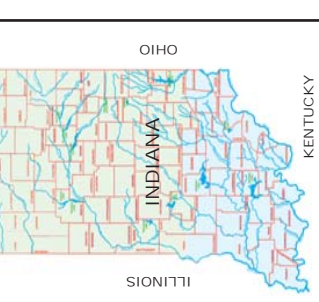


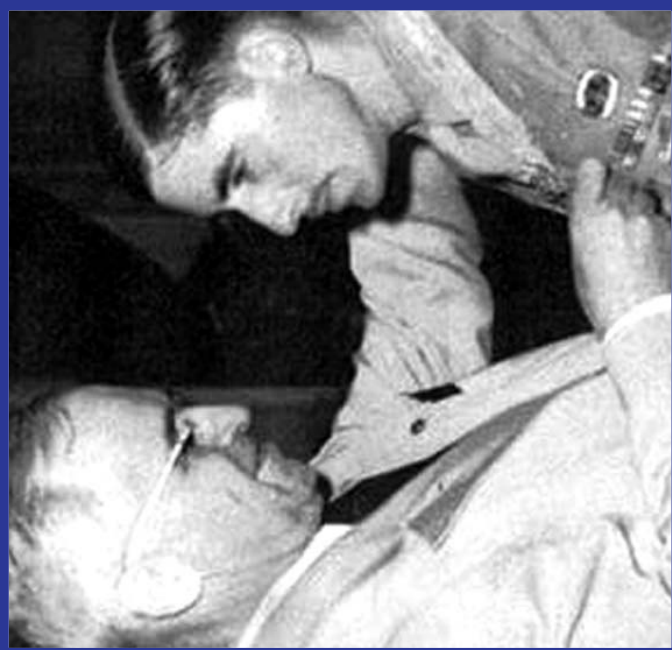
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by Ray Dickerson
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I OWE A BIG DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE TALENTED WRITERS WHO APPEAR IN THE GAD-A-BOU EACH MONTH

You will find some of the most interesting articles to appear in any publication you might read this month in this issue. All the writers appearing in The Gad-a-bout write mostly due to their love of writing articles for readers like you. None of them are paid, several of them who own a business I trade advertising for their articles. Some have written for years, month after month, just to appear in publications like The Gad-a-bout. To me these are exceptional writers who help The Gad-a-bout continue to be published, I couldn't do it without their help.

They have stuck with me through thick and thin, for that I am very thankful.

I've been wanting to say this especially at this time when we are experiencing such a tough time with the Covid-19 Pandemic and its effect on life in general.

I also want to thank all of you readers for reading The Gad-a-bout each month too.

I want to let all of you know that I intend to keep The Gad-a-bout going for as long as feasibly possible.

What I need the most right now is to find a advertising sales person who lives in The Whitewater Valley (see map on page 2 for area The Gad-a-bout is distributed solely by me).

If you are reading this and have an inkling to contact me about selling advertising please do so. I need a team player who enjoys the outdoors and indoors for that matter. If you would also like to write that can be arranged also. You can call my cell phone 765-960-5767, if no answer leave a message, e-mail me at raythegadabout@gmail.com or send letter to Ray Dickerson, 105 East South Street, Centerville, IN 47330 .

Be safe everyone!

SAD NEWS 07-07-2020

I Received a call Tuesday from Lori and Skip Leclerc who live in Belchertown, Massachusetts. Lori gave me the sad news about her father, Donald R. Slessler who had passed. I called them back this afternoon (Thursday). They are having a private service. Alan Slessler happened to be there and I got to talk to him for a bit. Alan is the eldest son, we had a nice talk about his father. I got an e-mail from Mark Slessler who I've been in contact with by e-mail. He has kept me up to date about his father and

family for quite some time. Sherry and I were going to visit Don when we traveled to Worcester, Massachusetts back in May to see our grand daughter graduate from high school. Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 outbreak we couldn't make the trip.

Sherry, Amy and I made our first planned trip to Massachusetts to visit Donald and his family back in 1981. He and his wife Phyllis lived on the tailwater of the Quabbin Reservoir in very natural surroundings.

Don and I got acquainted when we were both stationed at RAF Chelveston, an Air Force Base in the Midlands of England in 1961. We both worked in Base Supply, I was an Airman 2nd Class and he was a Chief Warrant Officer - 4. We didn't work in the same location. He was putting together a base pistol team and asked me and a couple other supply guys if we would like to join the team. We did.

Next month I will write an indepth article about Donald Slessler, his family and the wonderful memories from 1961 to 2020.



DONALD R. SLESSLER
AUGUST 16, 1922 - JULY 7, 2020

Belchertown - Donald R. Slessler, 97, of East Street died on July, 7, 2020 in Wing Memorial Hospital. He was born August 16, 1922 in Danville, PA, son of Lewis and Miriam (Rockefeller) Slessler. He has lived in Belchertown for almost 50 years, previously he resided in Ludlow. Donald was a distinguished and proud veteran, who served in all five branches of the military, his military career spanned the course of three decades, WWII, Korean War and Vietnam. He retired, from Westover Air Force Base as Chief Warrant Officer -4, where he worked for 6 years. Donald was the president of AAF/USAF Crash Rescue Boat Association, a 20 year member of the American Legion Post 239 and VFW, he volunteered his time at the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Leeds, MA for 28 years. He was honored as the first ever recipient of the Hometown Hero Award for his services to his community and country. After 32 years of service, Donald had a shadowbox which displayed 72 medals achieved during his military career. He will be remembered for his love of this country, his family and the ability to makes friends with everyone he met. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, carpentry and building homes, he also loved history; as well as having the gift to "talk & talk" and share his advice with anyone who would listen. He also published

his own autobiography titled, "Lord Stand By Me". He was predeceased in death by his wife, Phyllis L. (Fuller) Slessler, his sisters, Twiala Slessler, Lois Brown, Gloria Chaya and a grandson, James Hess. He will be deeply missed by his five children, Alan Slessler (Joyce) of Westfield, Donna Lafleur (Roger) of Brookfield, Lori Leclerc (Skip) of Belchertown, Marla Hess (Darwin) of West Brookfield and Mark Slessler (Denise) of Southwick. He was devoted to his twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. All services are private and **Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home** was entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Honor Flight New England, PO Box 16287 Hooksette, NH 03106. ■

BECOME A 'NATURALIST AT HEART' AT FALLS OF THE OHIO STATE PARK

Falls of the Ohio State Park is seeking new volunteers for its "Naturalist at Heart" program.

Volunteers help improve the visitor experience through programs and special events, educational and adult groups, gardening and grounds beautification, and behind-the-scenes activities. Park staff will accommodate volunteer requirements and interests during the pandemic.

Two orientation meetings have been set for July 15 and 18, each from 2 to 3 p.m. Social distancing is encouraged. For those unable to attend, individual orientations can be scheduled.

Established in 2004, the Naturalist at Heart program is geared toward enthusiastic, goal-oriented volunteers with opportunities for growth through levels of certification. The park provides free weekly classes connecting to the natural and cultural history of the Falls of the Ohio area throughout the year.

For more information about the volunteer program, see fallsoftheohio.org/volunteer/.

Falls of the Ohio State Park (on.IN.gov/fallsoftheohiosp) is at 201 W. Riverside Dr. Clarksville, 47129.

LARWILL MAN DIES IN ORV ACCIDENT (WHITLEY COUNTY)

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a fatal off-road vehicle (ORV) accident that occurred last night near the 4000 block of County Road 600 N in Larwill, in Whitley County.

Whitley County Communications received a 911 call at 6:53 p.m. from a passerby who saw an over-

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**

Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville Lake In August

First things first find the thermocline. The thermocline is where the warm upper layer of water meets the cold lower layer of water. The reason the fish won't be below the thermocline is there is not a sufficient amount of oxygen for them to breath. To find out where the thermocline is, just look at your fish finder in deep open water. You will notice that there won't be any fish below a certain depth. Another way is to turn your sensitive up on your fish finder and you should see a dark band. What this does is eliminate time wasted on trying to catch fish below the

thermocline.

Another place not to fish is the shoreline. The reason for this, is all the fish are done spawning so there isn't any reason for fish to be on the shore. What you can catch on the shore is little buck bass about 12 inches long. But with the minimum size limit at 14 inches this is not where you want to be. The exception to this rule is fishing at night or fishing at the crack of dawn.

What you're looking for is the summer pattern. In August, the lake is full of shad. Shad is a bait fish in the lake that feeds the masses. They swim around in schools trying to look like one big thing instead of 10,000 little things. As their doing this they come close to offshore structure like humps points, and flats. These are the places you want to focus your efforts.

If you're a troller now is your time. Probably the hottest crankbaits to troll right now is the flicker shad.

The reason being is there cheap, they catch fish, and they run true right out of the box.

Right now, the fish are feeding on shad and crawl dads both. So, whatever your trolling stick with baits that look like fish or crawl dads. What trolling does is enable you to cover a lot of water and keep your baits in the strike zone 100 % of the time.

Another good method fishing in August is spoon fishing. What you do is find a good-looking spot on your depth finder, back away from it a bit. Make a simple under hand pitch to the spot and frog hop the spoon back to the boat. The fish will usually hit it on the fall so be ready. Another tip, if you fish a spot that is super sticky switch out the treble hook for a single hook.

Don't give up on the jig and nightcrawler though. It's not that the fish quit hitting it. It's just that now the fish have more options. There is a lot of different species of fish in the lake and they all have their own little ways of doing things, but they all eat crawl dads, shad and each other for that matter.

Temperate Bass like striped bass and white bass will lay on the bottom in the main lake just above the thermocline. When it's time to eat the entire school will roam the main lake looking for those big schools of shad like 1 big eating machine. Look for these fish in the deeper part of the lake feeding on suspended shad schools. What a striped bass will do is try to feed in the coolest water it can. It would be very rare to see one on the surface in August. Whereas a white bass will just about go anywhere. While a walleye will move up in a likely feeding spot like a flat or hump and just lay with its belly on the bottom using



The girl on the left holding the huge large mouth bass is Lindsey Werner. The girl on the right holding the huge walleye is Samantha Flodder. They are two nurses that have been friends since they were little kids. Not only are they good nurses they are good fishermen to boot. (Author Photo)

the coloration of skin as camouflage. Catfish on the other hand will just roam all over the lake feeding on anything that they can get in their mouth. To them it doesn't matter if its dead or alive. To catch 1 to 5-pound catfish all you have to do is put something on a hook and throw it in the water. If you want to catch 30 lb. catfish, you have to be fishing specific spots. Big catfish don't get big swimming around they get big from laying around in a good feeding spot.

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Meet the 'Laughing Paratrooper' of World War II

by Blake Stilwell
(U.S. Army) Military.com

Small-unit combat is no laughing matter. This is, unless you're Leonard Funk, Jr. In that case, it's essential.

In 1945, Funk chuckled his way out of a sticky situation involving 30 escaped German prisoners during the Battle of the Bulge -- and he did it with a handful of drafted clerks.

Leonard Funk served in World War II from the start to the finish. The Braddock Township, Pennsylvania native was drafted before the war, entered the Army and eventually found himself in the 82d Airborne. He was sent to England but didn't see combat until D-Day, Jun. 6, 1944.

He would leave Europe as one of the most decorated paratroopers in Army history.

He and members of the 508th Parachute



Leonard Funk 'Laughing Paratrooper' of World War II. (U.S. Army Photo)

Infantry Regiment landed 40 miles behind German lines and fought hard to link up with the oncoming Allies. He didn't lose a single soldier under his command, and earned a Silver Star for the effort.

Next, he jumped into Holland as part of Operation Market Garden and earned the Distinguished Service Cross for leading an assault that captured three Nazi anti-aircraft positions and taking out 20 enemy troops. Though Market Garden was a strategic failure, Funk's effort was anything but. In Holland, as in France, Funk didn't lose a single soldier under his command.

Soon, in January 1945, Funk and the 508th found themselves in the Battle of the Bulge. He and his company were sent to help the Allies blunt

the German offensive near Holzheim, Belgium. When the commander of the company became a casualty after an exhaustive 15-mile march in heavy snow, Funk took command.

Assigned to take an enemy strong point, Funk realized he didn't have enough men to take their objective. He went to the company office and gathered 30 of the clerks positioned there. He led his motley crew through waist-deep snow under heavy fire, which included artillery shells. They cleared 15 houses -- again, without a single loss -- and linked up with another American unit, clearing the town.

Funk's men captured 30 enemy troops and combined them with the 50 other prisoners captured by the other unit. Funk then left four men on guard to continue fighting.

But he soon got word that a German patrol had ambushed the four-man guard and freed the 50 prisoners. When Funk returned to the POW corral, he encountered men wearing American uniforms. As he walked into the yard of the house where the prisoners were kept, one of the "Americans" shoved a submachine gun into his stomach.

Most people in this situation would probably show a lot of concern for their health and immediate well-being. Leonard Funk laughed in their faces. Outnumbered by at least 80 enemy soldiers, 1st Sgt. Funk slowly unslung his submachine gun, as if he were giving up.

But the more he laughed, the angrier the Germans got. Especially the German holding a gun to his gut. He began to shout at Funk but Funk spoke no German, he just kept laughing. As the German lost his composure, Funk suddenly unloaded his Thompson into the group of Germans, as the four captured Americans picked up the fallen Germans' weapons.

