensate for the wind." Maybe so, but I figured the only wind was coming from the person who invented the game. There is one consolation, however. The farmers who supply the corn for those little bags must be making out like bandits.

Other so-called adult games can be no less frustrating. A while back my wife and I joined another couple for a night of friendly competition in a game called either Strategy or War. In the ensuing

drama, I've forgotten which it was. The idea was to attack certain countries held by the competition, defeat their forces and hopefully control the whole world in the end. As it progressed, things started to get out of hand until we resorted to name calling and accusations of cheating and playing dirty. We stopped short of fisticuffs, but barely, and I swore never to play again. I know that other so-and-so cheated me out of Austria but I couldn't prove it. I got even that night by sneaking back and feeding his dog some food laced with Ex-Lax.

Anyone who has ever played croquet, even though it has sunk into antiquity, will remember how risky it was to knock an opponent's ball off the court when that someone was armed with a big wooden club. I was surprised the insurance companies ask, "do you play croquet?" when it came to applying for a life insurance policy. The game was far more hazardous than smoking. The same could be said for volleyball. If you were tending the net and failed to spike the ball over the net and break an opponent's nose, you became persona non grata with your team mates. And heaven help you if you failed to get an easy return and lost the match. It would be easier to leave town than put up with years of reminders of your transgression.

Then comes tennis. Normally considered a gentle game matching the skills of players against one another, it can turn ugly in a heart beat. Try this. Wait until your wife lobs an easy one over the net and then drive it back with the speed of a rifle bullet. Prepare to duck an incoming racket or expect to eat leftovers and Twinkies for the next week. And by all means try to control your own temper. There is nothing sadder than an expensive tennis racket that has just been used to swat the backstop after a lousy return. The same rules apply to Badminton but sometimes with less violent results. The normal laws of physics do not allow for a feather covered, rubber nosed "bird" to get stuck in the net every time you hit it, no matter at what angle you swat the thing. Those things are about as aerodynamic as a fluff ball on a dandelion. You can swat it hard enough to pull a hamstring in your leg and it will fly about ten feet, stop in midair and fall on your side of the net. That is, until the competition hits it and you have to climb up on your neighbor's roof to retrieve it. No wonder we aren't assaulted with National Badminton Championships on t.v. That would be about as exciting as watching chrome rust on a bumper.

The next time you engage in an "adult" game, just remember that it is only a game. If you take it seriously, you'll end up with either a broken nose, a busted tennis racket or possibly a divorce. It just isn't worth it unless you see that you have a sure chance of winning. The it's full speed ahead and darn the torpedoes. I'm a little cautious about mentioning bowling again. ■

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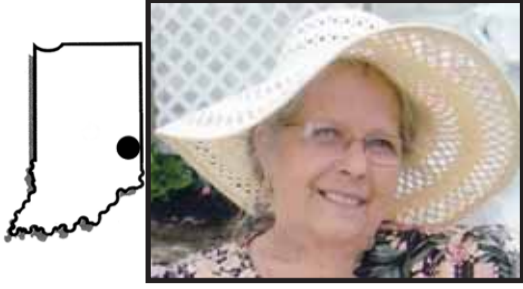
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Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder
Fayette County Historical Museum

Over the Creek & Through the Woods

If you've been following my column, you might remember that I've been researching the Revolutionary War veterans buried in Fayette County, Indiana, along with the cemetery commission and the DAR chapter. We had a book that was published many years ago, but the modern age of computers has allowed us to update much of our information, including finding that some we thought were here just aren't.

Among the interesting stories is the tale of one dear old man who went west to visit a son. He walked outside, commented on the beauty of that part of the country, and died. According to newspaper accounts, it happened that the Grand Army of the Republic (Civil War vets) were meeting nearby. They gathered, and he was buried with full military honors. Because his widow was here, the writers of the book surmised that he died and was buried here. As it turns out, she then went west to live with the son and is buried with her husband. We've found a couple of others who also went elsewhere and are buried outside the county.

My interest was drawn to the name of Jonathan Gillam (sometimes listed as Gilliam) who came to Fayette County in a very early time. He was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in 1743, joined the army in August of 1775, and served until 1779. According to a family history, he served at Valley Forge with Washington where his feet were frozen and amputated. He was twice married, and was the father of twelve children.

The book we have says that he was the first settler in Columbia Township, this county, and that the cabin he built was still standing in 1976. The pictures of the cabin were so dark and blurry that we couldn't use them for a reprint, so I set off in search of the land and the cabin. Having found it, the next step was to talk to the owner.

The site is on private property in the southern part of the county, and once we explained the reason for the visit, he was kind enough to show us the cabin. He said it was just a little way through the woods and across the creek. Let me tell you -



Jonathan was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in 1743. These photos are of the place he called home here in Fayette County from about 1810 until his death in March of 1835. (Author Photos)

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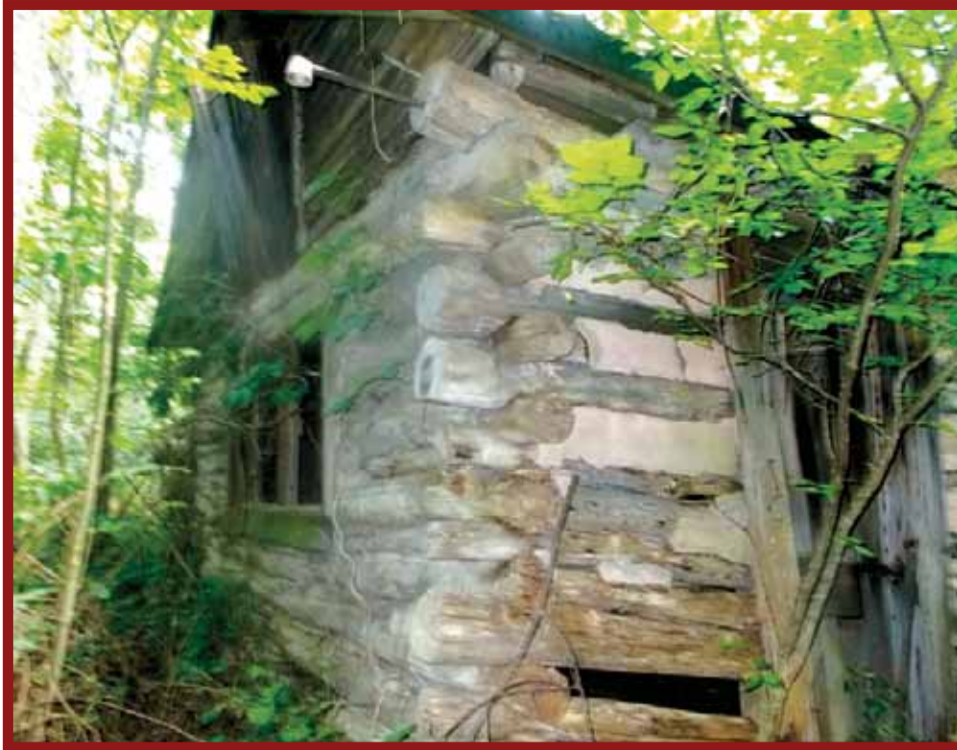
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a little way is a lot farther if you're pushing seventy as opposed to barely thirty! Nevertheless, off we went. The path took us through the woods and through the creek twice.

Finally, we reached our destination! As you can see from the photos, the structure is in sad shape, but not bad for being about 200 years old. It was as described. There have been alterations over the years, and the floor has disintegrated, but you can see the shallow cellar where it was said the family hid when the Indians were close. The cabin is one room and originally had a loft for sleeping.

The rest of the story is also interesting. A history of neighboring Franklin County says that Elder William Tyner held services in the homes of many of the members of Little Cedar Baptist Church, including the cabin of Jonathan and Mary Gillam. The book says the cabin was built of hand planed poplar which might explain how it has remained standing all this time.

Nearby, by the creek, was a cemetery where members of Jonathan's family and some of his neighbors were laid to rest. Over time, the creek flooded and also changed course, and the graves began to wash into the creek, so they were moved to another nearby cemetery that's on a hill. Jonathan was said to be an extremely tall man, and descendants who witnessed the move said it was easy to tell which body was his because of the size.

The cabin will stand as long as it stands, but Jonathan Gillam, his service as a patriot, and his pioneer spirit will not be forgotten. I hope you enjoy his story and the photos of the place he called home from about 1810 until his death in March of 1835.

Although you can't visit this site, there's lots to see and do in our county. Next month I hope to tell you of some exciting new exhibits at the Fayette County Historical Museum.

Come visit us soon!

Roaming The Outdoors

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Sunday School at the Methodist Church and continued off and on until 1956 when I got to know Reverend Lyle Rasmussen. He, his wife Jean and kids lived in the Methodist Parsonage that used to be located between the red brick house on the corner of South Morton and West Walnut and Kenny Stough's house on the west side of the Parsonage house. That Parsonage house was torn down and that is where the church parking is now.

Anyway you can read about the history of the Methodist Church on Page 13 thru 16. I am putting memories of Reverend Lyle Rasmussen separately on Page 17. Originally he was part of my 4-page Centerfold but decided it would be better to separate the two so there would be room enough to have Ted's, Jan's, Adam's and Lori's information completely in the 4-Page Centerfold Pull-out in case some of the readers might want to take the centerfold out and save it for their archives or a keep sake.

Since attending the United Methodist Church the first time in a long while on July 21, 2019 I've enjoyed it. The Pastor Ted Chalk is an interesting fellow and the folks attending there are very friendly and refreshing to know. I hope to attend, at least as regular as possible as long as I am publishing The Gad-a-bout, which missing once a month to send it to the printer seems to be a trend. I will try to get it finished on Saturday evening instead of Sunday like this issue as time goes along.

