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Top Left: I have the Pledge of Allegiance on the back of my Delivery Van for all to read when they stop behind me. Last year Steve Dake wrote about Red Skelton who recited the Pledge of Allegiance in which he explained the meaning of each word. He told me he had requests from several Veteran friends and organizations asking if we could reprint it in this issue. It is on Page 25. Note: With all the turmoil caused by the election for November 2020 and talk about the socialist candidates and members embedded in the Democrat Party I felt an urge to proclaim my belief in "Let Freedom Ring" using the Liberty Bell as a symbol and placing the American Flag with the Pledge of Allegiance under it. Top Right: The part that alarmed Mike the most was the statistics which showed the alarming trend that just under half the U.S. population does not participate in

outdoor recreation at all. That's at all, not just hunting or fishing, it says zero. No fishing, no strolls through the park or skydiving, downhill skiing or even golf - ZERO! See Page 11. (Photo by Mike Schoonveld) Bottom Left: My husband and I moved to Franklin County four years ago. We bought a cabin on seven wooded acres with a pond. We love to walk through the woods and listen to the sounds of the earth. We find morels in the spring, collect wild blackberries in the summer, and hunt deer in the fall. See Page 15 & 24. (Photo by Beverly Spurlin) Bottom Right: Sometimes when a gobbler (or group of them) is hung up out of range and just won't commit, the thing can send him over the edge is not constant cackling and yelping. When you've called that bird in only to have him stop short. See Page 12 (Photo by Joe Martino)

Large advertisement for Parkside Marine & More, Inc. featuring Crestliner Boats, Harris Pontoon boats, and a '2020 Spring Special' with unbeatable prices. Includes contact information for Brookville, IN.

Roaming The Outdoors



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

GOOD NEWS!

Veteran Services Officer Ron Weadick told me last week they collected enough donations for them to buy the Van they needed to transport Veterans to the DAV hospital in Dayton.

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In 2002 he began selling and servicing clocks, adding lamps later on and continues today.

Helping Bill is Larry Hensley. One of their specialties is Cuckoo Clocks and pendulum clocks like the ones they are standing in front of in the photo.

Next month, the May issue I will have a feature article on Bill and his business thru the years.

I've known Bill Senters for a very long time, he is trust worthy and honest. If you need a clock or have one that needs fixing, stop in and see him. Tell him you read about him in The Gad-a-bout.

THIS IS A STOP SIGN

Last month I had a School Bus on the cover with the question, "Do I have to stop for that school bus?" This month I have an iden-



This is a Stop Sign. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

tical question with a different subject, a stop sign. This question has an identical answer. You are required by state law to stop at all stop signs.

However there are a lot of drivers who ignore stopping more today, then ever before. A stop is when the wheels on the vehicle stop moving completely. I've been told that the proper way to observe the law concerning stop signs is that you stop, count three seconds, then proceed when the way is clear.

I doubt that my question will be adhered to by all the drivers I see daily, hourly and minute by minute, who ignore stop signs. For many moons I've wanted to say this, but haven't because it will do no good. If you are following me when I stop, you will stop!

Be safe out there on the roadway and please stop for all stop signs.



The Old Clock Shop Professional clock makers and repair specialists from left to right Larry Hensley and owner Bill Senters. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

VOLKSMARCHES TO BE HELD AT SEVERAL INDIANA STATE PARKS

The Indiana Volkssport Association is hosting walks at several state parks.

The association is a noncompetitive sports group that encourages people to get active. Most events are divided into two courses, 5K and 10K, except for the Potato Creek State Park event, which adds a third, a 15K option.

All events take place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Participants can go through either course at any time during those hours as long as they finish by the end

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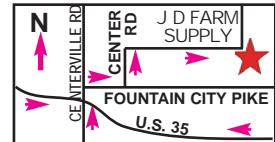
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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**

Professional Fishing Guide

April Fishing Brookville Lake

April is the gateway to summer for being outside and loving it. If you're a fisherman you have been chomping at the bit for a while now to catch a good mess of fish. In April the water temperature is coming up through the 60's and this is what's going to trigger a lot of fish to move to the shore.

If your target fish is walleye then you're in luck because the walleye have already spawned. Actually, walleye is one of the first fish to spawn. They spawn when the water temperature in the lake reaches around 46 degrees on the surface. What this means for you is all they're in the mood for is feeding. To

catch a walleye in April think shallow and think the warmest water. A couple of things that make the water warm are sun shine, rain water and rocky areas. Anywhere in the lake with the potential for the inflow of water is also a good place to look. This can be a creek or a river. Other good spots to check out are rocky shore lines. Not just any rocky shore line though, look for the ones that have been sun drenched all day. The water in the lake has been pretty cold most of the winter, do to it being winter. But as warmer weather progresses, so does the water temperature in the lake and these places makes it happen sooner. The walleye will move to these places looking for a meal. The reason they think there is food here is because it's the warmest water, and they know that spawning fish are looking for the warmest water also. The warmer water will trigger their spawning cycle to move forward. There are not just walleye looking for something to eat there are also catfish and musky.

Musky spawned in the lake about the same time as the walleye did, and catfish won't spawn till the water temperature gets closer to the 80's. The magic number your looking for is 65. This is the water temperature that shad like to spawn in. The lake is full of shad. A shad is a bait fish that make up about 40 percent of the biomass in the lake. There are a lot of them around that are 2 to 4 inches long, super soft and super smelly. Perfect fish food for a fish. They will move shallow in schools and spawn on everything hard like riprap, rocky shore lines, boat ramps, boat docks and under water brush.

Another good fish to fish for at this time of year are crappie, in the south they are called specs, but here in Indiana we call them crappie. In Brookville lake there are white crappie and black crappie. The sides of a white crappie have sort of bar markings and are paler and the sides of a black crappie are more just specs and are blacker. They seem to live together and they definitely taste the same. Look for them staging in deeper water just off the shore, they are in such large schools they are hard to miss. The frustrating part is they just don't seem to want to bite very well. As the water temperature gets right though, say around 65 degrees this school of crappie will move shallow and then it's on. You have to remember the water temperature all over the lake is different do to circumstances so you have to stay on the hunt till you find it.

As there is becoming more and more musky in the lake, I believe they are not the fish of 10,000 cast

anymore they are more like the fish of 9,550 cast. I guess my point is there still hard to catch. If this is a fish you want to try and target, I would say April is a good month. The water is still pretty cool and there is a lot of concentrated fish.

I would definitely stick with the coves or the north end of the lake. One of the tricks are to fish with great big baits weather its artificial or live. A lot of people troll just because its easier and your baits are constantly in the water. I have spent some time casting big artificial baits and it is not easy. I have caught a few muskies doing it and if you get one on its super exciting.

If your looking for catfish its hard to beat a small jig tipped with a night crawler in the spring. Catfish are abundant in Brookville lake, we have flat head, Blue, and channel cats. Channel cats are the predominate fish and they are super aggressive. Always on the move looking shallow for something to eat. A lot of times in the spring fishing with customers we will catch every fish in the lake fishing with just a 1/16 oz. whistler jig or a weed weasel tipped with a night crawler. Pretty simple and a lot of fun.

Good Luck - Tag

If you need more info go to my web site www.brookvillelakeguideservice.com or stop in at 52 Pik-up Convenience store and tackle just south of Brookville on State Road us 52. We have a full line of live bait, tackle and Fried chicken to go. So, when you ask for chicken liver, be specific. Lol

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Squad Sergeant Dave Clayton was honored for twenty years service. Clayton served much of his career at the Redkey Post working Delaware County. (Author Photo)



Squad Sergeant Robert Cross was also honored for attaining one million accident free miles in his career. (Author Photo)

News from the Indiana State Police



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

Troopers Honored At Recent Post Meeting

At a recent post meeting at the Pendleton Post, three troopers were honored for their years of service. Troopers Jeff Culley and Eric Downey were honored for twenty years of service as an Indiana State Trooper. Both began their careers at the Connersville Post after graduating from the Indiana State Police Academy in December 1999. Both are assigned to Rush-Henry County.

Squad Sergeant Dave Clayton was honored for thirty years of service. Clayton served much of his career at the Redkey Post working Delaware County. Squad Sergeant Robert Cross was also honored for attaining one million accident free safe driving miles in his career. All those honored are pictured with Lt. Josh Watson with their framed certificate.

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

The Indiana State Police is joining with law-enforcement agencies across Indiana this March to increase dangerous and impaired driving patrols for the NCAA Tournament and St. Patrick's Day. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over is the important reminder coming from law enforcement agencies as the two heaviest drinking events of the year are just around the corner: St. Patrick's Day and the NCAA tournament. All throughout March, officers will be conducting overtime patrols and sobriety checkpoints to prevent dangerous and impaired driving.

According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, or ICJI, in March of 2019, there were 433 alcohol-related crashes across Indiana, resulting in 205 injuries and five fatalities. Of those, 65 crashes (15 percent) and one fatality occurred during the St. Patrick's Day holiday weekend alone.

"St. Patrick's Day is one of, if not the biggest drinking days of the year," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "If you're out celebrating, make the right choice and find a sober driver to get you, and your friends, home safely. Luck won't keep you out of jail if you're caught driving under the influ-

ence."

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

Impaired driving isn't the only risk on the road in March, according to ICJI. Dangerous driving, which includes factors such as speeding too fast for weather conditions and aggressive driving, is also a concern and something officers will be watching for throughout the mobilization.

The following list includes several safety tips to prevent impaired driving this March.

- Before the celebration begins, plan a safe way home.
- Never drive impaired.
- Remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.
- If you do drink, use a taxi, public transportation, ridesharing service or designate a sober friend or

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DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER
Watch For Increased Enforcement During March



Troopers Jeff Culley (Left Photo) and Eric Downey (Right Photo) were honored for 20 years of service as an Indiana State Trooper. Both began their careers at the Connersville Post after graduating from the Indiana State Police Academy in December 1999. Both are assigned to Rush-Henry County. (Author Photo)

family member, and give them your keys.

- If you see a drunk driver on the road, call 911.
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride impaired, take their keys and help make arrangements to get them home safely.

Former Ripley Township Trustee Arrested on Multiple Felony Charges

Rush County – A lengthy investigation by the Indiana State Police Special Investigations Section has led to a former trustee of Ripley Township, located in Rush County, being arrested on a multiple count felony warrant. The investigation and charges allege that former township trustee Tara Hancock, age 36, misused and misappropriated public funds for the personal gain of herself and her husband.

The investigation was started last fall after a State Board of Accounts audit for Ripley Township from

2015 to 2018 found discrepancies in records totaling over \$17,000. The Indiana State Police Special Investigations Section was contacted and an investigation was conducted. When that investigation was completed it was turned over to the Rush County Prosecutor’s Office for their review.

As a result of the joint investigation and prosecutor’s review, Tara Hancock was arrested at her home in Hancock County on 2/06/2020 on a warrant for four counts of Level 6 Felony Theft, one count of Level 6 Felony Official Misconduct by a Public Servant and one count of Level 6 Felony Ghost Employment. Hancock was lodged in the Rush County Jail.

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time.

The association is also hosting a special event on Saturday, April 4 at Spring Mill State Park to celebrate National Walk Week, which is April 1-7. The Bedford Hiking Club will lead a guided walk at 10

a.m. that day, starting at Spring Mill Inn.