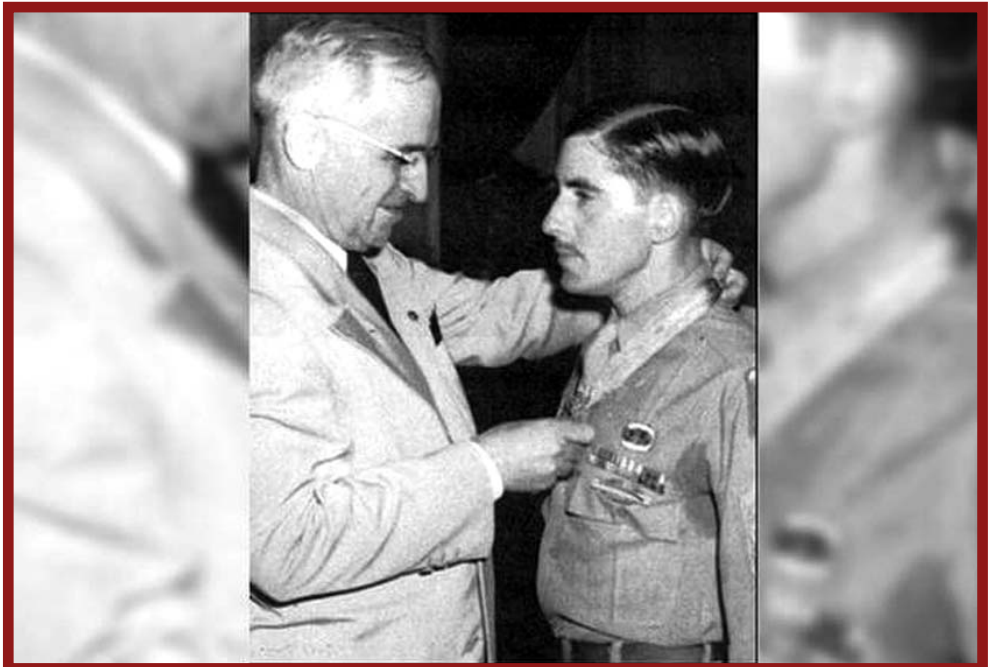
Within seconds 21 of the German lay dead, 24 wounded and the rest recaptured.

"That was the stupidest thing I've ever seen," Funk reportedly said.

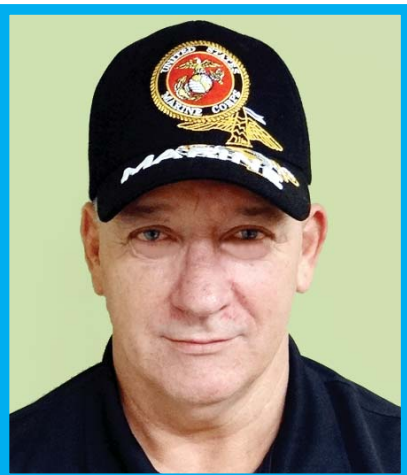
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Army 1st Sgt. Leonard Funk, poses with Shorty, an 8-month-old puppy, attached to his parachute equipment, during World War II. The pup belonged to a fellow soldier and went with him - successfully - on the jump.. (U.S. Army Photo)



President Harry S. Truman places the Medal of Honor around the neck of Army 1st Sgt. Leonard Funk, Sept. 5, 1945. (U.S. Army Photo)



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Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT BOAT TRAILER INSURANCE

Most insurance seems straightforward, until you make a claim. That's when what you thought was understandable and straightforward comes back stamped "denied" or perhaps with a pay out amount far less than expected.

It's supposed to be easy. When you have an acci-



Damage is done, now who's going to pay? (Author Photo)

dent or property damage, you file an insurance claim. But filing an insurance claim on a boat trailer isn't so straightforward. In some cases, what you thought was covered wasn't, or perhaps you made the claim to the wrong insurance company, or at least to the wrong department if you purchase all your insurance from one company as a bundle.

It all depends on how and what type of damage occurred. With a boat trailer claim, the coverage you need could be covered by your auto insurance, homeowners insurance - or your boat insurance policy's trailer coverage.

Here's what you need to know.

*If you're driving to the lake with boat and trailer in tow and the trailer is damaged in an accident on the road, it's the separate trailer coverage provided by your boat's insurance policy that will pay for repairs or replacement of the trailer. What? You don't have separate insurance for your boat's trailer? You should read the fine print or check with your agent to see if your trailer has any coverage.

*What if you back your trailer into fence or stone wall, or the trailer strikes another vehicle or trailer while you are parking? Heaven forbid, what if your trailer strikes a person walking across a busy launch ramp parking lot. In these cases, it's your auto insurance policy's liability coverage that would pay for damages to other property, vehicles or any medical claims. You may need to file two claims if the your trailer was damaged. The auto liability covers other people or other people's property, your boat insurance policy's trailer coverage would take care of repairs to the trailer itself.

*What happens if while parked at home, a tree falls on your trailer? Storms are notorious for damaging boat trailers. There are two possible answers here. It may be the trailer coverage in your boat's insurance policy that will compensate you, or you

may also be able to make a claim on your homeowner's policy. However, if a trailer is stolen or damaged when stored at a marina or other storage facility, the separate trailer coverage in the boat's insurance policy should compensate you.

*The final consideration may be the most important. It's certainly the insurance I've used most often - roadside assistance. Many auto policies cover roadside assistance or it can be added either to the policy or purchased through a third party such as Triple A. Most boat or trailer policies don't cover roadside assistance. So what happens if you are traveling down the road and something happens to either the trailer or the vehicle pulling the trailer?

Most likely, one or the other is going to cost you the price of the tow or be left sitting along side the highway until you can get back to it with your own assistance. You've all seen cars or boats temporarily abandoned along a highway with a blown out tire or other problem.

Personally, I belong to BoatUS because it's an organization which advocates for boaters just as the NRA does for gun owners or the Audubon Society does for birds. But for an additional \$14 to my annual dues, I am enrolled in their "Trailing Club" which offers roadside assistance to get the boat and trailer, the vehicle pulling or both it back on the road, towed home or to a place which can render a repair.

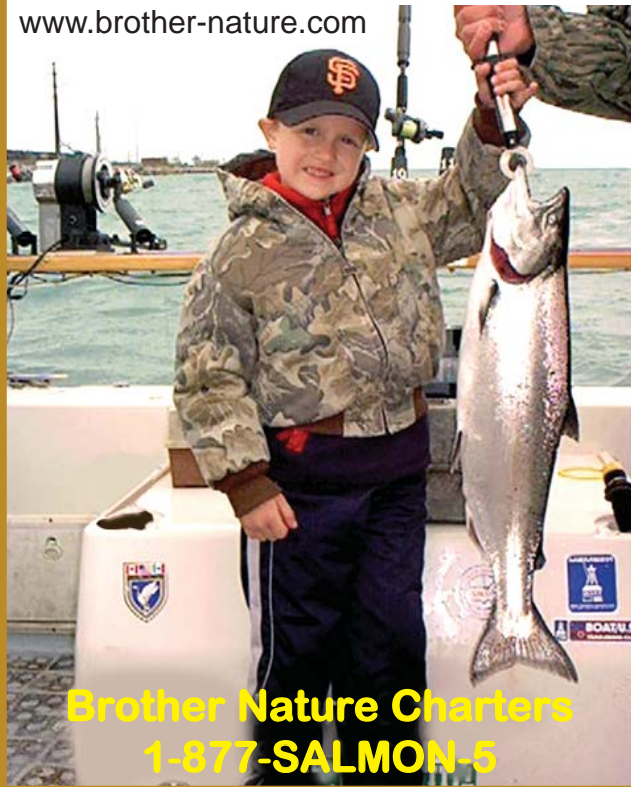
What this all really means is that trailer boaters need to check with their insurance agent or read the fine print to learn exactly what coverage is included. Never just "assume." Probably covered, isn't coverage. Check your boat insurance, home owners or renters insurance and then check to see if what they offer is ample to cover any potential loss or problems. It's one of those things you need to purchase and then hope you never need to use.

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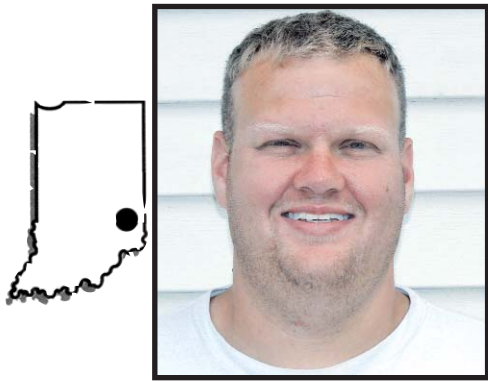
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Big Game Hunting



by Joel Biltz

Worth the wait

Colorado, what do you think of when you hear the word Colorado? Big mountains, beautiful sunsets, snow skiing, and elk? Or how about corn fields, milo, sunflowers, CRP fields and mule deer?

The Eastern Plains of Colorado is a special place that holds some world class mule deer and is quickly becoming one of my favorite hunting destinations. By looking at the plains and driving around one could easily overlook the nooks and crannies that hide and hold these magnificent deer.

Fast forward to 2019 where I was able to draw a great Eastern Colorado mule deer tag. I was high with anticipation knowing what the area held. After talking to a close friend Drummond Lindsey, who hunts Eastern Colorado a bunch, his recommendation to me was skip the first five days of the hunt and come out the last five or six days as the deer seem to be acting a bit more rutty in his experience.

On October 30th I woke up at 2AM for the long 15 hour solo drive from Indiana to Eastern Colorado. The closer I got to my destination, the higher my



Here is the buck a mile away looking through a Leica spotting scope. (Author Photo)



The most mass I've ever seen on a mule deer. (Author Photo)

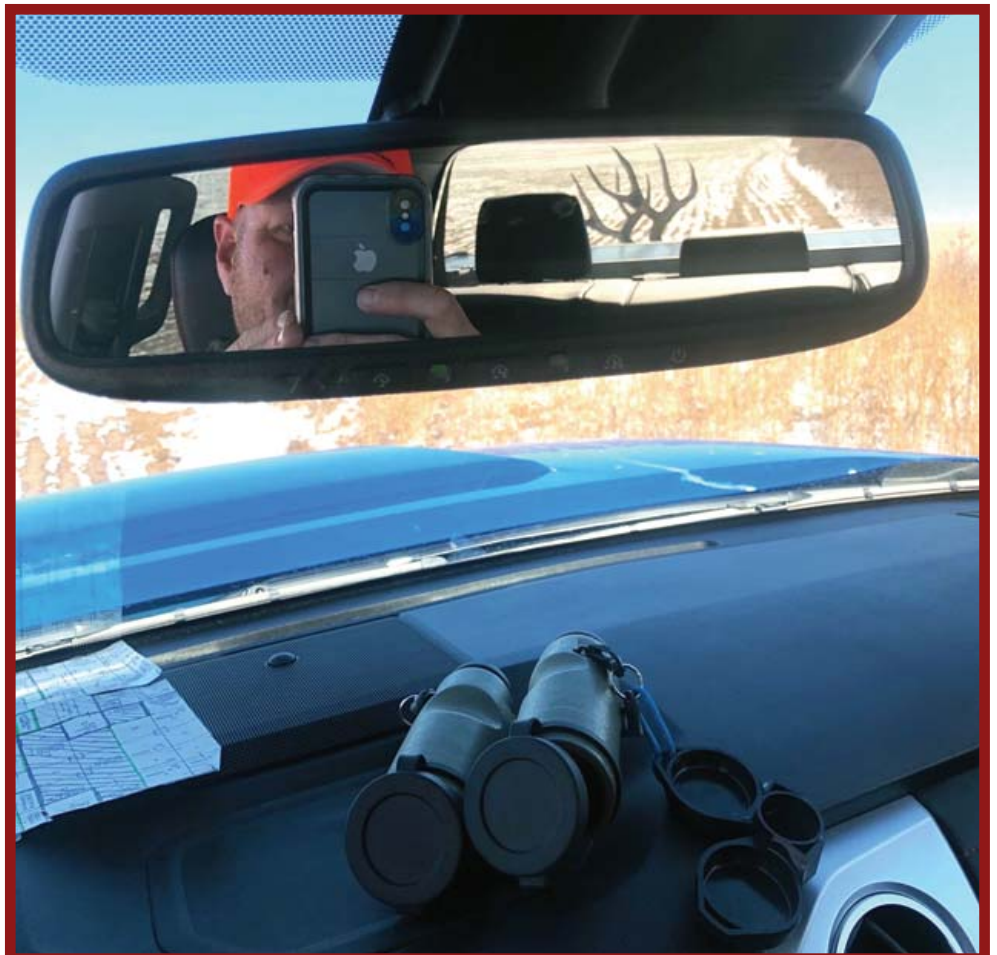
anticipation grew as I found out there was a fresh inch or two of snow that had fallen the previous day. I arrived at my family's house and after a quick visit and a little planning on the map I was out the door for a fast and furious evening scout/hunt. That evening was quick as the sun fell below the horizon without seeing a single deer.

