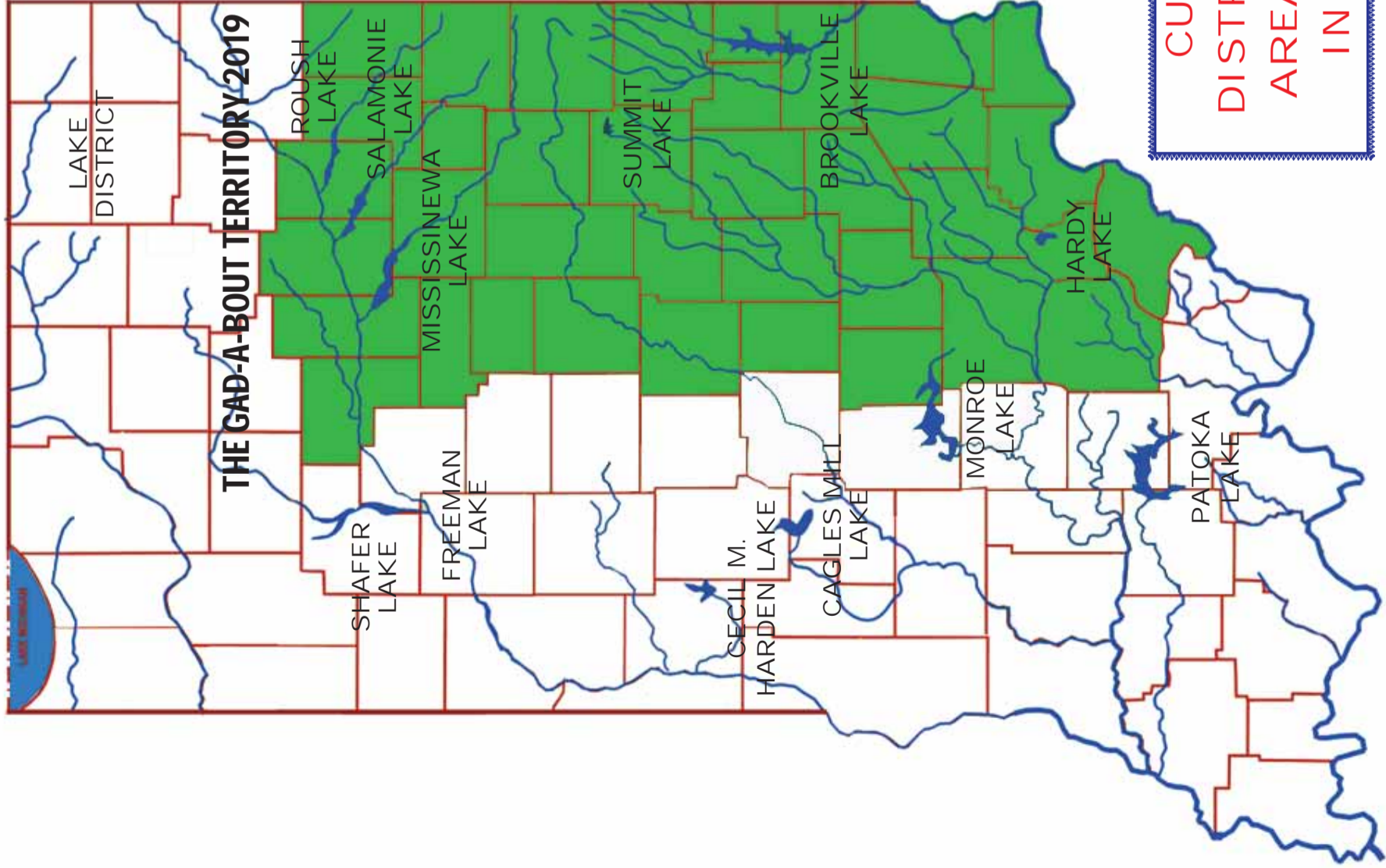


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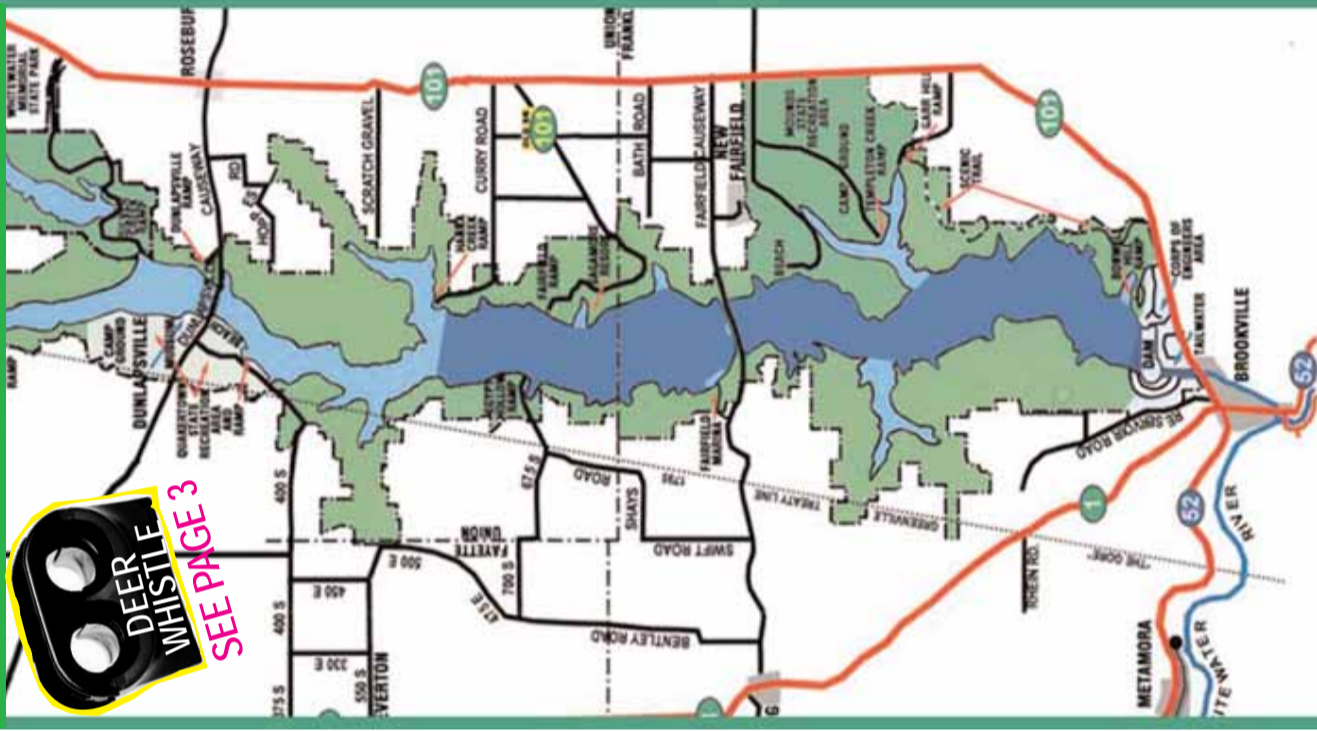
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Top Right: The Ford 66th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show. Antlers featured at Indiana Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo plus Outdoor Variety Highlights. Antlers have fascinated mankind since the beginning. Thousands of years ago our ancestors painted and etched depictions of animals with antlers on the walls of caves, tombs and rock walls. Sure, venison from the deer or elk was vital for food for ancient hunters. The leather from the buckskin was equally important and I'm sure the tool makers or other craftsmen or women in the tribe were happy to have antler bone as one of the materials at their disposal. See Pages 8, 9, & 10. (Renfro Show Flyer)

Bottom Right: Everton Volunteer Fire Dept Bass

Tournament Brookville Lake April 25, 2020, \$2500 First Place Guaranteed. See pages (28, 29 & 30) for information on the Everton Volunteer Fire Department Bass Tournament which will be held on April 25, 2020 at Brookville Lake, Fairfield Ramp. The \$2500.00 first place is guaranteed, this is their second year for the tournament. On Page 28 there is a list of winning teams that won the 2019 Bass Tournament.

Deer Whistle Pic: I won't drive down the road without a deer whistle like the one shown on the front cover of this issue. This deer whistle works not only for deer, but also most other wild animals in Indiana. I can't remember the last wild animal I hit since putting this deer whistle on my vehicles in 2005. I also put one on the wife's car. You can order it by phone to Living Products LLC 1- (303) 838-4083, E-mail: info@deer-whistle.com or on line "Save-A-Deer by Living Products, LLC. <https://deerwhistle.com/company-info.html> or locally you can purchase one at Mendenhall's Hardware at 125 S.W. 5th St., Richmond, IN 47374. Call 765-962-4842, see their advertisement on page 13 in this issue.

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Indiana State Trooper Sergeant John Bowling in his column this month has the Eligibility Requirements for their "Ride-Along" program. Also read about their new technology for investigating crashes. See Page 6

WAYNE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES OFFER INFORMATION ON NEW DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EFFORT

Department of Defense & Veterans Affairs now allow Commissary & Exchange use beyond current Patron Base. See Page 7

THE INDIANAPOLIS BOAT, SPORT & TRAVEL SHOW FEBRUARY 14-23, 2020

Read all about the Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show coming to the Indiana State Fairgrounds February 14 thru the 23, 2020 in this issue on pages 8, 9, 10 & 32.

I will have my booth in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion again this year. However due to my printing schedule I will be delivering my paper that week. So my good friend Mikel Beck, Executive Director of the Franklin County Convention, Recreation and Visitors Commission, who volunteered last year to help me, is doing so again this year. She will also have several other volunteers helping me from Franklin County.

We are in booth #4755. To find us we are just east of the south entrance to the Blue Ribbon Pavilion along the south wall. I will be there on the two week ends and a couple week days that I can end my delivery trip in Indy. It's going to be a fun week.

IN 1965 NEWS OF THE BUILDING OF A DAM ON THE EAST FORK OF THE WHITEWATER RIVER AT BROOKVILLE WAS GOOD NEWS FOR RESIDENTS EFFECTED BY FLOODS

The East and West forks of the Whitewater River for a long time and especially as more and more people were affected by the frequent flooding, especially the East Fork. Though smaller than the West Fork the East Fork drops 633 feet between Bethel, Indiana (highest point in Indiana) and the Ohio River. The East and West Forks meet at the south edge of Brookville forming the Whitewater River. The 1913 flood was one of the most devastating floods of the 20th Century in Indiana. In a photo I saw showed to

me train cars sitting near Cedar Grove, Indiana, only the top of the box cars were visible above the river.

A Brookville friend showed me a scrap book of several East Fork floods in Brookville through the years prior to the building of the Brookville Dam. A dam was proposed for the West Fork of the Whitewater river, but the most feasible location would have covered Metamora, so that plan was dropped.

To us outsiders who didn't live through the problems of the East and West Fork flooding, the news of the dam and the prospect of a large fishing reservoir stocked with game fish in our neck of the woods was exciting!

However the prospect dimmed when all the funds for the dam to be completed by 1968 was frozen and the farmers who had ceased farming were allowed to keep on farming their land for the foreseeable future.

Read the whole story (or what I learned) you can read about in this issue on Page 14 thru 19.

APRIL 25, 2020 EVERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT BASS TOURNEY \$2500 FIRST PLACE

Everything you want to know about this exciting Bass Tournament being put on by the Everton Volunteer Fire Department is in this issue of The Gad-a-bout. The registration form is on page 29 and the Rules are on page 30. There is a guaranteed \$2500.00 First Place. Boat #1 starting position to be auctioned off morning of tournament.

The winners from their first tournament last year are on page 28.

MIKE LEMEN, OWNER OF C&T CYCLES TELLS YOU IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BUYING YOUR MOTOR CYCLE

New column contributor Mike Lemen's column, "Hunting The Big Ones" on page 26 offers suggestions on buying a motor cycle. Mike owns C&T Cycle shop in Scottsburg, Indiana. Read his column on page 26 in this issue.

INDIANA STATE HEMP PROGRAM PLAN SUBMITTED TO USDA

INDIANAPOLIS (Jan. 10, 2020) —The Indiana State Hemp Plan was formally submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on December 26, 2019. Robert Waltz, Indiana State Chemist & Seed Commissioner, and Bruce Kettler, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director, were the co-signers of the submitted plan.

Below are some key points along with background information:

- USDA released the interim final rule for the U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program on October 30, 2019. This rule governs the production of hemp under the 2018 Farm Bill and outlines the provisions for the USDA to approve plans submitted by States and Indian Tribes.

- The USDA has sixty days to review Indiana's plan and to offer comments.

- This plan addresses elements of the USDA hemp rule including sampling, analytical testing, licensing and growing requirements.

- Indiana was required by the state legislature to submit the hemp program plan to USDA no later than Dec. 31, 2019.

- In Indiana, the 2020 growing season will continue to be a research year.

Indiana anticipates receiving a determination on

the Indiana Hemp Program from USDA by early March 2020.

ABOUT ISDA

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Direct donations can also be made anytime online at on.IN.gov/nongamewildlifefund or by mail to: Nongame Wildlife Fund; **402 West Washington Street, Room W273; Indianapolis, IN 46204**.

Habitat management and conservation efforts for nongame and endangered wildlife are supported through the generosity of Hoosiers and supplemental grants from the federal government. For every \$5 donation to the Nongame Wildlife Fund, Indiana is eligible to receive an additional \$9 in federal funds. Recent projects have included research on endangered turtles, an outreach campaign to conserve whooping cranes, and surveys of summer bat populations on state fish & wildlife areas (FWAs). Complete program details are at wildlife.IN.gov/2356.htm.

BLUEBIRD BOX WORKSHOP AT PATOKA LAKE FEBRUARY 29, 2020

You can help bluebirds leap into the new breeding season on Leap Day, Feb. 29, at a Patoka Lake workshop event, by building a bluebird nesting box for these migrating guests.

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by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville Lake In February

Fishing at Brookville lake in February can be tricky. Indiana weather seems to be different every year. So, ice fishing maybe, getting your boat down the boat ramp maybe, getting your boat in the water maybe. Its really just a wait and see thing. If it's one of those cold winters where everything is frozen up, you can always go to a boat show and at least hang with people that are all things fishing. If you missed Cincinnati boat sport and travel show in Cincinnati Ohio you can always go to the Indianapolis boat sport and travel show. It starts February 14th and



This is what the road going to Bonwell hill boat ramp could look like in the winter . (Author Photo)

runs thru the 23rd. Its at the Indiana state fairgrounds. I have been there many times and its one of the best boat sport and travel shows around.