A special note and thanks to Reverend Ted Chalk, Adam Stevenson, Lori Snyder and Jan Hofmann who made it possible for me to put together this story about the Centerville United Methodist Church. It has been a very interesting experience.

I look forward to writing about some other people I remember from the past. One in particular is "Bessie Buhl" whose name appeared before me in a strange location on Saturday, August 31st at



Miss Bessie Buhl's Eclectic Gardens in Centerville, Indiana and the former home of Bessie Buhl. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Farmer's Park Festival on a chalk board in the booth of the Eclectic Gardens that was set up there. It wasn't such a strange location after I learned that the business location of Eclectic Gardens in Centerville is the former home of Miss Bessie Buhl. I remember her name vaguely from my memories from the Centerville Methodist Church. So that is yet to be written. The future is going to be an interesting time, at least for a while anyway. Bob Blue told me he remembers Bessie Buhl. I told him we need to talk. I found that the Centerville Library had quite a few things on her in their archives.

COUNTY BONUS ANTLERLESS QUOTAS LOWERED DUE TO EHD

Indiana DNR has reduced the County Bonus Antlerless Quotas (CBAQ) for deer hunting in the affected areas in southern Indiana to a maximum of two because of the effect of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) on the deer herd this year.

The CBAQ of counties that already have quotas of two or fewer will remain the same. The Special Antlerless Firearms Season is only allowed in counties marked in green on the CBAQ map. These counties previously had a county bonus antlerless quota

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Visitors to Van Wimmer's Indianapolis show have a variety of booths to visit.



Van Wimmer talking to one of the many visitors this will be his last show in Indianapolis.

21st Annual Indianapolis Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

October 04-06, 2019

by Ray Dickerson

The 21st Annual Indianapolis Fall Bead, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show on October 04-06, 2019 will be Van and Rose Wimmer's final Gem Show at Indianapolis. The hours for this show are the same 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Their show will be held in the Agriculture/Horticulture Building located in the Indiana State Fairgrounds at 1202 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The adult admission is \$5 per ticket. Your ticket is good for all 3 days.

There is no admission charge for children under sixteen (16) they are admitted for free.

You can find out more information by visiting their website: <http://www.toteshows.com> or by

calling (540) 384-6047.

Sherry and I will be spending the day with Van and Rose on Sunday, October 6th. They have advertised in The Gad-a-bout for many years and we will miss seeing them. They have come all the way from Virginia for both a Spring and Fall Gem Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. They have been a great asset to the local economy and provided superb quality in gems and jewelry.

So if you are a collector or jewelry enthusiast you will be able to find some of the most unique gems, beads and yes even meteorite's - from around the world at these shows.

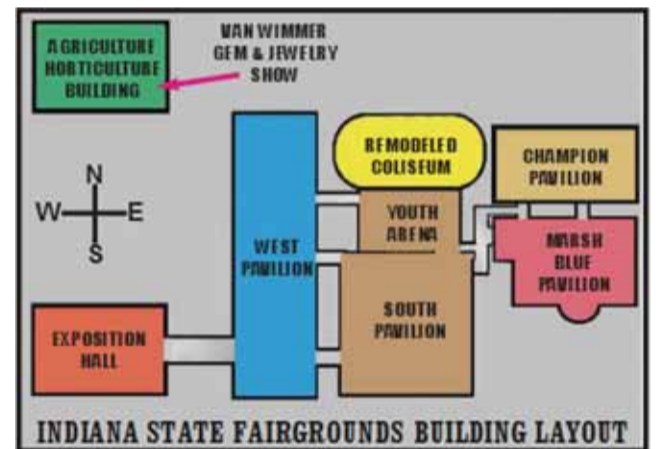
Other services and products at the show include: Custom-made jewelry and jewelry repair or alterations by gold and silversmiths.

Wire wrap, wire sculpture and gem trees, some of which the dealers demonstrate making at the show. Show go'ers often bring stones to have them mounted and much, much more.

Classes will be available.

Mineral and fossil dealers, who will sell rocks from \$1 and up.

The Wimmer's hope you enjoy their shows as



much as they do providing them for you. Check out their Website www.toteshows.com/ for a complete list of upcoming shows, Door Prizes & Mailing List, Links to their show dealers.

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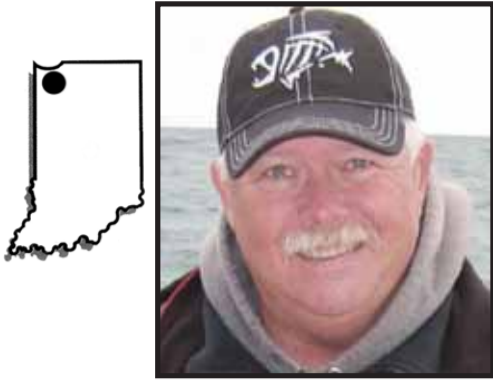
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

QUICK AND EASY LICENSING NEEDED

I probably buy more fishing licenses than most people. Fishing in only a half dozen different states each year is a "slow" year for me and though I've never kept track, I'm sure I've had a year or two when I fished in twice that many states. I don't object to paying for the privilege - even when I think it's a



A license is required. Why make it hard to get?. (Author Photo)

bit expensive.

Due to the strict rules in effect regarding how fishing (and hunting) license fees can and can't be used, it's not like my \$3.00 per day non-resident one-day license in West Virginia or my \$26.90 per day non-resident tag for Pennsylvania is destined to fund roads, social welfare programs or higher education in either state. License funds charged by state fish and wildlife programs have to be dedicated to managing and enhancing the fish and wildlife populations in that state.

It's an easy formula to follow - more license money collected - more money to fund fisheries work. However, there's one side affect to consider in this formula. The cost of doing the work needed to get done by fisheries agencies goes up each year.

License fees don't go up each year - so the fish departments are always facing looming budget shortfalls.

The only thing which could mitigate this would be if these agencies were selling enough additional licenses each year to make up for the shortfalls. They aren't. In most states, license sales are stagnant and even in states with growing populations the license sales aren't growing along with the population.

There are lots of fingers pointing in lots of directions when it comes to figuring why license sales are static. There's increased urbanization, more single parent homes, more emphasis on team sports and less on outdoor recreation in schools, Millennials and Gen X,Y or Z people are more attuned to digital entertainment than reality based opportunities - to just name a few.

Reversing many of these societal trends is beyond the scope of most fish and wildlife agencies or even fishing and hunting advocate groups. There's one thing which could be changed at the agency level and that's how their fishing and hunting licenses are sold.

Since I'm a frequent license buyer, I participate as a consumer in the process of buying a fishing license in different parts of the country. I've seen the good, the bad and the ugly of the "process" and I emphasize the word "process" purposely.

When's the last time you went to a grocery store to undergo the "process" of purchasing enough food and supplies to make a meal? When's the last time you purchased something online and when done you thought, "Whew, I'm glad I'm done with that 'process.'"

If state fisheries departments are funded through license sales, why do they make getting a license a process? Is it a process to buy a ticket to a movie - online or at the box office? Is it a process to pay green fees to play a round of golf? It's harder to find a parking place at major amusement parks than to pay the admissions fee.

Almost all state fisheries agencies have signed-on to the R3 agenda being promoted at the national level by the American Sportfishing Association. R3 stands for Recruit, Retain and Reactivate. Each agency has allocated thousands of dollars for R3 including hiring full-time R3 program personnel.

All these agencies have special events and programs to convince non-anglers to try fishing as a sport (R1), to convince this year's license buyer to buy one next year (R2) and to convince people who once fished more or less regularly to start fishing again (R3). I'm not questioning any of these efforts, but each one of them starts with the "hassle" of buying a fishing license. I'm sure easing the licensing "process" would aid each of the three Rs.

There's no reason purchasing a fishing or hunting license shouldn't be as simple, quick and accessible as purchasing fishing equipment online to use on your next fishing trip or a sandwich at Subway to snack on while you are fishing.

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Power Fish into Fall

Fall can be a great time of year to go bass fishing. While some anglers are laying down their rods and reels to get geared up for the fall hunting season, others are still on the lake catching large numbers of fish. The fishing pressure has dropped dramatically leaving vulnerable bass looming the shallows ready to strike. In the fall bass are scattered around the lake following pods of shad and fishing with lures that have the ability to cover water will yield the most success this time of year.

So the big question is: Where do I start looking? Fall is about finding the bait. If the bait is there then most of the time the bass will follow. All summer we have witnessed bass feeding on schools of shad on the main lake body of water. Now the water is cooling and you should start to see shad working their way back into the creeks. We start our fishing at the mouth of a pocket and work our way toward the back until we stop seeing shad on the surface or marking them on the depth finder. Once the shad are located we will start covering water with a topwater presentation. Matching the hatch is always good, but this time of year we like to throw larger faster moving surface lures like the Heddon Super Spook, a 3/8oz white Buzz-bait, or a Whopper Plopper. This time of year we shy away from lures like a popper or prop bait that utilize a much slower presentation.

Alongside topwater we have good luck throwing a squarebill crankbait and a double willow leaf spinnerbait for fall fish. One of the best ways to draw bass from shallow lay-downs or stumps along the bank is by bumping the cover with a squarebill crankbait. The key to squarebill fishing is to consistently contact the cover upon retrieve with the lure, that is when you will trigger the reaction strike from a big bass. If you have shad in your lake willow leaf blades on your spinnerbait are a must. We are not sure if it is the sound or the flash but bass that primarily feed on shad love willow leaf spinnerbaits. We always use one silver blade coupled with one gold blade fished just under the surface.