After a great night's sleep I was up early headed for a big cut cornfield to see if there were any deer. I was unable to locate any deer so I headed to an area where I hunted nine years prior and was able to kill a great buck. Just a few miles from where I killed that buck, I glanced over to see this massive buck with a doe. Just like that he bounded over a ridge and

he disappeared. I knew this was a buck I needed to get a better look at so I circled around and was able to relocate him and a bunch of other deer. All together there were ten does and four other bucks. The deer were not on property that I had permission to hunt at the time. Fortunately I was able to make contact with the landowner and permission was granted. For the next hour and a half I watched the buck tend does, run off smaller bucks and lip curl. Finally the does started to bed in a big CRP field along a drainage and he followed suit. There was a steady breeze out of the south so I drove to the north of the bedded deer and planned my stalk. There ended up being a perfectly placed berm between the CRP and planted



Huge body to put on this old truck. (Author Photo)



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Joel with his massive 4x4 mule deer buck. (Author Photo)



Celebrating with a Mountain Dew. (Author Photo)

winter wheat that hid my approach. Finally after a mile and a half I found a does head sticking out of the CRP. Another doe and then one of the smaller bucks. All of a sudden they all stood up and started to feed again. There I was 150 yards away from one of the most massive bucks I've ever seen. After what

seemed like an eternity waiting for a doe to clear his vitals I was able to put a perfectly placed Berger bullet in the high shoulder dropping him instantly. I could not believe my eyes when I finally got up to him.

I could not be more pleased with the outcome of this hunt. I only got to hunt for a total of five hours but I couldn't pass the opportunity. Although he is not the highest scoring buck he more than makes up for it with his character and an honest 40 inches of mass. I can't thank my family enough for their hospitality and allowing me to hunt their property. My buddy Drummond Lindsey for giving me excellent advice on when to hunt. And my wife and kids for putting up with my addiction.



Happy Hunter. (Author Photo)

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turned ORV in the roadway with a person pinned underneath. Responders arrived on scene, removed the ORV and began lifesaving efforts. These efforts were unsuccessful, and Ronald L. Puckett, 53, of Larwill, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Preliminary investigation at the scene indicates that Puckett was travelling east on C.R. 600 N when his ORV left the south side of the roadway, causing it to roll. Puckett was ejected from the machine, and it came to rest on top of him.

Puckett was not wearing a helmet, seatbelt, or any protective riding gear. Speed and alcohol are believed to be factors in the accident.

Indiana Conservation Officers strongly encourage those operating ORVs to avoid alcohol when operating an ORV. Operators and passengers are also urged to always use seatbelts when they are present and to wear a helmet and protective riding gear.

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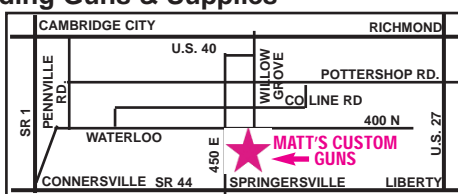


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Plantago Major or Broadleaf Plantain grows wild in most yards and is a powerful herbal remedy for itchy skin rashes and bug bites. (Author Photo)



Yarrow is a popular perennial found in many flower beds. It is a traditional remedy for wound care. (Author Photo)

Rambling In The Fields



by Beverly Spurlin

The Earth's Healing Secrets — Hidden in Plain View

Herbal healing traditions in health are as old as humanity. For millennia, our ancestors had an intimate relationship with the plants that grew right under their feet. They somehow understood which plants contained the right compounds to relieve pain, gastrointestinal issues, to support mental and emotional wellbeing. Our ancestors also understood the concept and importance of wellness; to not just treat a condition once it occurred, but to prevent the physiological imbalance that causes disease and illness. Herbal medicine began to lose favor after World War II with the advent and success of antibiotics and chemotherapy (the first chemotherapy was actually mustard gas) and the pharmaceutical model took off like a rocket.

Although eighty percent of the world still uses and often favors holistic and herbal medicine, the US has remained skeptical and critical of the legitimacy of using natural cures. And disease prevention and wellness has not been a focus, at least of the pharmaceutical industry at all. The theories and impetus of this current culture may be controversial and a subject for another time. The focus of this article is our relationship throughout human history with the plants and nature which surrounds many of

us every single day of our lives.

Aelius Galenus or Claudius Galenus, better known as Galen of Pergamon was a physician, surgeon and philosopher in the Roman Empire. Galen is widely recognized as one of the pioneers of medicine, and he along with Hippocrates were herbalists. They understood the intimate relationship which existed between human beings and plants. They studied the various minerals and compounds. They studied the process of photosynthesis and how the nutrients developed within the plant by its exposure to sunlight. Those nutrients then entered our bodies, absorbed by our microbiome, to be excreted back into the soil to nourish new plants and fungi, until the process then repeated itself. For the better part of the last 300,000 years, humans have existed, and not just existed but thrived because of our symbiotic relationship with plants. Then about 10,000 years ago, give or take, humans began cultivating seeds and selectively down-breed them to be more calorie dense. This process came at the cost of stripping away many of the medicinal benefits of the plant in exchange for more calories. And for the past 200 years, our species has begun to stray off course, resulting in a dramatic increase in disease and illness.

But let's look at our species' more recent healers; the mothers and grandmothers. Many people will recall a grandmother's herbal remedy for a toothache (to bite down on a clove bud or rub the area with clove oil), or sipping a tea made of lemon and honey for a cough, or using elderberry syrup to prevent or treat the flu. Generation after generation of women knew how to gather leaves, tubers, flowers, and berries, dry them, and create powerful medicines to keep their families healthy. These recipes were handed down from grandmother, to mother, to daughter. In fact, the word "recipe" comes from a French word meaning "Prescription." Our ancestors understood that there was a very blurry line between medicine and sustenance. One of the most famous quotes attributed to Hippocrates is, "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food." This illustrates one of the earliest healer's understanding of the relationship between what we take into our bodies and our health. Many of the women who were healers in the early modern era were

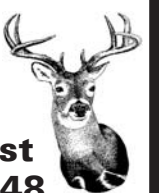
accused of witchcraft, when their focus was only healing and nurturing. By the Renaissance era, women were actively being banned from practicing their healing craft by removing it from popular practice and reserving it for professionals with licensure; from which women had been barred.

I think it's become too easy for us in our modern culture to forget these valuable lessons hard-learned by our ancestors. We have almost immediate access to an abundant food supply. But we often choose items that would never have been recognized as something to consume by our ancestors. The food we have in our cabinets, refrigerators, and freezers and so highly-processed, it's difficult to determine its original source. These foods are not only void of medicines as our ancestors would recognize, but they are also void of nutrients. The US approach to dealing with disease and illness is to treat it with a pharmaceutical. Some, if not most cause unpleasant side-effects. Well guess what? We have a drug for that, too. In my opinion, the pharmaceutical industry has a vested interest in people NOT being healthy and well. I am not claiming that pharmaceutical interventions are always bad. There are times that we simply need modern, conventional medicine. I think it's dangerous to discourage people from seeking qualified medical help when they need it. But we would need it far less often and to a far lesser degree if we would take responsibility

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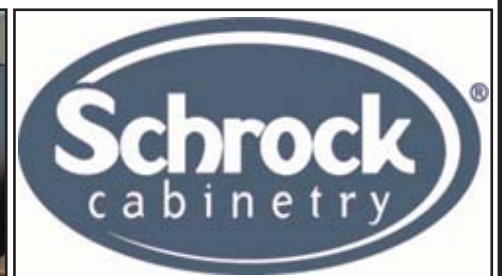
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A fiddlehead fern shows the spiral design seen so often in the natural world. (Author Photo)



Purple Coneflower head shows the intricacy of the design. (Author Photo)

for our own bodies, what goes into them, what we expose ourselves to physically and emotionally, and how we manage stress.

Some of the herbal classifications at our disposal for maintaining wellness are tonic herbs, adaptogens, and culinary herbs. Tonic herbs can be used to support and fortify our bodies so that they are able to fight off illness and disease. Examples of tonic herbs are Astragalus, Goji berries, Chaga, Rhodiola. Adaptogens help our bodies adapt to stressors by balancing hormones and regulating our body systems. Popular Adaptogens include Ashwagandha, Ginseng, Tulsi or Holy Basil. This information is only to spark your interest and encourage you to do more in-depth research for yourself.

Some of the common culinary herbs we use every day also have medicinal value. Thyme, when steeped in hot water with lemon and honey makes an excellent expectorant for cold and flu symptoms. Peppermint leaves, when steeped as a tea and sipped can calm an upset stomach, and also helps alleviate headache. Lemon balm has a mild sedative and anti-anxiolytic quality, meaning it can reduce anxiety and help you feel calmer and more peaceful. Lavender is calming and chamomile is a mild sleep-aid.

Medicinal herbs are most likely growing in your own yard or driveway. Common Plantain (*Plantago Major* or *Plantago Lanceolata*) grows in the most yards, flower beds, and driveways in North America. It is edible and can be used as a poultice or in salves to soothe rashes and insect bites and stings. Jewelweed (*Impatiens Capensis*) is an important medicinal plant in naturally treating skin irritations such as poison ivy, burns, stings, and hemorrhoids. The third common herb and frequently planted perennial flower is Yarrow (*Achillea Millefolium*). Yarrow can be used to staunch bleeding. Legend has it that Achilles used Yarrow on the battlefield to stop the bleeding of his troops who had been injured in battle. It is also known to help wounds heal, has anti-inflammatory properties, is an anti-spasmodic, used for painful stomach cramps, and is also a mild sedative. Native Americans relied heavily on Mullein to treat lung infections. When dried and steeped as a tea, the

leaves of the Mullein plant help soothe bronchial passages and move phlegm out of the body. The flowers can be dried and infused in oil to soothe earache. You can easily make your own effective salves by gathering and drying these flowers and herbs, crushing and infusing them in an oil of your choice for at least six weeks, then straining it to use as a healing oil, or add it to melted beeswax for an herbal healing salve.

Regardless of whether or not you decide to pursue learning about how to apply herbal remedies in your own life, I encourage you to make it a practice to go outside and observe nature. There is credible scientific evidence to support the benefit of being in nature to our wellbeing. The practice of mindfulness is an excellent way to lower stress levels and anxiety, and even reduce blood pressure. Spend some time really examining a flower head. Notice the design that can sometimes look like a mandala or a spiral. Sometimes, you can observe a spiral that is created by something known as the Fibonacci Sequence, a recursive sequence generated by adding the previous two numbers in a number sequence: 0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55 and so on. If you were to apply this sequence to a grid and connect each of the squares in the grid, it would create a Fibonacci Spiral. This pattern exists in many elements in nature, from the smallest to the largest objects; the ovaries of an Anglerfish, the mitosis of human cancer cells, pine cones, flower heads, human fingerprints, seashells, and upward to hurricanes and entire galaxies. This is an example of how interconnected we are with everything in the natural world, and some believe it is God's fingerprint. Charlotte Mason, an early educator in England at the turn of the twelfth century recognized the importance of nature when she said, "We are all meant to be naturalists, each in his own degree, and it is inexcusable to live in a world so full of the marvels of the plant and animal life and to care for none of these things." Our relationship with the natural world is not an accident. It is the design and intent of our Creator that we have an intimate relationship with all that He set forth in a passionate breath of Divine inspiration. And it should be our honor to pursue that relationship with a similar passion. ■

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It wasn't stupid to the Department of the Army, who realized the quick action of Funk and the newly-freed American guards prevented the Germans from making an attack on the rear of the company, which would have endangered the entire plan of attack. For his quick action, he was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Truman in September 1945. ■

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STATE PARK DEER MANAGEMENT DRAW HUNT APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS

Starting today, hunters can apply online for state park deer management draw hunts at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. The online method is the only way to apply.

Applicants must possess any valid license to take a deer in Indiana at the time of the application, not including apprentice licenses. Applicants must be Indiana residents (or possess a valid lifetime license to take deer in Indiana) and be 18 years of age by the date of the first hunt. Once an application has been submitted online, information cannot be changed. Applications must be completed by the application deadline.

Primary applicants can apply by themselves or with up to two secondary applicants (aka "buddies"). There is no preference in the draw based on whether the application includes buddies. If you have buddies listed on your application, you must supply their information on your application in order for them to participate. This includes each buddy's hunting license number and date of birth. Buddies must meet all age, residency, and licensing requirements of state parks deer management hunts. Each applicant may appear on only one application per hunt period. Applications close Aug. 17.

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

How To Protect Yourself

In today's society there seems to be a growing need to cover your assets when you're out and about in public places. A lot depends on where you are at any time as to the potential possibility of being accosted by shady characters. Hanging around in dark alleys in any large city poses a greater risk than sitting in a tree stand at 5:30 a.m. on a cold, snowy morning. However, it doesn't seem too far fetched to consider a slow witted thug wandering the woods looking for a victim even though the probability of collecting an arrow in the posterior for his trouble would be high. So, what are our options for protecting ourselves and others when in public places? Since firearms seem to be under fire (pun intended), what else is available to keep wallets from being heisted.

One distinct possibility is the above mentioned bow and arrow. What else could be more intimidating than the sight of a compound bow slung over the shoulder and a quiver of broadhead arrows swinging from the waist of a camo clad Walmart shopper. Judging from some of the sneak photo's taken of Walmart shoppers, the archer wouldn't necessarily feel out of place. He or she would blend in while feeling quite secure against any 300 pound, pink haired potential assailant wearing a thong and disco era high heeled shoes. Since most confrontations occur in parking lots, the archer should approach his or her car with the bow at ready and an arrow nocked. Personally, I would prefer trying to kiss a grizzly bear than try to steal the purse of an elderly lady so armed. She might not be able to pull a heavy weight bow, but even a twenty pound pull bow would make a crook wish he'd taken up a different profession.