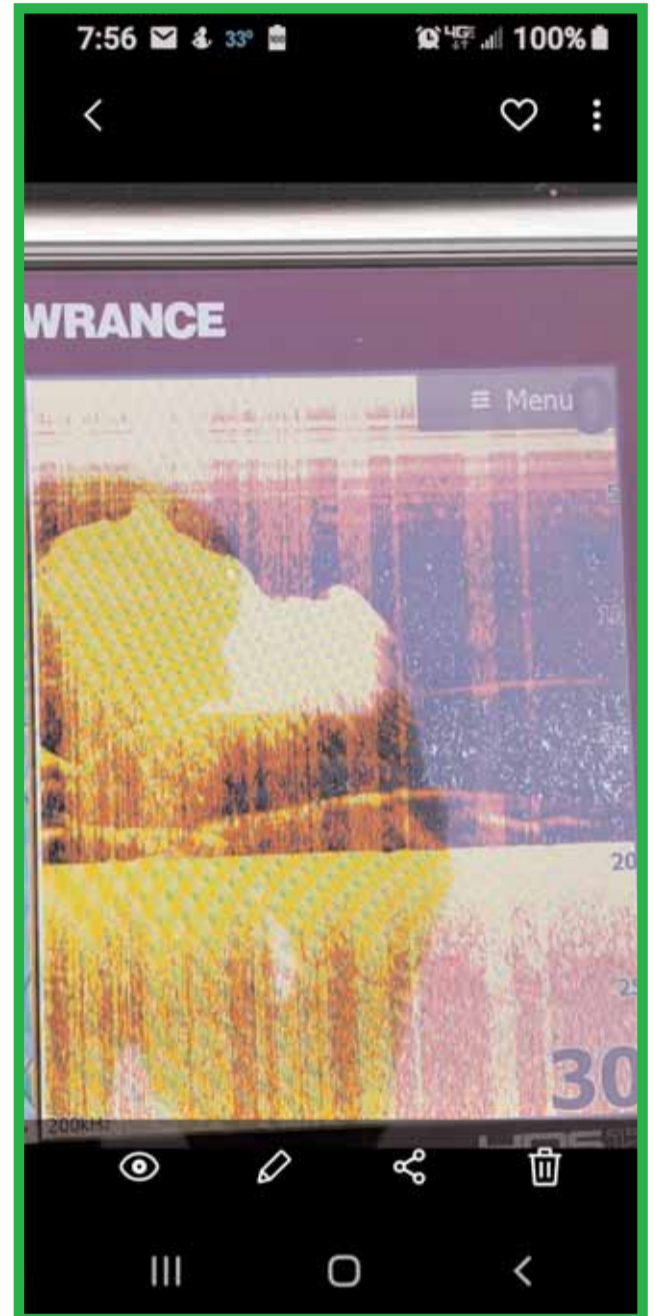
But if it's a mild winter you can catch fish Brookville lake all winter. A couple things to keep in mind. The lake is at winter pool which is 8 feet below summer pool, and some of the boat ramps are unusable. Two of the boat ramps that you can use all winter are Bonwell and Fairfield. If the lake does freeze it will start to freeze at the north end and the coves first while leaving the deep lower main lake with open water till last and when it thaws it thaws the same way.

Your fishing license is good till the end of March of the following year that you purchased it. One thing that you will have to get after December 31st 2019 is a lake use permit for 2020. They can be purchased for \$25 at the Brookville lake office building located on state road 101 or you can purchase them at 52 Pik-up convenience store and tackle in Brookville.

If you find yourself fishing Brookville lake without a boat the boat ramp are great access points as long as there is know snow. You should know that the boat ramp roads are not plowed. Its not that you can't drive down them, you just better have a 4-wheel drive. The tailwater or the stilling basin is another great option for fishing from the shore because the water will never be frozen, as the water comes from the bottom of the lake. The only issue is there is a gate at the beginning of the road and when it snows, they lock the gate.

If we are having a mild winter and the lake is not frozen and the road to it are not snow covered you can fish the lake all winter. When your fishing the lake you want to look for fish really deep or really shallow. When your looking for them deep just watch your fish finder, the fish will show up like arcs. Look for fish close to the bottom all the while looking for clouds of bait fish. The baitfish will look like clouds, sometimes 15 foot high. A good fishing picture on your fish finder is when you see arcs close to the bottom underneath a cloud of baitfish. If you see this you better be fishing because there feeding.

If you've spent sometime looking for fish on your depth finder and you aren't seeing any fish on your fish finder. Start looking shallow, if your fish finder has side scan start scanning the shore line. If you see bait fish start fishing the banks. Use things like swim baits, jerk baits, crank baits, blade baits or just a live



This is a school of bait fish on my fish finder . (Author Photo)

minnow and hook. What all this stuff has in common is it all looks like bait fish. What your doing is matching the hatch. What I mean is your fishing with things that look like what they are already trying to feed on.

In the winter the only thing for fish to feed on are
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New Technology Used in Crash Investigation Small Unmanned Aerial System (SUAS)

You've heard me say before, crash investigation is the worst part of my job. The human element, people getting injured, maimed and killed, is what makes it so hard. The actual investigation part of what happened at a crash scene can actually be as interesting as any investigation.

You interview witnesses, you take photographs and you measure the scene. Evidence at the scene along with a general understanding of physics, and a few other factors, help you determine what happened. Now the measuring part can be quite time consuming, especially at a serious or fatal crash scene. Many years ago, in the



Indiana State Police Small Unmanned Aerial System. (Author Photo)

mid 1990's, I was sent to a course on Crash Reconstruction taught by Northwestern University.

We were taught that by taking all kinds of measurements with tape measures and plugging them into equations, we could actually use Algebra to figure things like speed at time of collision, drag factors of different road surfaces and energy involved in a crash. (Yes, this was the ONLY real world use I've ever found for Algebra!) As you can imagine, it was a slow, as you were supposed to have the basic equations committed to memory, and involved a process that sometimes had a road closed for several hours.

I was terrible at Algebra, so I left the final steps of reconstruction to someone else. Fast forward four years later and I was using a laser I kept in my car to take measurements at crash scenes. I could use it to "clock" cars, but more

importantly, could use it to "shoot" (take) measurements at scenes. This reduced time spent at scenes, but was still cumbersome and slow. By then computer software was being used that did the mathematics for you.

Back in 2009, through the IN-TIME (Indiana-Traffic Incident Management Effort,) initiative funding was obtained to purchase Photogrammetry equipment for over 120 Indiana Law Enforcement Officers statewide. ISP trained troopers in all 14 ISP districts on Photogrammetry. The equipment included a camera, tripod, markers and software.

Items or locations at a scene, both traffic and criminal, are identified with markers and then the scene is photographed. We then download the pictures into a computer and the software program allows us to match the markers from photo to photo. After the matches are completed the software will provide a diagram of the scene in a



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3D presentation. Photogrammetry cut down on time spent at a scene to an average of one hour and 47 minutes per scene once investigators arrived.

I couldn't tell you how many times over the years I've been at crash scene that involved 15-20 vehicles, and as you stand in the middle of it all, you wish you could see it from above to see how it all fits together. Flash forward to today and Reconstruction Investigation Troopers are using technology known as a "Small Unmanned Aerial System" which consists of a drone aircraft with a special camera. Investigators fly it low over the crash scene taking aerial photographs, which are fed into a computer program that give investigators measurements and all other kinds of data. It makes a 3-D diagram\photo of the scene.

They still have to put markers out, but the software does all the measurements for them, even more accurately in some instances than could be done with a tape measure. Once they get to the scene, put down markers and get the drone in the air, it dramatically reduces time the road is closed. We've come a long way from having two to three troopers out doing measurements with tape measures and from drawing to scale diagrams by hand. Today's end product shows the success of technology with 3D diagrams and photos that we couldn't have even imagined back in 1996!

Wayne County Veteran Services Office



Department of Defense & Veterans Affairs Now Allow Commissary & Exchange Use Beyond Current Patron Base

The Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs combined efforts to allow Commissary and Exchange use beyond its current patron base. Starting Jan. 1, 2020, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, all service-connected disabled veterans and caregivers enrolled in the VA's Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers program will be permitted to shop there.

Newly-eligible veterans and caregivers will also have access to all Department of Defense and Coast Guard MWR retail activities, including: entertainment, clubs, recreational lodging and resorts, special interest activities, bowling, golf, restaurants, marinas, equipment rental, movie theaters, vehicle storage, kennels, AmericanForcesTravel.com and more.

Current restrictions and upcoming changes include the following: DOD civilians cannot use the Commissary and Exchange. Any veteran can shop at the Exchange online, but it does not mean they have in-store privileges. Currently, active duty service-members, their dependents and retirees can only shop there.

With the Commissary opening its doors to eligible veterans and caregivers, there will be newly added costs to their purchases at the commissary as mandated by the DOD. Under the fiscal 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, the extra costs associated with their purchase will offset any increased expenses incurred by the Department of the Treasury associated with the use of credit and debit cards.

There will be a standard 5% surcharge for Commissary purchases in addition to a 1.9% fee for credit cards and .5% fees for debit card use. Commissary customers do not have to pay these added fees if they make their purchase using cash, check or with the Military Star card.

In order to make a purchase, veterans must present their Veterans Health Identification Card at the point of sale at Commissary and Exchange stores as well as at MWR centers to complete their transaction. Visit <https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic> for information regarding eligibility for the VHIC



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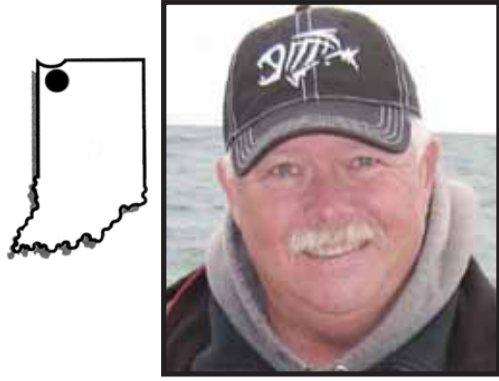
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by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

ANTLERS FEATURED AT INDIANA DEER, TURKEY & WATERFOWL EXPO

Antlers have fascinated mankind since the beginning. Thousands of years ago our ancestors painted and etched depictions of animals with antlers on the walls of caves, tombs and rock walls. Sure, venison from the deer or elk was vital for food for ancient hunters. The leather from the buckskin was equally important and I'm sure the tool makers or other craftsmen or women in the tribe were happy to have antler bone as one of the materials at their disposal. But the antlers were more than that, and they still are.

Then as now the antlers were just as much trophies or memorabilia as a resource. Modern hunters decorate the walls of hunting camps or homes with antlers celebrating and memorializing their hunts. The ancients made pictographs.

Imagine three or four hundred years ago when members of the Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Shawnee and other tribes here in Indiana were gathered around their communal campfires. No doubt the hunters of the clan bragged up the "big bucks" they had brought down on past hunts. It doesn't matter the killing of the deer was more for survival than sport. Harvesting a big buck or catching a big fish is something worth remembering. The best hunters were revered members of the tribe and the ones who regularly harvested the biggest bucks were celebrated.

One thing the Indians didn't have was the ability to easily compare one deer with another. So the size of some of the bucks probably grew with the story-telling ability of the hunter. That's always been the case when hunters gather, but it need not be the case with modern day deer hunters.

In 1950 the Boone and Crockett Club introduced specific guidelines to be used to measure the antlers of the deer their members had harvested. The B&C scoring method quickly gained acceptance and is now used by other groups, such as the Pope and Young Club to measure and score the trophies their bowhunter members harvest. Here in Indiana, it's how Hoosier hunters can rank the big buck they brought home in the latest season against other noteworthy deer bagged last year or decades ago.

For many years, the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife kept the records and produced a new record book after each season. Indiana's wildlife biologists

had been trained to measure deer using the B&C method and hunters lucky enough to harvest a nice buck could get it scored and recorded just by contacting their district wildlifer.

Easy enough when deer were scarce in most parts of the state but as the number of deer harvested in Indiana increased, what was once a nearly insignificant program became very cumbersome. Biologists began spending increasing amounts of time measuring and compiling big deer records, time which diverted attention away from other duties the biologists needed to perform.

Saving the Hoosier Record Buck Program (HRBP) from the scrap heap, the Indiana Deer Hunters Association took over the project. The first step was to build a statewide network of scorers. Interested members of IDHA and other volunteers attended training sessions to learn how to accurately take all the measurements required to produce a final score. They also kept track of previous records and continued publishing the record books.

THE B&C METHOD

Obviously, one way of comparing one set of antlers with another is to count the number of points they sport. A six-pointer is bigger than a four pointer. An eight is bigger than a six and so on. That's fine, except most regularly shaped antlers top out at 12 points or so. Consider also, there are eight-point bucks harvested each season with no part of the antler bigger than my thumb and other eight-pointers with main beams as thick as my wrist. The "wrist" thick antlers are obviously larger; in fact, they may be larger than many 10 or 12-point sets of antlers.

That's why the B&C scoring method is so complicated – it takes trained scorers to accurately make the measurements and determine the final score. Do you have a set of antlers from a buck harvested in Indiana you would like to get measured, to see how it ranks against others from around the state?

Go to www.hoosierhunting.com and find links to a list of the official scorers (most Indiana counties have at least one) or use that big buck as a reason to attend the Indiana Deer Turkey & Waterfowl Expo in Indianapolis being held February 20 to 23. There are also links to where to purchase the latest HRBP record book at the above website.

INDIANA DEER, TURKEY & WATERFOWL

As hunting opportunities for deer, wild turkey and waterfowl increased across Indiana, so was the need to coalesce and highlight these opportunities along with the guides, outfitters and places specializing these types of hunting across the state. So the long-established Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show, held each February at the Indiana State Fairgrounds (the largest show of its kind in the country), contracted additional space (another whole building) the final four days of the show and called it the Indiana Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo.

The Indiana Deer Hunters Association has had a presence at this hunting expo since its inception, and

the Hoosier Record Buck Program has become a major part of the show. Don't be surprised when you contact one of the HRBP scorers in your area to measure a deer you've harvested if the first thing they suggest is to bring it to the Expo.

The result is a wall of big Indiana deer nearly 100 feet long and two or three rows high. Even hunters who didn't get a "bragging buck" last season and for anyone else who appreciates the wonder and majesty of whitetail deer antlers, the display is infinitely awesome.

The Expo is held in the Expo Hall at the Fairgrounds. There's no need to make any sort of reservation to bring your deer to be scored.

How long it will take depends on the number of heads ahead of yours. The deer are processed in the order in which they are submitted. The workers at the antler scoring area can give an approximation of how long it will take to get to your deer. Register, leave the deer and go enjoy the rest of the show. Your ticket to the Indiana Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo is also admission to all six conjoined buildings of the Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show.

There are many Internet sites and You Tube videos available explaining or showing how to measure the antlers on any deer. With a quarter-inch steel tape anyone can measure their own antlers, but to be included in the Indiana record book, it must be scored by an IDHA-certified scorer. To be included in either the Pope and Young or Boone and Crockett records, the antlers will need to be scored by P&Y or B&C scorers. Several of the IDHA scorers at the Expo are certified with these international clubs.