Other Volksmarch events at state park properties include:

- March 28, Lincoln State Park, Lakeside Shelter
- June 6, Shades State Park, Hickory Shelter
- Aug. 1, Potato Creek State Park, Nature Center
- Aug. 8, Chain O’Lakes State Park, Sunny Shelter
- Sept. 28, Summit Lake State Park, Sunset Shelter

The association also has trails that can be hiked throughout the year at Fort Harrison, Pokagon and Spring Mill state parks, and Paynetown State Recreation Area at Monroe Lake. Paper instructions and maps for walkers to follow are available at the inns at each of those state parks, and at the property office at Paynetown.

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The buyer saves up to \$18 over the regular price of the items if purchased separately. Go! Packs are only offered online at shopINstateparks.com. Offer ends May 10.

Indiana has 32 state parks and reservoirs throughout the state. The entrance permit grants gate entrance for all of 2020 for all state parks and reservoirs.

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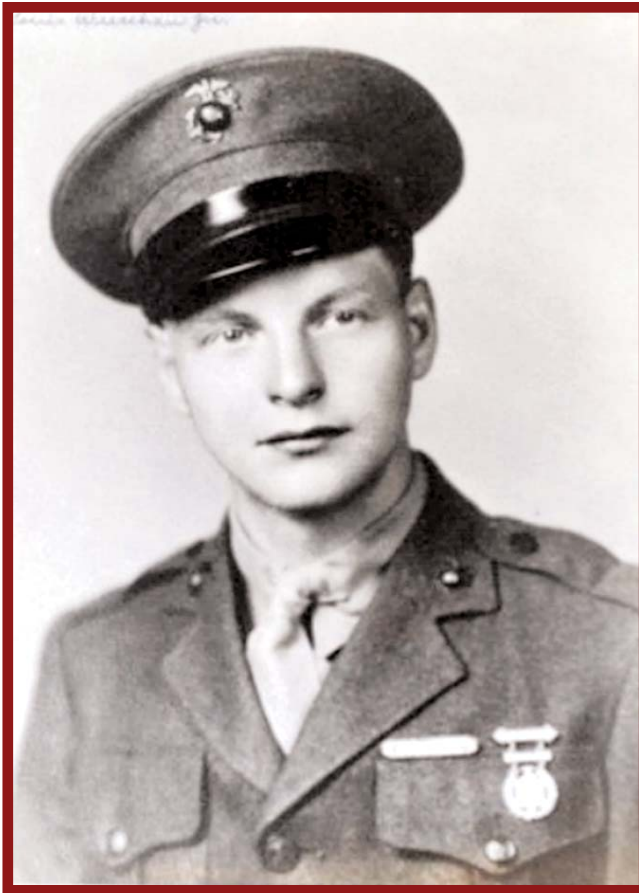
Recovered WWII Marine Returning To Wayne County

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has announced that Marine Corps PFC Louis Wiesehan Jr. of Richmond, Indiana, was accounted for on September 23, 2019.

In November 1943, Wiesehan as a member of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division was part of a costly 76-hour battle against firmly entrenched Japanese defenders at Betio Island, within the Tarawa Atoll. Over days of intense fighting from November 20 to 23, 1,021 Marines and Navy service members were killed or died of wounds sustained, 410 of these were unaccounted for. The Japanese were virtually annihilated. Marines killed in action were buried where they fell, or placed in large trench burials constructed during and after the battle.

PFC Wiesehan, age 20, who was known to family and friends as Junior, was killed on the second day of the battle, November 21, 1943. His remains were reportedly buried in Division Cemetery. After the war from 1946 to 1949 a Navy Construction Battalion who had little knowledge of the burial sites attempted to beautify and construct memorial burial sites on the Island. At least five Seabee units cycled through the Base with no continuity of personnel. Some markers were moved without moving the remains. No record of these movements has been found, and it's likely none was kept. Construction projects and storms on the Island uncovered some unidentified remains.

Over the years the 604th Graves Registration Company (GRC) excavated and moved some remains and later transported remains to the Central Identification Laboratory (CIL) at Schofield Mausoleum in Hawaii for identification. Beginning in 2008 a group of independent researchers from the non-profit group, History Flight, Inc., began extensive survey work and archival research which led the team to identify several sites on the Island as World War II cemeteries. One of these cemeteries, located in 2014 and later identified as Marine Division Cemetery 27 held multiple sets of remains, which were turned over to DPAA. Scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System were able



Marine Corps PFC Louis Wiesehan, Jr. Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division

to identify PFC Wiesehan through anthropological analysis, circumstantial evidence and DNA analysis.

JUNIOR WIESEHAN

“Junior” Wiesehan was the son of Louis F. and Marie Wiesehan who lived at 308 North 21st Street in Richmond. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps February 8, 1942. He was home for a short furlough from his military police unit at Elizabeth City, NC in July of 1942. While in the South Pacific he received a cable notifying him of the death of his father on October 17, 1943. In a letter from Junior dated October 30 he requested of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott, to send him details of the death by letter. “I sat right down and answered that letter” said Mrs. Elliott, “Friday morning.” Junior never received that letter as a War Department telegram delivered that evening, addressed to his mother, told of the death of her son “in the performance of his duty in the service of his country.” In a letter in June of 1944 his Captain, Captain Martin F. Barrett, said his death was a “genuine loss to myself as well as to all other members of this battalion.” The letter continued that Louis was killed by enemy gunfire November 21 “while manning a position on the front line. Louis’ ability, attention to duty and willingness to serve was always exemplary, since joining this company and during the time he served with me. He made many friends who join you in mourning his demise.” the letter said.

WELCOME HOME

PFC Wiesehan is finally coming home to Richmond, Indiana 77 years after his death. The City of Richmond and Wayne County are making plans to honor him and his service to our country in

a big way. The entire community is encouraged to turn out and be a part of his return:

- Thursday, April 16, 2020 –PFC Wiesehan will arrive at the Indianapolis airport with a Marine escort. His hearse will be escorted by a Wayne County Sheriff Deputy and the Patriot Guard Riders all the way from the airport. The procession will travel along U.S. 40 from Knightstown to Richmond. All communities along the route are encouraged to turn out with flags to honor him as he passes by. In Richmond residents can line the sidewalk on U.S. 40 W from Southwest 18th Street to Doan and Mills Funeral Home.

- Friday, April 17, 2020 – There will be a memorial ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park at 1:00 PM. Public visitation will be at Doan and Mills Funeral Home from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Friday evening.

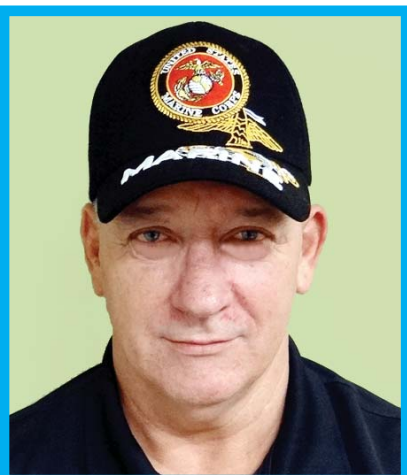
- Saturday, April 18, 2020 – The funeral procession to the cemetery will pass through downtown Richmond from the Main Street bridge to 9th Street. This will provide an opportunity for the community to line Main Street with flags to honor Junior as the final procession passes by.

- Sixteen million Americans served in World War II. Four-hundred thousand died during the war. Over seventy-two thousand are still unaccounted for. This is a chance to honor one of our own from Indiana.

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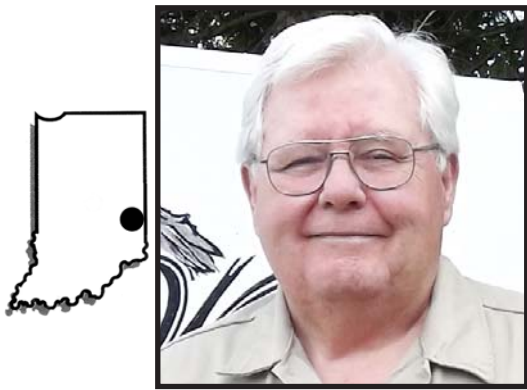


1. This is an example of a revolver with its side plate removed so that the internal working of the parts can be observed. This reduces the time needed to trouble shoot. (Author Photo)



2. An example of the nightmare revolver. All the parts are inside the frame and hidden from view. This type of gun is cheaply made and a nightmare to trouble shoot. (Author Photo)

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



by Marshall Smith
Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

Trouble Shooting

The first thing that one has to keep in mind when working on a customer's gun is not to damage the gun further. Trouble shooting the firearm is the primary responsibility of the gunsmith. The gunsmith must ask the right questions of the customer to get an idea of what to look for when repairing a gun. With the right questions the gunsmith narrows down the possibilities of what is going on with the gun. I'm going to tell you of a few cases that took some real investigation to determine the real problem with the firearm.

The first was a military rifle that had been customized by a previous owner. The current owner brought it in saying that the barrel was bent and could I straighten the barrel? After several questions of the customer it was clear that the rifle was not shooting to the point of aim and the customer didn't have the slightest idea of where the bullet was going. The customer said it had to have a



Look closely at the muzzle and you will see a spot on the muzzle crown which has damaged the crown such that a bullet is deflected to the side. This barrel will never shoot accurately until the crown is re-ground. This one was easy to trouble shoot, the damage was obvious. Crowns that have been cut or ground incorrectly may not be easily detected without good and proper information from the gun owner. (Author Photo)

bent barrel because it "wouldn't hit the broad side of a barn". Upon inspection it was clear to me that the front sight was way to short for that type of rifle and someone had changed the front sight but failed to change the rear sight. After inspecting the barrel for any dents or dings which might indicate the barrel had been bent and finding none I did a test using a light source in the chamber and shined the light through the bore onto a white paper held about 5 or 6 inches out from the muzzle. If the barrel was bent at all then the spot of light on the paper would not be round. It was round. I tested the rifle at the range and found it was shooting significantly high and significantly to the left. I had checked the crown during my initial inspection and didn't notice any abnormalities with the crown. I returned from the range and ordered a new front sight blade and using a powerful magnifying glass re-inspected the crown and checked it with a square and found the problem. I re-crowned the muzzle and replaced the front sight blade to solve the problem. Had I relied on the customer's assumptions I would have replaced the barrel and front sight at a tremendous cost.

Another instance was just recently a revolver of lesser quality came across my bench. The revolver would not consistently work but would

lock up using either double action or single. Here the problem was how to trouble shoot the revolver because unlike a Colt or Smith & Wesson, it didn't have a removable side plate in which one could view the working mechanism. So the trouble shooting process became remove the most likely problem part and test. So beginning with the cylinder which now couldn't be opened to remove it. That was a problem, and it was determined that the firing pin sticking out in the path of the cylinder causing it to not rotate. So, remove the firing pin and it should work. It didn't. Next, was to check and remove the hand. Reassemble the gun without the firing pin, cylinder, or hand and pull the trigger. Two or three pulls of the trigger and lock up. Grrrrrrrr! Next I removed the cylinder stop completely from the gun and pull the trigger a dozen times and no lock up. A closer check of the cylinder stop found some damage from an earlier attempt to fix the gun. I replaced the cylinder stop with one that was factory original along with the spring and tested it again. Problem solved.