The bull whip has been known to be a formidable weapon in the right hands. I remember the Saturday matinee and a character named Lash Larue. A swaggering cowboy, he could snap the gun out of the hand of a gunslinger then wrap it around his neck and jerk him forward to a waiting fist. However, unlike the bow and arrow, without proper training, using a whip can pose a real risk to the user. From personal experience I found that the untrained user stands a good chance of wearing it as a neck tie or nursing red welts on various parts of his or her body when failing to control the

forward and retrieve motions. If the amateur finds it too difficult to master a nine foot leather bull whip, perhaps a riding crop may be a good substitute. Anyone swinging a riding crop like they're fighting off a swarm of bees would be a tough one to victimize.

I once visualized myself as a Samurai warrior. Dressed in the appropriate clothing wearing a mask that looked like a Japanese devil, I assumed the stance, samurai sword in hand and making the symbolic threatening guttural sounds, "OOOO-YA, EEEE-YA"! Obviously, the long, razor sharp blade with a tanto point commanded a lot of respect. In spite of the fear of large knives, there can be drawbacks to such theatrics. For instance, in the movie Raiders Of The Lost Ark, Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones was faced with a samurai swinging his deadly sword. Jones simply pulled his Model 10 Smith and Wesson and popped him. But, like all nonpowder propelled devices as personal protection, there are risks. In the case of big knives, carrying one slung over your shoulder and down your back and requiring it be drawn from the sheath with the sharp edge toward your neck could be hazardous to your health. Also, trying to enter and exit your vehicle or get comfortable at your seat in a restaurant could be very entertaining. Nonetheless, when considering the various alternatives, I'm not sure which would be the most impressive. The afore mentioned little lady armed with a twenty pound pull bow and broadhead arrows, or the same swinging a two handed grip, razor sharp sword while yelling "OOOO-YA, EEEE-YA".

For those less inclined to carrying large personal protection devices, a Wham-O Wrist Rocket sling shot might be the answer. When properly used and with a little practice the average user can bounce a 3/16 diameter steel ball off the forehead of any would-be attacker at the velocity of about 250 feet per second. With eyes watering and a lump the size of a golf ball, any assailant would decide to call it a day and move on to greener pastures. Easy to carry and readily available at hand, any user could safely walk through any parking lot at night while saying, "That's right. I'm bad". Numerous other devices such as ball bats, saps, pepper spray and the high voltage shockers are available but require close personal contact with an aggressor. Better yet, wear a sign around your neck that says, "Supervisor - Radioactive Waste Disposal Team - Three Mile Island".

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puterized drawing. A link to view drawing results will be posted at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt after Aug. 31.

Firearm hunts include any firearm legal to take deer on public land in Indiana. Archery hunts include any archery equipment legal to take deer in Indiana, including crossbows.

Properties participating include Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Fort Harrison (archery only), Harmonie, Lincoln, McCormick's

Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Spring Mill, Turkey Run, Versailles, and Whitewater Memorial state parks, and Trine State Recreation Area (archery only).

Early hunts are Nov. 16-17, and late hunts are Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

More information is available at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

REGISTRATION FOR RESERVED HUNT STARTS JULY 6

Beginning July 6, hunters can apply for a reserved hunts online by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

The online method is the only way to apply. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a hunting license that is valid for the hunt for which they are applying.

Hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. Applicants will be able to view drawing results online within two weeks after application deadlines. An email will be sent to all applicants when the drawing is completed.

Applications for the following hunting opportunities open July 6 and must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 17:

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Waterfowl Hunt Draw: Participating FWAs include Goose Pond, Hovey Lake, Kankakee, Kingsbury, LaSalle and Willow Slough. Province Pond Wetland Conservation Area and Monroe Lake will also be participating.

Deer Hunt Draw: Participating properties include Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area, Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area, Tern Bar Slough Wildlife Diversity Conservation Area and Shrader-Weaver Nature Preserve in Fayette County.

Military/Refuge Firearm, Primitive and Archery Deer Hunt Draw: Properties participating include Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge and Mascatuck National Wildlife Refuge. Please note that hunts on military/refuge properties may be canceled at any time.

Youth Firearm Deer Hunt: Muscatuck National Wildlife Refuge will host one reserved youth firearm deer hunt.

Pheasant Hunt Draws: The Nov. 7 hunt is reserved for youth (ages 17 and younger) only.

Please note that only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once the application is submitted.

The application process is now consolidated into the online services website along with licenses, CheckIN Game, and HIP registration. An online account is not required to apply, but a Customer ID number is needed.

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BILL SENTERS OWNS THE OLDEST BUSINESS IN CENTERVILLE, INDIANA STILL OPERATING AT THE SAME LOCATION BY THE ORIGINAL OWNER.



Larry Hensley (Left) and owner Bill Senters (Right) standing in "The Old Clock Shop" located at 320 South Ash Street in Centerville. (Author Photo)



The Old Clock Shop is located behind Bill's home at 320 South Ash Street across the street from the former Soda Bar, a favorite youth hangout in its day. (Author Photo)



Bill Senters looks right at home sitting at his work station with an assortment of tools and testing equipment within reach when needed. (Author Photo)



Larry Hensley has worked part time with Bill since 2009. Here he is working on a clock. (Author Photo)

The Old Clock Shop

by Ray Dickerson

Bill Senters, now eighty years young, owns and operates the oldest business in Centerville, Indiana; still operating at the same location behind 320 South Ash Street for fifty six years as of July 1, 2020.

Bill and his beloved wife of 48 years, Mary moved to Centerville from Richmond in 1960. They have two daughters, Lisa and Jenny. Lisa lives in Georgia and Jenny lives at home with Bill.

Prior to moving to Centerville in 1956 Bill worked for Bill Myers, owner of Miami Music out of Oxford, Ohio. Myers owned and operated Silver Point Restaurant, located at the intersection of SR 38 and 35 between Richmond and Webster.

They delivered and repaired Juke Boxes and Amusement Machines (Pin Ball Machines) making 60 stops in eastern Indiana and western Ohio.

Bill added that he worked on the pin ball machine (s) in the Soda Bar, which was just across the street from him. That was when Earl Grinders owned the Soda Bar.

(Oh, how I remember that Soda Bar!)

Prior to opening this business Bill took a 2 year Correspondence School Course from the Industrial Training Institute in Chicago to learn how to repair televisions and radios.

Once he had the knowledge Bill opened his business in the building behind 320 South Ash Street in Centerville on July 1, 1964. It was kind of a coincidence that I happened to be visiting him on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 for this interview. Marking exactly 56 years in business that day at that location.

In 1978 he added Video repair onto his business. He did the Television and Radio service work for better than 38 years and began phasing it out in 2002.

In 2002 he began selling and servicing clocks, adding lamps later on and continues with those

today.

Helping Bill is Larry Hensley. Larry has been working part time for Bill since 2009. He has learned the business utilizing on the job training (OJT).

One of their specialties is Cuckoo Clocks and pendulum clocks. They have quite a variety of clocks for sale in their shop, plus you can special order one that is more to your liking from a catalog.

I asked Bill if he ever thought about retiring. He told me he had. Once he mentioned it to his doctor, who told him to keep on working for as long as he could.

I added to that comment, he should keep on going. I have had wiser men than I tell me that keeping busy actually keeps you feeling younger.

See Bill's advertisement below for his address and telephone number. You can also find his location on the Centerville Map on page 14. Look for the number 7 in red.

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7 BILL SENTERS & LARRY HENSLEY



1 Lantz Archway (1) located at 212 West Main St., c. 1823. (Author Photo)

Centerville Archway Days Festival August 21-22, 2020

The 32nd annual Archway Days in Historic Centerville, IN will begin at 3:00 PM 8/21/2020 at Maplewood Park. This year we will be dedicating a fully restored CB&Q Railroad Caboose (Cabin) in the park. You will find food and craft vendors, a Car Show, Live music and games for the kids. Bring a chair, sit back and enjoy an outdoor movie, along with musical performances by Blue Leaf Band. Get out for a fun-filled weekend!

(See map at right for parade route)

Friday 8/21/20

- 3:00 PM Food & Craft Vendors Open
- 3:00 - 9:00 PM Inflatable slide & Games, along with a Rock Climbing wall (\$10 for all weekend pass or \$1 per one-time ticket)
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM Car Show (Crown Creek Blvd & 1st St) (Sponsor Laser Creations)
- TBA Art show (Sponsored by Main Street Centerville)
- 5:00 - 6:30 PM Musical Performance by David Sizemore
- 5:00 - 9:00 PM Juggler Vic Greasy
- 6:30 - 8:00 PM High Energy Music from Centerville Christian Church
- 8:00 - 8:30 PM Fam Jam - Fun interactive family show for all ages (Performed by Centerville Christian Church)
- 9:00 - 11:00 PM Outdoor movie "Unstoppable PG13"

Saturday 8/22/20

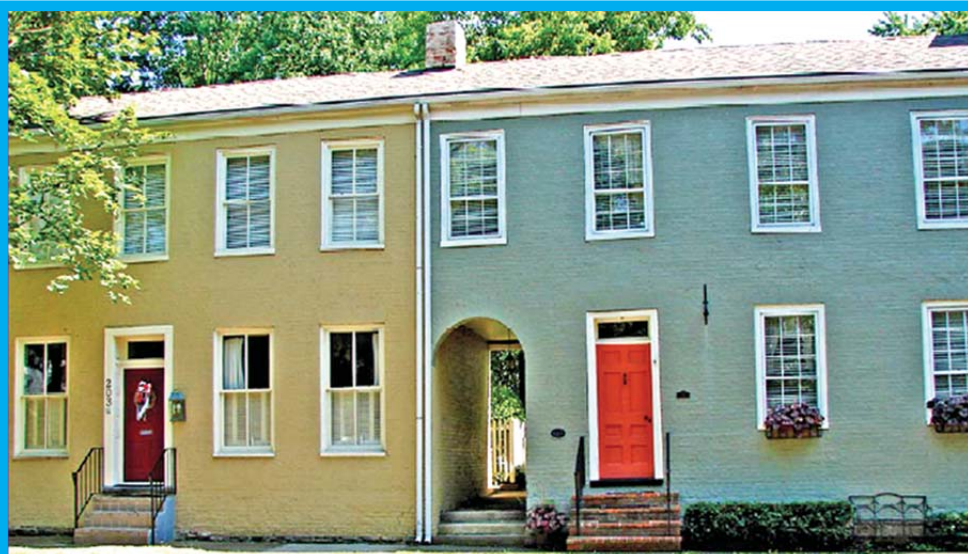
- 9:00 AM Food & Craft Vendors Open
- 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Inflatable slide & Games, along with a Rock Climbing wall (\$10 for all weekend pass or \$1 per one-time ticket)
- 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Kid Zone (Puzzles and crafts)
- TBA Art show (Sponsored by Main Street Centerville)
- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Balloon artist Dan Rambo (Sponsored by Music Mazterz)

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2 Shortridge Archway (2) located at 205 West Main St., c. 1820. (Author Photo)



2019 Archway Days Parade led by Boy Scouts, followed by CHS Blue Regiment Band.

32ND ANNUAL CENTERVILLE ARCHWAY DAYS



3 Malone Archway (3) located at 11 West Main St., c. 1836. (Author Photo)



Jim and Marge Howell waving from Centerville Abington Senior Center car parade entry.



2019 Archway Days Car Show entries parked along Crown Creek Blvd, Sign up for 2020.

WAY DAYS AUGUST 21-22, 2020

- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Pedal Tractor Pull (Sponsored by Centerville Police)
- 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM Juggler Vic Greasy & Caricature artist, Matt Kinder
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Centerville Police Department Taser Demonstration
- 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Official CB&Q Train Caboose (Cabin) Dedication
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Cookies with a Cop, Free Child DNA & fingerprint kits available
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Musical Performances by Light House Band (Christian Rock)
- 4:00 PM Parade on Main Street (See Parade Route at Left on Centerville Map)
- 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM Musical Performances by Bratton and McClain Band
- 5:00 - 11:00 PM Adult Beverages (Provided by 5 Arches Brewing)
- 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM Musical Performances by Blue Leaf Band