TYPICAL OR NOT

The first determination a hunter (or scorer) needs to make is if the antlers are typical or not. Typical antlers are most common. They have a main beam from which the antler's points grow. Non-typical antlers are those having extra tines sprouting from tines or from the main beam in unusual areas.

Both types can be scored but the minimum score for a typical set of antlers to be listed in the HRBP record book is 140. It takes a score of 160 to qualify a non-typical set of antlers.

Check out how to measure that big buck you downed last deer season, or even one your dad or grandfather may have tagged decades ago to get a good idea of how it will score. If it's close to "book" size and you want to know for sure, or if it easily measures up, take it to the Indiana Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo to have them officially scored. Your trophy deserves it.

When you are sitting around future campfires with other hunters you won't be suspect of using your story-telling abilities to add to the tale or embellish the size of that big buck. You'll know exactly how it ranks and after attending the deer expo, you'll see the caliber of bucks Indiana is capable of producing. ■

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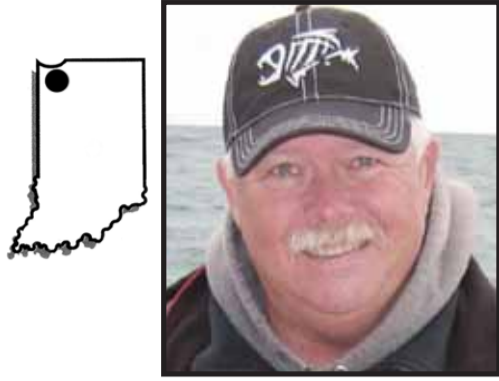
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OUTDOOR VARIETY HIGHLIGHTS FORD INDIANAPOLIS BOAT, SPORT & TRAVEL SHOW

The **Hoosier Outdoor Writers** organization often plans its annual conference to coincide with the Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show and in a meeting location with easy access to the show. Outdoor communicators, writers, bloggers and videographers from all parts of Indiana assemble to discuss issues, get new ideas and other reasons but when the meeting is over, most of the attendees head for the show.

After our meeting, the group I was with headed for the show and, just as quickly, dispersed as soon as we entered the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. "I'm heading for Tackle Town," one of the group said. Another grabbed a Show Program (the Show Program is also available online at www.IndySportShow.com so you can plan your visit to the show well in advance) and began leafing through the guide to find the booth where he had set up an interview with a resort owner. I headed for the West Pavilion where I knew the latest boats would be on display.

That's common for groups and families heading for the show. There is so much variety at the show, there's something for everyone. The best plan for many is for everyone to head out on their own and just set up a time and place to meet when it's time to join up to leave. If time is limited, do like my companion did, pick up a show program at the door and chart your course. With 700,000 square feet, miles of aisles and the entire show spread through six interconnected buildings, it's the largest show of its kind in the country.

Harry Renfro started the Indianapolis show 65 years ago and now his son, Kevin, is at the helm of Renfro Productions. "My dad's goal when the show was new was to highlight the variety of outdoor opportunities available here in Indiana and across the Midwest. That's still our goal. Sure the show is bigger now, but I think it's because we still emphasize variety by attracting exhibitors from every segment of the outdoor recreational industry - boating, camping, hunting and all the rest," Kevin said.

Variety has been the key to the success and longevity of the Renfro family's annual 10-day expo at the Indiana State Fairgrounds each year. Variety has allowed the show to adapt with the times and remain as exciting and relevant for both exhibitors and attendees in the 21st Century as it was when the show was founded.

Consider this - when the first Indy "Boat" Show was held, the deer herd in Indiana stood at about 1000 animals. Most areas of the state were complete-

ly devoid of deer and the deer season in the few counties which were open to hunting lasted only three days. Contrast this to Indiana's current "deer hunt" which is now three month's long, not three days. Things have changed.

Consider this - when the first Indy "Boat" Show was held, an outdoorsman felt blessed if he saw or heard a flock of Canada Geese migrating overhead once each spring and fall. Few geese were harvested in Indiana. Those lucky waterfowlers who bagged one knew it could be their once in a lifetime opportunity.

The subspecies of Canada Goose which now populates the entire state was nearly extinct when the first Lumberjack Show was one of the entertainment productions in the State Fair's Coliseum during the show. In the 1960s the Indiana DNR started a captive breeding flock of Giant Canada and began reintroducing these once-native geese to Indiana; and now, geese are common, often overly abundant, in all parts of the state. Harvesting a goose, once the chance of a lifetime for an Indiana waterfowler, is now a pastime enjoyed across the state with special seasons set to keep Indiana's homegrown flocks of honkers under control. Things have changed.

Consider this - when the first Indy Boat Show was held, there were no wild turkeys in Indiana. At that time some experts were of the opinion wild turkeys were on the verge of extinction everywhere across the country. Wild turkeys now exist across the state and turkey hunting is a multi-generational sport for many outdoor families. Seasons for hunting wild turkeys in Indiana are now held in both the spring and fall. Things have changed.

I could go on and on, detailing the changes which developed since the first Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show was held - changes to Indiana's landscape, changes to the variety of opportunities available to Indiana hunters, anglers, trappers, campers and outdoor lovers.

When the show was founded, none of the Army Corps of Engineers' reservoirs had been built in Indiana. There was no Lake Monroe, Raccoon Lake, Patoka Reservoir or Brookville. There weren't any salmon in Lake Michigan. Producing boats from fiberglass was just starting when the first boat show was held; the first 100-horsepower outboard to be displayed in the boating pavilion appeared in 1967. Things have indeed changed.

All of these changes presented Hoosier outdoorsmen with a larger variety of things to do, places to do them, and gear and equipment to choose and use while engaged in these activities. All of these changes brought change and variety, over time, to the Ford Indianapolis Boat Sport and Travel Show.

The Indiana State Fairgrounds has dozens of buildings of various sizes available. Over time, as the Indy show grew, it spread from one building to the next and each area became themed. One whole building is now reserved just for the boat portion of the show, another is dedicated to travel; another is all RVs.

BIRTH OF THE EXPOS

For years, the Fairground's Exposition Hall building was dubbed "Tackle Town" where most of the fishing-specific exhibitors were located. When the Blue Ribbon Pavilion - one of the newest spaces at the State Fairgrounds - was built, Tackle Town was relocated there and just in time.

Deer hunter numbers increased exponentially from a few hundred active in limited areas of Indiana, to hundreds of thousands statewide. Hunting for geese and other waterfowl increased and in new areas. Wild turkeys became common where turkeys

had never previously lived.

This explosion of hunting opportunity across in Indiana, as well as across much of middle America, coupled with cultural changes wrought by the "information age," produced more individuals and business targeting hunters, more information and breakthroughs about hunting strategies, gear as well as more demand for up-close, firsthand exposure to these ideas, the places and materials by the hunters.

When Tackle Town moved to the Blue Ribbon Pavilion, it freed up space and allowed the Renfros to invent the concept of hosting a "show within a show" using the Expo Hall to add variety, rather than abandoning the space.

The Indiana Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo was born, an event both independent of the Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show, as well as a part of it. Instead of running concurrently with the 10-day Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show, the Indiana Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo is slated just for the final four days of the regular show. This condensed format attracted more exhibitors, allowed participation by non-profit groups such as Indiana Deer Hunters Association, Indiana-based chapters of the National Wild Turkey Foundation and others, and basically crammed all the excitement shared by Indiana hunters into an action-packed four days.

The Indiana Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl Expo will be held Thursday to Sunday, February 20 to 23, this year. Many hunting-oriented individuals and families come just for the expo, but each ticket is good for admittance to both events.

ANOTHER EXPO - POWERSPORTS

Sometimes great ideas are easy. The show within a show concept proved to be wildly successful. There are two weekends of the show, the Indiana Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo being the final weekend. How about another "show in a show" on the first weekend? Brilliant!

Renfro Productions has produced and still owns other consumer trade shows; one of them is the Indiana Motorcycle Expo - newly named for 2020, the Indiana Motorcycle and Powersports Expo. For many years, they scheduled this exposition in the Expo Hall to coincide with the "Boat Show's" first weekend.

The fastest growing portion of many motorcycle dealers' business in recent years is their off-road machines, their ATVs and particularly the side-by-side, utility vehicles.

As with the hunting expo - a ticket to the Indiana Motorcycle & Powersports Expo also provides admission to the boat show (and vice versa). Plenty of outdoor-oriented people ventured into the Motorcycle Expo on opening weekend. The exhibitors who were experiencing the increasing interest in ATVs and SxS at their showrooms started devoting more of their allotted space at the show to their off-road machines. Thus the name change from motorcycle only to Indiana Motorcycle and Powersports Expo.

If you foresee a new four-wheeler in your future or an upgrade to a side-by-side UTV, here's the chance to see all the major brands and models along with all options and add-ons available for off-road powered vehicles. The Indiana Motorcycle and Powersports Expo will be held February 14, 15 and 16.

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Left Photo: Matching set of 6x4 sheds found in a long waterway. Right Photo: Matching set of 5x5 sheds found in a grassy sunlit bedding area. Bottom Right Photo: The type of antler pile you will start when you get hooked on shed hunting. (Author Photos)

Catching Takes Lots of Practice



by Tyler Frame
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Shed Antler Hunting 101

One of the best ways to shake off the late winter "cabin fever" is to get out and shed antler hunt. Our family loves to hunt shed antlers in late February through the month of March. It's obviously good exercise and a great way to get children outdoors. When we take the family to the woods there are a lot of new discoveries, no matter how many shed antlers are found. If you don't quite understand the enjoyment of shed antler hunting it's probably because you haven't had the opportunity of admiring a fresh shed antler laying before you in a beautiful, soft, grassy bedding area after a long day hiking - it's a unique sense of accomplishment. Most people feel it is just dump luck to stumble across a nice shed antler, which is somewhat true, but we believe there is some strategy involved. In this article you will read of a few tips that have helped us throughout the years and

should improve your chances of finding sheds.

First, start by looking in areas where deer spend the majority of their day - bedding areas. These areas are atop the list and are always the first place we start antler hunting. There is one optimal spot within a bedding area although, and that typically is a sloping area that faces south. A sun blanketed south facing slope is the warmest, melts off the fastest, and exposes deer browse the quickest. North facing slopes are shaded, dark and cold most of the day and these areas are the last areas we scour for antlers. Every deer hunter is familiar with their deer herd's bedding area, and if you can break that area down into high and low percentage sections you may yield success quicker than you think.

Secondly, after searching bedding areas we start looking through travel corridors. Every deer trail in the woods is fair game, but the best trails are those with the most sign. Fresh deer sign along the trail means you obviously have a fresh trail and if you can find fresh deer droppings that's even better yet. When searching trails for antlers it's hard to narrow down what's best in terms of location. Our success is rendered in low lying trails along ditches and creeks. When deer travel they seem to like low lying dark areas that keep them out of sight. Fence crossings have always been known as high percentage areas because jumping the fence should knock off any antlers ready to fall, but in our experience this does not hold true. We do our best on trails 50 to 100 yards in the woods from the fence line edge rather than the fence crossing. It seems deer stage up in those

locations for a period of time before coming across the fence.

Lastly, let's talk about our final search location - feeding areas. No matter the food source the area to focus on when searching an agricultural field is the waterways. Again, deer love low lying areas hidden from visibility. I would guess there are more sheds found in grassy field waterways than any other location. They are easy to search and deer love them. Never pass up a waterway. When a waterway extends into a field the highest percentage spot would be the extended portion that reaches out into the middle of the field, not the area nearest the fence row or wooded edge. We have found awesome sheds at the end of long grassed waterways. Food plots are no different - low areas yield the best.

So, to review our list: 1) In bedding areas think high, south-facing, sunlit seclusion, 2) In traveling areas think low, dark corridors, 3) In feeding areas think secluded low areas, and never pass up a waterway. Of course you can't forget, If you're not finding antlers the deer may still be wearing them.

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by Dan Graves

LIVING DANGEROUSLY AT CHRISTMAS

(Ask a bedraggled follower of literary quotes in the checkout lane what he thinks of the holidays and he will probably answer "I shop, therefore I am". Sounds like a good candidate for a bumper sticker.)

By the time you read this the dust will have settled. The excitement of receiving the perfect gift will have waned, half the kid's toys will be broken or sitting immobile from dead batteries, and long lines will have formed at stores as items are returned or exchanged for one size larger or smaller. Small shards of wrapping paper will have found their way into dark corners, not to be discovered until July, and city sanitation workers will have finished struggling with mounds of gift boxes, wrappings and ribbons. Bathroom scales will be groaning from over-indulging in holiday food and drink and New Years celebrations will be remembered for the morning after headaches and images in the bathroom mirror that would frighten a grizzly bear.

Now comes the inevitable letdown and a return to the daily grind that follows the holidays. Ahead lie three months of cold, dreary weather when the only entertainment will be watching the moles trying to burrow through dirt frozen to the consistency of concrete and recalling "The Christmas Party".

Friends invited us to join them in their annual block party, a gala event that features an unusual gift exchange procedure. After explaining it to us I asked if I could bring along a shotgun, especially since it would be only natural that the rest of the guests would be armed. Our friend assured us that the exchange would all be in fun and that no one had been gunned down or hung since the first event. I wasn't so sure he was telling us everything we needed to know for survival. He explained that gifts should be generic, supposedly acceptable to both sexes and should cost no more than \$30.

"Thirty dollars", I shouted. "I don't spend that much on my mother". Calmly he assured me, that was the upper limit and that a red girdle or a box of cheap cigars would not be appropriate. It worked like this: All gifts were stacked and each person drew a number from a hat. The guest who drew number 1 picked a gift and

unwrapped it. If another guest wanted that item, in spite of the wishes of number 1, he or she had to hand it over. Number 1 then unwrapped another package. If he or she uncovered, say a copy of the book "Don't Squat With Yer Spurs On" and no one else wanted it, number 1 was stuck with it and number 2 would pick a gift. As each gift was unwrapped, anyone had the option of requesting it and it would be handed over, sometimes accompanied with a low guttural growl. Things started getting interesting as the pile of gifts shrank and competition for certain items heated up. Being newcomers my wife and I watched the proceedings warily unsure whether or not to join in the fray, especially since we were unarmed and not sure what the others may have tucked under their belts. Certain desirable items became the focus of some debate, although no one seemed inclined to go beyond a friendly dispute. Only once was I caught between two combatants, and even though I came out of it unscathed, it still seemed appropriate to mumble the 23rd Psalm and make the sign of the cross. In spite of first impressions, all was done in high spirits with lots of laughter and only a few threats to let the air out of someone's tires.