The story here is that trouble shooting the gun is often times a very long and tedious process. Guns are supposed to be precision instruments. Those of higher quality give years of service with out problems. Those of lesser quality, not so much. So when you take you gun in to a gunsmith and the bill you receive seems high, remember you are paying for his knowledge and expertise in trouble shooting the problem. Replacing parts is easy, figuring out which part is the problem can be a frustratingly long process.

As To My comments on Facebook

If anyone following me on Facebook has received any unwanted news feeds on gun rights, politics, religion or anything else, I apologize if you have been offended and suggest that you go ahead and un-follow me. I'm a veteran, a retired law enforcement officer, and believe very strongly in our nation's Constitution. I have sworn to protect the Constitution and our Indiana State Constitution so long as I am able, I believe that our young people, that is those that are a generation or more younger than me, are being misled by the left leaning politically socialist parties and the left leaning media. I worry that they are not checking the facts, getting to the truth through

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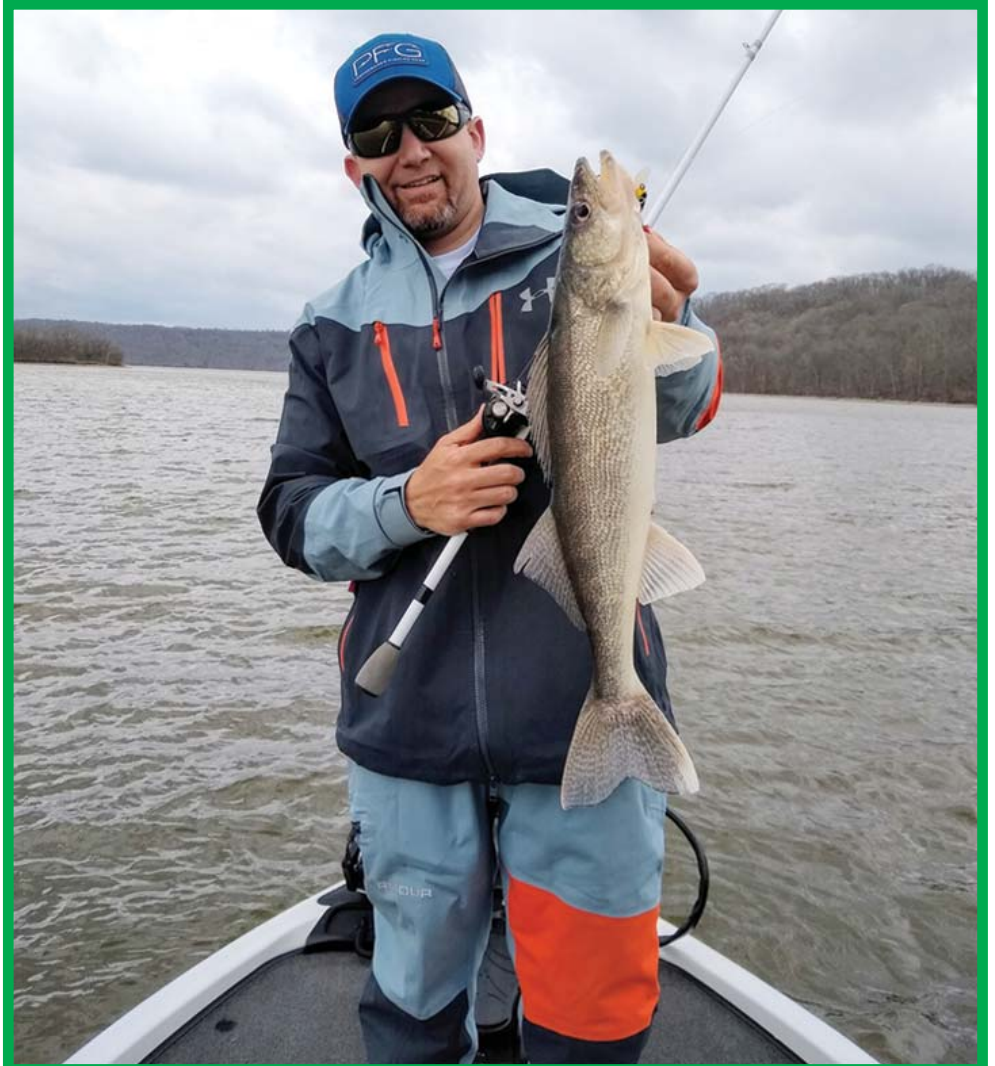
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An early spring, cold water, Largemouth caught by Wes Frame on a Flat Crankbait (Author Photo)



Keeper walleye caught and released on a Flat Crankbait by Tyler Frame (Author Photo)

Catching Takes Lots of Practice



by Tyler Frame
Frame's Outdoor

Cold Water Crank'n

It's a beautiful early-spring Saturday morning and you have been looking forward to getting on the water all week. You launch your boat eager to check the water temperature on your depth finder, and if you're like most anglers, water temps in the 40's can be intimidating and leave you with little confidence. At that point most of us tie on some variety of a jig and start fishing slow. There is no doubt it works, but there is a cranking method that can be more effective, especially in cold water.

When the water temperature is below 55 degrees a flat-sided, "narrow-wobble" crankbait catches bass better than most other techniques or

lures. There is something about a silent, narrow wobble, flat crankbait that makes fish strike in cold water. Lures made of balsa wood seem to be the best, for example, PH Custom Lures - Skinny P, or a Rapala - Shadrap. Once you've selected the proper crankbait it's important to choose the right color. We simplify it for ourselves by choosing a color that looks like everything and nothing at the same time. For example, we like a crankbait that has some brown, some white and some orange on it. We want a lure that resembles a shad, crawdad and bluegill all at the same time.

So, we have the style of crankbait we need to throw and the right color - now where do we throw it and how deep? We have the most luck with baits running shallower than 8 feet deep and we always try to parallel the bank to keep the bait in the strike zone as long as possible. We seem to fish faster in cold water than we do in warm water, triggering strikes and catching scattered bass. This is the time of year to fish transition banks. Sun blanketed, steep chunk rock banks transitioning into shallow spawning flats seem to produce the best. This is not the time of year for "spot fishing." We take the guesswork out of fishing cold water by fishing flat crankbaits fast. With the speed at which these lures can be fished there are very few stretches of bank we skip. We Like to fish it all. In bass fishing there is such a thing as a "random giant," and fishing it all is the only way to find her.

The most important point to take away from this article is that everything changes when water temperatures reach 55 degrees. When the water

warms to 55 degrees bass will react to lures with more erratic action such as a squarebill crankbait and other conventional lures, but when the water temp is below 55 degrees we have the most confidence in a flat crankbait.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

Troubling News About Indoor People

I've written upbeat columns detailing how certain portions of the outdoor industry is booming. New and used boat sales are up. Two decades ago so many people embraced the then new GPS technology that DNRs, the Forest Service and other land holding agencies had to consider regulations dealing with geocaching.



Getting the half of America's population who never go outside outdoors is everyone's responsibility. (Author Photo)

Foundation's latest study, nearly half our neighbors have no idea what they're missing.

These surveys were conducted just last year but asked about the outdoor habits (or lack of them) of participants for the year 2018. Here's a couple more numbers which struck me. Americans went on one billion fewer outdoor outings in 2018 than they did in 2008.

Kids went on 15 percent fewer annual outings in 2018 than they did in 2012.

The report wanted to detail at least a couple of positives. The best the report writers could detail was female outdoor participation increased by an

average of 1.7 percent over the last three years and Hispanic participation in the outdoors was the strongest among ethnic groups.

It's going to take more than just additional Hispanic hunters, anglers and skiers or 1.7 increase in percent female participation rate to stem the tide. It's also going to take more than R3, 60 in 60 or Plus One programs. Not to belittle these government and non-government organizational programs and initiatives. They are great; but just as the government's war on poverty has had little affect on poverty rates and the numerous NGO anti-drug programs didn't prevent the opioid crisis, don't expect these relatively expensive institutional initiatives to solve the problem.

What is needed is to supplement these programs with a truly grass roots effort every hunter, hiker, trapper or fisherman can do quite simply. Find someone - it shouldn't be hard if half the people in the country are in the group - find someone, and invite them to step outside with you.

They don't have to be youths - but introducing youths is certainly important. They don't have to be strangers. That's scary. Take a family member - brother, sister, nephew or your mom.

It doesn't have to be long or far away. Sixty three percent of the outdoor people responding to the survey reported going outside most often within 10 miles of their home.

If every hunter, angler, canoeist or other outdoor recreationalist took just one "indoorsman" along with them once or twice each year and if one in ten of those indoor oriented people became regular participants in outdoor pursuits, the trends would be reversed. I'd then have another optimistic topic to write about and I'm looking forward to it - with your help.

The End

Kayaking and kayak fishing has exploded along with other paddle sports becoming more popular. People seemed to be inventing new ways to play outdoors.

I've written downbeat columns as well. Fish and game management agencies are troubled because their budgets are being strained by stagnant or declining fishing, hunting and trapping license sales. Part of the issue is an aging demographic, part of it is a changing demographic.

Programs like R3 - Recruit, Retain, Reactivate, the Outdoor Industry Association's Plus One campaign, the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation's 60 in 60 initiative and others are helping to some degree or at least stemming the downward trends. I support them all.

The Outdoor Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Outdoor Industry Association (OIA), recently released their latest Outdoor Participation Report. As in many of these reports, the content is filled with statistics, trends, graphs and other numbers. One number popped up on my computer screen recently which hit me like a blast from an NFL linebacker.

While the information showed about half the U.S. population participated in outdoor recreation including hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, canoeing and biking among many more outdoor activities. This number lumped guys like me who participate several days weekly with people who only occasionally engage in outdoor recreation.

The part that alarmed me the most was the statistics which showed the alarming trend that just under half the U.S. population does not participate in outdoor recreation at all. That's at all, not just hunting or fishing, it says zero. No fishing, no strolls through the park or skydiving, downhill skiing or even golf - ZERO!

For many of us, the idea of not being outside is inconceivable. But according to the Outdoor

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Five calls/sounds to use to lure in Stubborn Gobblers

Let's face it, most of us end up having to hunt pressured birds sooner or later. Whether you are hunting public land, small patches of private land with neighbors who like to over-call and educate the birds that frequent your hunting property too, you've missed or blown it on a bird or two and now they're on to you, or you are just in a chess match with a stubborn old bird that knows every trick in the book, there are a handful of calls and sounds that can trick him and hopefully put him in your lap.

If you haven't heard of or tried these sneaky little tricks to use on birds who have heard it all, perhaps it's time you have. And now is the time to start practicing so you'll be ready to put them to use this spring season.

Snuff tube calls:

I know a lot of turkey hunters who have never heard of this type of call, let alone used one. The snuff tube call is pretty easy to use compared to a mouth diaphragm, yet harder to get the right sound to come out of it. It takes practice to figure out how to get it to sound like a turkey (although it is amazingly simple to get it to sound like a chicken)!

A snuff tube call has a distinctly different pitch and tone than any mouth, box or slate call. This, coupled with the fact that only true die-hard or old-school turkey hunters know how to use them, make them ideal for pulling in a longbeard that has heard everything. The odds are high that it may actually be the first time that the gobbler you are calling to has ever heard this call, and it may just be the thing that ends his life.