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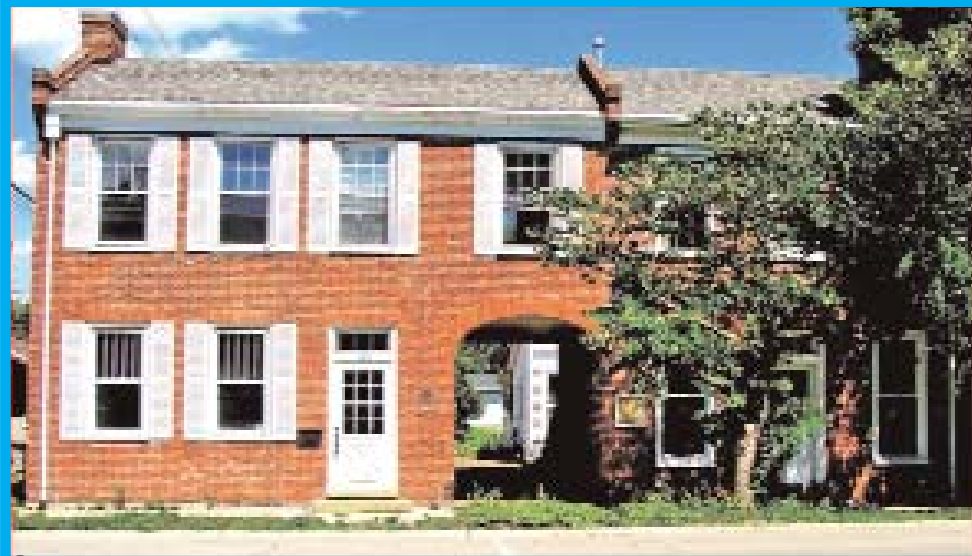
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- Friday 8/21/2020**
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- Saturday 8/22/2020**
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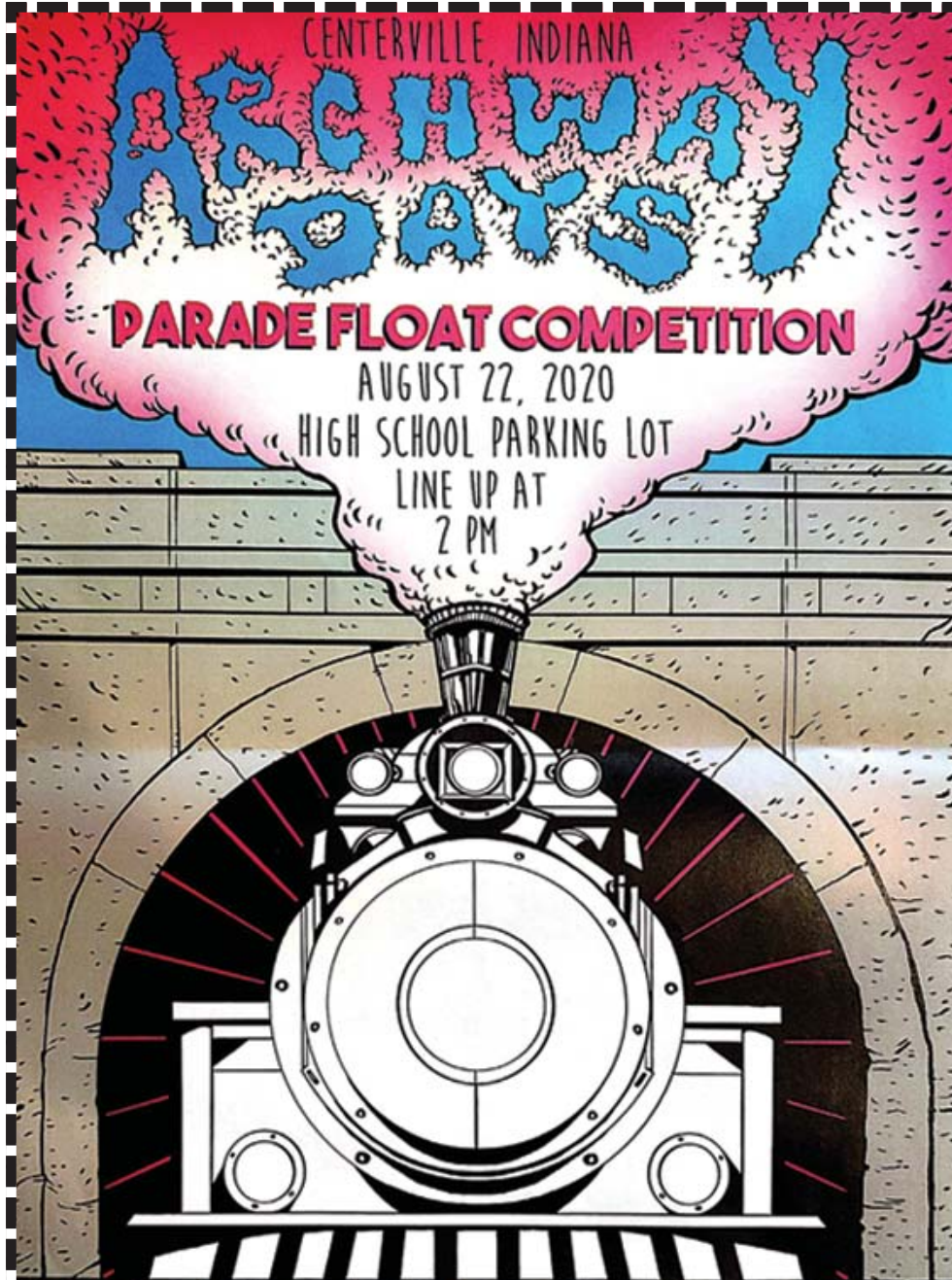
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4 Dill Archway (4) located at 109 South Morton Avenue, c. 1830. (Author Photo)



5 Backenstoës Archway (5) located at 139 East Main St., c. 1835. (Author Photo)



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One of the most popular rides for children is this train like ride that a local resident offers every year at Archway Days. Your kids will love it!



Archway Days offers many musical performances such as the one above throughout the two days. See this years talent in the Festival Guide on page 14 & 15.



Archway Days 2019 Republican Party Float. "Create a Winning Float!" (Author Photo)



Archway Days, a good place to meet friends. Here at left, Sherry Dickerson and at right Pat Gardner talking about back when their daughters Amy and Angie attended CHS and now.

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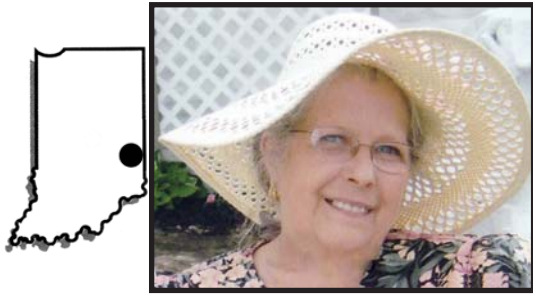
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Whitewater Valley History



by **Donna Schroeder**
Fayette County Historical Museum

Mad Dogs and Englishmen

In the midst of this pandemic, have you ever stopped to consider the other viruses you know, but you really don't know? Smallpox and rabies come to mind for me. I have the scar from my smallpox vaccination, and I'm glad to have it. My dad talked about smallpox and how it came to his childhood home. The most poignant memory of that is when he talked about how his baby sister screamed in pain all the time she was infected. At first, he said, he wished she would get better soon. After a while, he wished she would die because of her agony, as well as his having to listen to her. Pop was always the jokester, but he wasn't being funny when he told that story. He would have been about five then, and he felt guilty eighty years later for wishing her dead. Thankfully, the family recovered.

As for rabies, I recently ran across an 1860s newspaper article about a child who was bitten by a dog that was presumed to be rabid. She had been treated with a 'mad stone'. Naturally, my curiosity was piqued, and I had to investigate.

Mad stones pop up in other places. In *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, for instance, Huck's friend Jim "had a hair-ball as big as your fist, which had been took out of the fourth stomach of an ox, and he used to do magic with it. He said there was a spirit inside of it, and it knowed everything." The Harry Potter books feature bezoars, stonelike masses taken from the stomach of a goat. A bezoar is another name for a mad stone. Native Americans used them, too. They've been known for hundreds of years.

A mad stone was, for lack of a better explanation, a hairball. Although the stones came from some other animals, a stone from a white deer was believed to be the most potent. Like the pearl in an oyster, a mad stone starts with a foreign material such as hair, and calcium builds around it. You can tell by the photos that they didn't all look alike, and some were probably just rocks that were passed off as mad stones.

There were some rules associated with their use. The stone was never to be taken to the patient. There was never to be a charge for its use, and the stone must never be sold, although, like all rules, some folks found a way around them. An 1845 advertisement from Virginia says this:

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The subscriber begs leave to assure the public that the good qualities and virtues of this stone in preventing the bad effects from the bites and wounds made by Mad-dogs and other venomous animals and reptiles have been so frequently and fully proven to the satisfaction of the community at large, that he deems it only necessary to for him to say that it is with the greatest confidence he recommends it to the public patronage.

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He would also inform persons residing at a distance, who may require the services of the Mad-stone, that his residence is about 12 miles from Milford Depot, on the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad and the same distance from Port Royal on the Rappahannock river, where a steamboat passes twice a week. SAMUEL ANDERSON

So, no charge for the stone, but plenty, in 1845 money, for the attentive room and board!

Once you arrived, the procedure was simple. If the wound had stopped bleeding, the skin was scraped until it bled. The stone would have been soaked in water or warm milk. The moment of truth came when the stone was placed on the wound. If it adhered to the skin, there was infection. If not, you were germ free! Once the stone adhered, it was left in place until it fell off. Allegedly, the poison was absorbed into the stone which was then placed in a glass of milk. The poison would turn the milk green. After a thorough soaking, the stone was reapplied to the wound and the procedure repeated as many times as needed. When the stone no longer adhered to the skin, the patient was cured.

The stones were not in every community. The one most frequently used early in the valley was the Wamsley stone in Cleves, Ohio, owned by Moses Wamsley, but usually applied by his wife. Mr. Wamsley had acquired the stone in Burlington, Kentucky, when he went for treatment because the saliva from a rabid cow flew into his eye. That proves it's been known for years that a virus can enter through a mucous membrane such as those that cover the eye. That was long before anyone knew what a virus was. When Moses died, the stone passed to his daughters in the 1840s.

There was also a stone in Greenfield, as well as one in New Castle. In 1906, Fayette County resident Dan Brumfiel was bitten by a dog, and his son Milton was scratched. Andrew Neff accompanied Dan to New Castle and reported that the stone had adhered, but it did not adhere to the scratch on Milton. The stone's owner assured Dan that, even if he had no rabies, the stone would cure his rheumatism. No further report on it was given, but the newspaper also said that the dog had been stung in the mouth by a bumble bee which might have accounted for its behavior, inability to drink, and its foaming at the mouth. The dog was killed and wasn't tested.

In 1916, two little girls in Franklin County, Indiana, were bitten by a dog that tested positive for rabies. Evidently, the stone in Cleves was still in use, as both fathers took the girls to be treated. One of the fathers wasn't convinced of the power of the stone, so he then



Three photos of Mad-Stones. (Author Photos)

also took his daughter on to Cincinnati to receive the Pasteur treatment. Six weeks later, the girl who was only treated with the stone had contracted rabies and died. The other little girl remained healthy.

Pasteur discovered how to prevent rabies in 1885, but some folks just didn't believe in it, and a lot of people used the stone without knowing if the animal that bit them was actually infected.

So, what do I take from this? According to statistics, just as in China, bats are the most common rabies carriers in Indiana. Stay away from them. Make sure your pets are vaccinated. If there's a vaccine developed for Covid 19, take it. The mad stones in your head won't protect you. Wear your mask. Your mouth and nose are lined with mucous membranes.

Noel Coward wrote a song in 1931 called *Mad Dogs and Englishmen* that says they're the only ones who will go out in the heat of the noonday sun. It's hot. Stay in, if you can.

The Fayette County Historical Museum is open from 10 a.m. til 3 p.m. on weekends. Bring your mask and join us! (It's air conditioned, so you can beat the heat!) Take care and stay well. ■

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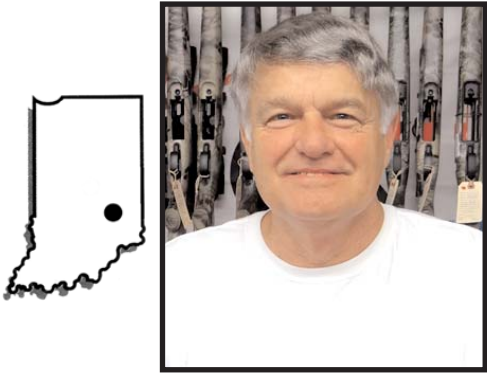
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Blue River Outdoors



by Steve Dake



Fox Squirrel

(Author's Note: I would like to thank all the customer who said they liked the articles on the animals, cooking and bait recipes so I included one of all.)

The fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger*), found throughout the state, is the largest of the four tree squirrel species in Indiana.

The other tree squirrels are:

- **Gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)**,
- Red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*),
- Southern flying squirrel (*Glacomys volans*).

General characteristics

Physical

- Total body length of 17 to 28 inches.
- Tail length 8 to 13 inches.
- Weight ranges from 1 to 2.2 lbs.
- Coloration: Upper body is a grizzled black-brown-orange combination with brown under parts; occasionally will be colored black above, white below; may have white ears and nose, or have a white tail.

- Sharp claws for climbing.
- Fox squirrels can live six years in the wild and longer in captivity.

Behavioral

- Agile climbers that spend more time on the ground than other tree squirrel species.
- They rise and feed later than other squirrels and are more active throughout the day.
- Large vocabulary of barks and clucking sounds.
- Capable of jumping up to 15 feet in horizontal leaps and free-falling 20 feet or more to land on a limb or tree trunk.

Reproduction

Tree holes and cavities are remodeled for winter dens and often serve as nurseries for late winter litters. If existing trees lack cavities, leaf nests, known as dreys, are built by cutting twigs with leaves attached and weaving them into warm waterproof shelters. Dreys enable fox squirrels to live in less mature trees. Similar leafy platforms are built for summer loafing.

Fox squirrels breed twice a year if conditions are right, in December/January and again in early summer.

Fox squirrels average three pups per litter. Young are born in every month but December and January, and squirrels born in early litters may breed and produce young of their own in their first year of life. In eight to 12 weeks, young are weaned and begin to fend for themselves. Squirrels produce fewer offspring than other mammals but are more successful in rearing them.

Food habits

Fox squirrels eat much the same foods as other tree squirrels:

- White oak acorns
- Hickory nuts and beechnuts
- A wide variety of seeds
- Berries and wild fruits.