It seems that bass either feed "up" or feed "down" in the fall. Meaning the fish like the lure



Wesley frame holding one nice largemouth and one nice smallmouth on Brookville lake. (Author Photo)

either near the surface or ticking the bottom. We have the least success cranking lures through the middle of the water column. Bass innately are aggressive, but when there is an abundance of shad nearby to feed on they become lazy feeders and hard to catch. When we tick our lure off the bottom, bounce it off a stump, or rip it through grass, it can trigger a reaction strike out of a bass that is fairly inactive and unwilling to feed. This creates an opportunity to get more bites and catch more fish. That is why power fishing with fast moving lures produces in the fall.

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Centerville Methodist Church Attendance Pin
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Top Left Photo: Centerville Methodist Church located at 112 South Morton Avenue. The Reverend Ted Chalk is the Pastor. Bottom Left Photo: Play area for children in the Grace Kids Childcare and preschool activities. Bottom Right Photo: The Sunday Service and Sunday School is displayed for all to see, Sunday September 8th's Sermon was "The Seemingly Insurmountable". A very timely sermon in my opinion. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Centerville Methodist Church History and Ministers 1823 - 2019

Article by Ray Dickerson,
Rev. Ted Chalk, Historian Jan Hofmann,
Family & Childrens Director Adam Stevenson,
Chair of Preschool Board Lori Snyder

I've recently began attending the Centerville United Methodist Church located at 112 South Morton Avenue. I'm not a stranger to the Church, although it's been some time since I frequented attending Church there. Probably the last time would have been when the Reverend Russell Patton was the minister there.

Before I tell you about my history with the United Methodist Church I want to introduce you to our current pastor, the Reverend Ted Chalk who

has graciously accepted my request that he tell you about himself and how he came to be here.

How I Got Here by Pastor Ted Chalk

My name is Ted Chalk and I am privileged to be the pastor of Centerville United Methodist Church and Richmond First United Methodist Church. I was appointed to First United Methodist in July of 2013 and to Centerville in July of 2016. There is much to be excited about doing ministry with the faithful servants of both churches.

I believe being appointed to serve both churches and work together in ministry is bearing fruit. In April, of 2018 the churches began a combined childrens' and family ministry named Grace Kids, hiring Adam Stevenson as the director. Grace Kids has grown the children's ministry at both churches.

Centerville UMC began in 2017 a Food Ministry Day on the third Saturday of each month that averages serving about 200 individuals with a food

pantry, conversation, and connection to other services and ministries in the area such as; The Huntman Mobile Clinic that is on site every other month, other opportunities through The Wayne County Food Council, Recovery ministries like Unchained Praises, and in the future help from The Natco Empowerment Agency. First UMC has increased its support of Recovery ministries and partners with Hope House and Harvest House in Richmond, in serving food to those in need. Because of the benefits of the combined ministry with Centerville UMC, First UMC created a community and ministry center named The ARC Center at 2900 W Main in Richmond.

Ministry is a second career for me. I grew up in Osgood, Indiana and my family was involved in thoroughbred horse racing. My grandfather was a horse trainer and owned a 150 acre farm. My dad was a jockey, a trainer, and then a steward at different race tracks. I wanted to be a jockey, but I guess I like doughnuts too much and weighed too much. I was granted a horse training license at 18 after high

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TRIBE youth group from Centerville United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church, and Central United Methodist Church. This photo is from their mission trip to Panama City, Florida to help hurricane recovery. A very worthy project that seems to be common place under the guidance of Rev. Ted Chalk. (Methodist Church Photo)

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school and trained horses through the spring of 2003, when I went into the ministry. My first appointment was serving New Middletown United Methodist Church in Harrison County, Indiana. I began seminary at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in September of 2003 and became an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church in 2010.

My wife's name is Gayle. We were married in 1997. We had both been previously married, I had two children and Gayle had three. It was a wonderful and sometimes challenging experience blending two families. The upside for us is that we now have 15 terrific grandchildren!

Since high school I had felt a calling to ministry. I was encouraged by many people to follow that calling, but like others, I attempted to answer the calling in other ways and continue to live and work as I desired. I will testify that you can run from God's call, but you cannot hide. I begrudgingly answered God's call to ministry, and now confess that I have been more blessed than I ever anticipated possible. Serving in New Middletown as my first appointment, and now serving alongside the congregations of Centerville UMC and First UMC is a great joy. I am looking forward to where God is leading me and the churches I am serving!

**The Tribe
by Pastor Ted Chalk**

The Tribe began in 2016 as a combined youth ministry of Centerville, Central and First United Methodist Churches. Sheri Koyles is the leader. The tribe's mission is more than to be a youth group

for the three churches. The mission of the Tribe is to collaborate with groups in churches and schools, and to grow relationships to benefit all youth. Youth from three high schools and four middle schools are part of the Tribe and the ministry is open to anyone.

The Tribe meets regularly on Sunday evenings during the school year and for special events and activities during the summer. There are yearly mission trips and other service activities. Last summer 26 youth and adults went to Panama City, Florida, for recovery work from Hurricane Michael. The Tribe is always seeking opportunities to connect with others, share God's love, and grow closer in relationship with each other and with Jesus.

**Grace Kids Childcare
by Adam Stevenson**

Grace Kids Childcare is a new ministry at the Centerville United Methodist Church. The childcare will be partnering with Centerville Academic Christian Preschool which has been a ministry of the church for more than 40 years. Grace Kids Childcare opened in March of this year offering full day childcare and after school care for children in the community. Now six months after opening, both the preschool and the childcare are fully enrolled ministering to more than 45 different families in the community. We are blessed to have a great staff at the preschool and childcare as we welcomed three new staff members to the church ministries. We are excited to see the church continue to reach out to the community to find new ways to meet the needs of our community.

**Centerville Academic Christian
Preschool
by Lori Snyder**

The Centerville Academic Christian Preschool offers a great beginning and a strong Christian foundation for children preparing to enter school.

We have a 3/4 year old class that meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am and a 4/5 year old morning class that meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am to 11:30 am, and 4/5 year old afternoon that meets from 12:30 pm to 3:00pm. The children learn math and science, reading and writing, arts and the Bible! The students take educational fieldtrips throughout the year. We walk monthly to the Library in town, visit the local Joseph Moore Museum, and the kiddos even get a fieldtrip on a school bus to Rose Hamilton Elementary school to see where they will begin Kindergarten! They go on short nature walks around the block and learn how God has created everything around us. Just to name a few!

The Centerville Academic Christian Preschool and Centerville United Methodist Church have been involved in the local Christmas in Centerville Celebration. We have opened our doors during the event in December and provided hot chocolate and cookies for guests. There are coloring pages and crafts for the children of the community. Last year the Preschool classes each had a set time to sing Christmas Carols for their parents and community inside fellowship hall at the Church! It was so much fun!

The name of the Preschool at the Centerville United Methodist Church has changed over the

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Left Photo: Children enjoying newly renovated children spaces in the Centerville Methodist Church. Right Photo: Family and Children's Director Adam Stevenson doing what he does best, teaching and seeing to it that these children learn as well as enjoy their time while in the church. (Methodist Church Photos)

years, but two things has stayed constant. They are the love of children and the desire to share and show God's love to the children of this Community as we prepare them to enter kindergarten in public school.

For more information about our Preschool and Childcare visit centervilleumc.org.

Reverend Lyle G. Rasmussen by Ray Dickerson

Many years ago in the mid to late 1950's I attended the United Methodist Church quite regularly, mostly due to the late Reverend Lyle G. Rasmussen who was the Methodist minister from 1954-58. Lyle and his family lived in the parsonage that was located behind the church on West Walnut Street. It was where the parking lot is now.

You can read more about Reverend Lyle Rasmussen in my Roaming The Outdoors Column beginning on Page 4. I need to move this section so the History of the Centerville Methodist Church will fit on this 4-Page Pullout Section, pages 13 thru 16..

Centerville Methodist Church History Updated by Church Historian Jan Hofmann

1823 Centerville M. E. Church was organized by charter members, Israel and Mary Abrams, Peter Ringo, Mrs. Martha Talbot, Sarah Booker and Mrs. Hart, known as "Mother Hart".

1827 The first church building was erected, and

the M. E. Sabbath School organized, the first in Wayne County. The Lot was bought in November 1827, church was built soon thereafter.

1834 The Preachers Aid Society of the original Indiana conference was organized.

1842 The present brick church was erected and built by Charles Medearis at a cost of \$4700.00 and was said to be the finest church in Indiana. The motion to divide Indiana Methodism into two conferences was adopted here, October 26th. It was to be known as Indiana and North Indiana conferences.

1843 Rev. Joseph Tarkington was presiding elder at the conference held here. He was the grandfather of Booth Tarkington, Indiana author.

1847 Whitewater Academy was founded, largely under Methodist auspices. In 1870 it was sold and used as a public school.

1876 The bell to be used in the church belfry was made in Cincinnati, Ohio and sent to Centerville from Troy, N. Y.

1882 The church was remodeled with the addition of the Sunday school rooms. The auditorium was made smaller and two rooms were made on either side of the entrance.

1891 The Epworth League was formed.

1893 The Ladies Aid Society was organized.

1903- New cement steps were put in and also sills **1904** to all the windows of the basement. This was done by the Ladies Aid.

1922 Further remodeling was done with the sanctuary arrangement put on the angle as we now know it. New seats were purchased and the wall put in behind the pulpit. The door to the basement just inside the front entrance to the right was closed. The belfry was removed from the roof and a new one added from the ground up. The church was re-bricked and new stained glass windows installed. A recreational room or gymnasium was dug. The actu-

al digging was done by Russell McMinn using a slip scoop and horse.