The wingbone yelper:

Want a call that may even be rarer (and more difficult to use) than a snuff tube call? Well here it is. The wingbone call, like the snuff tube, is one which I would bet none of the birds in the flock you are hunting have heard. And chances are, even if they may have heard a snuff tube call before, they have not heard a wingbone call.

Originally made from the actual wing bone of a turkey by the Indians, you can find them made from plastic nowadays. Again, a little difficult in figuring out how to get the right sounds to come out of it at



Sometimes gobblers can be cantankerous and tough to lure in. That is when throwing something different at them can pay off. (Author Photo)

first, but just different enough to separate your sound from the army of other calls the birds have already heard.

Whether it's the snuff tube call or the wingbone call, these are great calls to keep in your little black book of tricks to throw at pressured birds.

Now that I've thrown a couple of calls at you to try on tough toms, it's time to sling some sounds your way that also may help you seal the deal on a bird that otherwise may live to roost another night.

The gobble:

I know. You've already read plenty about how using a gobble call is not recommended, especially on public or shared hunting land, because it can fool an unethical hunter into shooting in your direction. That's true, but I still believe there are times to use it, given you can reasonably expect to be the only hunter in the area.

Unlike all other calls, the gobble call is not drawing a gobbler in looking for love; It is drawing him in in a fit of rage. By nature, the hens march to gobblers when he gobbles, not the other way around. Yes, we use hen calls to try to reverse the intent of nature, and in many instances, we can. When the bird you are calling to is having none of that though, is when I will break out my gobble call.

He may not be desperate enough to come find the hen who is trying to seduce him, but when he hears a competitor getting ready to get some, well, that may be what tips the odds in your favor.

After repeated attempts at calling a tom in with sultry hen talk, if he refuses for a period of time, consider throwing out a gobble after a series of yelps and see what he does.

Purring:

In my opinion, this one call can bring a gobbler in

running more so than any other. While a lot of hunters do use a purr, I'm not sure many know how to use it to its full effectiveness.

Most hunters know to mix in some purrs with their yelps and things like that, but knowing that pivotal moment when a purr can change everything is important.

Sometimes when a gobbler (or group of them) is hung up out of range and just won't commit, the thing that can send him over the edge is not constant cackling and yelping. When you've called that bird in only to have him stop short, usually some light purrs and nothing else can be just enough to cause

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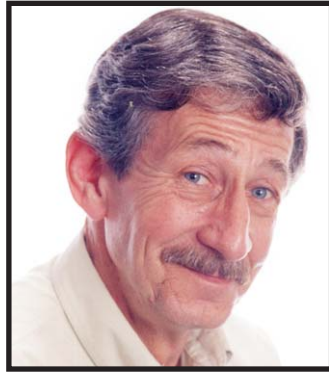
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Turkey calls can be very effective and patience can make all the difference in bringing in the gobbler. (Author Photo)

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

FISHING SOCIAL HOUR

As a rule, fishermen enjoy the solitude of a quiet lake or stream where the only sounds are the whir of reels or gentle lapping of water on the hull of the boat. On the other hand, my favorite fishing hole in Florida is a fifty acre fresh water lake situated behind our lodgings. Surrounded by high rise buildings and spanned across the middle by a long boardwalk, it's sometimes like fishing at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Broadway in New York city. The boardwalk is a popular walkway for fitness walkers and those going to and from the condos surrounding the lake. Since the boardwalk offers the best access to the deeper water, it's necessary for the fisherman to clear the area before casting in order to avoid hooking someone's fluffy little dog or an unaware senior citizen.

The lake has a generous supply of large mouth bass and husky pan fish, so a few hours with the right lure will produce a lot of catch and release. An added benefit is the curiosity of the walkers, many of whom stop to question the fisherman.

"You ketchin' anything?", to which you answer, "Yup, a few." The next question is inevitable. "What kind are they?"

"Large mouth bass."

"Are they good to eat?"

"I guess if you would eat a fish caught in a favorite tourist attraction next to a golf course. We practice catch and release to be on the safe side."

If you show an interest in talking (like I do), some of the walkers see an opening and begin rambling off into various subjects about themselves and their personal lives. I know it sounds odd, but the only thing I haven't heard are stories about Aunt Gertrude and her sewing club. One elderly lady related a lengthy description of a broken bone in her foot and how determined she was to walk it back to health. I was tempted to tell her I was an orthopedic surgeon, but I was afraid she would ask me to examine it.

Another young gentleman stopped to ask the inevitable questions on fishing and within five minutes launched into a description of his life as a potential NHL (hockey league) player in Canada. He then described an altercation he got into with another player and ended up with a possible skull fracture and a split upper lip. As a result, he would

have had to sign waivers to play on any team and decided to pursue another profession. I didn't ask about his present skills for fear he might have to strangle me to keep it quiet.

After numerous other encounters I was tempted to make a sign and hang it on the hand rail next to me that would read:

Type Of Fish----Large Mouth Bass

Type Of Lure---Red Bug Artificial Worm

Edible-----Not unless You Enjoy A Stomach Pump

Another fellow stopped and as he asked his questions, an F-35 fighter aircraft from a local air base thundered over. He asked if I could identify it. When I did, he assumed I was a steel nerved ace. When I said I had flown for many years the flood gates opened as he explained his ongoing project of constructing a small amphibious aircraft. Thirty minutes later I was completely up to date on his progress, but I didn't mind since the subject was very interesting to me. I loathed him though, as I hadn't flown for a number of years. I think he must have sensed my past and decided to rub my fur the wrong way.

Next on the agenda was the well worn subject of weather. Normally, the conversations opened by asking where each of us were from. Then came a description of the weather back home when we each left for the sunny south. Visitors from Minnesota, Wisconsin, or Canada made me wonder why anyone would want to return to their homes. Call a Realtor long distance, put the house on the market and start beating the bushes down here. These talks always ended with expressions of sympathy and with the knowledge that the average buyer couldn't afford an outhouse in this area.

The most commonly asked question normally came from the strutter with a blonde wife, fresh off the golf course. "Well, where are all the fish, heh, heh."

I would look him in the eye with a gentle smile and tell him that the pickup truck with the latest load had just left for the fish processor and would be back for the next batch in half an hour. He would be welcome to come back then. I was tempted to ask what he shot on the back nine, but decided not to press my luck. Most golfers can't take a little ribbing.

There were more conversations on sports such as football and basketball, but since I have no interest in neither, all I had to do was listen and occasionally nod my head and say "Uh huh." Another couple asked for advice on methods for their seven year old grandson. I was tempted to suggest a light weight rod, five to seven pound test line, a couple of split shot for weight, a Red Bug artificial worm, sink depth of four to six feet, a light stripping action on retrieve and a wad of chewing tobacco in his jaw. Instead, I recommended a light rod, a floater and grubs for bait. I have to admit that sometimes discretion is the better part of valor.

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THE GAD-A-BOUT & FRANKLIN CO. TOURISM BOOTH HUGE SUCCESS AT RENFRO SHOW



On February 22, 2020 at the 66th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds I was able to take this photo of seven members of the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum thanks to Jim Grandt, owner of Grandt Industries for 37 years who told me of this epic photo opt taking place at the Hawg Trough Saturday 2-22-2020. Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame member (s) from left to right: Jim Grandt, Jimmy Houston, Larry Nixon, Tom Skarlis, Spence Petros, Dan Gapen Sr. and "Böbber" Ann Orth.



Left Photo: Mikel Beck, Executive Director of Franklin County Tourism on the left and Ray Dickerson, The Gad-a-bout on the right tending to their booth at the Ford 66th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion February 23, 2020. (Photo by Sherry Dickerson) Right Photo: Left to Right - Ray Dickerson, Stephanie and Mike Lemen (Owners of C&T Cycle in Scottsburg, IN.) and Sherry Dickerson on February 23, 2020. (Photo by Mikel Beck)

The Gad-a-bout & Franklin County Tourism Team Up For Joint Successful Venture

by Ray Dickerson

In recent years I found myself short on time to successfully publish and deliver The Gad-a-bout during the Sport Show season and attend the shows too.

Last year (2019) I asked Mikel Beck who is the Executive Director of Franklin County Tourism if she would be interested in providing Franklin County business volunteers to hand out promotional information about Franklin County and The Gad-a-bouts at my sport show booth at Renfro's Boat, Sport & Travel Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. She agreed to do so. Between my volunteers and Franklin County it was a successful arrangement.

This year, 2020 proved to be a bit more challenging for me. Normally my delivery schedule matches the sport show dates in good order. However this was not the case this year. My delivery week and Renfro's Sport Show fell in the

same week.

I had a new proposition for Mikel Beck and she rose to the occasion with a magnificent answer. I asked if she could take care of my booth for the week of February 14-23, 2020 as I would be delivering my March Gad-a-bout that week. I told her the days and evenings I would be able to help, but the brunt of the responsibility would be hers. We set about to determine how we would handle the situation.

I told her we would need to set up the booth on Wednesday, February 12th, the week before the show. We would get the tickets that day too. She told me she would attend the show every day and already had a list of volunteers she had talked too and would finish before the show began. As it turned out with my deadline weekend, Hoosier Outdoor Writers conference and delivering papers I ended up only helping at the booth on the last weekend, February 22-23.

On February 12th I loaded up my van with all of the gear for the booth, January, February and March Gad-a-bouts, plus Brookville Lake maps. Then headed for the Indiana State Fairgrounds to meet Mikel and her husband Hans. We both were able to drive our vehicles into the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. She had the Franklin County backdrop, more chairs, lots of Franklin County literature and Whitewater Valley Explorers too.

Opening show date came and Mikel was ready. She had the following volunteers all lined up:

Sat 2-15: Joe Sizemore, Franklin County Council Member.

Sun 2-16: Spencer Beard, owner of All the Best, Airbnb in Brookville.

Thur 2-20: Jim & Jennifer Black, owner of Hickory Road Inn who specialize in crafting retreats.

Thur 2-20: George & Gail Ginther, owner of Words & Images, The Train Place in Metamora and takes care of Metamora Opry Barn Schedule.

Fri 2-21: Jeff & Nancy Main, representing Main Street Brookville, Inc.

Fri 2-21: Shirley Lamb, representing Whitewater Canal Trail.

Sat 2-22: Beverly & Scott Spurlin, Benevolent Sun Botanicals at Of the Earth in Metamora. **Sat 2-22:** Todd & Stephanie Murray, founder of FC CAN and a representative for Canoefest.

Fri 2-14 thru Sun 2-23: Mikel Beck My sincere thanks to Mikel Beck, Executive Director; Franklin County Convention, Recreation & Visitors Commission Franklin County Welcome Center.

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Left Photo: Left to Right - Scott and Beverly Spurlin (Owners of Of The Earth & Loft at Metamore, IN) and Mikel Beck, Executive Director of Franklin County Tourism. (Photo by Ray Dickerson) Right Photo: Left to Right - Todd, Logan and Stephanie Murray (Founder of FC CAN - Franklin County Cancer Assistance Now 765-309-4186) (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Editor's Note: The following story is written by Beverly Spurlin one of the volunteers who I met when she and her husband Scott handed out literature in my booth at Renfro's Boat, Sport & Travel Show on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Our conversation in the booth that day prompted me to ask her to write this article. I think everyone will enjoy it. (See above left photo of Scott and Beverly Spurlin).