Afterward, as we enjoyed a full table, someone suggested it might be fun to start again with the forced gift exchange. The idea was quickly voted down, apparently to avoid bloodshed and a police raid. Then I learned that one option was still available to anyone who desired someone else's gift. It was perfectly acceptable to steal it if the perpetrator could get away with it. Now, that was more like it! Why go to the trouble of haggling over something when you could rip it off. In fact one guest tried it but was intercepted at the door and forced to relinquish her ill gotten gain. All evening I wondered why the other guests had been nervously eyeing the door, some of them edging cautiously toward it, and now it became quite obvious. They were planning a quick getaway.

We have attended a number of Christmas bashes but that one will stand out in our memory as the most unusual and exciting. Nothing can compare to good food, good friends, anticipation of the semblance of a bar room brawl and grand theft, all in one evening. I thought it would be a good idea to be out of town when they hold their New Years get-together. I had the feeling that WW2 would pale in comparison. So, we left for Florida.

So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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other fish. There aren't any bugs, worms, larva, frogs or anything like that, this type of food are all hibernating. Even when your fishing deep use things that look like fish. If you're not catching fish try not to get caught up on what was working last time. Because even in the winter things change with the weather.

Good Luck Tag

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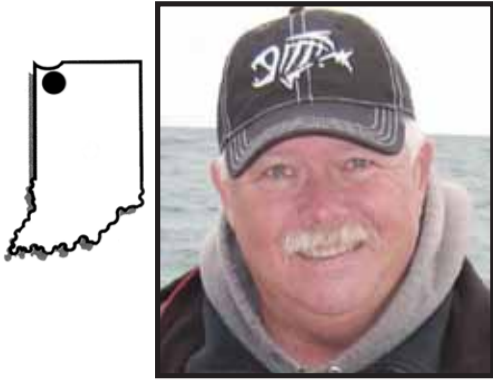
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ERADICATION IS ONE STEP CLOSER

Most gardeners would like to keep every weed out of their vegetable or flower beds. They know total eradication is impossible if the garden has any size to it, but it's still the goal.

Most housewives would like to keep every germ out of their kitchen. A completely sterile kitchen is impossible, but that doesn't mean it's not a worthy goal.

That's the way it is with almost every "weed" species. A weed is a plant growing where it's not wanted. In one sense, invasive species are weed-like, whether they are plant or animal. And like any weed, complete eradication is usually impossible. Some are manageable. Some are controllable. Few are ever



Once you get 'em, you got 'em forever may not be the case with invasive mussels. (Author Photo)

erased from the environment in which they were proliferating.

Invasive species biologists understand when dealing with nearly any well-established invasive plant or animal, total eradication is unlikely. The goal for homemakers is killing most household germs and keeping them at extremely low levels. The goal of a gardener is to get rid of established weeds and then keep future infestations at bay.

When it comes to invasive species, total eradication is usually just as impossible, especially with a well established invader which has become particularly widespread. The best "reasonable" goal is to keep the invasive population at background levels and engage in programs to prevent proliferation.

Few invasive species in the upper Midwest have become so widespread and exist at such high levels than quagga and zebra mussels. Few invasive species have caused so much environmental havoc in the Great Lakes and other lakes where they have gained a foothold. Few invasives have proved such a challenge to manage, much less eradicate, even in a small body of water.

Plenty of projects have been tried. A few have produced a modicum of success. Many have fallen flat and even the most optimistic projects are aimed more at suppression than total eradication. That's why a recent announcement about totally eradicating every last living quagga mussel from a quarry lake in Pennsylvania was both exciting and unexpected.

The project conducted at the heavily quagga-infested Billmeyer Quarry was more than just a research effort. Water from the lake was planned to be pumped to an adjacent river but doing so without drastically clearing the lake of quagga mussels beforehand would have

surely spread the invasive mussels to new areas.

The lake was strategically treated with a mollusk-killing, copper based pesticide. After the treatment numerous tests and samples proved conclusively the end result was an unexpected total eradication of all the quagga mussels. That result had never before been achieved in such a large lake.

The mollusk killing agent was not applied at extra-high dose levels. The amount of copper-based active ingredient was applied at less than half the EPA mandated maximum allowed had the product been applied for algae control. The product used, called EarthTec QZ, is different formulation than the often used copper sulfate or other copper-based algacides and requires a significantly lower dose of copper to control either algae or zebra/quagga mussels.

The quarry is more than 100 feet deep and has a surface area of 30 acres - hardly a Great Lake. However, this project is a significant step which could lead to effective treatment to eliminate mussels from other infested inland lakes and possible control of, if not eradication, in larger bodies of water.

While many researchers are spending time and money searching for new invasive species or expending their efforts with projects to understand more "glamorous" invasives like flying carp or walking-catfish, it's good to know at least baby steps are being made to quell the zebra and quagga mussel invasion which has so altered our greatest lakes and threatens even lakes not so great.

Who knows? Perhaps ridding the Great Lakes of invasive quagga and zebra mussels is not out of the question at some point in the future.

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Franklin County Tourism goes by several names: Franklin County Convention, Recreation, and Visitors Commission (FCCRVC), Experience Franklin County Indiana, Inc. and Franklin County Welcome Center. Mikel Beck has been the Executive Director since July 2011. She is originally from Shelby County but now resides in Brookville with her 2 children. Last year FCCRVC was proud of the work they did with Local 12 out of Cincinnati with the commercials, Travel Show and social media outreach. They featured the Brookville Lake and surrounding areas, such as Metamora, Brookville Main Street and Wolf Creek Habitat to name a few. FCCRVC will be helping the Gad-A-Bout at the Indianapolis Boat and Travel Show. The booth will be in the same spot as last year and we look forward to seeing everyone and helping them plan their next getaway to Franklin County. They will have several brochures and a few giveaways. So make sure you stop by and say "Hello". We are also excited to announce that Wish TV's, Joe Melillo, with "Joe on the Go" will be in Franklin County doing Live Social Media broadcasts and filming Joe on the Go Segments. The first segment, we are working with the US Army Corps of Engineering and Indiana Department of Natural Recourse taking Joe fly fishing and seeing all the great outdoor recreation we have to offer. Ms. Beck and other Franklin County residents, will be at the Wish TV's studios in Indianapolis for the Indy Style show to promote all the fun and unique festivals and events that our area has to offer.

FCCRVC will be in the magazine Pioneer Women for the first time in 2020 and will continue to be in Indianapolis Monthly, Best of the Midwest, Long Weekends, and AAA Living Home



Mikel Beck, Executive Director of the Franklin County Convention, Recreation and Visitors Commission sitting at her desk in her office in Brookville, Indiana.

and Away.

We are excited that a new hotel has broken ground and will hopefully be up and running by July of 2020. Cobblestone is located on State Road 101 near the Whitewater River. This is a great addition that is close to Brookville and Brookville Lake.

We will be hosting the 2020 Indiana High School Anglers Championship again this year and have many other fishing tournaments coming to the lake. The Brookville Lake has so much to offer our visitors and locals, such as boating, fishing, paddle boarding, beaches and trails.

Note: If you have questions about Franklin

County look no further contact Mikel. Address is 18 West 10th Street, Brookville, IN 47012. Contact information **866-647-6555** or **765-647-6522**. E-mail address is info@franklincountyin.com.

Brookville Lake DNR Information (Below)

I asked Steven Delorenzo Property Manager of the Brookville Lake/Whitewater Memorial State Park Complex if I could take a photo of him and his staff for this issue and he assembled them for me this past Thursday at the Mounds S.R.A. area. If you have questions about Brookville Lake you can call them at **765-647-2657** or stop by their office located at the entrance to Mounds S.R.A. on State Road 101.



IDNR Employees at Brookville Lake and Whitewater Memorial State Park: Front Row (Left to Right) Jeanette Sterling, Patty Rudicil and Kim Miller. Second Row (Left to Right) Assistant Property Manager David Snodgrass, Graham Selm, Gordon Dudley, Tonya Mullins, Chris Hartley, Tim Emrhein, Noah Studebaker and Dan Sloan. Third Row (Left to Right) Mark Burch, Jeffrey Pumphrey, Matthew Frasher, Terry Dye, Scott Mason, Chance Creech, Property Manager Steven Delorenzo, Dennis Weber and Jim Trumbull. Not in photo Debbie Stang. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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C.J. Walter, Brookville Lake Resident Engineer, January 24, 1974 standing at the Control Valves, which had been activated earlier that day closing the Dam gates to hold back the East Fork of the Whitewater River, which began filling the Valley with water.



Tower access construction underway. C.J. Walter took me down the dam to access the tower on 1-24-74. The dam was covered with mud and clay (see story). The return trip up the dam took C.J. a 3rd time before making it all the way to the top and staying there.

Story of the Brookville Lake Project - - A Job

Article & Photos By Ray Dickerson

Revised Facts January 2020 and Photos obtained originally in a personal interview at Brookville Lake with C.J. Walter, Resident Engineer Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District in January 1974

The Story of the 1965 Brookville Lake Project

Appeared in the Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout March-April 1974

Revised By Ray Dickerson, The Gad-a-bout January 2020 for publication in February 2020 Gad-a-bout.

I took the liberty of updating some of the information in this article I wrote back in 1974 knowing I had made a few errors back then. I've kept up with all that I can at the Brookville Lake/Whitewater Memorial State Park complex due to upgrading the Brookville Depth Map I've published since 1976, updating it periodically since then.

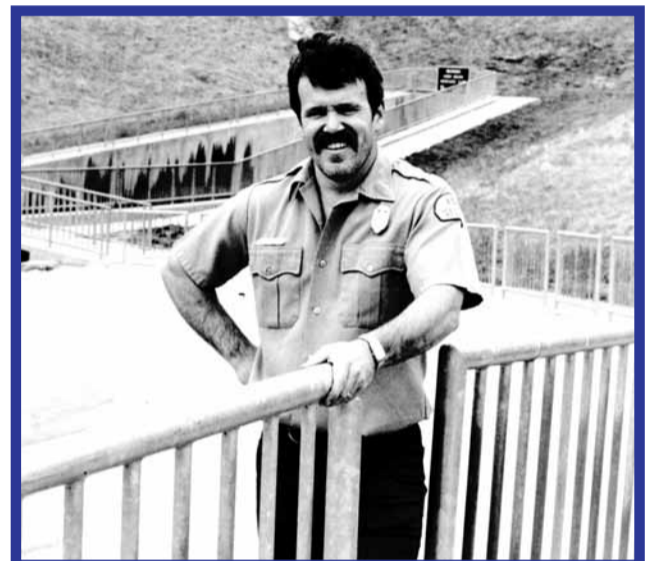
Facts and pictures obtained in a personal interview with C.J. Walter, Resident Engineer, Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District and color photos taken currently by Ray Dickerson. Additional information obtained from current DNR Property Manager at Brookville Lake Mounds office, Steven Delorenzo and Mikel Beck, Executive

Director of Franklin County Convention, Recreation and Visitors Commission.

Three words stirred the hearts of outdoorsmen, especially fishermen in 1965 — The Brookville Dam. At that time, nine years ago, I looked forward to the project coming into our area as much, if not more, than others. With this magazine I felt I would be able to do my thing so to speak and help visitors as well at local people too.

The day of my meeting with C.J. Walter bloomed in sunshine, after two weeks of bleak ice and snow misery. I parked my car at the base of the dam outside the office area of the Army Corps of Engineers. The huge dam arising above me dwarfed everything before it. At the top of the dam a pay loader sat idle. It looked only to be a couple of feet long from where I was standing.

Before going into the Corps of Engineers office I stopped for a short chat with Michael Graham, the Reservoir Ranger. Michael was from North Vernon, Indiana and he was the only ranger stationed at the reservoir. I had met him previously on another visit to the site. He promised me a story in a future issue



I stopped for a short chat with Michael Graham, the Reservoir Ranger. Michael was from North Vernon, Indiana and he was the only ranger stationed at the reservoir at that time.

about the duties and regulations he will enforce on the lake when it begins to function as a recreational area.

After entering the office building I was greeted warmly by Nan Shipman, Administrative Assistant. She escorted me to the office of Mr. Walter.

Mr. Walter was a young man of 65 and very personable. (I was to find out one week later that he is also a very energetic and trustworthy man.) I immediately felt at ease talking with him. He was born in Gary, Indiana, but he calls his home, Lanesville, Indiana. Lanesville is located between Corydon and New Albany. Before coming to the Brookville project