1923 On May 6th the Church was re-dedicated and celebrated its 100th anniversary.

1936- Eugene McGraw, Centerville, served as a **1972** Methodist missionary during this time and was supported in his efforts by the local church.

1943- During the late '40's the baptismal font was given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ireton.

1950 The organ was acquired and the sanctuary carpeted. A plaque was given denoting the generosity of the Ora and Julian Dunbar families.

1952 The Hi Ho class made possible the nursery and the primary class by the filling in of the old basement gymnasium.

1953 The new roof was applied and a belfry added.

1954 The church celebrated its' 131st anniversary with special services and a play written for the occasion by Bessie Buhl. The plaque to the right of the entryway was unveiled at the close of the morning services. The dedication services recognized descendants of two of the original organizers of the church -- Israel Abrams and Peter Ringo. Two and possibly three descendants of Israel Abrams are members of the church today.

1955- The planning and construction of the present **1958** education unit was begun with Herman Marting as the contractor. Most of the labor was donated and the cost of construction was \$12,000.00.

1963 Altar furniture was given in memory of Alice Doddridge by the Walter Doddridge family. Air conditioning and storm windows were added.

1966 The bulletin board was given in memory of Nellie and Albert Higgins by daughters, Retha Jenkins and Irene Melvin.

1967 The old parsonage and a house just west of

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Left Photo: Pastor Ted Chalk's First United Methodist Church located at 318 National Road West, Richmond, Indiana. Right Photo: 1st United Methodist Church Sunday Information sign. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

the church, owned by Squire Langley, and the father of Esther tannings, were torn down to make the present parking lot. A new parsonage was purchased on Willow Grove Road at a cost of \$23,500.00.

1968 The Methodist and Evangelical United Brethern Churches united to form the United Methodist Church.

1973- The large walnut cross in the chancel was **1974** erected in memory of Bill Haley with wood from the wedge factory given by Shirley Haley. Paul Albert constructed and wired the cross in memory of Sandy and Vickie Albert. The present parsonage on South First Street was bought and the old parsonage sold. Four bequeaths were given the church. Those were by Emma Moore, Jim Kelly, John Medearis and Oliver McGraw. The house south of the church was left to the church by the Forest Kemptons.

1975- A new roof and gutters were installed. In **1981** the occasion of the church's 155th anniversary, the indebtedness was paid in full and the mortgage burned. In 1980 the church sent Rev. and Mrs. Robert Coleman to the Holy Land as a gift of love. The entire church was redecorated during that time period. The present Kempton-Moore annex was remodeled and redecorated and the completed project dedicated by Dist. Supt. Armstrong in October, 1981. The balcony pews were renovated and the balcony carpeted. Between 1976 and 1982 the church helped support Larry Van Camp with his college education. He ultimately graduated from Emory College of Theology in Georgia. He was ordained June 10, 1982.

1985 Plans are underway to repair the bell tower and to seal the exterior brick surface.

1992 Major renovation due to termite damage and rot. Elevette installed and area south of it redone. Sanctuary redone with new pews, carpet and lighting. Choir and altar area somewhat redone. New communion rail installed and electronics installed for speaker system. A nursery was made from the pastor's office and pastor and secretary moved to Annex house south of church. Posts were put outside nursery to prevent cars hitting wall.

2001 Major renovation of Annex with new furnace, central air, hot water heater, new kitchen and appliances, also wiring updated, paddle fans installed, new carpet and vinyl flooring and other repairs.

2004 Major renovation of church basement with kitchen and bathroom gutted and rebuilt. A table and chair storage area was made from old kitchen extension. Ceramic tile put on floor of kitchen fellowship hall, bathroom and Sunday School hallway. Painting and repairs.

2008 Basement air conditioned and new heating system. Nursery moved to NE Sunday School room. A Sunday School class moved into nursery area (old garage of parsonage). This will also house the library. High School & Junior Church rooms moved also.

2011 Bell tower repairs.

2012 Sound projection system & TV monitors added.

NOW Changes continue with addition of food ministry storage and opening a day care.

2019 During the church's history it has been served by 108 ministers. Our present minister is

Reverend Ted Chalk he is number 109.

**CENTERVILLE METHODIST MINISTERS
1823 - 2019**

- 1823-1827** No minister served the church.
- 1827-1828** Missouri Conference Circuit Riders
- 1828-1830** Stephen R. Beggs and William Evans
Robert Burns
Wesley Woods, Assistant 1829-1830
- 1830-1831** Asa Beck and Richard S. Robinson
- 1831-1832** Joseph Tarkington and Elijah Whitten
- 1832-1833** Ancil Beach and David Stiver
- 1833-1834** John C. Smith and Isaac Kimball
- 1834-1835** C. Bonner and F. C. Holliday
- 1835-1836** J. Carter and C. W. Appleton
- 1836-1837** George M. Boyd
- 1837-1838** Elijah Whitten and Greenberry C. Beeks
- 1838-1839** J. Kiger and Francis A. Conwell
- 1839-1840** J. W. Sullivan and Joseph Carter
- 1840-1842** Miltiades Miller
Landy Havens, Assistant 1840-1841
Chas B. Davidson, Assistant 1841-1842
- 1842-1843** Joseph Tarkington, Thomas Goodwin and John Robbins
- 1843-1844** J. Helvey Bruce
- 1844-1845** Phillip May
- 1845-1847** Walter L. Huffman
- 1847-1848** Charles W. Miller
- 1848-1850** John C. Smith
- 1850-1851** William Wilson
- 1851-1852** John H. Hull
- 1852-1853** Jacob Colclazer
- 1853-1854** Hawley B. Beers
- 1854-1855** Samuel N. Campbell
- 1855-1856** Orange V. Lemon
- 1856-1858** Greensbury C. Beers
- 1858-1859** Charles Martindale
- 1859** Madison E. Hansley - Resigned in 1859
- 1859-1860** I.M. Bus Hong - Filled In
- 1860-1861** Safety Layton
Ezra F. Hasty, Assistant
- 1861-1862** Nerl H. Phillips
- 1862-1864** William J. Vigus
- 1864-1866** Webster H. Pearce
- 1866-1867** Elias E. Pearman
- 1867-1868** Richard D. Spellman
- 1868-1869** Milton S. Metts
- 1869-1871** James Johnston
- 1871-1872** Robert N. McKaig
- 1872-1874** William R. Jordan
- 1874-1877** Lewis R. Streeter
- 1877-1878** Cyrus W. McPherson (served 5 months)
- 1877-1878** Henry Sutherlin (served 7 months)
- 1877-1878** Local Pastor Filled In
- 1878-1880** C. Patrick Carlin (served 1 Yr 5 months)
- 1880-1882** Isaac M. Woolverton
- 1882-1885** William S. Boston
- 1885-1887** Eli R. Small
- 1887-1888** John W. Bowen
- 1888-1889** Dr. A. S. Dobbs

- 1889** (served 3 months)
E. S. MacCartney
- 1889-1890** (served 3 months)
John Heim (served 4 months)
- 1890-1891** A. B. Fry
- 1891-1893** M. J. Magor
- 1893-1894** Edgar L. Jones
- 1894** Frank B. Kepner (served 6 months)
- 1894-1896** Charles A. Rowand
- 1896-1898** Earle F. Naftzgar
- 1898** Fred L. Houghtby (served 3 months)
- 1898-1899** Albert S. Luring
- 1899-1901** Charles H. Metts
- 1901-1903** Lewis A. Retts
- 1903-1906** William C. Butts
- 1906-1907** E. B. Westhafer
- 1907-1908** W. S. Whitlock (served 1 1/2 years)
- 1908-1909** John O. Campbell (served 6 months)
- 1909-1911** A. E. Hirsch
- 1911-1912** M. L. Hardingham
- 1912-1914** E. R. Ryder
- 1914-1915** Charles A. Mitchell
- 1915-1917** Lewis P. Pfeifer
- 1917-1920** J. B. O'Connor
W. G. Day (served 3 months)
- 1920** Ernest T. Clark
- 1920-1922** Charles W. Chadwick
- 1922-1924** Louis B. Ulmer
- 1924-1928** Arthur K. Love
- 1928-1932** E. F. Landrey
- 1932-1937** Dallas M. Church
- 1937-1939** Irvin L. Pusey
- 1939-1942** Fred Elwyn Fox
- 1942-1943** Willard J. Doyle
- 1943-1950** Rex E. Custer
- 1950-1954** Lyle G. Rasmussen
- 1954-1958** William Jackson Carty
- 1958-1961** Shirley E. Morgan
- 1961-1966** William B. Coker
- 1966-1968** Thomas C. Kuhn
- 1968-1970** O. Tarrell Thompson
- 1970-1971** James S. Pollock
- 1971-1972** Maurice E. Brockman
- 1972-1976** Robert P. Coleman
- 1976-1982** Dennis L. Deeter
- 1982-1986** Marvin Singleton
- 1986-1990** Fred Henchen
- 1990-1995** Russell Patton
- 1995-2003** Douglas Sanders
- 2003-2005** Robert Land
- 2005-2009** Ken Burcham
- 2009-2011** Kathy Miller
- 2011-2014** Jason Morris
- 2014-2016** Ted Chalk
- 2015-Present**

Editor's Note: A big thank you to Pastor Ted Chalk, Jan Hofmann, Adam Stevenson and Lori Snyder for their help in making this history of the United Methodist Church in Centerville such a huge success story for everyone who has or will attend our church. God Bless All - See you soon!

News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Joan McClellan is honored Potawatomi at Trail of Courage

Joan Carpenter McClellan will be the honored Potawatomi at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival Sept. 21-22, 2019. It is held at the Fulton County Historical Society on U.S. 31 and Tippecanoe River north of Rochester, Indiana. This annual event was founded in 1976. At that time (1976) Joan and her son Kevin walked in the reenactment walk from the Tippecanoe River, through Rochester, and south on Indiana 15 to Mud Creek. The first death on the 1838 Trail of Death occurred at Mud Creek.