Rambling In The Fields



by Beverly Spurlin

Learning about life naturally

by Beverly Spurlin

I grew up on a farm in western Fayette County, near the little town of Glenwood. It wasn't the wilderness. We didn't even have a huge woods, just an extra wide grove of trees at the back of a 50 acre field. But what we did have were parents who weren't afraid to let us roam wild during our summers; catching lightning bugs and handling snakes, or come winter, digging tunnels in the snow or tying a sled to our Saint Bernard dog and pretending we were mushing across the Alaskan tundra. My sister and I had the privilege of owning horses and showing them in 4-H. But the most exhilarating activity we pursued was dressing up like prairie folk and building fires over which we cooked our food. We would ride around the farm pretending to go to town to buy supplies. We would ride back to "the woods" and pretend we were lost in the wilderness. We would sometimes ride bare back with only halters on the horses instead of bridles for an extra thrill. Our parents didn't keep a close eye on us. They didn't intervene in our adventures. They didn't set up formal lessons or tell us what they thought we should learn. They allowed us to explore, create, and discover on this small part of the earth on our own. They knew we would be home before dark, my sister's horse had night blindness.

I've noticed our increasing tendency as parents to protect our children from experiences we had as children that taught us a great deal about the natural world and about ourselves. Walk through a patch of Stinging Nettle and you'll know what I mean. The natural world is full of unpleasant experiences, but it is also full of wonder and discovery and creativity. Our instinct as parents is to prevent our children from suffering unnecessarily; whether the cause is a painful Nettle rash or a bee sting, or the conse-



Spring yellow morel mushroom. (Author Photo)

quences of their poor choices. My middle grandchild loves living creatures of all types. He loves handling bees to see if he can coax them into not stinging him. Sometimes, he is even successful. His mother (my daughter) doesn't discourage him. She understands that he is learning about the nature of bees by immersing himself in their world.

My husband and I moved to Franklin County four years ago. We bought a cabin on seven wooded acres with a pond. We love to walk through the woods and listen to the sounds of the earth. We find morels in the spring, collect wild blackberries in the summer, and hunt deer in the fall. We enjoy catching bluegill in our pond and having a fish fry. We have been fortunate enough to have opportunities our entire lives to connect with the natural world. I am beginning to see a generation of people who have not made these connections, who have not experienced the thrill of finding a nest of baby owls or a den of bunnies and being taught to observe from a distance so as not to disturb the delicate balance. I am noticing a people who give no thought to where their food comes from. They know they drive to the store, select anything they want from a seemingly never ending supply, and they take it home to eat it.

On our farm, my family primarily raised hogs, chickens and bees. My 78 year old mother still has a huge garden and she cans and freezes everything she can each summer. As children, my siblings and I understood from an early age that the livestock we raised were our food. That didn't stop us from rescuing a runt pig here and there and trying to nurse it along. We helped butcher and process chickens for our family's freezer. It wasn't a pleasant experience,



Wren nest secluded in the weeds. (Author Photo)

but we knew how those chickens lived, what they ate, and that they led peaceful lives right up until the moment they died. We were taught to respect the animals and treat them with kindness, and especially to honor their sacrifice in providing nourishment to our bodies.

We were taught the cycle of life and death on the farm. I remember the summer our old dog, Georgie died. She had been missing most of that day and our grandpa found her behind the combine in the shop. She had crawled in there in order to leave us in peace. Of course, we were inconsolable in our grief and loss. And I remember our grandpa telling us, "It's ok... she's ok." In my child's mind, I thought he was telling us that our dog was still alive, by some miracle. It confused me to learn that she was in fact, quite dead. But I realized years later that what Grandpa was teaching me was that this is the way life is meant to happen. We are born, we live, we enjoy our lives, we have people who love us, and one day we will die. I wasn't told that, I lived it. No one protected me from feeling the loss and the pain. When my grandpa had his share of this life and passed on at the age of 103, I remembered that lesson he taught us. It didn't make the hurt any less intense, but it felt somehow bearable because I knew that's how life is supposed to happen. He had taught me that.

Our grandchildren love to come to our house and wander around the woods, or walk along the edge of the pond catching little minnows or tiny frogs, which they release after watching them for a bit. We swim in the summers and contemplate things like the place

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Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival By The Lake Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Left Photo: Live Entertainment on the stage Saturday and Sunday. Right Photo: Antique Tractor & Farm Equipment Exhibits. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake May 1,2,3, 2020

The Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake will be held on May 1,2,3, 2019. Featuring Live Music, Great BBQ, Craft Show, Home Improvements, Flea Market, Antique Tractor Show, Antique Car Show (Sunday), Flag Retirement Ceremony (Saturday), Garden Tractor Pull (Saturday), Civil War Re-Enactors (Amherst Artillery), Free Parking and Admission, A KCBS BBQ State Championship Contest and Indiana BBQ Trail Event.

The barbecue contests are open to all who want to participate. Everything you need to know about participating can be found on the Liberty Lions Club website, www.libertyindianalions.com whether you want to enter barbecue contests, set up a vendor booth, volunteer to help during the festival or just attend as a spectator.

Open and fill out a Cooker registration form, Vendor registration form, Car Show registration form and/or BBQ Judge Application form.

Parking is free and there is no admission to the event. There is handicapped parking near the front gate.

The website is www.libertyindianalions.com. You can link onto their website by clicking on the above website with your computer mouse. Their website is up and ready for you. When the website opens you will see the Festival dates and hours, scroll down and you will see 19 event headings. Select the heading you need information for and click on it. It's as simple as that.

Everything you need to know can be found at www.libertyindianalions.com. If not, you can also call Carl Sharps Cell: 765-580-0215 or e-mail him at carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com.

An added attraction is Treaty Line Pioneer Village, Log Cabins were moved to this location when Brookville Lake filled the valley in 1974.

Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake May 1,2,3, 2020

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Festival Times:

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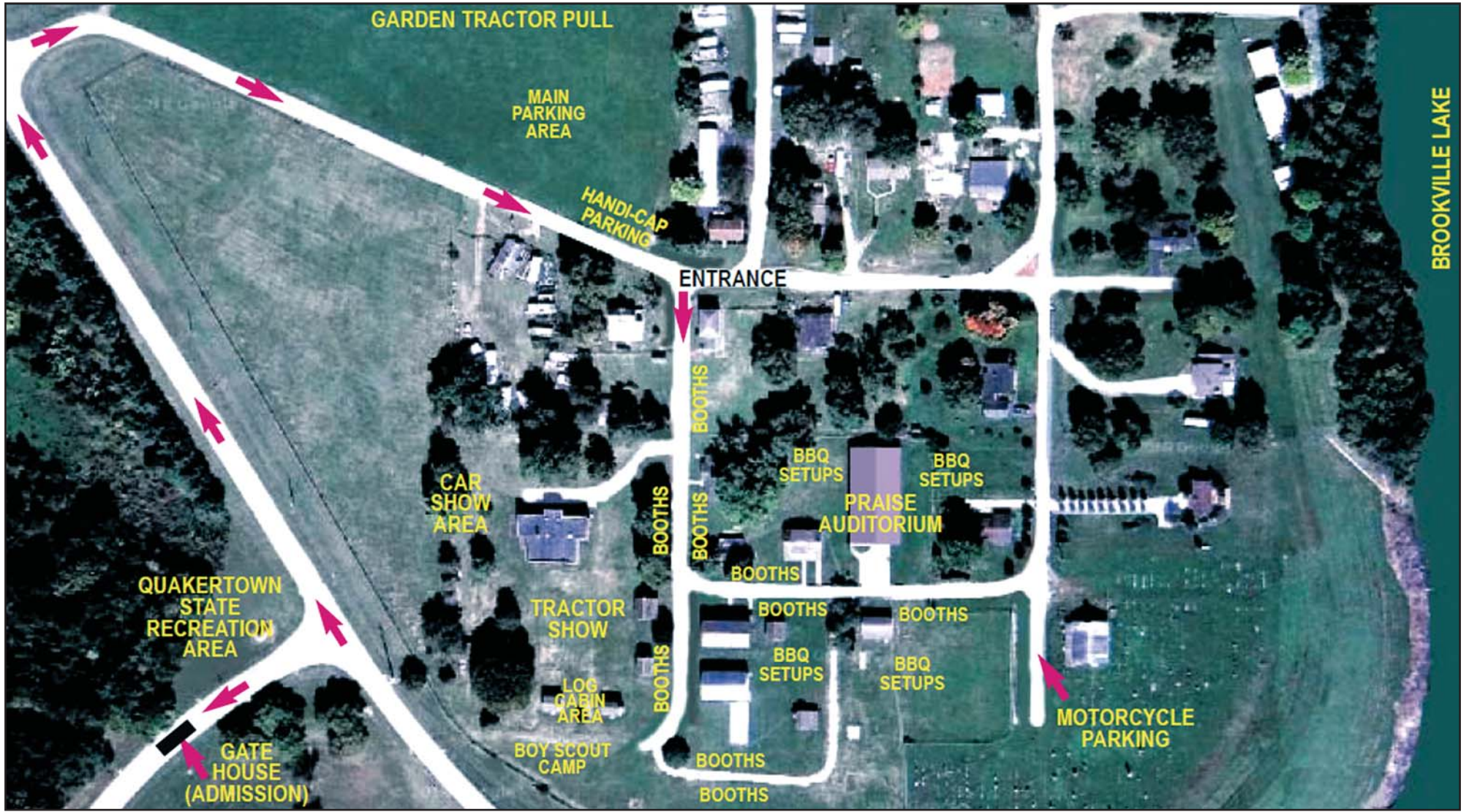
Judging Times:

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 PORK RIBS 12:30 pm ANYTHING BUTT. 2:30 pm
 PORK 1:00 pm OBR Mystery Meat. 3:00 pm
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Aerial photo of Treaty Line Pioneer Village. This gives you a graphic look of where the activities are taking place at the 2020 Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake.

Units requiring larger spaces should plan to arrive early. Each cooker will be allowed as many assistants as they wish. There will also be a limited field of "People's Choice Entries to be judged on Saturday. The cost to participate in the People's Choice category is only \$50 and your meat will be included. This year, our People's Choice entry will be Pork Butt. Turn-ins for the People's Choice Entries will be at Noon on Saturday. In Addition, we will have our OBR Mystery Meat Challenge on Sunday. Bring your donation to Operation BBQ Relief (OBR) to participate. Donations should be \$25, or more. The OBR Mystery Meat will be provided by the Organizer!