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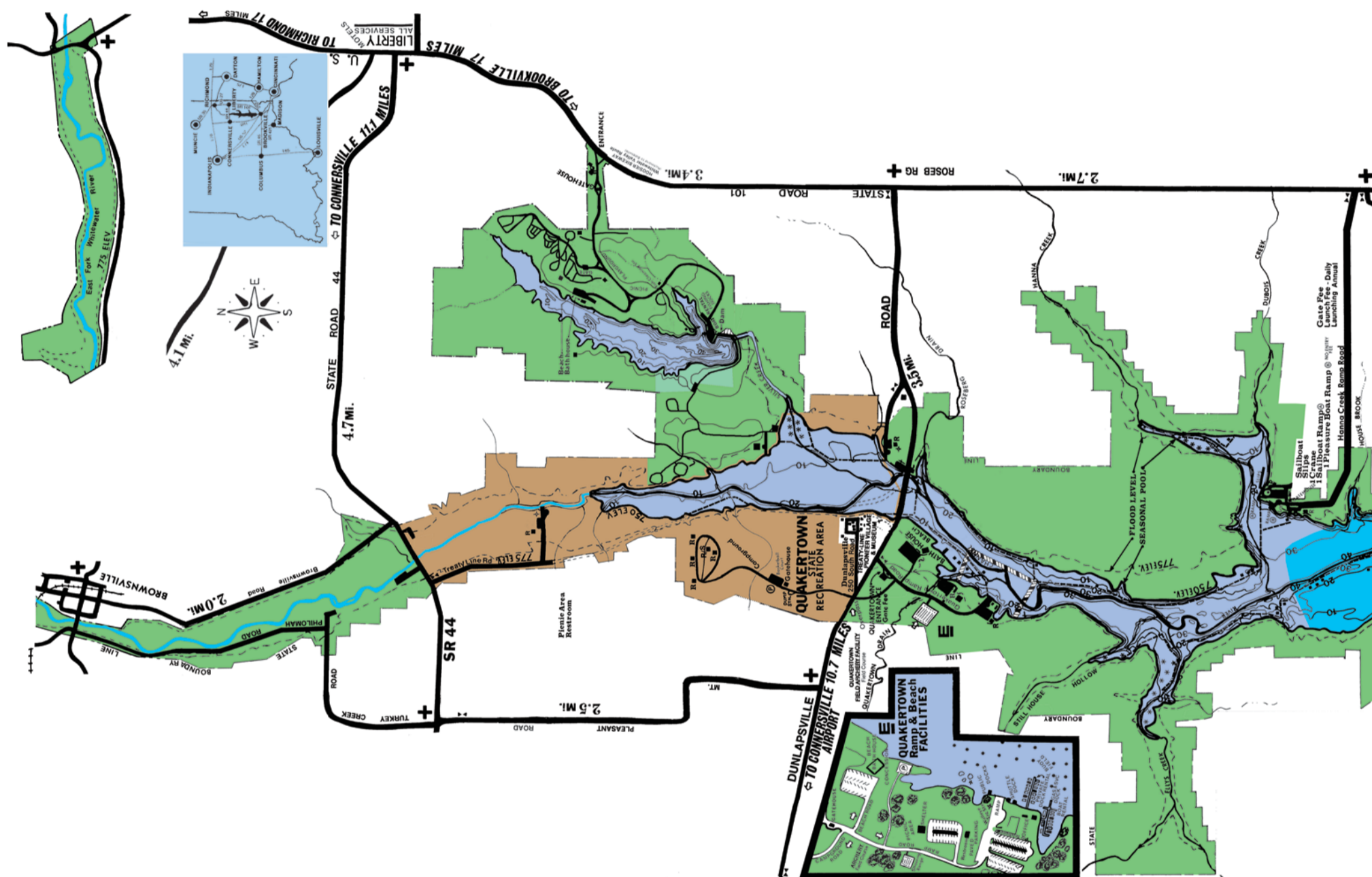
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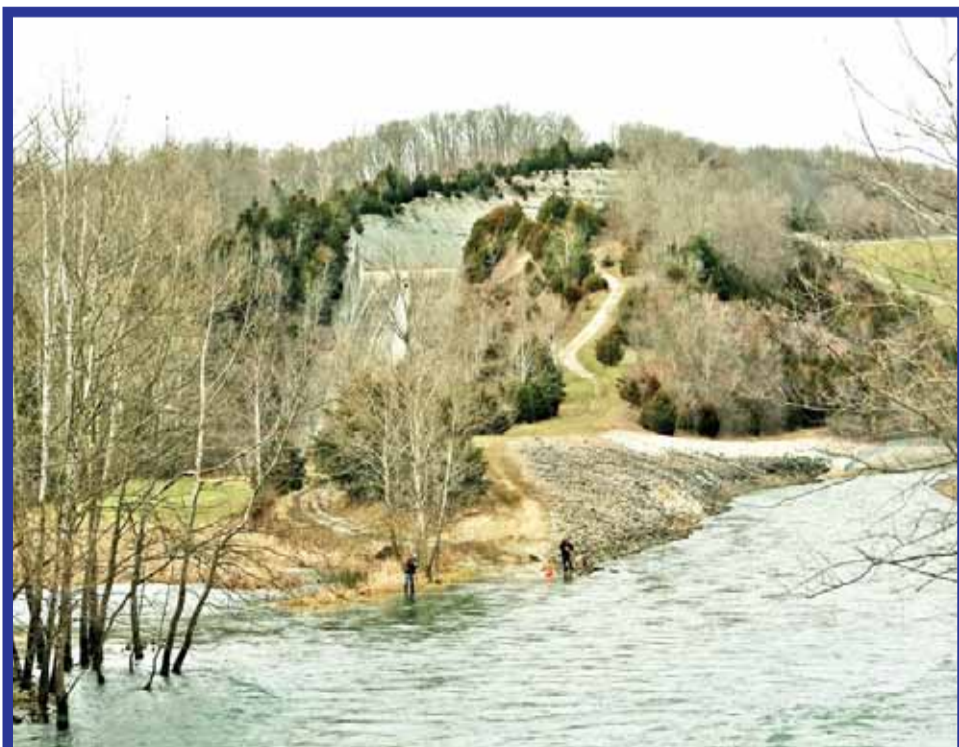
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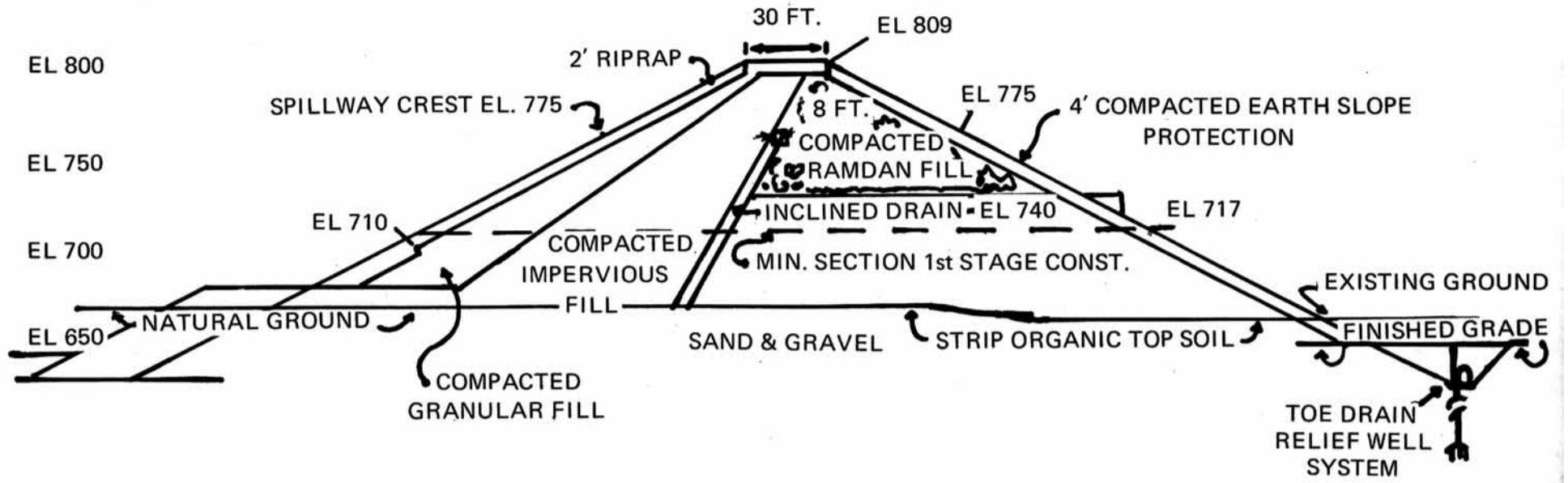
Brookville Lake Dam, photo taken January 7, 2020 looking west from east side dam access road and parking area. Good view of Cut-away for Spillway on far west end of dam, Stilling Basin mound, Parking and Tailwater Access from SR 101. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



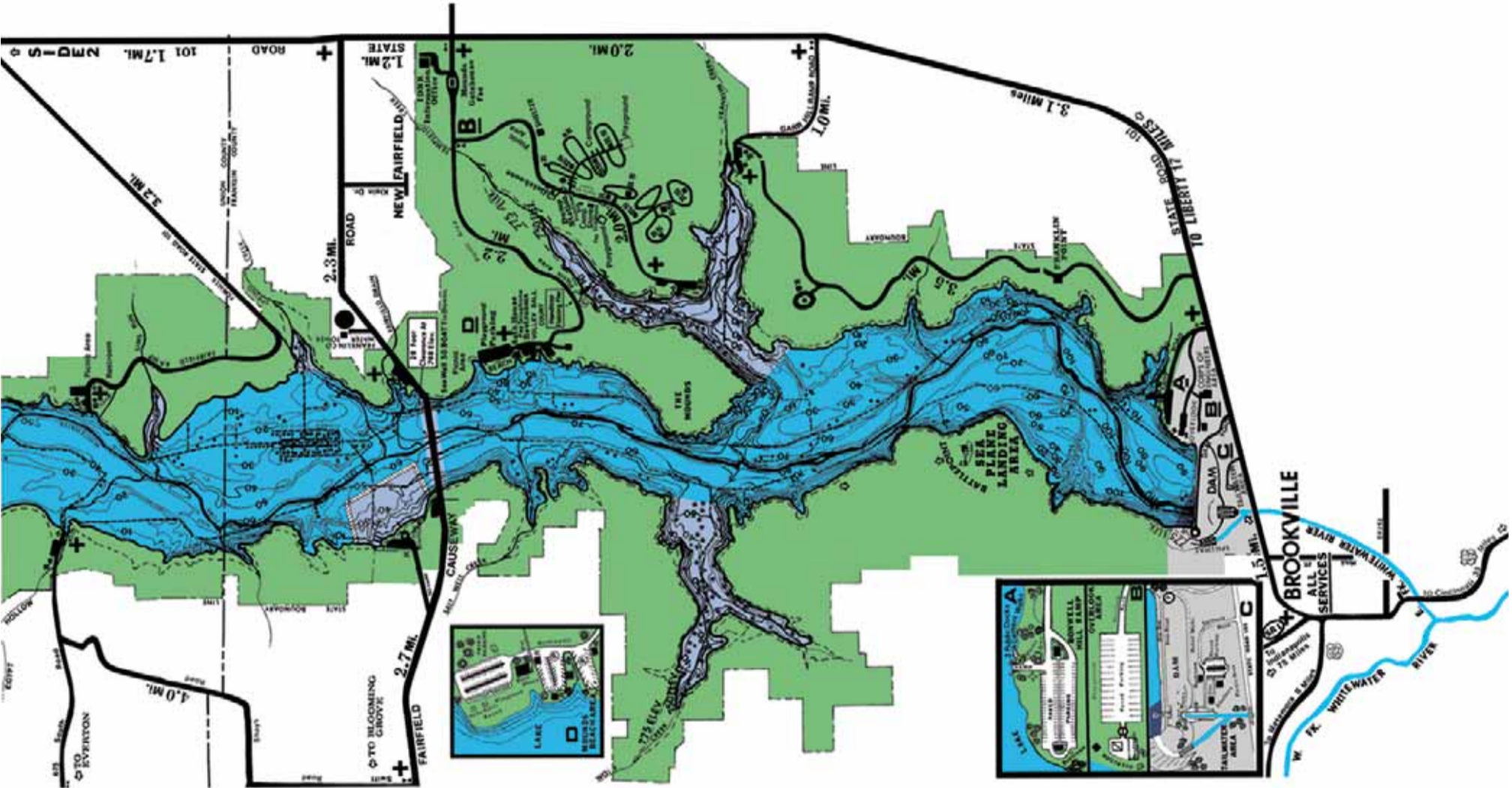
A view of the Brookville Lake Dam Spillway and Tailwater which as you can see, if you look closely there are two fishermen trying their luck the day I took this photo, Tuesday January 7, 2020. I was standing on the SR 101 bridge. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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BROOKVILLE DAM CUT-A-WAY



Brookville Dam Cut-a-way Diagram (With added notes) Reprinted from Back Page of the March 1974 Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout courtesy of C.J. Walters, Resident Engineer Corps of Engineers, Louisville District. (See more on pages 15 thru 19)



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View of Brookville Lake (Reservoir) photo taken from approximate center of Dam on January 7, 2020. Lake has been drawn down to winter pool at 740 Elevation by Corps of Engineers. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Stilling Basin looking down from the top of the Brookville Lake Dam. It was a beautiful day when I took this photo. Notice the three fisher persons trying their luck at the railing. I walked across the dam enjoying the nice sunny day. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

ect he had been Resident Engineer on the dams of the upper Wabash River -Salamonie Lake - Mississinewa Lake - Huntington Lake. Prior to that he was located at the dam project at Markland, Indiana on the Ohio River.

In 1965 the bids for the dam were made on November 4th. The contract was awarded on November 17, 1965. At the time the original work was getting under way for the dam, the Resident Engineer was Robert D. Walker. Mr. Walter took over in January 1970.

From 1965 to July 1967 the outlet works was formulated and executed. Everything was going fine. The tower was built and then the rug was pulled out from under the project. All monies to the project was frozen and the fisherman's paradise for the Whitewater Valley slipped off to never-never land.

Between 1967 and 1970 about the only project that gained in completion was the building of the new State Road 101.

Work resumed on the dam itself on March 31, 1970 under the watchful eye of C.J. Walter. Seven million yards of earth was moved and worked into the Second Stage 182 foot high dam. Three million-five hundred thousand yards was removed from in front of the dam. The dam construction began initially in May 1970 and the top was leveled off in September of 1973.

The impoundment of water behind the Brookville dam created Indiana's second largest lake at that time. It remained the second largest until the new dam was built near Jasper, Indiana. There the Patoka project, was just beginning, it would be larger than the Brookville lake.

The largest reservoir is Monroe Reservoir with a seasonal pool of 10,750 acres of water. The Patoka Reservoir has a seasonal pool of 8,880 acres of water. The Brookville Reservoir has a seasonal pool of 5,260 acres of water.

The Brookville dam will impounds a minimum length of pool of 10.5 miles, a seasonal length of 15 miles and a flood control length of 20.8 miles. The dam is comprised of earth and rock. (See illustration of dam structure on Page 17.)

Gravity or weight of earth keeps the dam in place. Overflow is handled over the spillway, elevation height of 775 feet. The elevation height of the dam is 809 feet, and the tower is 843 feet.

Because of the dam foundation being predominantly sand and gravel to depths of 130 feet, an impervious blanket was constructed varying in thickness from 10 feet at the dam to 5 feet at the upstream end 2500 feet from the dam center-line. The compacted impervious blanket ties into an existing clay area to form a continuous impervious blanket over the entire upstream area to impede the flow of impounded waters through the sand and gravel foundation.

To control the water flowing through the foundation under the dam a system of 32 relief wells emptying into an underground gallery was designed along the downstream toe of the dam. The gallery

empties into the concrete portion of the retreat channel below the dam.

A great deal of work lay ahead for the members of the Corps at the Brookville project, but the main task was completed from the impoundment of the water. A road will be constructed across the top of the dam to a turn-around on the west side. (Access to the west side on the dam road today is for foot traffic only.) Camp sites are to be developed and other related jobs. *See illustration of dam structure on page 17.

I didn't get to go up to the tower to photograph the area that day, but I returned one week later for that event. It happened that I arrived at the dam per prescheduling with Mr. Walter on the very day they closed the gates. However I wasn't there for the exact occasion which took place that morning. Our meeting was planned for one P.M. in the afternoon.

Mr. Walter greeted me in his usual warm manner. He handed me a hard hat and we started our trek up the mud trail to the top of the dam. His pick up truck was a standard transmission job with posi-trac only and snow tires. He stopped on top of the dam for me to take pictures and we then proceeded to the west-end of the dam. Once there, he stopped and we got out. I looked down to where the base of the tower was 182 feet below us and half convinced myself that he would never go down there because of the mud. We walked over to the spillway and he explained to me the various cuts and projects under way. Walking on the clay and limestone mud was very sticky, to say the least. Several times my foot came up without the boot or shoe. Each foot seemed to weigh fifty pounds. Mr. Walker motioned me back into the pick-up. As I said before, I expected him to back up and take me back to the office.