Joan's 4th great grandpa married Philadelphia Moon. Their son John Bartholoman married Amanda Gano on Sept. 5, 1849, Tippecanoe, Indiana. She was Chippewa. Their daughter Elmira Anna married Christopher Hildreth becoming Eva Hildreth's parents. Eva (Joan's grandma) is the one who married a Potawatomi: Julian Adolphus John Howell; they are the parents of Joan's mother Edna Pearl Howell. Edna was born November 9, 1912. On June 11, 1931, Edna married Chester "Chet" Carpenter, who was a Cherokee. Chet and Edna had six children: Naomi, Dale and Marion Frances, who have now gone on their sky home. That leaves Joan, her brother James and sister Linda.

Joan wrote: "When my father was in his teens, Indians would come to his home and they would go together to find herbs for medicine. While I was growing up, Dad would teach me how to use herbs when family members got ill. Here in Fulton County is where I was born, raised, and always lived. I lived near Mt Zion south of Rochester and in rural Kewanna area. After graduating from Rochester High School, I married Roy (Rolling Thunder) McClellan, who is an Iroquois descendant. His mother was Meta Holt and grandma was Mara Stump.

"We had three children: Keith (Whispering Pine), Kevin (Red Fox), and Kathleen (Sweet Water). I took care of the kids while Roy worked in construction,

including highway 31. Both of my boys have a boy and a girl. Our daughter had two boys and one girl. Her husband Robert (Bow Hunter) Flook is a Miami Indian. Their oldest son Jeremy (Thunder Bolt) made an American Indian drum for our tribe, during his tenth year in 4-H. This went to the Indiana State Fair and won Grand Champion in 2009. Jeremy was head dancer two years at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival. Their daughter Jichaela (Dancing Leaf) Flook became our tribal princess in 2012.

"Jacob (Golden Wind), Jeremy (Thunder Bolt), Keith (Whispering Pine), Kevin (Red Fox) and Tyler (Shy Fox) are deputy sheriffs under Roy (Rolling Thunder) McClellan who is war Marshal of our band.

"We have given many programs and even traveled to Michigan to show Girl Scouts how Native American Indians lived. Rochester grade schools had us come in teach the kids how our ancestors lived.

"All these things started with us in 1976 when the Trail of Death was re-enactment marched from the Tippecanoe River to Mud Creek. My children, Kevin and Kathy started with us but Kathy was tired and stopped in Rochester with Keith, who had recently suffered a broken foot. Kevin and I walked all the way, a distance of about 10 miles.

"In 1982 my brother Jim (Grizzly Bear) Carpenter brought a message from Georgia's Principal Chief William Rattlesnake Jackson to appoint me as chief of the Paint Band of Indiana. This is now over 37 years ago.

"In 2016 Mom and I carried the Indiana Bicentennial Torch in the relay across Fulton County, My husband Roy and daughter Kathleen and her kids also took part, helping with Mom who was 104 years old.

In 2017 Indiana State Representative Bill Friend read a proclamation from Eric Holcomb, Governor of Indiana. This proclaimed April 22 as Indiana Indian Day, which was organized by Shirley Willard. Joan McClellan was one of the speakers in the program. This ceremony took place at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1310 Main Street, Rochester. The priest, Rev. Mike McKinney, blessed Main Street with holy water to remove the curse of the Trail of Death forced removal when the Potawatomi were marched at gunpoint down Rochester's Main Street Sept. 5, 1838. Police stopped traffic while the priest walked across Main Street in front of the Catholic Church sprinkling water to bless the street. This ceremony was in answer to many people having told Shirley Willard about the bad ghostly feelings they had when going down Main Street, the scene of that terrible Trail of Death removal in 1838. ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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of four, but were reduced to a maximum of two.

Humans are not at risk for contracting EHD.

EHD is a viral disease that may affect white-tailed deer to some degree every year. It typically occurs during late summer and early fall, and there is evidence that outbreaks can be more severe in years in which there is a wet spring followed by a hot, dry fall. EHD is transmitted by flies commonly known as biting midges, sand gnats, and "no-see-ums."

EHD is often fatal to deer but some survive it. Not every deer in an affected area contracts EHD. One sign that a deer has contracted and survived EHD is that its hooves will show evidence of sloughing or breaking. As a result, the DNR asks that successful hunters use the After Hunt Survey (wildlife.IN.gov/9813.htm) to report the condition of their harvested deer's hooves, including both normal hooves and hooves that show evidence of sloughing or breaking.

The DNR monitors for EHD annually. The most recent significant EHD outbreaks were in 2007 and 2012. Severe outbreaks rarely occur in consecutive years due to immunity from previous infections. EHD is not believed to have long-term impacts on the deer population.

The effects of the harvest and EHD will be evaluated after the hunting season. If necessary, additional changes will be made next year.

Anyone who finds a deer they suspect died of EHD is asked to file a report using the "Report a Dead or Sick Deer" form at deer.dnr.IN.gov.

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Lyle and Jean Rasmussen 1954-58

Reverend Lyle G. Rasmussen

by Ray Dickerson

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One thing that held the young people together during Lyle's tenure here was the attention he paid to us teenagers who attended his Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) meetings on Sunday evenings. I remember some real humdingers mainly due to the subject matter he challenged our minds with. Many of us traveled to other Churches with him during the year (s) and also to North Webster where we attended the Epworth Forest Methodist Youth Camp in June. The last two years he was in Centerville I rode with him to Church Camp in the truck. We hauled the gear and equipment to the camp. Reverend Chalk tells me the UMC camp is still at Epworth Forest, much larger and improved.

Reverend Lyle Rasmussen left Centerville in 1958.

After I returned home from the Air Force in 1963 I kept in touch with Lyle through the years.

In 1979 after adopting Amy, Sherry and I took her to Corydon, Indiana and Lyle baptized her in his Church. Lyle loved to sing, his voice carried through out his Church that day. Bringing back fond memories of days long since past.

I returned to North Webster Lake and Epworth Forest Methodist Camp in September of 2002 to see if it was still there. I had a bit of a problem finding the entrance. It was a different experience my driving there, when on all the trips there back in the 1950's, I rode as a passenger and forty-three years had passed since 1959.

I entered the gate and eventually found the office. I got permission to tour the grounds from Bill Signorelli and Holly Cunningham in the office. I parked the van and walked toward where I hoped to find the cabin or dorm as we called it.

I think I found it, at least it looked familiar. It sure brought back lost memories of a simpler time of peace and tranquility. I still remembered lying in my bed listening to the boats motoring around the lake during the night and early morning, probably fishermen. So long ago.

From there I walked down to the Lake where I found the "Dixie" still tied up to a dock. Someone there told me it was the Dixie II. The Dixie we rode on back in the 50's, sank!

I strolled over the grounds trying to remember back when, when I realized I needed to get going because I had papers to deliver!

Reverend Lyle Rasmussen's last church was Washington Christ in Washington, Indiana where he lived at the time. I delivered in that area so I visited with him and his wife, Mary Ann on several occasions.

I remember once he told me how he, one of his sons and a friend canoed on the White River during flooding conditions and had a near drowning inci-

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Left Photo: Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve has light rolling hills with different terrain. There is a few little hill but still easy walking. The paths are mowed and kept up so we can watch the dogs working. We take pride in our trails keeping up with them to make the hunt more enjoyable. Right Photo: This is Mrs. Belle and she is at work pointing a pheasant on the fence row. Belle is 3 1/2 years old English Setter, She has been playing on the shooting preserve for two years now and going strong. (Photos by Ryan Fields)

Fields Outdoor Adventures Shooting Preserve

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Outdoor Adventures. To contact Fields Outdoor Adventures Shooting Preserve: Their address is 27063 U.S. Highway 52, Laurel, IN 47024. Call Ryan Fields (Spanky) (765) 561-3139 or call store (765) 932-3964.

Their E-mail address is jason@fieldsoutdooradventures.com or website www.fieldsoutdooradventures.com

Directions To Fields Shooting Preserve:

From Cincinnati, Ohio take I-74 west to Exit 169, U.S. 52 through Brookville, Indiana continue west to Andersonville, just west of SR 244 watch for the entrance to the Shooting Preserve it will be on your right, adjacent to a restaurant on your left. Their Preserve address is 27063 U.S. 52. Ryan Fields Cell Phone is 765-561-3139.