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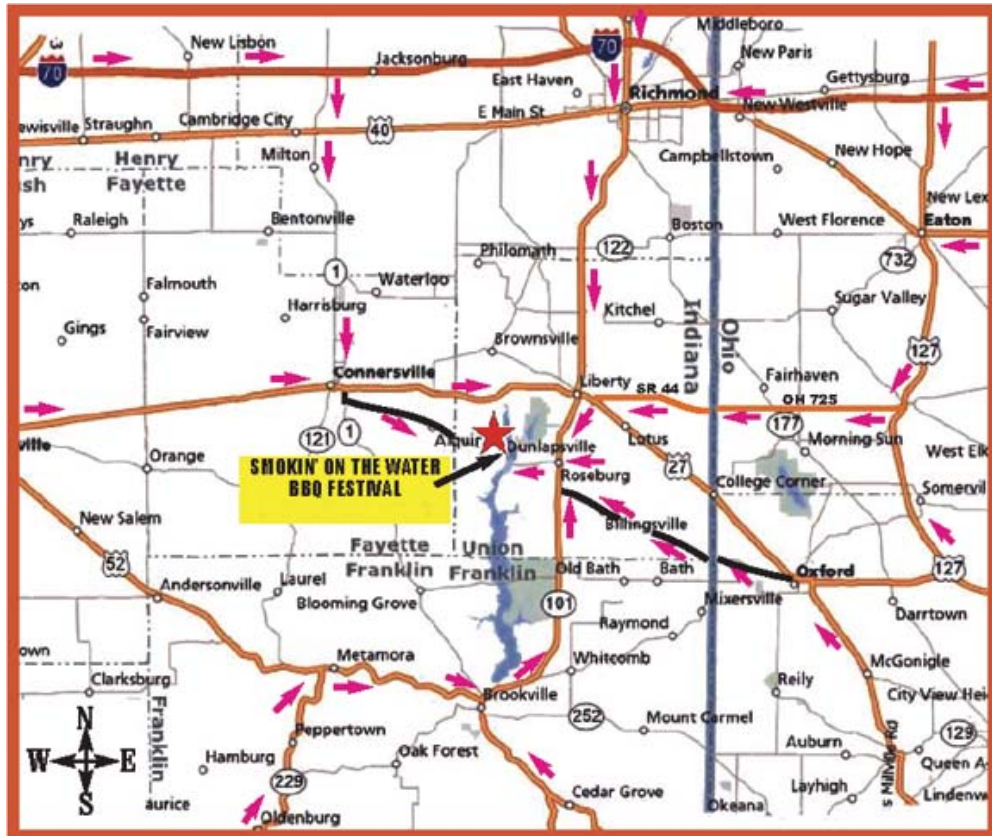
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EIGGS 47th Annual Spring Gem Show March 6-8, 2020

The 47th Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society (EIGGS) was a huge success. Sherry and I visited the show on Sunday afternoon partly by design since I needed to be there at 1 p.m. to take the photo of the winner of the 2020 Charlene Reidenbach STEM Scholarship award. This year the Scholarship was won by Abigail Rodefer, a senior at National Trail High School. Her parents Andy and Melissa Rodefer were present for the photo also. See Photo.

We left for a little bit, then I returned again at 4 p.m. to take a group photo of all the members of EIGGS. This was a very important set of photos as John Lamont who at the young age of 92 is retiring from attending rock shows around the country and this was his last show.

The Club is holding a special get together on April 9th to honor him and also another member who is 97. I will be doing a write-up on both members and others as well.



On behalf of the Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society, club member John LaMont presents the 2020 Charlene Reidenbach STEM Scholarship to Abigail Rodefer, a senior at National Trail High School, as her parents Andy and Melissa Rodefer look on. The award was presented at the Richmond Gem and Mineral Show, March 8. (Photo by Lisa Morris)



Sherry Dickerson and EIGGS member John Lamont at his booth.



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This is me using the Vanquish 540 metal locator. (Photo by Susie Creason)

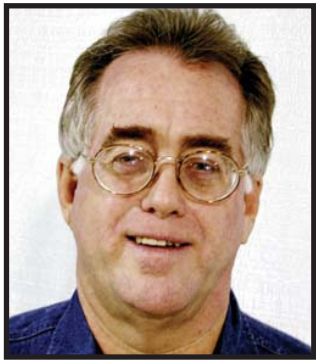


My two new machines a CTX3030 on the left and the Vanquish 540 on the right. (Photo by Susie Creason)



I'm in my front yard with the Vanquish 540. I'm in my front yard with the Vanquish 540. (Photo by Susie Creason)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

The Search for Relics & Artifacts

In our travels around this country (and Canada), we have found numerous objects which could be classified as artifacts. Many of these items, but not all, were found with a metal detector. According to Webster, an artifact is “a usually simple object (such as a tool or ornament) showing human workmanship or modification as distinguished from a natural object...” This definition covers a wide variety of items.

When the word “relic” is thrown into the conversation, it is often considered another word for artifact. Technically, a relic is “that which remains; that which is left after loss or decay”. Using this definition, an arrowhead would be considered an artifact, while a broken piece of arrowhead would be a relic. For most of us in the hobby, the two words could probably be used interchangeably without causing much of a problem.

Having said all of that, Susie and I have found some neat “stuff”. Starting up north, we have detected numerous remote hunting and fishing camps in Canada. Most of these are old and have never seen a detector. Most were old logging



Axe head found with my metal detector at a hunting camp in Ontario. (Author Photo)

camps many decades ago. One of my neatest finds was a two bladed axe head. We have also found short lengths of heavy logging chain used (I assume) to pull logs from the woods to their destination. We have also discovered metal objects which are definitely formed by man, but their name or purpose is unknown to me.

I have found probably a hundred or more rifle shell casings (and some unfired cartridges) in the hunting camps. Probably from practice rounds being fired or dropped. Susie has found two large round, metal circles with handles. These were lids from the top of old wood burning stoves. She also has found several huge horseshoes, or actually, from the size, they would have to be mule shoes in these camps. We are scheduled to hunt two more of these old resorts this summer.

Our detectors have also found many coins, both United States and Canadian ones in these locations. Some are old, some new. I always check the walkway from cabins to the main lodge. Occasionally, this walk is wooden slats with spaces between. I have turned the walkway



Assorted arrowheads I have found in our traveling around the country. (Author Photo)

over and found numerous items which have fallen between the cracks. I also check in the water alongside the piers. Many fishermen lean over to place items into the boats tied up there. Besides coins and fishing lures, I have found three cigarette lighters (the old metal kind) in the water.

Moving west, I was hunting pronghorn in Montana. In the afternoon, we grabbed our detectors and began searching around a fallen down schoolhouse. I searched with one earphone on and one off. I wanted to be able to hear the distinctive rattle of a nearby snake if I approached one. I found an old shell casing. The ranch owner said it was from a large caliber buffalo gun. I asked did it belong to an Indian or a soldier. He said it belonged to whoever was winning the fight at that time. Susie found several old coins in the ruins. And according to the def-



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inition, a coin is an artifact.

While in this area, our guide showed us numerous arrowheads, choppers, scrapers, teepee rings, and pot rocks. There were also several old car ruins in the fields. While they were stripped basically to the metal frame, I did find an old buried license plate with my detector. It was long and narrow, with a year 28 on it and Minn. Before cleaning the dirt off, I saw the "M" and thought it was from Montana. But, it turned out to be Minnesota. An old car, a long way from home.

Returning to the east, we were walking along a Lake Erie shoreline. Not a nice sandy beach good for crowds, we nevertheless found some artifacts. This was in the form of beach glass. Shards of colorful, broken pieces of bottles which had been tumbled by the waves in the rocks along the shore. The edges of the glass becomes smooth from being churned in the rock and sand, similar to a rock tumbler in my garage. I guess since this was broken glass, it must be considered a relic.

On our visits south, we have been fortunate to detect several old Civil War sites. Bullets, buttons, buckles, and more have been added to our collection on these trips. We have been invited to both Mississippi and Alabama this summer to search more sites. Our friends already have permission for us to hunt private areas around their property which had seen action in this conflict. Of course, many of our friends here in Indiana find Civil War buttons in the farm fields of the Hoosier state.

Further south, the beaches of Florida yield many finds to our detectors. While I have yet to find any Spanish coins washed up on the beach from sunken ships, we do find a lot of coins and a nice amount of jewelry. It amazes me to see all the folks on the beach with detectors, yet we still find stuff. Either the other people don't turn their detectors on, or perhaps don't use them properly, or maybe there is just that much treasure lost every day on the beach.

In the last week, I have acquired two new metal detectors. Both are Minelab machines. One is a Vanquish 540, the other is a CTX 3030. The 540 is similar to other models I have and it won't take long for me to be comfortable using it. The 3030 is a high end machine with many bells and whistles. I will have to spend some time on the computer reading the owner's manual to fully understand it.

When asked how many detectors I have, I just reply "a few". Next, they ask me why I have so many. I ask them, "Do you have one adjustable wrench or a set of different size wrenches." My different machines do different things. Also, I just like having new toys.

Of course, these are just a few of the spots to find artifacts. Every state and province has great sites. I just get permission to hunt, and go for it.

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Rochester's Giant Short-faced Bear picture on display at the Indiana State Museum. (Author has permission from the Indiana State Museum to reprint it here.)

News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Rochester's Giant Short-faced Bear Gains Fame

Only one Giant Short-faced Bear skeleton has been found in Indiana, and that is the one unearthed south of Rochester on west of Nyona Lake at the Chet Williams' farm. It has become well-known in scientific circles because it was the biggest most-nearly complete skeleton of a Giant Short-faced Bear found in America.

Since unearthed in 1967, Rochester's Giant Short-faced Bear (*Arctodus simus*) has been studied by many scientists, painted by artists, written up in various magazines and scientific journals, and is now exhibited in three museums! The original bones are in the Field Museum, Chicago. The new Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis, and the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada, have casts made of the bones.

Rochester's famous giant bear is seen and/or mentioned on several web sites, but it had not been reported in the Rochester Sentinel nor did hardly anyone in Fulton County know about the giant bear. It has indeed been Rochester's best-kept

secret, and a monstrous secret it was, labeled by many scientists as an Ice Age Super Predator! An article about the big bears of Indiana was published in Outdoor Indiana in 1983, and the author, Ron Richards, described the bones in drawers in the Field Museum, but he did not mention they were from Rochester.

In 2000, I was contacted by a school teacher, Franklin Snocker, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, asking what I knew about Rochester's Giant Short-faced Bear. I photocopied what I had; a single South Bend Tribune article dated 1987, and sent it to him. He send me two packets of information about the bear from books and web sites. One thing he was looking for was a book entitled: Giant Short-faced Bear, *Arctodus simus* remains from Fulton County, Indiana.

A few weeks later I called Ron Richards at the Indiana State Museum to inquire about the mastodon bones there. He said they made a cast of Rochester's Giant Short-faced Bear and it is exhibited in the new museum. The cast was made by Field Museum for \$35,000. He has a copy of that book we were looking for about the Giant Short-faced Bear from Fulton County and sent me a photocopy for the Fulton County Museum. In fact, Richards is the author. I sent Mr. Snocker a copy and he gratefully sent me six more packets of material about our famous giant bear to share with local schools. Any teachers or students interested in the Giant Short-faced Bear are welcome to contact the Fulton County Museum at 574-223-4436.

The Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre and Museum, Canada, also paid \$35,000 for a cast of Rochester's Giant Short-faced Bear. I brought up their web page and emailed them to ask why they wanted a cast of this bear when they already had others. John Storer, paleontologist for the Yukon government, answered, "Because the Rochester specimen is the best preserved specimen and is a relatively large individual. Alaska and Yukon haven't produced anything as complete, though we do have some odds and ends of large individuals."