He said abruptly, "Hang on, here we go!" I looked at him in disbelief, and said, "We're not going down there, are we?" He didn't have to answer that last question as we started, moving down what looked to me to be a mud slide. If I had been driving we would have surely been the first guys to swim in the reservoir. He guided the truck down the slope around the curve at the bottom and stopped it near the base of the tower. Shakily I extricated myself from the truck.

Once inside the tower we rode the elevator up to the control area at the uppermost elevation. I took several pictures and then changed the film in the camera before we took the elevator down to the base of the tower. He showed me the huge steel columns which houses the mechanism which operates the gates. There are four columns. As we were riding back up to the top so he could turn off the electricity for down at the base, I asked him what was secured in a panel at our feet. He opened it and showed me a safety belt apparatus which he explained was to be used in case the elevator stuck in the shaft. In such a case each of us would don the belts and we would climb out a trap door in the roof of the elevator car. Once out on top we would descend or ascend depending on the location of the car on a steel ladder erected the total length of the tower adjacent to the

car secured in the wall. Also on the belt was a safety strap that was secured to the ladder while you climbed. This safety belt would catch you if you slipped and fell. You would only fall so far and it would stop your descent abruptly. The elevator traveled very slowly and after hearing what had to be done if it should stop suddenly, I began to wish I was back out on Terra Firma again.

Shortly we started back for the truck and in reaching it, I asked, "We're going to have to walk up the hill aren't we?" Mr. Walter just replied, "Hang on, cause here we go!" I thought to myself, "he'll never make it." I was right the first time. We moved real good for the first 30-40 feet then the back wheels started spinning and the back-end slipped to the left. I looked to my right and we were parallel to the water at the bottom of the dam. He stopped there, put it in reverse and very rapidly backed down the dam. I thought to myself, "this is it!" Once back at the bottom and around the slight curve, he shoved her in low and told me to hang on again. Again we made it half-way up and started slipping sideways and again he popped her in reverse and sped back down to the bottom. I thought again to myself, "he's some kind of a nut, he'll never make it!" The third time was the charm. She faltered when we got half way up and we kept moving slower and slower, but we made it to the top. I utterly couldn't believe my eyes. All I could do was manage to sit there with my mouth hanging open. At that moment, if he had told me we could drive up the middle of the reservoir, I would have went with him.

This experience was new to me, but to Mr. Walter and all the others there, it was their job and they had been driving in muddy conditions for three years.

Mr. Walter has a great team that works with him too. They too should be known to the reading public, because they all played and are still involved in creating this recreation area for the benefit of all. William R. Keown, Assistant Resident Engineer - Richard J. Chleborad, Office Engineer - Nan C. Shipman, Administrative Assistant - George R. West, Construction Inspector - Charles M. Snyder, Construction Inspector - Larry V. Chandler, Construction Inspector - William N. Scott, Construction Inspector, Vern L. Baughman, Chief Laboratory Section -Jerry O. Fayne, Asst. Chief Laboratory Section - Michael Graham, Reservoir Ranger - Melvin Brown, Chief Maintenance with operations.

Mr. Brown will be responsible for maintaining levels and other maintenance responsibilities after the job is completed. He will live in residence at the dam site.

When most visitors arrive long after these Army Corps of Engineers have vacated the dam area, the only thing they'll see is the water resting up against the dam. They won't see the toil and work put into the construction. This will be forgotten as they enjoy the fruits of the finished product.

I enjoy reading about what I've saw over the course of my life since 1972 when I began writing. ■

STEVE'S MARINE





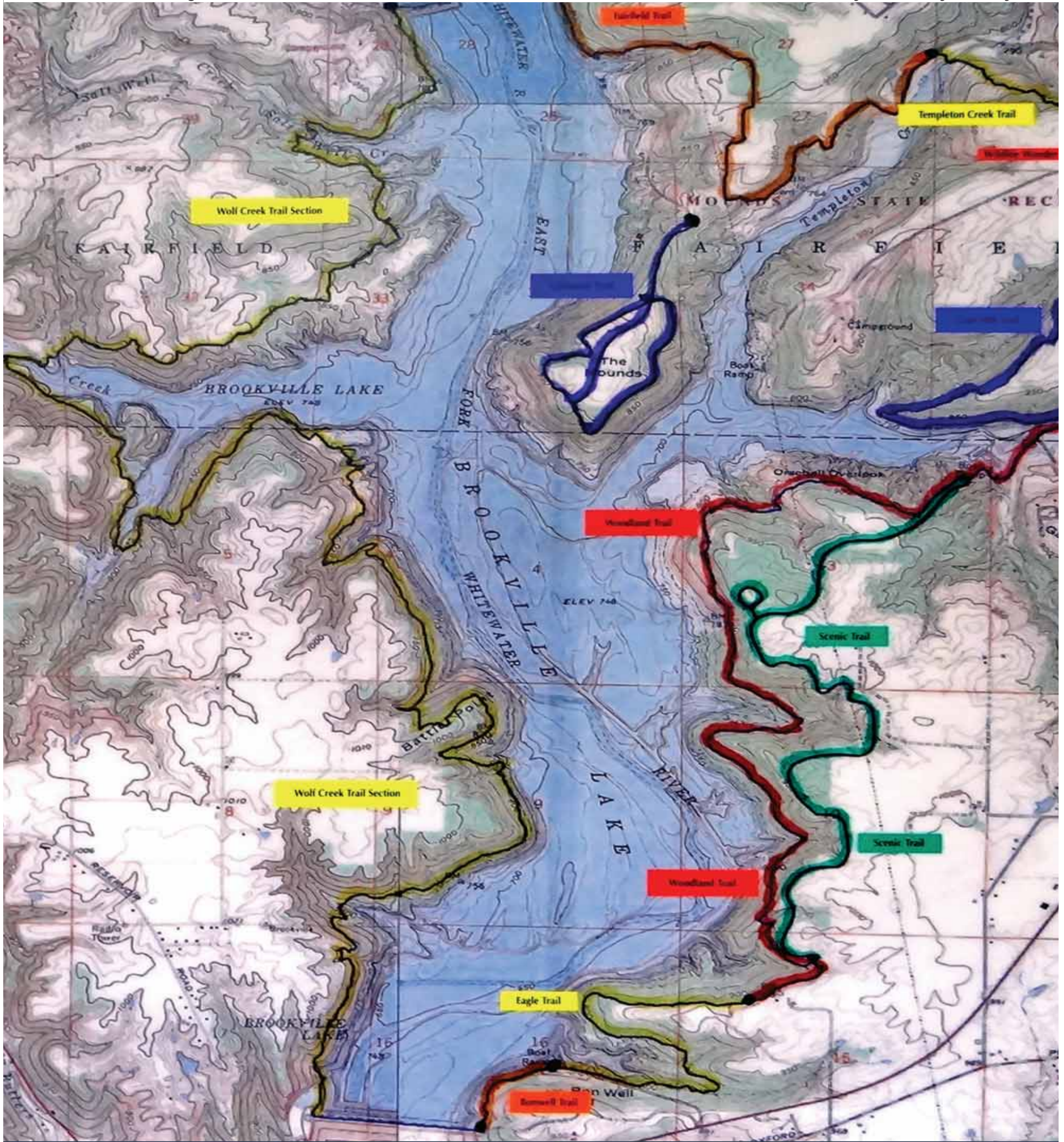




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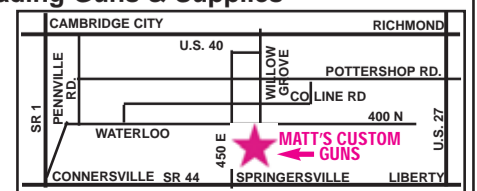
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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

No Beagle....no problem

Although they make it much easier, dogs are not necessary for taking rabbits.

When many people think of rabbit hunting they think of using beagles. Sure, beagles are bred for hunting rabbits and they can make the experience enjoyable and more successful, but the aid of dogs isn't necessary to enjoy a great day in the field pursuing one of our most sought after small game animals.

My first introduction to hunting was hunting rabbits with my father. We never had a dog so I cut my teeth "stomping the brush." We would simply slowly walk through thickets, overgrown pastures or woodlots all the while rustling any brush piles or tufts of grass we would come across by gently kicking them. Often times when we did this, a rabbit would come busting out the other side of it.

Hunting rabbits in this manner can actually be quite productive, but there are some things to keep in mind.

You will find that when you kick a brush pile which is holding a rabbit, the rabbit will explode out of it at a fast run. Using a shotgun with an open choke (such as an improved cylinder) is best in situations such as this. The open choke is ideal for close shots at fast moving game as it spreads the shot pattern in a larger pattern.

When walking through overgrown pastures or the like, I like moving slowly and deliberately, even stopping now and then. First off, a slow walk through the field will hopefully reduce the amount of rabbits that flush too far in front of you for a shot. Secondly, by stopping every so often, I have found that this tactic can often cause tight holding bunnies to get nervous and break from nearby cover, offering a decent shot. Another advantage of working an area slowly is that rather than having shots at rabbits as they come blasting out of the

cover, a more deliberate approach increases the odds that a rabbit will break from the cover more slowly – offering a higher percentage shot. By employing this method – of almost still-hunting really – I know of some rabbit hunters who consistently take rabbits with .22 caliber rifles or small caliber muzzleloaders as the rabbits may simply come loping out when not startled.

There is no bad time to hunt rabbits really, but I especially enjoy hunting them with a fresh skiff of snow on the ground. This not only makes it easier to spot rabbits as they dart in between patches of cover, but it also makes it easier to locate where they may be holed up. If you see fresh tracks heading into a brush pile and not coming out, then you know that a rabbit is calling it home

I prefer a short, lightweight shotgun when gunning for rabbits in thick cover. A longer gun tends to hang up in the brush when you try to swing it in the direction of a running rabbit for a shot. Also, slings tend to just get in the way when hunting in thick cover. I learned this the hard way, and hence, no longer use slings on my gun when bunny hunting. Shots usually tend to be close in this type of hunting as well, meaning the use of improved cylinder choke tubes is a good idea. No need for tight patterns here as many times you may nearly step on the bunny before it flees so using a choke tube that will produce a large pattern is often a good call.

Wearing brush pants and a brush coat are a must when beating the brush for rabbits. If you think blue jeans and a flannel or fleece hunting jacket will work – they won't. Clothing made specifically for the brush, such as Carhartt, should be worn unless you want to end up bleeding and buying new clothes to replace the ones you ripped to shreds.

If you want to feel the weight on your shoulders of a limit of bunnies in your game vest,



Having a beagle or two certainly adds a new dimension to rabbit hunting, and can make for much more controlled shooting instead of trying to draw and hit a rabbit on a dead run after kicking one up, but plenty of rabbits can be had without beagles. Don't miss out on this fun winter form of hunting just because you don't have a dog. Get out and kick some brush. (Author Photo)

you don't have to have a dog - You just may have to put in a little more legwork to get it done. One plus of not using dogs; when it's time to go home just hop in the truck and go; no rounding up dogs and getting them in the dog box. And you have until the end of the month to do it. After that, the season closes until November. ■

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Left Photo: Having The annual Eagle Watch returns to the Salamonie Reservoir on Saturday, February 8th and 15th. This is a great opportunity to learn all about the bald eagle and also get the chance to witness them in action. This photo was taken at my home in Wabash County as the eagle was overlooking my pond. Right Photo: There will be several opportunities to fish crappie tournaments at both the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs in 2020. This is a photo of the father and son duo, John and Jonathan Brumley, showing off some of their crappie caught during a Bozarth Tournament. Tournament dates and locations are posted in my article. (Author Photo)

Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

It's The Winter Season But Spring Is Just Around The Bend!

Happenings at the Great Lakes of the Wabash have come to a standstill as we enter the middle of the winter season but now is a great time to start making those plans for the upcoming 2020 spring and summer seasons. It won't be long before the weather begins to change and everyone gets the itch to get outside and enjoy all the wonderful things the

outdoors provides. With that being said, the Salamonie, Mississinewa and Huntington Lake properties are all destinations you should strongly consider to enjoy those moments.

One opportunity to take advantage of is the annual Eagle Watch that takes place on the Salamonie Reservoir on Saturday, February 8th and 15th. This is a great chance to get an up-close look at one of the most amazing birds alive and also learn valuable information on what makes the bald eagle so special. The event begins with a short program at the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at 3:00 p.m. and from there you will caravan to a well-known roost site to watch the bald eagles fly in for the night. If planning to attend, items such as: snacks, drinks, binoculars, cameras, and spotting scopes are recommended to enhance your experience. Gather your family and friends and come see and learn all about the majestic bald eagles first hand. Advance registration is requested and you can contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center at (260) 468-2127.

Another exciting event planned for February is the annual Cowboy Gathering scheduled for Saturday, February 29th. The Salamonie Lake property is a popular destination for horse riders as there are several miles of trails available to ride that provide scenic views of the Salamonie Reservoir. Advanced registration is required to attend this exciting event with other fellow riders. For more information you may contact the Upper Wabash Interpretive Center.

During this tournament you may fish either the Salamonie or Mississinewa Reservoirs. The seminar will take place on Friday, May 8th at Bozarth Recreational Resort and Bozarth's will also be the site for the Crappie USA Kids fishing Rodeo. More information regarding this tournament can be found at crappieusa.com

The Indiana Slabmasters also return to our area as they will be here on Saturday, August 15 and wrap up their 2020 season with the Slab Masters Classic held on October 10th and 11th. The tournament on August 15th will allow fishermen to fish either the Salamonie or Mississinewa Reservoirs. The season ending classic will have one day dedicated to each the Salamonie and Mississinewa. This is a great opportunity to fish in a competitive environment and also minimize traveling and lodging costs as all tournaments are held within the state. You can visit their site at indianaslabmasters.com for more information.

The Bozarth Crappie Tournaments have four scheduled events for 2020. The first scheduled tournament will be on Saturday, May 2nd and followed up on June 20th and August 8th. The 2020 season will conclude with the Bozarth Classic held on Saturday, September 19th. This is a great opportunity to fish in a local tournament and have the chance to experience a tournament type atmosphere. Come enjoy a day on the lake and get the chance to learn different techniques and strategies from other fellow crappie anglers. For more information contact us at (765) 981-4522.

For all the crappie anglers searching for tournaments to fish in the 2020 season make sure to mark your calendars as the Salamonie and Mississinewa Reservoirs have several opportunities throughout the upcoming year. The Crappie USA circuit returns to our area on Saturday, May 9th.

In closing, I want to remind everyone of the upcoming 2020 Bozarth Spring Tackle Fishing Sale that takes place Saturday, March 7th and runs through Sunday, March 15th. This is a great event to stock up on all your essential fishing gear and take advantage of the best prices of the year. We will have several local vendors on hand and you "DON'T" want to miss our opening day of free fishing seminars. We have a GREAT list of speakers lined up for Saturday, March 7th and this is great way to learn from some of the best in the business. Be sure to check out next months issue as I detail our "All Star" list of speakers.