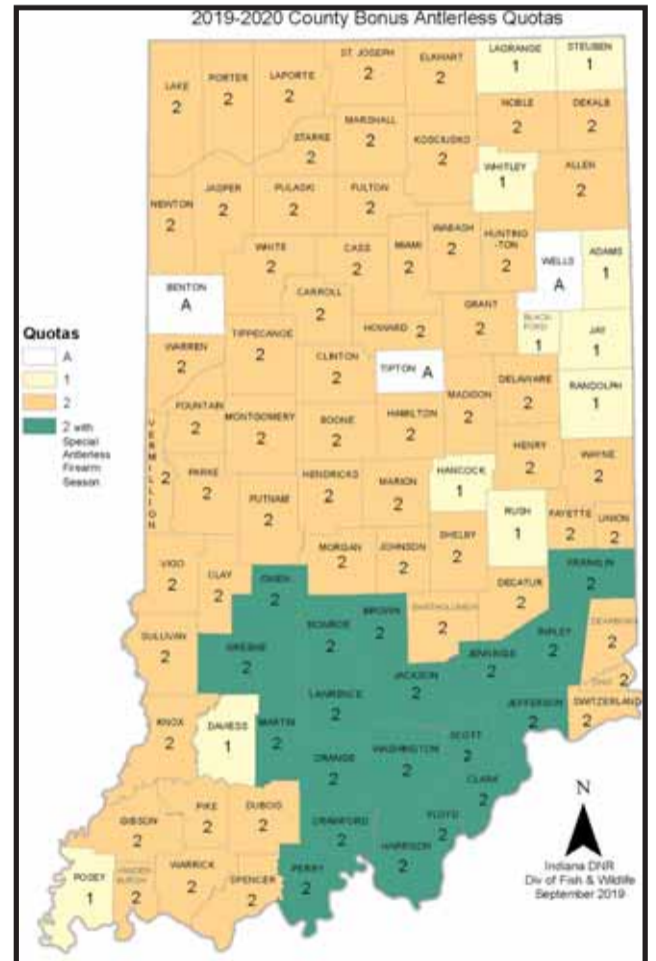
From Indianapolis, Indiana, from I-465 take Exit 47 onto U.S. 52 go east to Andersonville the entrance will be on your left, adjacent to a restaurant on your right. Their Preserve address is 27063 U.S. 52. Ryan Fields Cell Phone is 765-561-3139.

From Louisville, Kentucky take I-65 north to Exit 50 turn east on U.S. 50, take North Vernon Bypass, go left onto SR 3 go north, stay on SR 3 past Greensburg then north to SR 244, turn right onto SR 244 go east to Andersonville to junction with U.S. 52 turn left onto U.S. 52. Just west of SR 244 watch for the entrance to the Shooting Preserve it will be on your right, adjacent to a restaurant on your left. Their Preserve address is 27063 U.S. 52. Ryan Fields Cell Phone is 765-561-3139.

From Fort Wayne, Indiana take I-69 to Exit 286, go east on SR 224 to Markle, turn right onto SR 3, go through Hartford City, bypass Muncie, go through New Castle staying on SR 3 through Rushville until you reach U.S. 52, turn left onto U.S. 52 to Andersonville the entrance will be on your left, adjacent to a restaurant on your right. Their Preserve address is 27063 U.S. 52. Ryan Fields Cell Phone is 765-561-3139.

Roaming The Outdoors

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County bonus antlerless quotas lowered due to EHD.

More information on EHD and a map of the new CBAQ can be found at: wildlife.IN.gov/8541.htm.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE DNR TRAILS

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Left Photo: Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve also takes pictures while your on your hunt. Some of the pictures turn out really neat and will leave you with great memories. Right Photo: There is something about a Pheasant hunt when the snow is falling. It's a little more work packing through the snow but its well worth it. The snow flakes falling while the birds are flying make for some awesome pictures along the way on the hunt. I personally love to hunt when there is snow on the ground, never done it give me a call and we can try to schedule a hunt when the snow is falling. (Photos by Ryan Fields)



Left Photo: Dave and Dean enjoy beautiful morning hunt in the north field at the shooting preserve. Thanks to Dave they had great success. Dean was a joy to have but just couldn't get it done, but Dave was a good sport and kept his spirits up. The have been friend for a long time and love hunting with each other. Right Photo: Some of the Hunters have great success and great dogs. These guys were awesome to have and the one on the right is one of our guides at the shooting preserve. Both dogs are my guides and they love hunt and would love to work for you. Come enjoy some upland hunting in Beautiful Franklin County. (Photos by Ryan Fields)

Hiking was the No. 1 thing mentioned in a recent DNR State Parks survey. This is a chance to support your favorite trail on which to do that No. 1 activity. DNR-run candidates, which dominate the list, include the Adventure Hiking Trail, which runs through Harrison-Crawford State Forest and O'Bannon Woods State Park; Donaldson

Cave/Bronson Cave/Twin Caves (Trail 3) at Spring Mill State Park; Falls Canyon (Trail 3) and Wolf Cave (Trail 5) at McCormick's Creek State Park; Fire Tower Trail at Brown County State Park; Hell's Point Challenge at Pokagon State Park; Knobstone Trail, which runs through Jackson-Washington State Forest and Clark State Forest; and Ladders Trail (Trail 3) and Trail 2 at Turkey Run State Park.

Hills Nature Preserve Trail at Shades State Park; Rose Island Trail at Charlestown State Park; Three Dune Challenge at Indiana Dunes State Park; Trail 2 at Clifty Falls State Park; Trail 4 at Mounds State Park; Trail 9 at Chain O'Lakes State Park and Twin Swamps Nature Preserve's trail in Mount Vernon.

Support your favorite DNR trail by voting daily. Votes will be counted until Nov. 3, and the winner will be announced shortly thereafter.

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Left Photo: This is Aaron Scott along with his grandpa David Pence showing off their first place overall finish crappie. They had a total weight of 6.13 pounds and also had the second big fish with a crappie that weighed 1.19 pounds. Congrats to Aaron and David on another strong showing!. Right Photo: This is Patrick Stone and Steve Jeffers with some of their second place overall crappie. They netted a total of 5.67 pounds. (Author Photos)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

Bozarth Crappie Tournament

Greetings from the Great Lakes of the Wabash! Anticipation is growing for the start of the Fall season as this is one of the favorite seasons amongst all outdoor enthusiasts. As the temperatures begin to fall and the leaves begin to turn this is a great time of year to get your family and head to the outdoors and enjoy some of nature's beauty. All three lake properties (Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Huntington) will be abuzz as we enter the final weeks of the camping season and I highly encourage you to take the time and bring your family to enjoy all the great things these properties have to offer.

On Saturday, August 24th we hosted our second Bozarth Crappie Tournament of the 2019 season. As mentioned previously in my articles, the start of the 2019 season got off to a rocky start as all three lake properties were above summer pool levels due to the high amount of precipitation we

endured. The lake levels at all three properties have returned to summer pool levels since the second week of July and has allowed for all the favorite outdoor activities to resume at our properties.

We had a total of 17 teams entered to compete on what turned out to be a nice August day in Indiana. The team of Aaron Scott and his grandfather David Pence took home top honors as they brought a total weight of 6.13 pounds for their top seven crappies to the weigh in line. They also had the day's second big fish with a crappie that weighed 1.19 pounds. Congrats to the grandson/grandfather duo on another successful finish. Coming in second place overall was the team of Steve Jeffers and Patrick Stone as they netted a total of 5.67 pounds. Third place went to the team of Craig Everling and Jim Albright with a total weight of 5.13 pounds. The brother tandem of Mike and David Bowser came in fourth with a weight of 4.94 pounds and they also had the big fish of the day with a 13 3/4 inch crappie that weighed 1.31 pounds. Congrats to the Bowser brothers on their "Big Fish" award.

The crappie fishing has been very good on these lakes and if you or anyone you know is interested in fishing in one of our future tournaments you have one more chance remaining. Our last scheduled tournament "Bozarth Classic" is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st. This tournament will allow our fishermen to fish choice lake of the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs. This is a great opportunity to fish in a low stress and friendly fun fishing



This is Mike Bowser with a couple of his crappie caught with his brother David Bowser (not pictured). They had a total of 4.94 pounds which was good enough for 4th place overall. They also caught a 13 3/4" crappie that weighed 1.31 pounds to win the Big Fish award. (Author Photo)

environment. For more information you can contact us at (765) 981-4522 or stop in at Bozarth's Country Store for more information. Bozarth's is **CONTINUED ON PAGE 26**



This is Craig Everline and Jim Albright showing off their third place finish with a total weight of 5.13 pounds for their top 7 crappies. (Author Photo)

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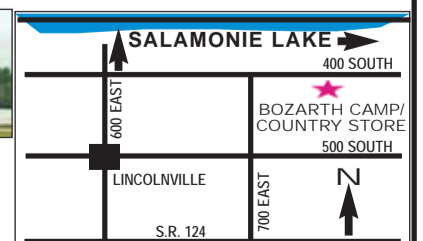
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Blue River Outdoors



by Steve Dake

Veteran's Day Benefit Concert Brown County Music Center November 9, 2019

The Gun Den is proud to be helping Tracks4Vets on the 2019 Veteran's Day Benefit Concert at the New Brown County Music Center 200 Maple Leaf Boulevard in Nashville Indiana on Saturday November 9. Doors open at 5:30 PM

with guest speaker Josh Bleill former motivational speaker of the Indianapolis Colts at 6:00 PM and MacPowell and the Family Reunion at 7:30 PM.

The Veterans Day benefit concert proceeds will help benefit 12 Indiana Veterans and their families. You can purchase tickets through the Brown County Music Center Website : <https://www.browncounty.com/bcmc/>

The event is hosted by: Tracks4Vets, VFW of Indiana, and Veterans Foundation of Indiana.

Please join us for this amazing celebration and benefit concert at the newly constructed Brown County Music Center. Tracks4Vets is on a mission to reduce veteran suicide linked to the seen and unseen limitations that our veterans experience everyday. Our tactic is to help restore purpose, hope, and community through our three tracks.? We would love for you come check us out, have fun, and support our Veterans! See you November 9th! You can also donate. Go to Tracks4vets.com

The Gun Den News

Now is a good time to give your personal and hunting firearm a good cleaning and inspection. We here at The Gun Den will clean and inspect it for you to keep it in top working order. Price vary

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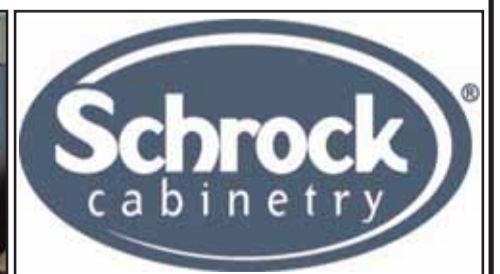
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Top Left Photo: This is a Remington 03A3 and the rifle I repaired. It was manufactured by Remington in 1943. The parkerized finish on the barrel was in excellent shape until someone in the past took a torch the muzzle. (Author Photos)



Close up of the muzzle after the sight was removed. The brass material can be seen on the crown and in the bore of the muzzle. Every shot was deflected by the material.

Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith

Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

GUNSMITHING DON'TS

Rifle and pistol barrels are made of steel. Steel is an alloy of iron (which is an element and is very soft and malleable) and any of or a combination of carbon, chromium, silicon, and manganese to give special qualities to the steel alloy. Heating steel, whether cold rolled, hot rolled, or drawn will either soften the steel or harden the steel depending upon the temperature of the heating. Quenching heated steel will stop the process and again depending upon the temperature when quenched will determine how the steel will perform. So, if you heat the barrel of a gun to red hot and then quench it to cool it down it will harden the barrel. Barrels are not supposed to be hardened. The barrel must be able to expand and contract to its original size and shape. Hardening the barrel can cause it to have a catastrophic failure.

A Remington 03A3 was not hitting where aimed. At first it was thought the rear peep sight was causing the problem because it didn't move in a straight line when adjusted. However, if the rear sight moves erratically then the point of impact will change but remain constant at its current setting. This was not the case on this 03A3 as the point of impact was continually changing. That caused me to check the crown for damage and found a large bump which would deflect the bullet as it left the muzzle and damaging the bullet causing it to become erratic (tumble) during its flight and change the point of impact with every shot.

Once the finish was removed from the muzzle it was found that the front sight had been brazed to the barrel and some of the braze splatter had made its way into the bore and was blocking the rifling. With the barrel hardened from the heat of the brazing, and quick cooling, it had hardened the muzzle and it

wouldn't expand as intended by the manufacturer. After grinding the lump of brazing material out of the muzzle I was able to use an end mill to back bore the barrel about 3/16" to get to clean and non-hardened rifling and created a 90 degree crown inside the muzzle. The GUNSMITHING DON'T seems obvious, DON'T weld or braze on the barrel. It will harden the barrel and it will fail sooner or later. If silver soldering or brazing on the barrel is required, the preheat the barrel and after the soldering or brazing is done keep the barrel hot and let it cool slowly. Covering the barrel with a layer of sand will help in slowing the cooling process avoid hardening the barrel.

Gun Rights Are Being Attacked Again

The usual anti gun activists are again attacking the 2nd amendment after the recent shootings in El Paso Texas, and Dayton Ohio. You and I know that be increasing the back ground checks won't do a thing to stop the violence. Taking guns away only hurt those who abide by the laws anyway. It does increase the likelihood that those honest citizens will unknowingly or intentionally bread the laws. The changes being proposed aren't going to change the way a mentally ill person who has decided to shoot up the town and kill whomever they see are like passing a law against "spitting on the sidewalk". Every shooting or bombing, that was not classified as a terrorist action, was done by a person who was mentally ill person who hadn't taken their medicine or had PTSD or was a extremist. These people are roaming our city streets because of the deinstitutionalisation of America.

What is needed is to reverse the deinstitutionalisation of the nation. Wow, what a word, but it is a problem. It began in the early 1960's as an effort by the Federal government to reduce the number of mentally ill patients in State Hospitals and centralize the treatment of mental illness in community centers that could receive funds from Medicare and Medicaid. That released mentally ill patients back into society and now we are experiencing the results. Background checks are only as good as the information in the data base. Hospitals, doctors, private mental institutions, police departments and the FBI are not keeping the data base up to dated. You can be sure that as soon as a physician or hospital would release information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) without going through a court, would be sued for violating the National Privacy Act of 1974. So what can be done to identify possible shooters, or domestic terrorists, before they can act. We need some guidance from the Israelis.

Quote of the Month

"A man with a gun is a citizen. A man without a gun is a subject." Rep. Allen West (R-FL) - provided by <https://ammo.com/articles/citizens-owning-guns-quotes>

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

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Left Photo: Author in creek picking up geodes in water and on bank. Just picked best ones. Too heavy to carry many. Right Photo: These are my gold panning tools. Sifter, assorted size gold pans, shovel, syringe to pick up small flakes. (Author Photos)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Treasure Comes in many forms

For untold centuries, people have searched for treasure. It can be found all over the world. (Even out of this world.) Treasure is everywhere, from mountain tops to the bottom of the ocean. Some finds are natural and abundant, others are less common, and some are rare. Items such as driftwood, wild nuts and berries, fossils, and even gold are valuable to some folks. Other treasures are man-made, like arrowheads, coins, jewelry, and assorted relics from events long past. Everyone has a different definition of treasure.

Valuable items can be found in a variety of areas. Some are usually around, or in, water. Others in woods, fields, or mountains. A few are only found in tiny locations, like meteorites, localized areas, such as gold, or larger regions, like Civil War relics. Lost coins, jewelry, and other treasures can be found anywhere in North America where people have lived or gathered.

While some of these items can be found just by looking down while walking around, a metal detector can up your odds considerably of finding treasure. These machines have changed immensely in the forty years my wife and I have been using them. Back then, a new detector might cost \$100 and find metal objects two or three inches deep. Now, a machine capable of detecting coins, jewelry, etc. at depths from four inches to more than a foot, will cost from \$200 up to over \$2,000, (I recommend a beginner pick one in the two to four hundred dollar

range.) I would strongly advise purchasing from a reputable dealer and not a catalog or discount store. A dealer can give you several choices, demonstrate each, answer all your questions at time of purchase or later, handle minor repairs if needed, and much more.

Your choice of metal detectors should be influenced by the items for which you will be searching. Coins and jewelry are the most common items to find. A built in discriminator, almost standard on any new machine, will eliminate finding most trash, such as, nails, foil, bottle caps, etc. Most detectors will handle this type of searching. If you are looking for a lot of jewelry, you may need a waterproof machine. Most of our ring finds and a lot of our jewelry come out of the water. A hand gets cold, throws a ball or Frisbee, and a ring flies off. Teenagers horseplay in the water and a delicate gold chain gets broken and falls in the water. Water hunting is my favorite and a waterproof detector was a necessity.

Common detectors will find targets in about knee deep water. Deeper than that, you may get the control box wet and the machine will freak out. A totally waterproof detector allows you to find lost treasure at a greater depth. Of course, this item will cost you more. Metal detectors get more sophisticated (and more costly) every year. Lighter weight, wireless headphones, deeper finds, and many more features are some of the improvements.

Some machines are designed primarily to find gold. While most will find gold (we have found many gold rings over the years), tiny nuggets are a little harder. This shiny metal is found mostly in the western states. Georgia and the Carolinas also have gold to discover. Often in water, but usually not deep, nuggets are a popular find. Anyplace you find nuggets, there will also be gold flakes. You will need a gold pan to recover these small pieces of treasure. A gold pan is easy to learn to use and inexpensive to buy. The old prospectors left a lot of gold behind.

Civil War relics, on the other hand, are usually in the ground, and often at a foot or more deep. There is also relic machines designed just for this purpose. Twenty and thirty years ago, the southern states were a popular area to hunt for bullets, buckles, and other Civil War relics. Now, much research must be done to find a small battlefield or camp ground

which will still offer up some undiscovered relics. Our home state of Indiana still gives up Civil War buttons on a regular basis. Members of our club hunt old home sites (now corn or bean fields) to find these items. While Indiana didn't have much fighting, many of the soldiers wore their uniforms home after the war and buttons were lost from that clothing. An occasional bullet is still found here.

The eastern states also were popular sites to metal detect a few decades ago for Revolutionary War relics. Some of those are still around to be found. My wife, Susie, and I discovered several items from this era in a Virginia cornfield. I'm sure there are a lot more relics from these early wars waiting for discovery.

Our neighbors to the north also have items to be found with a detector. We have been going to Ontario on hunting and fishing trips for almost 50 years. We visit these remote resorts which used to be old logging camps. I have found relics from the days of old around these camps. My favorite Canadian find was a double bladed ax head. I'm sure some lumberjack from a century ago cut down a lot of trees with this great find. Also, I have found the fishing camps (and we have been to many) have seldom seen a metal detector and we find numerous bullets and casings, Canadian coins, logging artifacts, and many other items not common in the states. The beaches up north seem to have less coins and jewelry than we find here in the states. Since I seldom see anyone using a detector in Ontario when we visit, I think the lack of targets is just because there are fewer people using the beaches to lose things.

Metal detecting is the only hobby I know where you actually make money when having fun. Hunting, fishing, golf, bowling, etc. all cost the user to purchase their beginning equipment. So does buying a detector. But, anytime you enjoy one of the other hobbies, it costs more money. With a detector, you actually find money. One good discovery will pay for your equipment and batteries are the only expense you incur once you start. I found a gold ring with three garnets in a lake in Minnesota while on a fishing trip. It appraised at \$500. One dig paid for the machine I was using with money left over.

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Left Photo: Gary Hardwick with Trophies from a win. (Author Photo)



Some of Gary Hardwick's new baits. (Author Photo)

Outdoor Scenes & Verse



by Anita McFalls

What's in a name?

If you are from Indiana, and you have fished for any length of time, the name Gary Hardwick is synonymous with fishing. I was fortunate to spend time with Gary and his wife Jean recently, and understand why he is considered a fishing legend. This man has forgotten more than most of us will ever know about fishing! Trust me when I say, he hasn't forgotten much!

Gary fished his first Northern Division Bass Federation tournament in 1981. He has won over 80 plaques and trophies since then, in state and federation, and has been inducted into the Indiana Bass Federation Hall of Fame.