When frost, insects, droughts and other unfavorable conditions cause wild foods to fail, squirrel population can decline. However, fox squirrels have adapted to human provided food sources. Since they typically live closer to cropland than other squirrel species, corn can become a main part of their diet. Additionally, many have taken advantage of the boom in popularity of bird feeding.

Squirrels don't hibernate, so they must depend upon buried acorns and nuts, or bird feeders for winter fare. Many acorns buried in the fall are never found and later sprout to become trees. In addition to burying nuts, squirrel carry seeds and berries to new areas and are known as important dispersers of plants seeds.

Catfish Meat and Cheese Recipe

- 1 pound uncooked deer meat
- 1 tablespoon of garlic
- 1 Flour

- 1 cup Velveeta cheese

Melt the cheese until it is soft. Mix the garlic and meat and blend until the cheese is equally distributed. Gradually add the flour to the mixture until it the dough form into balls. Keep it well in a plastic bag in the freezer.

Venison Mushroom & Swiss Burger Ingredients

Patties

- 2 pounds ground venison
- 2 tbsp garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire
- 1/4 cup onion, minced
- 1/2 tsp cracked pepper
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1 tsp garlic powder

Mushrooms

- 1 pound baby portobellos, sliced
- 1 tsp garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3 tbsp butter
- 1/4 tsp cracked pepper

Other


- Garlic mayo (mashed smoked garlic and mayo mixture)
- Leaf lettuce
- Buns
- Swiss cheese

Directions

1. In large glass bowl, mix game meat along with all other patty ingredients
2. Take a baseball size handful of meat mixture and roll it into a ball. On a piece of parchment paper, press down on the ball, and with the other hand, follow along the sides to form a perfect patty. Continue this until all patties have been formed. Place all the patties in the fridge for 30 minutes before cooking. This is key.
3. Preheat grill to high heat.
4. Place the burgers on the grill and don't touch! Once they've cooked for 5-8 minutes, flip once. ONCE. Add cheese after the flip. Pull patties, cover and let them rest.
5. While the burgers are resting, start on your mushrooms. Begin by melting the butter in a skillet, add garlic and cook 30 seconds. Add mushrooms, salt and pepper, and cook until mushrooms are soft. About 3-5 minutes.
6. Start building your burger: bun, garlic mayo, patty, mushrooms, leaf lettuce, garlic mayo, top bun. Enjoy! ■

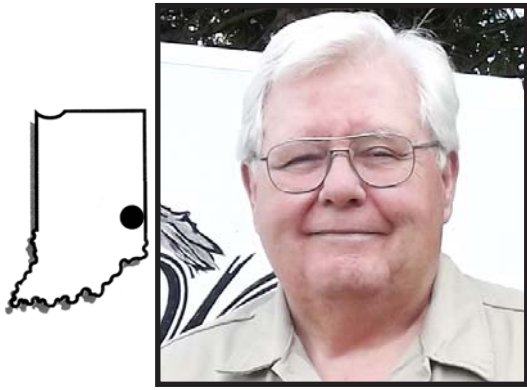
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**Random Notes from:
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair**



by Marshall Smith
Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

Stuck at Home

I'm stuck at home, honoring our governor's orders to stay at home except for essential trips to the grocery, pharmacy, or doctor. My business, like so many others, has suffered. People aren't going out shooting and aren't bringing their guns in for cleaning and repairs. So I'm left with watching over-the-air TV and old movies on Netflix or Prime. Most of my articles come from repairs or problems I've encountered. So this month's article was beginning to look like it wasn't going to happen and then!!! **OUTRAGE** (Sorry no pictures)

On June 10, 2020, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi presented Philonise Floyd, a brother to George Floyd, a folded American flag, a gesture that traditionally has been exclusively for honoring veterans and others in the service of their country, who have passed on. Since the Roman times families of honor-

able fallen soldiers and people of high esteem have been presented a country's symbol honoring their service. The tradition has been honored for centuries, until Speaker Nancy Patricia D'Alesandro Pelosi decided to break that tradition and present the American Flag to the family of a criminal.

George Floyd died as a result of resisting arrest in Minneapolis. The officer and assisting officers accused of his death have been charged and will have their day in court. I'm not about to discuss the case but I am going to voice my opinion of the action taken by the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi.(D). In her position as the leading democrat in the House she dishonored every American Serviceman, Fireman, and Law Enforcement Officer whether serving Federal, State, County, or City. She has proven with this gesture that she has no love or respect for this country nor the honorable people of this great nation. I'm certain that she didn't take this action just to honor a criminal, but to embarrass and degrade the United States, President Trump, and every person who doesn't openly support her. Every conservative news outlet has broadcast this inappropriate act and discussed it. I haven't seen any news reports from NBC, ABC, or CBS. Why, in God's name WHY? Don't they report the news anymore? Excuse me, I answered my own question. They are not news organizations anymore, just liberal, socialist leaning editorialist's and fiction writers. The days are past when the news reported the facts and left the opinions to the editorial staff in the center of the paper. I see the national news as just another fictionalized half hour story based loosely on real events. Ok, I'm done with that rant.

Warning if you use video chat apps on the internet

Since the COVID-19 shutdown of our schools and the startup of online learning, families have had to suffer invasions of their homes by the online social media and law enforcement authorities. Case in point, as reported by WBFF (Fox Baltimore) a local woman (Baltimore) reported that police were sent to their house when someone reported that their son had guns in his room. Apparently the 11 year old son, a Boy Scout, had BB guns, and a bow displayed on the wall in his room. He was using the BB guns and the Bow to earn badges in the Boy Scout programs. Apparently while attending a required virtual class with his local school someone took a screen shot of him and his room and turned it over to police indicating that the boy had illegal guns in his room. The Police investigated and searched the boy's bedroom, found the BB guns and the Bow and determined that there were no violations. The officers left. Remember my article on "Swatting". Same thing.

The home owner has tried several avenues to resolve this issue and get some rules set concerning virtual learning and so far has run into a brick wall with the school system. Lesson here, if you are going to use any of the video conferencing apps make certain that your background behind you does not show anything you wouldn't want stolen nor

seen by others that might give them cause to create trouble for you. I even heard of a woman who was fired from her job because her toddler child ran into the room in which she was using during a video conference call. Now that goes to far.

Since the onslaught of the COVID 19 pandemic and the stay at home orders our country seems to have come apart at the seams. Since the death of George Floyd the protests have become more and more violent, at least according to the "Fake News" reports, and people have become more fearful of the future. With that fear gun sales have skyrocketed. Which brings me to the next part of this article.

**Never had a gun, Never wanted a gun,
Now I need a gun. What am I to do?**

With the frightening reports on TV many people who have never owned nor shot a gun believe they must now have a gun for protection. They will buy whatever gun they think will provide the necessary protection they think they need. Most often they will rely on what the gun salesman/woman tells them. A few gun shops will take the time to go over the gun, how to safely handle the gun, and may even allow the new gun owner to shoot the gun on an indoor range. That's all good but not nearly enough training for the new gun owner. If you know of someone who is in need of good gun training, then please guide them to a professional instructor, gun club, or shooting range which provides training. These people are untrained and unsafe to themselves and others. If you know of someone like this please be a mentor and help them find the resources needed to train them in the proper and legal use of a gun.

Quote of the Month

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." - John Adams

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 try and answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column.

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

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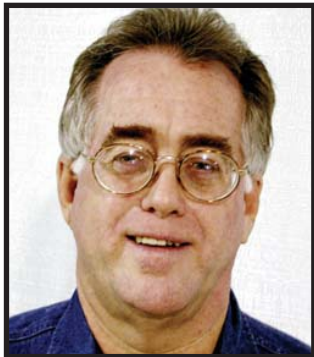


I planted pepper plants and flowers in the holes of my cement block landscaping border. (Author Photo)



I have made many gallons of cider over the last 40 years in my apple cider press. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Stocking Up and Bartering Making Comeback this year

When I was very young, in my single digit years, my mom stocked up on every kind of food she could grow. She had grape vines and made juice and jelly. She had a garden where she could grow vegetables in rows almost touching each other. She canned tomatoes, made ketchup, and sauce. She grew beets, cucumbers, and other assorted things which I hated but she made me eat anyway. I pulled many pounds of carrots which she used to make carrot cake. Peas and beans filled every empty spot. I helped shell and snap.

We had two cherry trees, two peach trees and a small apple orchard to supply fruit. What she couldn't grow, she bought in bulk at farmer's markets and elsewhere. The family went to South Dakota every fall to visit her family and hunt pheasant. We almost always brought home our limit of these delicious birds. She purchased beef and hogs from local farmers to have butchered. We had shelves in the basement and back room full of food which she had canned and a huge freezer was full of frozen fruits and vegetables and meat.

I learned a lot from her. After getting married and leaving home, I also had a large garden every

year. Unlike her, I didn't preserve a lot of what I grew. I just enjoyed planting and tending a garden and gave a lot of the produce to friends and neighbors. I hunted and fished a lot and always had a lot of wild meat in the freezer. We vacationed in Michigan almost every summer and we loaded up at all the farmer's markets on the way home.

This year is different. Back in march, we found out because of the big V, the virus, grocery stores shelves were empty or the price had risen so high I didn't want to buy anything. I quickly decided we would start stocking our own shelves like we did in the old days. Too late this year to tap my maple trees, but next February, that will be on my list.

I had already ordered my garden seed, but put in a second order of many items. Shortly after this order, I received a notice that two of my usual vendors were already out of many vegetable seeds. Apparently, I wasn't the only person who noticed the shortages in the store. I also enlarged my garden. I had a twelve feet by six feet raised bed in my back yard. I bought some boards, ordered garden soil, and doubled the size of this garden. My 25 foot by 100 foot garden became eight feet longer and two feet wider. That's about as big as I can go.

When planting my rows, I always leave enough space to run my rototiller between them to till the weeds. This year, I left this space again, but after the corn, sunflowers, and tomatoes (in cages) became established, I planted my gourds and pumpkins in the opening between rows.

I planted six rows of green beans which are loaded with blooms right now. About a month later, I planted eight more rows of beans. I have six zucchini plants, eight rows of lima beans, four rows of peas, 17 tomato plants, six sweet potato plants, and probably 50 pepper plants in various locations around our property. I have carrots and luffa sponges also this year.

We have put up some items for years, but I

don't use up enough of my garden space to grow sweet corn. Every year, just a couple miles away is a family who sells sweet corn in their yard. It is tasseling right now, so we will start driving by every day to buy some before they sell out. We usually get 10 or 12 dozen ears, process them, put them in Ziplocs, and freeze the bags. This corn tastes so good, we just thaw it, heat it up, and eat it. We don't add butter, salt, or anything to it.

While I plan on canning some of the produce, freezing some, and drying more in our two food dehydrators, a lot will go into bartering for things I can't grow or trading for services I don't want to do myself. I found last year our new neighbors would work for food. I give them canned green beans, he cleans my gutters. I bake them a carrot cake, he carries heavy trash items to the street for me. I trade them tomatoes for cucumbers which I don't grow. I swap home-made jelly and maple syrup for other jobs I can't or won't do. He makes me duck nuggets with cream cheese wrapped in bacon and cooked on his grill. Bartering is great.

Besides stocking up on fruits and vegetables, I noticed hamburger in the grocery was \$6 a pound if they had any. I immediately called Rihms Meats (see ad in the Gad-A-Bout) and ordered half of a beef. We picked it up a couple weeks ago to put in my freezer. The meat cost us around \$4.00 a pound which is much cheaper than the store, plus I have steaks and roasts which probably cost \$10.00 a pound to buy. I have my order in for a whole hog from Rihms. Add a few squirrels this fall to the freezer, and hopefully, we can keep eating until the virus has died out.

If you can't (or don't want to) grow a big garden, look around and see if any of your neighbors have one. Maybe you can do some bartering with them for mowing their yard or something else. It sure beats paying the high price at the grocery stores.

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Zucchini and sweet potato plants doing well and corn getting tall. Lots of work but cheaper than buying in the store. (Author Photo)



Ornamental corn, 6 of 14 rows of green beans, 6 cages of tomatoes, and 2 rows of giant sunflowers in the background. (Author Photo)



My new, double size, raised garden has carrots, melons, lima beans, tomatoes, and luffa sponge. (Author Photo)



My smaller of 2 food dehydrators. I dry fruits, vegetables, jerky, and fruit leather. It can also dry flowers for craft work. (Author Photo)

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applicants will be asked to “Add to Cart,” “Proceed to Checkout,” and “Place Order.” If the transaction total is \$0, the applicant will not be asked to enter credit card information. Applicants must place an order to submit their application.

To view draw hunt results, applicants can log into their online services account or click “View hunt draw results” at the same site they used to apply for the hunt. From that site, they should select “Click here” under Reserved Hunts to see the status of registered hunts. The link will only show upcoming hunts that an individual has registered for. Logging into an account online is required to see the full history of past hunt registrations, including previous years.

More information is available at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE

2019-20 license extensions expired at the end of June. Individuals wanting to hunt or fish will need a valid 2020-21 Indiana hunting or fishing license. Licenses can be purchased online, at a local retailer, or through the DNR Customer Service Center.

2020 SPRING TURKEY SEASON RESULTS

During the 2020 spring season, hunters harvested 14,492 wild turkeys in 90 of 92 Indiana counties. This spring’s harvest is a 21% increase compared to that of the 2019 spring season. The 2020 spring season also broke the 2010 record high harvest of 13,742 birds.