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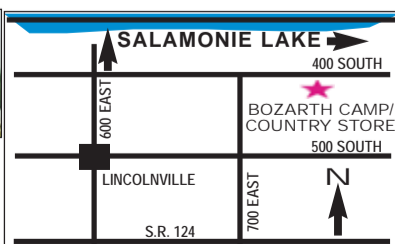
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A summer trip to Big North Lodge is already on the calendar. (Author Photo)

This fine musky was taken in Chautauqua Lake in western New York. This area will also be on calendar again this year. (Photo by Susie Creason)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

The Year at a Glance--2020

As I was opening my Christmas presents, I picked up a package which looked familiar. It was about three inches square and two feet long. Even though it was nicely wrapped, I knew what was inside. I get one of these every year. It was a Year-at-a-Glance calendar rolled up in a long tube. (I also get a monthly calendar and a pocket calendar.) The year one is two feet wide and three feet long and I hang it on the side of the refrigerator. This is our main source of keeping track of all of our trips for the upcoming 12 months. Once I fill in a date, in ink, on this sheet, any other appointment, must be checked against it before it can go on the schedule.

The first item of the year to go on this calendar is a trip to the Cincinnati Boat, Sport, and Travel Show. Dates this year are January 17-19 and 22-26. (Go to www.renfroproductions.com for more information). We haven't been to this event for many years, but we used to attend it often. This year, the show has been taken over by our great friends with Renfro Productions who put on the big show in February in Indianapolis. I will look at the dates for the Cincy show, pick out what day we want to go, and write it on the calendar. Weather or illness is about the only reason anything will change this date.

The next item to be inked in will be in February. This is the East Central Indiana Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation 21st

Annual Banquet. I was a committee member of this group for about five years from its outset, then, Chapter Chairman for the next 15 years. I retired my position after our 20th event. Now, I still get some merchandise donations and offer advice to the new Chairman. The Lafayette RMEF banquet will be a week later. That will be entered in pencil as I'm not sure yet if we will be attending this year.

Then comes mid-February. This is the 10 day Boat, Sport, and Travel Show in Indianapolis put on by Renfro Productions. Dates are February 14-23. This event has been a major attraction for over 65 years. I think I have only missed the first year of its existence. I would have been around six or seven back then. My dad took the family every year after that, and I still have not missed. If the weather is good, (no ice), we attend several days. There is so much to see at this show, it can't be covered well in just one outing.

While at the Show, I talk to many travel exhibitors to get some idea of where we would like to visit this year. I pick up brochures and get facts and figures from the exhibitor. Then, we go home, carefully peruse the literature, and make a list of questions. A few days later, we go back to Indy and get answers to our questions. Then, we decide which areas or outfitters we will spend time with during the upcoming months. We always plan a fishing trip or two for Susie (she really likes to fish) and some tourist attractions for me to visit. Many of our trips will be covered in future pages of the Gad-A-Bout. One of our trips this year will probably be a return to Big North Lodge in Minaki, Ontario, and once more to Blue Bank Resort on Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee.

As the months fly by, we will continue to add trips to this large calendar. Perhaps a late winter trip to Florida to see Susie's brothers, or an early spring metal detector outing to somewhere. Summer could show a listing for a fishing trip to western New York. This would probably be a day on each of Chautauqua Lake, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and, our favorite fishing hole, the lower Niagara River. We already have two summer metal detector hunts scheduled and on the list.

During the Boat, Sport, and Travel Show, we will be attending the Hoosier Outdoor Writers Annual Conference. Fall will show the calendar with marked dates for the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers conference in Gaylord, Michigan, and the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association conference in West Virginia. Late fall may be a metal detecting hunt for Civil War relics in Virginia.

As all of these dates get filled on the year calendar, they are also added to my pocket calendar. This is so when the doctor or dentist wants to know when to schedule my next appointment, I can automatically tell them which dates are already taken. After checking with my wall or pocket calendars, then I can add these minor schedulings on my monthly calendar. Susie also has her pocket calendar. Sometimes it's hard to keep all of our dates from conflicting.

When 2020 is nearing an end, I will be looking under the Christmas tree for a long, square package. It will take its place on the side of the refrigerator and I can start planning for 2021.

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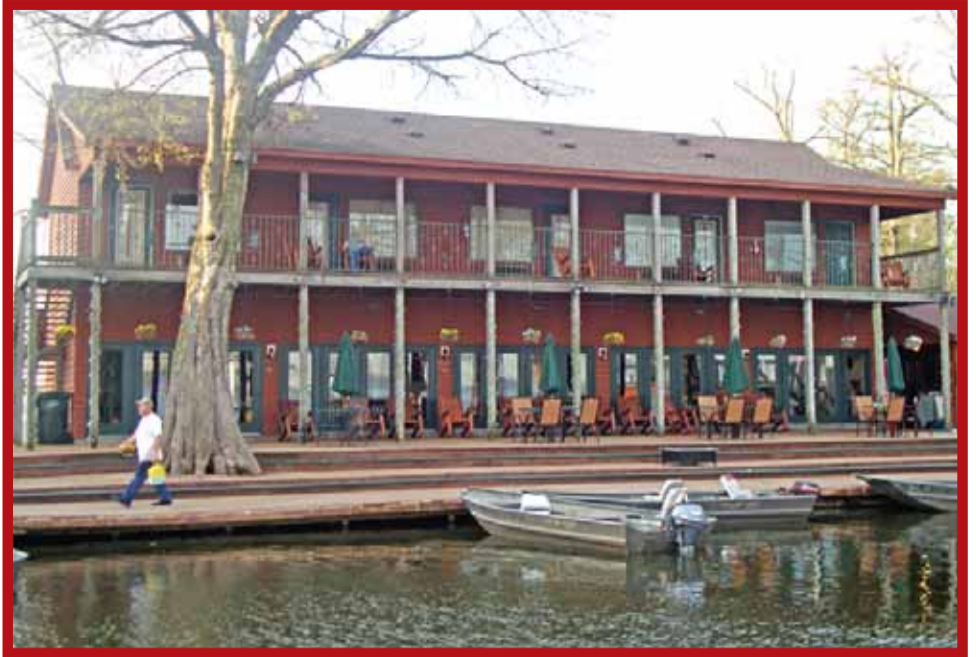
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A Lake Ontario salmon will probably be listed for this year. (Photo by Susie Creason)



Blue Bank Resort on Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee is a regular on our calendar.



Metal detecting trips will appear several times on our 2020 calendar. (Author Photo)



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Advance registration is required. Space is limited to 20 participants. Call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447 to register.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION PHOTO CONTEST KICKS OFF WITH DIGITAL FORMAT

Ring in the new year and decade by entering a revamped historic preservation photo contest.

The annual contest, run by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology, has been held since 2005 using a traditional print format to promote Indiana's historic resources. While the purpose remains the same, this year the contest is moving to accepting only digital submissions; printed photos will not be accepted.

As in previous years, all subjects of photos must be at least 50 years old and in Indiana. Photos can be black and white or color and must have been taken within the last two years. Each photographer may enter up to three images, and an entry form is required for each photo.

Images should be emailed to aborland@dnr.IN.gov and must be JPEG files that are 10mb or smaller. Participants will only be able to send one photo and one entry form per email.

Participants will need to select one of five contest categories on the entry form in which to enter their

photo: Color, Black & White, Kids (younger than age 18), Artistic, and Altered Image.

Go to dnr.IN.gov/historic/3994.htm for parameters of the Altered Image category, contest guidelines, and the entry form.

The entry deadline is April 3. CONSERVATION AREA DESIGNATED AT YELLOWWOOD STATE FOREST

Conservation area designated at Yellowwood SF The goal of conserving and restoring yellowwood trees has brought about the Division of Forestry's designation of 591 acres of Yellowwood State Forest as a High Conservation Value (HCV) forest area. Yellowwood

Yellowwood is a state endangered tree species known to occur naturally in Indiana only in Brown County in Yellowwood State Forest and Brown County State Park, at the northern end of the species' natural range. The closest known concentrations of yellowwoods to Indiana's are in Kentucky and the southern tip of Illinois.

The HCV designation, which is consistent with the Forest Stewardship Council® certification of state forests (FSC®- C012858), means the top priority of forest management activities done in the HCV area, including forest stand improvement, invasive species control, and timber harvesting, will be conservation and restoration of yellowwood trees.

"Careful implementation of these practices will

allow existing yellowwood trees to remain healthy, and the additional sunlight made available can result in higher flower and seed production, allowing new trees to develop," said John Seifert, director of the Division of Forestry.

Public recreational use of the HVC area, called the Yellowwood Conservation Area at Yellowwood State Forest, will continue to be encouraged. Among these activities are hunting, hiking, mountain biking, and horse riding on designated trails. The HVC area is located in the southeastern part of the state forest, east of Crooked Creek Road.

Yellowwood trees (*Cladrastis kentukea*) were discovered in Indiana by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) workers at Brown County State Park in 1933. Purdue Extension forester T.E. Shaw and Charles Deam, Indiana's first State Forester, verified and documented the discovery. Stands of yellowwoods were later discovered on what became Yellowwood State Forest.

"Because Indiana's yellowwood trees are located so far from any other yellowwoods in the United States, scientists at one time wondered if they might be genetically distinct from all other yellowwood trees," said Allen Pursell, director of Forest Conservation with The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

Genetic analysis done by TNC and Purdue University found that the ancestors of these trees

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Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder
Fayette County Historical Museum

Our Downtown Gems

For the second time in a couple of years, our good neighbors in Franklin County have asked me to give my opinion on the most scenic and historic places in Fayette County. I love that kind of request. It gives me the opportunity to look through all my photos and remind myself how lucky I am to be here.

In honor of their request, I'll remind you of what I love here, as well as telling you that I am almost as fond of Franklin County. This is a great area to visit, and all of us would love to have the chance to show off this beautiful area.

I don't have many photos of Franklin County, but I can describe what I like. Brookville has a great Main Street. Lots of old buildings, a beautiful courthouse, and a super library! It has one of the oldest cemeteries in the region, complete with original chapel. A couple of miles south on State Road 1 takes you to the Little Cedar Baptist Church. Built in 1812, it's the oldest church in Indiana still on its original foundation in the original location. Right next door is White's Flea Market. It's a legend. Every Wednesday, spring thru fall, you can buy anything from antiques to produce to a goat.

A few miles east, you can fish and camp at Brookville Lake, one of the prettiest places on earth. West of Brookville is Metamora, a pioneer town full of shops and a grist mill. There's a canal

boat pulled by two beautiful horses. The railroad goes there from Connersville, so let's ride the train a few miles north and see what you can see.

The railroad wanders along the path of the old Whitewater Canal. Built in the 1840's. The canal follows the Whitewater River which supplied its water. When the railroad came along, the tracks were built on the towpath that had been used by the mules that pulled the canal boats. Droughts and floods had ruined the prospects of the canal, and the train was much faster.

The train will take you through several small settlements. Laurel was once a booming center of commerce. Alpine and Nulltown also served as the small towns that sprung up and served the surrounding farmlands. There were grist mills to grind grain, woolen mills for cloth, stills to supply the taverns, country stores and hotels in all of them. Along the way, there's beautiful scenery, and you might spot a bald eagle nesting in the treetops. On the outskirts of Connersville, you will see Elmhurst, the home of Oliver H. Smith, the only United States Senator from Fayette County. It was later the home of Samuel Parker, president of the Canal Company. Later still, it became the home of Caleb Blood Smith, Secretary of the Interior under President Lincoln.

When you pull into the station in Connersville, you will have reached the home of the Whitewater Valley Railroad and completed your trip on the state's most scenic old time rail line. You will see the Courthouse on the east and the Fayette County Historical Museum just across the street on the northwest corner. The Courthouse was originally built in 1849 and has gone through some remodeling over the years. There are beautifully restored murals on the courtroom ceiling that remind us of the elegance of many old buildings. The museum contains everything from a log cabin to Connersville built automobiles, including a Cord and an Auburn.

A little further to the east of the courthouse are the Whitewater Valley Arts Assn. gallery and the Canal House. Local artists display their works in an 1850s building that, over time, has served as a grocery and an attorney's office, among other things. Across from the gallery, the Canal House

is the oldest building downtown. It was built in 1842, and is said to be the finest example of Greek Revival architecture in the state. It was built as the offices of the Whitewater Canal. Later it housed a bank before becoming a private home. Dr. Vance lived here, as well as Finly Gray, a U.S. Congressman and mayor of Connersville. The house is owned by Historic Connersville, Inc. and contains many of the antiques of local families, notably many pieces from the Grays.

The downtown area was recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Just outside the district boundaries and north of the museum on 7th Street, is the 1870 Hose House, the only remaining one of three early fire stations. A few blocks further north, you can visit City Cemetery where the early citizens and many soldiers now rest. Among the graves are those of Vivian Allison, whose doll house marks her resting place, and the Claypool family whose daughter Virginia Claypool Meredith became the first female trustee of Purdue University.

While you're in town, don't miss a visit to Roberts Park. It has a variety of structures built by the WPA during the Great Depression, a nice aquatic center, and the county's only remaining Kennedy covered bridge.

In southern Fayette County, a visit to the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary is a must. It was given to the Audubon Society by Finly and Alice Gray in memory of their only child Mary. There are bird banding exhibitions and other activities for nature lovers throughout the year. Northern Fayette County boasts the Shrader Weaver Nature Preserve, a native forest and pioneer homestead. To the east of Connersville is Whitewater State Park - another wonderful place for camping, fishing and hiking.

Thanks for taking this trip with me to the places I enjoy the most. Come visit us! I'm sure you will enjoy them, too.

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Kennedy Bridge located in Roberts Park in Connersville, Indiana.



Elmhurst (White House along the Whitewater Canal) also in Connersville.

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arrived to what would become state land thousands of years ago and have since then been isolated from all other yellowwoods.

The first appearance of the name Yellowwood State Forest occurred in the July 1940 issue of Outdoor Indiana magazine. Yellowwood State Forest comprises 25,117 acres. More about Yellowwood State Forest is at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/4817.htm.

APPLY FOR RESERVED SPRING TURKEY HUNTS JANUARY 6 THRU FEBRUARY 19

Hunters can apply online for a reserved turkey hunt by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt and clicking on the "Reserved Hunt Info" link. The application period is Jan. 6 through Feb. 19. No late entries will be accepted. The online method is the only way to apply. Applicants must possess a valid hunting license for the species they wish to hunt.

The application process is now consolidated into the online services website along with licenses, Check-In Game and HIP registration. An online account is not required to apply, so there is no need to log in.