He's fished with the likes of Hank Parker, Rick Clunn, Larry Nixon, and Guy Aker, just to mention a few familiar names.

He is as honest as the day is long, so when he tells you something, it's the truth, and it's important to him that you know what he's telling you is no "fish tale". I place a tremendous value on that, since it is rather rare these days.

This man remembers dates, and tournament specifics as if it were yesterday! I wish I had the ability to do that, regarding anything! Fishing is so ingrained in him, that he rattles off information

like I would dictate a letter!

Before I share more of his experiences with you, I want to give you some background. He is one of 10 siblings. He grew up on Lake Cumberland in Kentucky, and when I asked him where his love of the sport came from, he told me of the times after church when he and his brothers would go behind the smoke house and dig worms, and head off for the catch.

He is the father of 3 children, two boys, and a girl. His sons have fishing fever, the same as their dad, and have fished, and won, a plethora of tournaments themselves. He tells of driving his old brown ¾ ton dodge pickup, loaded with a 10ft camper, pulling a boat, with him, his wife, three kids, and sometimes friends of the kids! He speaks of an instance when he fished a tournament on 2 separate circuits, back to back. He fished at Tell City on Saturday morning, then they headed north of Wawasee for a new circuit. His entry for that tournament was in exchange for using his name and popularity to draw people there. He won both tournaments, fishing two totally different bodies of water. One being a river, and the other a crystal clear lake. He did this all while working a full-time job at Chrysler! He's traveled and fished so many places, with so many "well knowns", been interviewed on tv, radio, and featured in numerous publications, but he still remains humble and down to earth. As for Jean, as a wife and mother myself, I don't know how the heck she did it, and retained her sanity!

Gary is a different kind of fisherman. He not only tried to catch the big fish, he studied them in depth, and still does. What triggered the bite, where did they feed, what did they feed on, when, and why? He got deep into the technical aspect of the sport. He is a self-taught fisherman. He learned how to read paper graphs, studied the PH of the water, how and when it changed, and how it affected the fish. How they reacted to other changes, water temps, cold fronts, structure, or lack of it, sounds the baits made, and their reactions to it. This man is a walking, fishing encyclopedia, and his electronics were a flasher unit! He has promised to go into more detail about all of these things in a later article.

Gary also guided at Lake Monroe and Brookville for Crappie, Bass, and Walleye. The first guide trip out on Monroe, his client caught a 10 ½ pound bass! He also guided a gentleman to a 9.5 pound Walleye on Brookville Lake, using a jig Gary had made. He began making jigs in 1979, however due to lack of time, he never offered his baits for sale. At one time, for a period of about 8 years, he gave up bass fishing and fished solely for Crappie. He set records in both venues. He and his partner, while fishing the Hoosier State Team Tournament, hosted by Bloomington Bass Masters, set a record of 98.7 pounds for a 10 fish limit. The year prior, he and his son Rodney, set a record of 37 lbs. the first day. He and his son Scottie, set records fishing the regional in Crappie as well. They were 3rd out of 300 for 7 years in a row. That was also a 10 fish limit with a 9 inch requirement. Gary qualified for the IBF Classic 9 times. He was favorite to win the 87 Bass Masters Classic on the Ohio river, but in a heartbreaking turn of events, when he got to the area that he had marked holding fish, the lake had started to turn over. I can't imagine the sick feeling he must have gotten. That's the loss that really stings.

In 1985 and 86, Gary won the Northern Division on Patoka and Allen Creek respectively. No matter what, Gary did his own thing, and fished his way. He did have his superstitions. He always wore his blue and white hat with a K on the front, "Kentucky." He also had a red shirt that he always wore, and was recognized by. He used the same rod and reels, 5500 C Garcia and Lew's rods. He mostly used a 5 aught hook by Eagle Claw, and made sure he carried one or two files from Nicholson File, where incidentally, my grandfather retired from. He used Stren clear easy cast line, but near the end of competition he switched to P line, and still uses it today. He has also switched to lighter gear, and we can't wait to get a Jiggy Stix in his hands! He had a couple of ideas copied by big companies around 1983. He was interviewed at the Classic in Louisville, and asked if there was anything different he did than the others. He decided to share his secret of using a glass rattle inserted into the bait. He had tried to

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Gary Hardwick

Source of Information: Indiana Bass Federation Hall of Fame

Spiceland, IN. Gary started fishing the Indiana Bass Federation in 1976 but the years from 1981 to 1994 is when he made his mark with the Federation. He was a member of the Bass Bandits of New Castle. They won the Top 6/Top 8 tournaments regularly and one point they won three years in a row. Gary really accomplished a lot in the Federation in a 13 year period from 1981 to 1994. He won the IBF State Finals ne time, fished snd twice, and finished in the Top 6 three other times. He also won Big Bass in one State Finals.

When the IBF was in the Eastern Divisional he won three times, and finished in the top 6 four other times. He also captured Big Bass twice. When the IBF moved to the Northern Divisional he won once, was 2nd once and 3rd one time., He also claimed Big Bass twice. When the Indiana State Team won the Divisional he was 2nd on the team and 7th overall.

His greatest achievement was when he qualified for the 1987 "Bass Master's Classic".

He qualified for the Indiana Bass Federation Invitational Trail Top 40 Classic nine times.

He served as Invitational Trail Prize Chairman for four years. Many of the anglers that fished the Invitational Trail during this time remember his tireless efforts to obtain prizes for Trail competitors.

Gary was inducted into the Indiana Bass Federation Hall of Fame in 2018.

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patent this, however, when he described it to a patent attorney as mimicking a crawdad sound, he was told that he could not patent one of God's creatures. A while later, a co-worker brought him a magazine with an article, in a major publication, and asked if Gary knew he was featured. He did not. That article revealed that very secret, and a while later the bait was copied and on the market. Well, you can't keep a good man down! Gary is

introducing his own line of baits called, "Hard to Beat Baits." Here at Gittin Jiggy With It, we are honored to be the exclusive seller of his baits. They are now on sale, and available in spinners, buzz baits, and worms, craw creature baits, tubes, Bass jigs, both swim and structure jigs, with his Crappie jigs and some other baits becoming available a little later.

Gary's spinners and buzz baits are like no others. The head and shaft is textured. Gary feels that the texture creates more water disturbance, mimicking, for example, a shad on top of the water. therefore attracting more fish. The color of his baits are unique as well. The color components give off a better flash and different illusion in the water. These come uniquely from the mind and imagination of the man himself. When I asked him if he was worried that others would copy the baits, he said they would, but that just meant that they were what he claimed them to be, and that it would be known that he was the inventor.

His legacy will be there for future generations. He hopes that his love of the sport, his research, knowledge, and experience, will help make fishing more fun, and make them all better fishermen.

Please watch our face book page, Gittinjiggywithitbaitandtackle, for dates when Gary will be there to promote and demonstrate his products. Make sure you have plenty of time to spend, because regardless of how much time you allotted, it won't be enough to even scratch the surface of his fishing experience and adventures. As I stated earlier, Gary has consented to another article in the future where he will go in depth into some of his theories, his research, and the reasons for them. Until then, keep on fishing!

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Reverend Lyle G. Rasmussen

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dent. I wrote a story about it in The Gad-a-bout.

Lyle was involved with Boy Scout Troop 16 and canoed with them at Scout Camps up north. But on this occasion they had inadvertently been forced too far into a large tree debris area in a bend of the river. Lyle's clothing got caught on a branch and the force of the current was causing him to go up and down submerging him dangerously. His son and friend pulled him to safety.

In 2013 I learned of his passing, I still think of him and at this time want to share with you who may also remember Lyle Rasmussen. I know he tried to set myself and countless others on the right path. I know for a fact he affected my life.

Lyle Gordon Rasmussen of Washington, IN, 86, a retired Elder of the Indiana Conference, died Wednesday, March 13, 2013. He was the father of the Revs. Timothy A. Rasmussen, Stephen L. Rasmussen and Daniel D. Rasmussen all UMC pastors and members of the Indiana Conference. Lyle served UMC churches in Indiana at Hartford City, Gilhead/Ebenezer, New Castle Trinity/Sugar Grove, Centerville, New Paris, Frankton, Greenfield Trinity Park, Indianapolis Mt. Olive, Indianapolis Faith, Corydon Old Capitol, Washington Christ and in retirement Jasper Shiloh.

Great Lakes Of The Wabash

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located at 7309 E 400 S Lagro, IN 46941.

With the Fall season now upon the horizon there are multiple planned activities one should mark on their calendars if planning to make the trip to either the Salamonie or Mississinewa Reservoir properties. The Salamonie Reservoir will host the Riders Reunion on the weekend of Saturday, September 27th. This is an event designed for horseback riders as there will be activities planned throughout the entire weekend. Also included will be a Tack Flea Market, Poker Ride, and Cowboy Stew. There will be a charge for these some of the events and all proceeds will go to "Power the Camp" to help bring electricity to the campsites at the Lost Bridge West Horsemen's Campground. The Salamonie will also host their annual Autumn Camping weekend on October 18 and 19th. Mississinewa Reservoir will host their Autumn Camping Weekend on October 4th and again October 11th. If visiting on the weekend of October 11th you will want to take time and visit the Mississinewa 1812 battle reenactment.

Outdoors with Rich Creason

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there is treasure, relics, and artifacts to be found. Age is not a factor when using a detector. We started our daughter and grandson both when they were four years old. Several friends with who we hunt are in their late eighties. We have seen numerous people in wheelchairs, several on walkers, and one blind person (his wife helped him dig targets) using a metal detector. Even if your searches find nothing, fresh air, exercise, and being in the outdoors may be treasure enough.

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Gad's Corner

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