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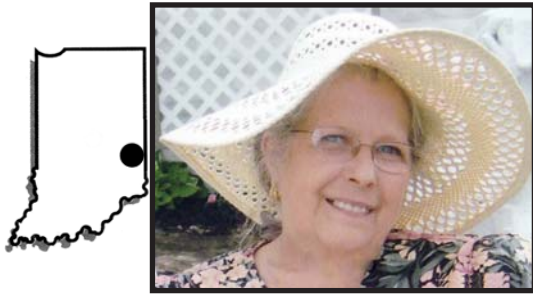


Virginia Claypool Meredith (Author Photo)



Maize Jane Elliott (Author Photo)

Whitewater Valley History



by **Donna Schroeder**
Fayette County Historical Museum

Ladies First!

I'm writing this on March 8, 2020. Today is International Women's Day. March has been, since an official act in 1987, National Women's Month in the United States.

Let me make one thing clear. I do not think women are superior to men. I like most men. I love some men. I dislike some men. Feel free to substitute the word women for the word men in those sentences. People are just people, but women haven't always been fully appreciated.

Women kept things rolling in the days when only men went to war, although now they stand side by side in battle. Women farmed the land during the Civil War. Fayette County was an industrial center during the world wars, especially in WWII when the Rosie the Riveters kept the factories going. Household chores in days gone by were rough, full time work.

The sentiment that we didn't always recognize women as important individuals isn't so far fetched. When I research a family or walk through a cemetery, I clearly see it. Read any newspaper from the 1800s as proof. In our earliest newspapers, there are only obituaries for men. In the 1850s, memorials for women are more common, but very few news articles or obituaries begin with the given name of a woman, and there are lots of instances where it's never mentioned.



Leota Davis King (Author Photo)

(This is a fictional summary, but you get the idea.) Mrs. John Doe Dead! Often there will be notice that Mrs. Doe married John in 1848 and was a faithful wife and loving mother to a number of children. Just as often, it will continue with a description of John's profession and accomplishments. Her tombstone may have read: Doe, Mary. Wife of John. 1800 - 1845. Even if she outlived him, it might read: Relict (or Widow) of John.

Women were said to be the weaker sex. Many women died at a very young age as a result of childbirth. Some were burned to death when their voluminous dresses came in contact with the flames of the fireplace while cooking. I'm not sure those should be considered proof of weakness. They're just bad karma. Men never die in childbirth for obvious reasons.

As proof of women being treated as an extension of their husbands, take an article I ran across recently regarding **Elizabeth Watton Smith (See Photo)**. She was the daughter of a prominent Fayette County, Indiana, family. She married Caleb Blood Smith in 1830. When he became Lincoln's Secretary of Interior, she moved to Washington, D. C. with her husband. The story appeared in an Indianapolis newspaper during the Civil War and recounted how she had turned a



Grace Turner Clifford on the right. (Author Photo)

wing of her husband's office into a hospital ward for Union soldiers. She was hailed as an angel of mercy who moved among the men who so appreciated her care and attention. Nowhere does it give her an identity, other than Mrs. Smith, and it goes on to discuss his rise to his position.

So, in honor of women, I will tell you about a few from Fayette County who deserve recognition for their "firsts" as ladies.

Let's start with **Betty Frazier (No Photo)**, certainly the first woman to purchase land in Fayette County. She and her husband George had set up a homestead here before the land became available for purchase. Her husband was somehow disabled, although all record of him is lost to time. Betty raised hogs, intending to sell them in Cincinnati in the spring when the land auction was held. She left here the day before a snow storm in the company of a small son. Along the way, she stopped for the night and gave birth to another child. She continued her journey the next day,



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made it to Cincinnati, sold her hogs, and purchased her land at auction. Later on, Betty was labeled as a witch by the community. She drove a team of horses, drank whiskey, and swore, so she must be possessed, right? After an ongoing feud with a neighbor who accused her of burning his barn, she was shot and killed while churning butter. The murderer was never caught or tried, although a man in Ohio, on his deathbed, confessed that her neighbor had paid him to kill her.

On a lighter note, let's talk about **Virginia Claypool Meredith (See Photo)**, granddaughter of Newton Claypool, one of Connersville's founding fathers. Born here in 1848, she married Henry Clay Meredith of Wayne County in 1870. She was widowed in 1882. Her husband's family were cattlemen, and she was heavily involved in the operation. She moved to Minnesota where she started the University of Minnesota's home economics program. She came back to Indiana and started what became Purdue's Cooperative Extension Service program. She was the first female member of Purdue's Board of Trustees. She was "The Queen of American Agriculture".

Closer to home, Fayette County educator **Maize Elliot (See Photo)** was born in Fayette County in 1895 and became a teacher. In 1930, she became Indiana's first female county school superintendent when she filled that position in Fayette County. She served in that capacity until 1945 when she returned to classroom teaching. She retired after a long and honorable career as one of our most treasured teachers. She spent her entire life in the house where she was born and died at the age of eighty three.

Fast forward to more recent firsts. Hats off to my friend **Leota King (See Photo)** who became our first female Fayette County Commissioner several years ago. I won't go into birth years from here on, but she has never really shown her age, and I won't tell it. She retired from county government two years ago.

Last, but not least, another educator should be recognized. **Grace Turner Clifford (See Photo)** is a Fayette County native who has contributed to the well-being of our community in a very important way. Having completed nursing school, much of her professional life as an R.N. was spent in Indianapolis. After coming back to Fayette County, she was entrusted with the responsibility of initiating the Health Services program at our local vocational school, now known as Whitewater Career Center. She served as the instructor for that program for seventeen years, retiring in 1997. Many of her former students have gone on to careers in the medical field, a tribute to her inspiration and talent as a teacher.

These are just a few of the First Ladies of my community. They deserve to be commended for their accomplishments and contributions, as do all women. Let the ladies in your life know that they are appreciated!

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their own investigation. That happened to my generation and look where it has led us. The left is trying to trash the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and give up rights in the name of Safety. Get back to your roots and look at what your ancestors have fought for, given their lives for, given their fortunes for. Liberty and Freedom has been hard won. Learn from History. As much as we may want to believe that society has learned to get along and everyone is good, remember this: We have been on this planet for nearly a million years and haven't changed. Look at history, ancient history, current events. We haven't changed and probably won't, our founding father knew that. They worked hard to develop the Constitution to protect your rights. Please don't be so ready to give it up. Government is a reactionary force. It's not proactive and should never be.

Dictators are proactive, Guilty until proven innocent is proactive. It's been said and is so very true, "When seconds count, Help is only minutes away. Protect your freedom, once lost you will never see it again in yours, your children's, or your great grand children's lifetimes.

Quote of the Month

"Socialism has no moral justification whatsoever; poor people are not morally superior to rich people, nor are they owed anything by rich people simply because of their lack of success. Charity is not a socialist concept, it is a religious one, an acknowledgment of God's sovereignty over property, a sovereignty the Left utterly rejects." **Ben Shapiro**

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 not asked.

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

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him to break, and allow you to break his neck.

Fighting purrs:

Not just your normal purr. A fighting purr is the sound toms make when they are, well, fighting. To make this call you'll need to man a pair of calls. There are pus-button yelper calls on the market designed specifically for this purpose, but a mouth call and a slate call, or a box call, or any combination of the three will work just fine.

Simply make some aggressive, constant purring sounds with each call, alternating back and forth to simulate two toms duking it out.

Sometimes, when luring him with love calls won't do the trick, a chance to assert his dominance might. And, if he isn't the dominant bird, he may still come in to check out the fight and to see where he will fit in the new pecking order.

Conclusion:

Start out with our tried and true calls and tactics this spring, for sure, but when the going gets tough and the birds start acting funky because they have been educated, try these tips to help tips the odds back in your favor a bit.

Native American Indians in Indiana

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He told that they had a taxidermist make a fleshed-out version of the giant short-faced bear for a diorama. An artist did a painting of the bear. If you look at the www.beringia.com, you can see Rochester's famous bear.

There are no Giant Short-faced Bears alive in the world today. The skeletons are all located near sources of water or formerly muddy places that dried up after tile was used to drain the county's low areas in the early 1900s. Did the huge animals get bogged down in quick sand or mud and, unable to get out, die a slow death of starvation or suffocation?

An interesting theory on what caused the extinction of the Giant Short-faced Bear is found on Texas Park & Wildlife Department's web page: a theory that man invented the atlatl to protect himself from this fearsome mega-predator. An atlatl or

throwing stick was a shaft or carved stick which enabled man to throw a sharp stick or arrow with greater force at a longer distance. With it he could kill the buffalo and other beasts that were much bigger and stronger than he was. For thousands of years the Giant Short-faced Bear had raided man's villages and had easy picking. But with the atlatl, man gained the advantage and the last Giant Short-faced Bear died about 8,000 years ago. ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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park or reservoir campground, as well as at the following DNR Division of Forestry properties: Greene-Sullivan State Forest, Covered Bridge Retreat, and Deam Lake and Starve Hollow state recreation areas. The camping gift card can also be used toward cabins (excluding inns-operated cabins), campsites, cottages, group camps, recreation buildings, rent-a-camp cabins, shelters, and youth and rally camps.

CREEL SURVEY AT WEST BOGGS LAKE

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is conducting an angler creel survey at West Boggs Lake in Daviess County this year.

The survey is part of a study that began today and will run through October. A DNR creel clerk will be stationed at the main boat ramp to conduct brief interviews with anglers at the end of their fishing trips. The creel clerk will also make periodic laps around the lake to count anglers.

Angler participation, including boat and shoreline anglers, is an essential part of this study. Fishery renovation occurred in 2014, and lake restocking took place late November that year. The creel survey is an opportunity for DNR to evaluate the project through angler participation.

Early this year, black crappie were marked with yellow plastic tags for a harvest study. Anglers should also be on the lookout for these tags and return the tags to the creel clerk or drop box located on the property. Data from this study will help biologists evaluate the harvest rate and is helping DNR take a vital step toward future management efforts of black crappie at the lake.

Visit wildlife.IN.gov/10192.htm to learn more about Indiana crappie fishing.

INDIANA TOURISM AWARDS \$470,000 IN DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

INDIANAPOLIS (March 6, 2020) – Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD) announced that the Indiana Tourism Council awarded \$470,000 in Destination Development Grants. The recipients are Minnetrista Cultural Foundation, Evansville Zoological Society and Terre Haute Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"Indiana's tourism industry continually grows year after year, and these projects are an example of that," Crouch, who chairs the council, said. "By funding these projects, we are investing in tourism amenities, attractions, and facilities that enhance the visitor experience."

The Minnetrista Cultural Foundation received \$250,000 for the Bob Ross Experience. The historic L.L. Ball home on Minnetrista's campus in Muncie is where the legendary artist painted for his iconic series, "The Joy of Painting." The Foundation says they are creating a destination for Ross fans by introducing a world-class museum exhibit showcasing Ross' life and work. There will be immersive experiences and a TV studio.

The Evansville Zoological Society received \$161,776 for Mesker Park Zoo to create Indiana's first Humboldt penguin habitat, Penguins of Patagonia. Officials expect the penguin habitat to attract thousands of visitors, as well as energize the visitors' experience. The Zoo currently attracts 185,000 visitors per year.

The Terre Haute Convention and Visitors Bureau received \$58,223 in matching grants for the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course. The project components include constructing a climate-controlled medical building south of the finish line at the cross-country course and amending the existing finish-line structure at the cross-country course to promote safety during races.