Spring harvests increased in 76 counties with 12 counties exceeding 300 birds, compared to three in 2019. A total of 1,635 birds (11% of total harvest) were taken during the youth-only weekend prior to the regular season. The estimated number of hunters afield was 74,500 in 2020 (25% increase compared to 2019) with an estimated hunter success of 19%.

A detailed breakdown of spring harvest data, including previous seasons, is available on the wild turkey spring harvest data website.

A TIME HONORED TRADITION - YELLOW PERCH ON LAKE MICHIGAN

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After yellow perch are finished spawning by

early June, they begin to concentrate in the 20-50 foot depths, seeking out food and water temperatures from 60 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit. They’ll remain there all summer long, with the best fishing action usually happening during July, August, and into September. Often schooling in huge groups and offering fast action, yellow perch make for a perfect family outing on a hot summer day. On a good day, anglers can expect to catch dozens of perch, and take home their 15-fish per person bag limit in short order.


Anglers need a valid Indiana fishing license to fish for yellow perch. More information about how to fish for perch on Lake Michigan, including tactics, best baits, and prime fishing locations, is available online.

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Finding the best location for your stand involves planning ahead for easy access and exiting quickly and as quiet as possible. (Author Photo)



It's important to secure your deer stand, one of the most reported accidents are hunters falling from their stand. (Author Photo)

Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Planning your Treestand Locations during the Preseason

Success in the Fall depends largely on Planning your Treestand Locations Before Hand

It's hot and humid, and fishing is probably on your mind now, not preparing and hanging treestands. But, for a greater chance of success in the fall, a lot of consideration – and time – need to be put into getting ready for deer season.

Thinking of “where” When planning treestand locations:

The first things to think about when planning and preparing your stand sites before the season arrives are entry and exit routes. The best stand location in the world will do you no good if you cannot make it to and from the stand site without being detected.

This means considering areas where prevailing wind directions will be favorable for the stands you hang. Wind direction changes, and there will

certainly be days that are no good for any stand, but by predicting the typical wind directions for the fall off year and setting you stands accordingly can go a long way. Also, consider hanging multiple sets in each area in order to make sure you have it covered regardless of where the wind is coming from.

Look for routes in and out that can offer you either cover or ease of getting to and from your stands. Creeks or ditches can be great for allowing you to drop in and make it to your stand without being seen or heard crunching your way through the timber or open fields.

Filed edges can also be a good way to get in and out. A standing cornfield will hide your approach, and any noise you make will be masked by the cover. The deer won't be able to tell if you are another deer or what you are should one happen to be close as you make your way in.

If the fields are harvested, quietly sneaking along the edge can offer you quiet access, so long as the bedding area isn't too close to the field.

Walking through acres of timber to a stand that sits in the middle of an open wood lot just doesn't make sense. You will end up alerting every deer in the area to your presence in the process. Likewise, walking through a bedding or feeding area to access a site is no good either. Give consideration to where you think the deer will be as you make your way in and out, and think of possible sites accordingly.

Other factors to consider when planning your treestand locations:

Part of being able to get to and from your stands undetected, besides where to place them, has to do with being as silent possible while doing so. It's a lot of work, but using a weed trimmer or weed killer to remove any vegetation on the trail to and from you stands is always a good idea. Also, raking leaves out of the way will help you get into stealth mode as you make your way in.

Besides making your trip quieter, there will also be less vegetation coming into contact with you and your clothing and gear as you are walking to and from. This means less human scent being dispersed along the trail. Another win.

Locations can vary when planning your treestand locations before season:

While thinking of where to hang stands for the upcoming deer season, it is easy to think field edges at this time of year, since your mind may shift to the early season as that will be your first opportunity to get a crack at a deer.

That is good, field edges always produce big bucks and they create little to no disturbance to the deer's core or bedding areas, but also think in a little bigger picture when planning and preparing your stands for this fall.

Think about staging areas; those areas just inside the timber (10-50 yards inside) where bucks like to hang out until dark before entering crop fields to feed.

Location, location, Location is everything when planning your treestand sites before the season starts:

Water

If planning treestand sites for the early archery season, don't forget the H2O. Evening hunts, especially, can be productive by hunting a water source, especially if it has been hot and dry, so if possible, plan to hang a stand near a water source.

Bottlenecks

When planning your set-up locations, always look for bottlenecks. Period. Even if you have no other information to go on and cannot scout the area, bottlenecks will get you on deer quickly. They force deer to move past your location and should always be one of the first things you do when looking over any property. The Huntstand app can help you locate bottlenecks, even when



Preparing your site for the upcoming hunt includes clearing clutter making it easier for you to get to and from where you have set up your stand quicker and quieter. (Author Photo)

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Saddles

Saddles are other areas that are good bets. Again, if you don't know the property that well, any type of bench or saddle in the timber is a good starting point for finding deer.

Feeding and bedding areas and the link between them.

If you find where the deer are feeding and where they are bedding, then you have pretty much figured out how this works. Look for the best stand sites in between the two and set-up. The key can sometimes be finding out how far (or close) to get to each.

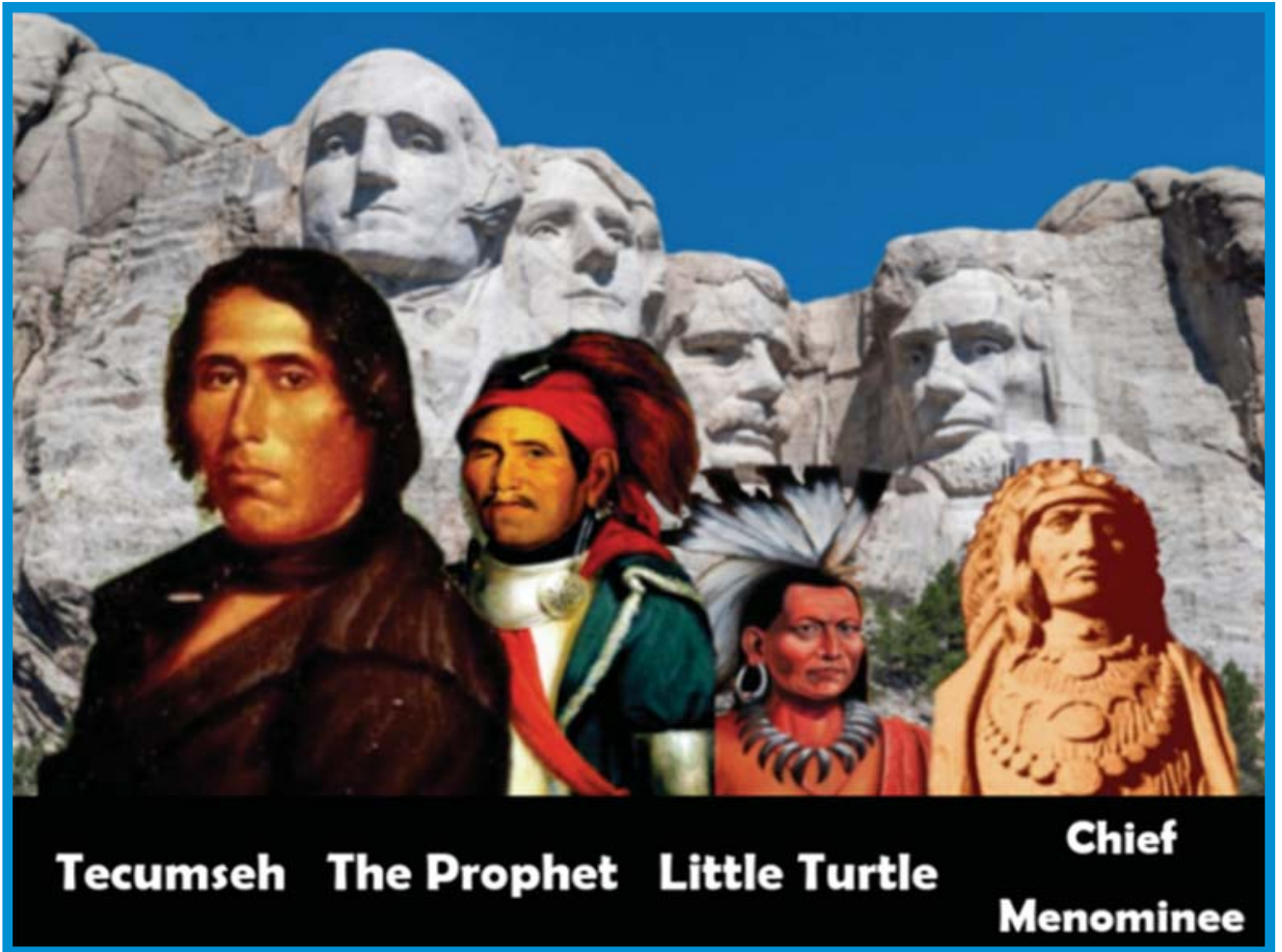
Start out by not crowding the bedding areas. Plan for your stands to be somewhere in the middle, or a tad closer to the feeding areas, but also pick a spot or two out ahead of time for when you may need to sneak in closer to the bedding areas if the deer are staying nocturnal as the season progresses.

Consider if you'll be calling when planning some stand locations:

For early season locations, you likely won't be calling too much, but rather keying in on feeding areas or travel routes to or from them, but when the rut starts to kick in, calling may make up a large percentage of your time on stand. For these stands, tighter cover can be best. Call to a deer in open woods where he can see a couple hundred yards and getting him to commit can be tough. He can clearly see if there is not a deer standing there where he heard you call. But, call to him with some thick brush in between you and him, or with thick stuff surrounding your position, and it forces him to get in your lap in order to see the deer (or not) that just supposedly called to him.

Conclusion:

The middle of deer season is not the time to start planning your treestands and setups. It should happen much earlier than that. There are times when you must make a move during season, but for the big picture of planning your tree-stand set-ups, the bulk of the work must be done well ahead of time.



The Founding Fathers of Indiana's Indians (Photo by Millie Pepion)

News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Founding Fathers of Indiana's Indians

This picture of the Founding Fathers of Indiana's Indians was made by Millie Pepion at my request. She had made a different Founding Indian Fathers picture that included several states but I wanted one that showed only Indiana Indians.

I met Millie at the Chief Menominee statue near Plymouth, Indiana, in 2012. She spoke of the first time she tried to commit suicide. Knowing that suicide is higher among the Native American Indians, I wanted to help her realize that she is important and has worthwhile ideas and things she can do with her life.

In 2012, Millie Pepion led a group that followed the Potawatomi Trail of Death in reverse

from Kansas to Washington, D.C., to protest a highway through a wetlands area behind Haskell's Medicine Wheel, Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas. They stopped at the Fulton County (Indiana) Historical Society to spend the night, camping by the Tippecanoe River. We had a carry-in supper for her group and they each told about themselves. Since then she has been active in both the 2013 and 2018 Potawatomi Trail of Death Association's commemorative caravans from Indiana to Kansas with us.

Millicent Michelle Pepion, or Millie, is Bitter Water clan of the Navajo Nation. Millie's mother is Susan Perry from Pinion, Arizona. Millie's father is David Pepion of the Blackfeet Nation from Browning, Montana. Currently, Millie resides in the town where she grew up (Mesa, Arizona) where she is raising her two children, Lila Mavis and Choctaw Leonard Lowery. She is a Ph.D. student in the historic American Indian Studies program at the University of Arizona. Her research focuses on the rights of indigenous immigrants from Central and South America, human rights according to the United Nation's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, historical trauma, intergenerational trauma, indigenous language and cultural revitalization, federal Indian law and policy, Indian removal, and social justice. Her past academic achievements include a Master's degree in Family and Human Development and a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies from Arizona State University. She also earned an associate degree in Liberal Arts from Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas.

I am glad Millie is still studying and "making a go of it."

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Summer Shad Bite

We are deep into summer and the temperature and humidity outside has reached its peak. This is also true for the water temperature on Brookville Lake, which has risen into the 80's. This is undoubtedly the toughest part of the fishing season for bass anglers. Why? ...Well, let's talk about it.

This time of year bass are typically preying on an abundance of small shad that are blanketing the surface of the lake. With food being so abundant it's hard to pattern the fish in order to catch them. Also the metabolism of the fish slows dramatically in warmer water, making the fish feed less often. I picture it being similar to us trying to eat thanksgiving dinner on our front lawn on a ninety degree day - you would vomit and keel over before you even made it to the stuffing. I believe this is how the fish feel as well. So how do we get them to bite!

We hear the phrase "match the hatch" quite

often. It's the idea of mimicking the size and color of the bait at that time on whatever body of water you are fishing. Honestly, it's something we struggle having success with. We often try but we typically have trouble mimicking the size of those itty bitty shad. So, we decided to take a different approach. This time of year we throw the large topwater lures and reaction baits. Our top water baits include: Super Spook with three hooks, a 3/8 oz buzzbait, or a large profile popper. We keep it simple and these are the only topwater baits we will have tied on throughout the summer. Reaction baits seem to perform better for us during the summer months and they typically include: Spinnerbaits, vibrating jigs, crankbaits and jerkbaits. Bass have reflex-like instincts that come with being a predator and a reaction lure can make them strike. It's like you're sitting at your desk chair at work and someone brings a box of cupcakes past you - you're going to get and follow those cupcakes to see where they end up. Same thing as you bringing a vibrating jig past a fish - they're going to want to check it out. We frequently hook bass outside of the mouth on these lures because they are reacting to the lure without any intention of eating it. We call that "slapping at it" and fish often do this without anglers noticing it. This is a great way to put fish in the boat during a tough bite.

During this time period fishing structure like wood, rock, or weeds seem irrelevant because bass are suspended higher in the water column under schools of shad. We have learned that the most catchable bass are those found on broad, shallow flats. We believe the bass leave the steep banks and venture onto large shallow flats because they can corner the schools of shad more easily. Keep this in mind when you're out searching. One of the toughest things for a bass angler to do is fish a featureless, shallow, bald off-shore flat, but the fish are where they are. If you target bass long enough you will find out that the way you want to catch bass and the way the bass can be caught are two totally different things. The only way to become consistently successful at this sport is to keep an open mind and never stop learning.

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If your property meets the qualifications, some programs through [DNR](#), the [Indiana Wildlife Federation](#), and [Monarch Waystation](#) provide avenues to acquire professional educational signage. Educational signage may also help show that your habitat may be meeting exemptions to local ordinances for creating habitat. Check local conservation organizations for more backyard habitat educational resources.

Find more information about [creating habitat on your property](#) online or consider contacting your [district wildlife biologist](#) for advice.

NRC TO MEET IN JULY

The Indiana Natural Resources Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 21, at Fort Harrison State Park, at the Garrison in Indianapolis.

DNR LAUNCHES 'WHERE TO PADDLE' INTERACTIVE MAP

DNR's Division of Outdoor Recreation has launched a new interactive "Where to Paddle" map that is designed to highlight Indiana's water trails. It can be found at on.IN.gov/wheretopaddle.

"Previous river guides that were available for Indiana were outdated," said Dale Brier, director of Outdoor Recreation. "This new map provides Hoosier paddlers with critical and updated information about our water trails in one convenient resource."

Public access sites, canoe and kayak outfitters, low-head dam locations and river miles are displayed in the map, which also includes USGS water gauges that display real-time stream flow at stations across the state. The map compiles data layers that were collected over many years and managed by multiple divisions into one location.

"Indiana has needed a good statewide paddle guide for many years," said Dan Valleskey, co-founder of the statewide paddling organization Indiana Paddlesports Alliance. "We have some great rivers in this state, and paddle sports are growing rapidly. I look forward to having the use of a good, up-to-date portable tool that will help plan trips."

For more information on Indiana's water trails, see dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4236.htm.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET FOR PROPOSED FISH, WILDLIFE RULE CHANGES

The Natural Resources Commission's (NRC) Division of Hearings has scheduled two hearings to accept public comments on proposed rule changes.

Proposed rule changes include adding ruffed grouse and cisco to the state's endangered species list, establishing new size and bag limits for saugeye taken on the Ohio River, and allowing air guns during the deer firearms hunting season. For a complete list of proposed amendments with additional information about each proposal, see wildlife.IN.gov/2362.htm.

The hearings are scheduled for:

Wednesday, July 29, 6 p.m. ET, Mounds State Park, 4306 Mounds Road, Anderson, IN 46017. Fisheries Rules Hearing in the Nature Center, multi-purpose room. Wildlife Rules Hearing in the

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tures from 60 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit. They'll remain there all summer long, with the best fishing action usually happening during July, August, and into September. Often schooling in huge groups and offering fast action, yellow perch make for a perfect family outing on a hot summer day. On a good day, anglers can expect to catch dozens of perch, and take home their 15-fish per person bag limit in short order.

Anglers need a valid Indiana fishing license to fish for yellow perch. More information about how to fish for perch on Lake Michigan, including tactics, best baits, and prime fishing locations, is available online.

COUNT WILD TURKEY HENS AND YOUNG THIS SUMMER

Can you think of a spot where you usually see wild turkey broods (hens and poults) in the summer? These observations help Indiana DNR biologists calculate the annual wild turkey Production Index (number of poults per adult hens). The Production

Index helps estimate wild turkey populations in the state and provides guidance for future management.

DNR biologists can't collect brood observations across the state alone. In order to reach the goal of 3,000 observations this year, we need your help! If you're interested in sharing your turkey brood observations with DNR, visit on.IN.gov/turkeybrood and register as a participant. Record observations any time from July 1 to Aug. 31, 2020. Recording observations takes less than five minutes.

We greatly appreciate your help to document turkey broods around the state.

HOW TO HELP NEIGHBORS NOTICE NATIVES, NOT WEEDS

Many conservation-minded individuals are aware of the benefits provided by native grasses and wildflowers. However, sometimes it can be difficult to convince others that native plants are a better alternative than mown turf grass and ornamental plants often found in landscaping around neighborhoods, business complexes, and public parks. To help highlight your native backyard habitat, consider incorporating educational signage, mowed pathways, or edge borders to indicate that your yard is still being

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Farmer's Pike Festival September 4 - 7, 2020

The 2020 Farmer's Pike Festival will be held September 4-7, 2020 Labor Day weekend. You can view their information by logging on to their website www.farmerspike.com. This festival has everything you look for in a fall festival. Including fabulous Bands and Musical entertainers throughout the day and evenings free with admission. Popular entertainers provide the huge crowds that can sit under the tents with Country, Rock and Roll, Bluegrass,

Gospel and more. In the next issue of the Gad-a-bout, September, there will be a complete list of the Bands and Musicians.

Thousands attend the Farmer's Pike Festival for the great entertainment, food, vendors and a multitude of other things going on here.

My wife and I attend it every fall. See photos I took at previous festivals. They have free parking on their grounds.

Admission has changed for 2020. They are as follows: Adults \$5.00. 12 & Under FREE.

When you see DeLayne tell him you read about his show in The Gad-a-bout. See you there.

Now due to the Covid-19 Pandemic Delayne told me his Festival will go on as planned barring any complications that might arise between now and then.

We are living with this threat mostly because we believe and hope there are better days ahead for us.

God Bless everyone. I hope to see you there. ■



Farmer's Pike famous Lighthouse Beacon Light. It can lead you to Farmer's Pike towards evening, it's a beautiful sight both day and night. (Author Photos)



Bands and Musical acts (Free with Admission) are on the stage for your enjoyment throughout the Labor Day Weekend. Don't miss this exciting event, it's for the whole family.



There's plenty of shade for visitors and vendors on the warmer days. This event is always attended by thousands of visitors coming from Indiana and distant areas.

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Thursday, July 30, 6 p.m. ET, McCormick's Creek State Park, 451 McCormick Creek Park Road, Spencer, IN 47460. Fisheries Rules Hearing in the Sycamore Room. Wildlife Rules Hearing in the Oak Room.

Public comments can be submitted online at nrc.IN.gov/2377.htm. Locate the "comment on this rule" link in the Rulemaking Docket for the FW Biennial Fisheries Amendments or the FW Biennial Wildlife Amendments, whichever rule package the comment applies to.

Comments can also be mailed to:

Natural Resources Commission Indiana Government Center North 100 North Senate Ave., Room N103 Indianapolis, IN 46204

The deadline for public comments is July 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

The NRC will review the public comments before voting on final adoption of the changes later in 2020. Rule changes that are given final adoption must still be approved by the Attorney General's office and Governor's office, and filed with the Indiana Register before taking effect.

MAKE WATER SAFETY A PRIORITY THIS SUMMER

Make water safety a priority this summer

With summer in full swing, Indiana Conservation Officers remind Hoosiers to make safety a priority when recreating around bodies of water.

"Even when fun is your main focus, always recognize the danger water poses, even to strong swimmers or experienced boaters," said Capt. Jet Quillen of DNR Law Enforcement.

If you are going to be recreating around water, follow these basic safety tips:

- Discuss the dangers of water with your family and loved ones before going out.
- Wear a lifejacket.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Go with a buddy.
- Do not venture around flooded or fast-moving waterways.
- Avoid alcohol.

In addition to basic water safety, Indiana Conservation Officers also stress the importance of boating safety and remind boaters to know the rules of the water.

Reducing a boat's speed in unfamiliar areas and being aware of unusual water conditions respective to the size and type of boat are not only safety tips, but also important environmental considerations. Regardless of your boat type, doing an initial assessment of water levels and current speed are essential.

Designate a sober boat operator. Alcohol causes impaired balance, blurred vision, poor coordination, impaired judgement, and slower reaction time. These impairments can be magnified by wave action, sun exposure, and wind. It is illegal to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft in Indiana while intoxicated due to alcohol or drugs. Indiana law defines intoxication as having a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

A lifejacket should be United States Coast Guard approved, in good working condition, and size appropriate for the wearer. New lifejackets are designed to be lighter, less obtrusive, and more comfortable. Inflatable lifejackets allow mobility and

flexibility for activities like boating, fishing, or paddling, and are much cooler in warmer weather.

"A person is never too old to wear a lifejacket," said Lt. Kenton Turner, Indiana's Boating Law Administrator. "The majority of Indiana drownings on public waterways involve adults."

To learn more about boating education and safety, see: dnr.IN.gov/lawenfor/8678.htm

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COMMENT CARD INVITES PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON STATE PARKS

Indiana State Parks have created a new comment card that lets users share thoughts about service, hospitality and facilities.

State Parks staff know memories are made at properties in a number of ways – on hikes, around campfires, at family dinners, and through the DNR staff, from those you see and meet when you visit to those who work behind the scenes.

Because of this, the Indiana State Parks team has a renewed focus on service and hospitality using an internally developed program called "Service State Park Style" that focuses on hospitality as you camp, stay at an inn or spend a day outdoors in a state park.

"Service State Park Style is, for us; at the heart of providing memorable experiences for our guests," said Karen Hinton, the deputy director of Indiana State Parks who has coordinated this initiative. "We want to hear how we are doing with welcoming you, looking for ways to assist you, giving you great ideas for enjoying our parks and then saying thank you for visiting with an invitation to come back again."

New printed comment cards are available in park offices, nature centers and other public buildings to share your thoughts about state park service, hospitality and facilities. The comment card is now also available for easy completion online at stateparks.IN.gov.

Anyone who completes and submits a printed or online comment card along with contact information will be entered in a drawing for a 2021 annual pass later this year.

GYPSY MOTH TREATMENTS COMPLETED FOR 2020

Aerial treatments to disrupt the mating process of gypsy moth in Huntington and Marshall counties were completed yesterday. This completes aerial gypsy moth treatments in Indiana for 2020.

This year's mating disruption treatments were done with an aerial application of SPLAT GM-Organic.

SPLAT is a liquid that carries the scent of the female gypsy moth and falsely indicates an abundance of females in the treated area. The males are unable to find a female, fail to mate, and no offspring is produced.

The application poses no health threat to people, pets, livestock or other animals. Promptly washing vehicles with soap and water will remove the product.

Gypsy moth is one of North America's most devastating invasive forest pests. It was brought to this country from Europe in the 1860s. It is one of North America's most devastating invasive forest pests, capable of defoliating 3 million acres of forest a year. Most trees in Indiana's urban and natural forests are susceptible to gypsy moth damage. The insect is a threat to wildlife habitat and the timber industry.

For more information, call 1-866-NO-EXOTIC (663-9684) or call the local county extension office at 1-888-EXT-INFO (1-888-398-4636). Follow the Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology on [Twitter @INdnrInvasive](https://twitter.com/INdnrInvasive).

Detailed maps of the treatment sites are at gypsy-moth.IN.gov.

I MUST APOLOGIZE TO A COUPLE OF MY READERS WHO SENT GAME PHOTOS!

Chance Miller sent a photo of his son who took his first buck on 12-17-13 in Scott County (see photo page 27). Somehow the envelope evidently got misplaced until recently when I found it.

Also Connie Snyder sent me a photo of her grandson, Dylan Schoenlein, age 11, who took his first turkey in April 2020 on the youth weekend. (see photo page 27). Please accept my apology. ■

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Chance Miller took his first buck on 11-17-13 with a H & R 20 Guage in Scott County on private land. The 10 point with a kicker weighed 240 pounds on the hoof. Photo was mailed to The Gad-a-bout and some how took a while to get here. (Photo by his dad, Norman Miller)



Bob Bell caught this 24 inch 4.5 pound walleye while trolling on Brookville Lake July 9, 2020. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Above Photo: Joe Davis of Cincinnati, Ohio caught this beautiful 6 pound Walleye in the Brookville Lake in late June. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)

Right Photo: Joe Davis also caught this nice Striper early in the month. (Jay's Midlake Bait & Tackle Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)

THIS SPOT RESERVED FOR PHOTO OF YOUR NEXT TROPHY



Dennis Plemons caught these walleye July 9th at Brookville Lake. (Dennis sent photo via e-mail)



Dylan Schoenlein, age 11, from Ridgeville, IN. got his first turkey. The three year old gobbler weighed 26 pounds. Dylan went hunting with his dad, Ryan Schoenlein on property they farm in Randolph County. It was April 19, 2020, Youth weekend hunt. (Photo was mailed to The Gad-a-bout by Connie Snyder, his Grandma who lives in Winchester, IN.)

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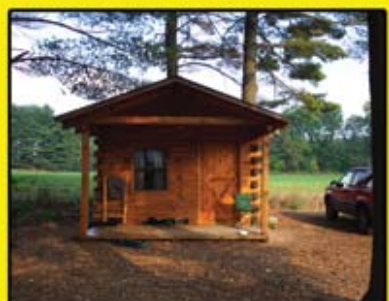
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