"This grant is to help boost communities and

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Left & Right Photo: Beverly and Scott Spurlin standing in front of their new business, "Of The Earth" & "The Loft" at Metamora, IN across from the Grist Mill. I met with them on Saturday March 7, 2020. They are still in the process of getting all the rooms downstairs ready for customers and The Loft upstairs for overnight guests. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

Learning About Life Naturally

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of gnats in the universe. These conversations happen organically because they are connecting with the natural world in an intimate and personal way. They are learning that all creatures have their place in the natural order, and that although gnats are awful because they fly in our eyes, they have their tiny lives and a purpose for existing, and it's not our place to wish them all dead or try to wipe them off the face of the earth. There are those in high places of great power who have not learned this important lesson, and we should find this terrifying, in my opinion.

My grandmother was quite a remarkable woman. She worked all of her life raising children and grandchildren, holding down a job in the local grocery store, and farming along-side her husband. She grew beautiful flowers in her garden, sewed, painted, repaired barn roofs, and baked the most delicious pies and cookies you ever tasted. She was baking a batch of chocolate chip cookies the day she died. Her last words to my grandfather were "don't let the cookies burn" as she laid down on her davenport having just suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. My grandmother taught me the beauty of plants and flowers in the natural world. She could take a small clipping from a shrub or a tree, stick it in the ground, and grow a new plant, but only if the "sign was right." All her grand children's yards would contain starts of some of her most beautiful flowers and shrubs. I used to dig them up from my yard and take them with me when I would move, but I've moved too many times and they are now lost to me. What isn't lost is my love of plants and how they heal us, nourish us, and enhance our lives. There is some very credible research being conducted regarding nature's ability to treat depression and anxiety, among other ailments. Some studies show that just by walking through a wooded area, your blood pressure is decreased and your mood is brighter. The woodland seems to have a soothing and therapeutic effect on the very region of our brain associated with a key factor in depression.

Many of you reading this article know exactly how this feels, to walk through the woods feeling the cares of the day melt away. You have also made vital and permanent connections with nature. You have brought your children and grandchildren with you to experience and learn how it feels to be so lost that



Frankie. (Author Photo)



Bee on Bee Balm. (Author Photo)

you feel found. Because the experience has taught you lessons about yourself you could learn nowhere else. The world needs more of this. Our existence as a species may very well depend on those who take the time to wander through the woods, who discover the taste of Timothy grass, who gaze up at the night sky with profound awe and wonder.

All these things have created my life. And I am exceedingly grateful to my parents for allowing me to experience the natural world first-hand, and to my grandparents for teaching me their lessons on life. Because of them I have developed an intense passion for natural remedies, the preservation of the natural world, and teaching others the sanctity of creation. Shortly after buying our property and moving to the Metamora area, my husband helped me realize a life-long dream. We opened a small gift shop in historic Metamora called, appropriately, OF THE EARTH. I initially sold my hand-crafted soap, lotions, herbal salves and lip balms. This is our fourth season in the village, and we recently purchased a large shop where we have expanded our business to include teas, herbs, soy candles, local honey, maple syrup, and beef jerky, essential oils, hand-crafted jewelry, and nature-themed home décor and gifts; many made by us from materials found in our woods. 80% of what we sell is made by us or other Indiana artisans. We also recently opened a loft suite we call THE

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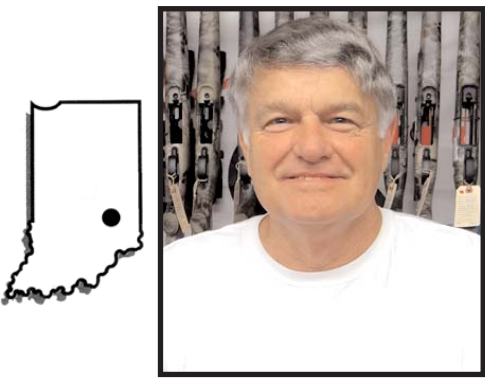
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Blue River Outdoors



by Steve Dake

Pledge of Allegiance

This was an article I wrote a year ago that my military, American Legion, Eagle and others ask me to have it reprinted. I hope you enjoy it. Last year I was on my way back to Indiana from the Shot Show in Vegas sitting by an older gentleman like myself. We were talking about grandkids. He said he has 10 grandkids. I have 8. While he was talking to them about school and telling them when we went to school first thing we did was the Pledge Allegiance and a prayer. He said his 5 youngest could not recite The Pledge Allegiance.

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

On January 14, 1969, Red Skelton touched the hearts of millions of Americans with his "Pledge Of Allegiance", in which he explained the meaning of each and every word. Red Skelton's recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance" was twice read into the Congressional Record of the United States and received numerous awards.

RED SKELTON: "I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name... He said": "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge Of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word:"

"1 Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge



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

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

Allegiance

My love and my devotion.

To the Flag

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

of the United

That means that we have all come together.

States

Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love for country.

And to the Republic

Republic — a state in which sovereign power is

invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands One Nation

One Nation — meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible

Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty

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

And Justice

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

For All

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

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

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

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

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

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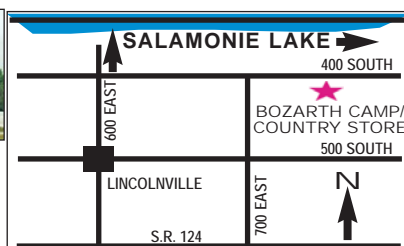
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regions across the state and we are very excited about these three projects," said Misty Weisensteiner, director of IOTD. "Destinations are constantly reviving their efforts to attract visitors and strengthen existing ones."

IOTD's Destination Development Grant program timeline, guidelines and application can be found here.

OUABACHE STATE PARK BEGINS MONTHLY LUNCH & LEARN SERIES MARCH 12

The Ouabache State Park will launch its annual Nature Lovers Lunch and Learn Series on March 12 at noon in the lodge recreation building. A carry-in luncheon will be sponsored by the Friends of Ouabache and the Corner Depot. The series will be offered every second Thursday of the month through October.

The March program is titled "Value of a Volunteer" and will be presented by Kathy Schwartz, president of the Friends of Ouabache.

Main dish, drinks and table service will be provided. Participants should bring a prepared dish to share. Free-will donations will be accepted.

To register or for more information, call Ouabache State Park **260-824-0926** or email friendsofouabache@gmail.com.

Ouabache State Park (on.IN.gov/ouabachesp) is at 4930 E. State Road 201, Bluffton, 46714.

REVITALIZATION OF MYAAMIA "MIAMI INDIAN" LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ON APRIL 2

Join us for Picking Up the Threads of Our Knowledge: Revitalization of Myaamia "Miami Indian" Language and Culture on April. 2.

Myaamiaataweenki "the Miami Language" was once spoken throughout Myaamionki "Miami homelands," which include what are now the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

After 100 years of forced removals, population fragmentation, land loss, and boarding schools the language fell into a state of dormancy. In the 1990s, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma initiated a national effort to revitalize Myaamiaataweenki and created programs to help breathe new life into the language. The story of reclamation and revitalization of Myaamiaataweenki demonstrates the restorative healing effects that language and cultural revitalization continues to have for Myaamia people. Learn about this journey with George Ironstrack, citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and Assistant Director of the Myaamia Center at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFIED BY OUTSIDE AUDITORS FOR 13TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The DNR Division of Forestry's management of Indiana's state forests has met or exceeded standards set by two independent certification agencies for the 13th consecutive year. Morgan Monroe

The certifying agencies are the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®-C012858) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) program. The DNR Division of Forestry has met or exceeded both organizations' certification standards since 2007.

"Without question, our 158,000 acres of state forest were judged 'well managed' and this continued

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certification should be viewed similarly by all Hoosiers as a job well done," said DNR director Cameron Clark. "I commend the Division of Forestry for its hard work in meeting all the requirements of both management standards."

SFI program establishes North American standards for sustainable forestry practices, and FSC establishes international and domestic standards for sustainable forestry practices. SFI and FSC certifications ensure wood products from state forests are grown in a sustainable and well managed manner.

Two auditors spent four days in fall 2019 reviewing office plans and supporting documents, and touring forest sites to evaluate forest management practices on site. Sites are chosen by the auditors from a list of activities that were completed in the past three years or currently active. The review focused on Yellowwood, Morgan-Monroe, Owen-Putman, Greene-Sullivan and Salamonie River state forests.

The auditors were looking for conformance to FSC's 10 principles with 192 indicators, and SFI program's 13 objectives with 102 indicators. The review covers a wide variety of topics, including wildlife management, forest management, worker safety, archaeological site protection, endangered species protection, public input and water quality.

Auditor's notes highlighted that best management practices and cultural site protection exceed certification standards, and there were no suggestions of any corrective actions. The auditors also noted that the 2019 results warranted the continuance of Indiana DNR's certification.

Auditor's notes also said that DNR employees interviewed during the audit consistently demonstrated a high level of commitment to forest stewardship of the state lands under their management.

Both reports are available at dnr.IN.gov/dnr/forestry/7532.htm.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES EXPIRE MARCH 31

Remember, your 2019-20 hunting and fishing licenses expire on March 31. You can purchase your annual hunting or fishing licenses for 2020-21 now.

WARMER TEMPERATURES TRIGGER COHO ACTION

At the end of winter, coho salmon from all over Lake Michigan swim south to Indiana looking for food and warmer water temperatures. More than 25,000 coho are caught by Hoosier anglers every year between February and April.

Thousands of shore anglers can enjoy this fishery with fairly simple fishing equipment. Most shore anglers use a variety of baits underneath a bobber, similar to fishing for crappie or bluegill. Browse our list of popular shore fishing locations and techniques or check out our Where to Fish map.

For boaters, it's tough to beat the fast action of early spring coho trolling. Trolling with shallow diving crankbaits and small trolling spoons often results in filled bag limits. For tips on where and how to fish for coho salmon via boat, check out our guide.

Be sure to check bag and size limits. Anglers need a valid fishing license and trout/salmon stamp to fish for coho.

LEARN HOW TO DEVELOP WILDLIFE HABITAT ON YOUR PROPERTY

Our biologists provide technical assistance and information to private landowners on a variety of programs designed to enhance, create, and improve habitat for a diversity of wildlife species. With more than 90% of the land in Indiana owned by private individuals and companies, it is vital that landowners do what they can to improve habitat for wildlife on their property.

There are several state and federal programs designed to assist landowners in improving habitat. Whether using prescribed fire, planting trees and shrubs for wildlife, or planting pollinator habitat and food plots, anyone interested in obtaining information on how to reach their wildlife habitat goals should check out programs available to them. ■

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Bailey Harrison is twelve years old and she took this her first buck in Franklin County on November 23, 2019. The Buck had 10 points and weighed 207 pounds. (Submitted via e-mail by Johathon Barber March 9, 2020.)



This buck was taken by Brian Tichenor in 2018 in Decatur County with a firearm. Submitted by Brian Tichenor via an e-mail.

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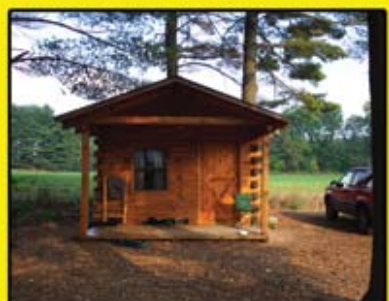
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