Please note that in this new system, hunts without a registration fee will follow the same process as those with a fee. For hunts with no fee required to register, you will be asked to "Add to Cart," "Proceed to Checkout," and "Place Order." If the transaction total is \$0, you will not be asked to enter credit card information.

For draw hunt results, there is a "Click Here" link on the home page, or you can log in to your online services account. The link from the home page will only show hunts that you registered for when the date of the hunt is still upcoming. Logging in to your account online is required for you to see the full history of your past hunt registrations (previous years).

Properties hosting turkey hunts include:

- Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10
- Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge: April 22-24, April 25-27
- Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area: April

22-24, April 25-26

- Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- Hillenbrand Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10
- Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10
- Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10
- LaSalle Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10
- Mississinewa Lake: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10
- Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge: April 22-23, April 24-25, April 26-27 (Youth only: April 18-19)
- Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10
- Salamonie Lake: April 22-24, April 25-27, April 28-30, May 1-May 3, May 4-6, May 7-10
- Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 28-29
- Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10
- Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10
- Winamac Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10

Only one application is allowed per license holder. No changes can be made once the application is submitted.

Hunters will be selected through a computerized random drawing. Drawing results will be available online within two weeks after application deadlines, and an email will be sent to applicants when results

are posted.

For more information and to apply, visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

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

OUTDOOR INDIANA FEATURES SNOW DAYS

Outdoor Indiana Outdoor Indiana magazine's January/February issue features a cover article on fun activities to embrace the outdoors of Indiana on snowy days.

The issue also includes an article on coyotes, their role in the environment, and how to live with this common species in the Hoosier state.

In 2019, Outdoor Indiana was honored by the Association for Conservation Information (ACI) as the second-best state-sponsored conservation/outdoor recreation magazine in the country.

Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 38 percent savings off cover) and \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42 percent savings off cover). New subscriptions ordered before Feb. 1 will receive a 2020 calendar while supplies last.

Subscribe at innsgifts.com or by calling 317-233-3046. To read article excerpts, go to OutdoorIndiana.org.

REWARD OFFERED FOR INFO ON BALD EAGLE SHOOTING (LAWRENCE COUNTY)

Indiana Conservation Officers continue to request information regarding the shooting of a bald eagle in Lawrence County on or around Dec. 20.

A \$500 reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest of a suspect.

A Lawrence County animal control officer and employees of Brown County Indiana Raptor Center were notified of an injured eagle in the area of the White River near Dixie Highway and took possession on Dec. 20. The eagle, which was suffering from an apparent gunshot wound, was treated, but died shortly thereafter. ICO Ryan Jahn took possession of the carcass on Dec. 21 and is investigating.

Anyone with information should call DNR Law Enforcement Central Dispatch at 812-837-9536 or the Turn in a Poacher, Inc. (TIP) hotline at 1-800-847-4367 (TIP-IDNR). TIP is a non-profit conservation organization that protects fish and wildlife resources by increasing public support and involvement in bringing violators to justice.

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Hunting The Big Ones



by Mike Lemen

Choosing The Right Bike Is Important!

Deer season is gone and spring is just around the corner. For some of us it also means bike riding season is almost here.

So if you already have a bike go ahead and plug in the battery charger to get it hot as it can be. You never know when that warm late winter day might come.

For those of you that don't have a bike but are looking for one there are a few things to look for. First you should figure out what kind of riding you are going to do. (dual sport, cruiser, touring ect.) That will help with getting the right bike. Also you need to figure what kind of money you want to spend. There are a lot of used bike out there at reasonable prices. One big thing to stay away from is the used bike at a cheap price that doesn't run but they say "all it needs is..." If that is all it needs then they should fix it. Let them be the one to gamble on putting money in it. In most cases there is an expensive reason they haven't fixed it. Most of the "good" deals end up costing way more than you expected. Always make sure the bike does what it is supposed to do so you aren't the one fixing someone else problem.

Then, choosing a brand. We all have favorites. But something to consider is where is the closest dealer to help with service. Check around a bit and find out what your buddies like, is there a good independent shop close, and can they service what you are looking at.

If looking at new. Beware of those dealers 2 states away that sell for way less. Usually when you get there they start adding on stuff, like dealer prep, shipping, taxes, and whatever else they can find. When it comes to service or warranty most dealers take care of their own customers first. That can really make a difference this summer when you either have to make 2 trips to another state, or have to wait weeks at your local dealer because you bought elsewhere. Believe me it happens. Years ago I bought a new RZR 150 miles away. Looking for a deal at the end of the season. It had a war. Recall/safety issue. The parts were in short supply and each dealer barely had enough for their own customers. Local dealers wouldn't fix it because of the parts, and it wasn't something you could just take back and wait on. I had to drive all the way and leave it, then go back later to pick it up. 600 miles of driving, lots of waisted time. So do yourself a favor and try to shop local!

As far as what size to by, don't let peer pressure

be your guide. If you've had bikes before you pretty much know what you want. If you have never had a bike you probably don't have a bike license either. So if you take a training course, 1- you get a license easier which you need, 2 -probably get a discount on insurance, and 3- you probably figure out what size bike you are comfy with. Like usual, use your head, if you weigh 90 lb you probably don't want a full size dresser. If 300lb probably don't want a 250 cruiser, you get the idea!

So to sum it up, #1 budget, #2type of riding, dual sport, cruiser, sport, touring...#3 Look for a shop to meet your needs.

Then get your bike. Get it ready and go out and ride! Believe me, life is too short to sit back and dream about it. Make that dream come true!

If you have any questions about this or any of your cycling, atv, or utv needs give us a call here at C&T CYCLES. We would love to help. Thanks for reading, Mike **821-752-5466** or XLCH1@MW.TWCBC.COM

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Several members of the public have asked about donating to the reward fund. Donations to the can be made by making checks payable to Turn in a Poacher, Inc. and sending it to ICO Central Dispatch Center, 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, IN 47401, and marking it c/o Lt. Col. Terry Hyndman. The reward will be adjusted accordingly as donations are received.

CEDAR LAKE MAN ARRESTED AFTER HARASSING HUNTERS

Indiana Conservation Officers arrested Donald Latulip, 71, of Cedar Lake on Sunday evening after receiving a complaint he was interfering with a group of waterfowl hunters on Cedar Lake at 2 p.m.

ICO Alex Neel responded and observed Latulip in a pontoon boat near the hunters, waving a white towel when ducks flew in the area of the hunters. The hunters also gave Neel video showing Latulip discharging a shotgun toward a residential area on the lake.

Latulip left the area in his boat and entered North Point Marina, which he owns. Neel and officers from the Cedar Lake Police Department attempted to make contact with the suspect at the marina but encountered a locked gate. While at the gate, officers heard what sounded like additional gunfire coming from the marina's docks.

Latulip refused to open the locked gate. Officers forced the gate open, and the suspect was placed in a police vehicle at 5 p.m. for transport to Lake County Jail.

Latulip faces charges of criminal recklessness with a deadly weapon, a level 6 felony; hunter harassment, a class C misdemeanor, and hindering a conservation officer, also a class C misdemeanor.

All charges are merely accusations and all suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in court.

SHOOTING RANGE HOURS TO CHANGE FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Shooting range hours to change for Jan. and Feb. All shooting ranges operated by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife will adjust their hours of operation during the months of January and February.

The ranges at the following fish & wildlife areas will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT, depending on their location: Crosley, Deer Creek, J.E. Roush

Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, Kingsbury, Pigeon River, Sugar Ridge, Tri-County, Wilbur Wright, and Winamac.

This will not affect the hours of operation for archery ranges, which are open daily, sunrise to sunset at these properties.

Regular range hours will resume March 1 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT depending on location, Wednesday through Sunday.)

The Division of Fish & Wildlife strives to provide clean, safe ranges. The ranges are staffed by trained range safety officers and most charge no free. These ranges are great places to shoot the new gun you may have received over the holidays or to sight in your firearm for your next hunting outing.

For more information on shooting range hours, visit wildlife.IN.gov/3648.htm.

FALLS OF THE OHIO STATE PARK STARTING GEOLOGY CLUB JAN. 5TH

Meetings are scheduled for the first Sunday of every month beginning Sunday, Jan. 5. The club will meet from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the park's Interpretive Center. Leaders will discuss the club's purpose and goals.

The meeting is free, but there is a \$2 parking fee. Admission to the gallery is not included. Admission is \$9 for age 12 and older and \$7 for children ages 5-11. Children younger than 5 are free.

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

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Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith
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Frustrated!!

I'm sitting here, trying to think of something good for this month's Gad-A-Bout and can only think of the political atrocities being committed as the nation prepares for another Presidential election. Hiding behind all the lies and innuendos being thrown about like chicken feed in the barn yards of Americans trying to convince the Bible thumping, gun carrying deplorables of the egregious errors of their ways and that they must join the leftist movement and succumb to the lies being strewn about on the news media and internet. As a result, the government will lean further left and increase its power over the people until the Constitution is rewritten to give all control to the government. The Bill of Rights is being trampled upon and needs to be stopped. This has happened before and the cycle of of anarchy will begin again.

My Thoughts on Self-protection in the home and the need for training

How many guns should you own? There are many who would say "None". I believe that every family member of responsible age should be trained in the use, safe handling and maintenance of all guns in the household. When I was young, 8 or 9 years old, my father made sure that I and my older brother knew how to shoot, how to clean his guns, and the safety procedures to unload and make the gun safe. I can't remember a time that I was not allowed to handle his shotguns. I hunted with my father, as did my brother, and neither of us ever handled the guns for any reason other than to hunt or to clean them. Or go to the Turkey shoot with Dad. They weren't toys, they were tools. I had a BB gun to target shoot with and a .22 bolt action single shot Winchester to hunt squirrels and small varmints. When I became a parent I taught my children respect for guns as they grew up just like my father taught me. They never played with the guns nor caused me any worry over the guns. Knowledge is power, and knowledge on the proper and safe handling of guns, on hunting, on target shooting, seems to satisfy most young people with their curiosity towards firearms. I believe that every household should keep in the home a sidearm,

for personal protection, a shotgun for hunting small game and possibly a rifle for hunting larger game.

I am a strong proponent that everyone should have training in the use and handling of firearms whether or not they want to own a firearm. Maybe that could be a required class in schools. There are programs available to teachers to help educate the children in safety handling of firearms. The Boy Scouts of America still support the Rifle badge. The NRA, and the gun clubs in America promote and assist youth in the skills needed to become proficient in the safe handling of firearms. The Indiana State Department of Natural Resources promotes youth outdoor activities including hunter, boater, trapper, bowhunter and snowmobile education courses. The DNR doesn't provide gun training though. We have to get back to teaching our children to be more responsible in all aspects of our daily lives. That is the only way we can lower or reduce the fantasy role playing which has caused the tragedies we see occurring at Virginia Tech, Columbine, Sandy Hook, . Changing the Law will have no long term effect. I heard that Congress has more important matters to address immediately than the gun controls being proposed. That is code for "Let's wait until things cool down and off the radar of most folks, then we can pass legislation before they can react." Write your congressman now, and tell him how you feel. Keep a copy of that letter and later remind him or her with a follow up copy of that letter.

The paragraphs above were previously published in the February of 2013 Gad-A-Bout. What I wrote then is still as relevant and important today as it was then. Wikipedia has a list of the most notable mass shootings in the United States that goes back to June 21st & 22nd, 1922. Mass shootings as defined by today's media appears greater than ever before. But many "mass shootings" in years past may not have been noted by the national media as communications were not as broad or as quick as it is today.

It appears that nothing has really changed in the last 6 years and most of the political and media players are still the same. The only real difference is that the left has become more aggressive and vocal and media friendly. The left is continuing its attacks on the President and the republican party. It doesn't matter what the President and his office achieves as it is twisted and reported in a negative tone. The Dumbing down of America is proceeding at an increased frenzy with misinformation and falsehoods and unsubstantiated facts being thrown about with the intent to disrupt and destroy our way of life..

Quote of the Month

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." ~ Ronald Reagan

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

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

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See adjacent page (29 & 30) for information on the Everton Volunteer Fire Department Bass Tournament which will be held on April 25, 2020 at Brookville Lake, Fairfield Ramp. The \$2500.00 first place is guaranteed, this is their second year for the tournament. Below are the list of winning teams that won at the 2019 Bass Tournament and a photo of one of the Everton Volunteer Fire Department vehicles on Fairfield Ramp on Brookville Lake. (See map of Lake on Page 16 & 17) No names were available for above photo.

Everton VFD 2019 Bass Tournament						
Team	Name	# of Fish	Penalty	Total Weight pounds/ounces	Big Bass	Finish
33	Cary Daley & James Whitaker	5	0	12 - 1.4	4-1.6	1st & Big Bass
23	Tim Maupin & Dustin Burk	5	0	11 - 8.8		2nd
58	Will Halbig Jr & Will Halbig Sr	5	0	11 - 6.4		3rd
19	Leroy McQueen & Josh Ford	5	0	11 - 2.6		4th
53	Seth Frick & Cruze Eskins	5	0	11 - 0.4		5th
62	James Hailstones & Rickey Robertson	5	0	10 - 13.2		6th
48	Chad Rector & Bill Smith	5	0	10 - 10.2		7th
20	Drexal Hubbard & Bert VanFleet	5	0	10 - 8.8		8th
1	Mike & Chris Bartlett	5	0	10 - 6.6	3-13.8	9th
17	Jim Clark & Chris Burk	5	0	10 - 5.2		10th
55	Greg Buckingham & Scott McDonald	5	0	10 - 5.0		11th
3	Damon Tingle & Randy Abbott	5	0	9 - 15.0		12th
43	Chris Malat & Dan Roberts	5	0	9 - 13.2		13th
13	Deacon & Dave Cashdollar	5	0	9 - 11.6		14th
52	Jeff Mullen & Jeremy New	5	0	9 - 11.6		14th
45	Eric Lanham & Brett Zins	5	0	9 - 7.0		16th
30	Eric Gates & Jack Wicker	5	0	9 - 5.6		17th
34	Mike Seal & Brad Schneck	4	0	9 - 3.6	3-12.0	18th



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Eleven year old Nolan Lakes took his first deer in Wayne County with a .243 on November 17, 2019 at 3:00. Submitted by a very proud father, John Lakes via E-mail.



Steve Napier took this turkey with a crossbow at Mississinewa Reservoir October 19. It had a 10" beard and 3/4" spurs. Submitted by (Bozarth Country Store Ryan's Photo, Lagro, IN)



Carl Young took this really nice deer in Wayne County, Indiana in 2019. Submitted via e-mail from onelamb. Congratulations Carl, thanks for sending it to me.



Everton Volunteer Fire Dept Bass Tournament

Brookville Lake * Fairfield Ramp * April 25, 2020

**** \$2500.00 First Place Guaranteed ****

*****Boat #1 starting position to be auctioned off morning of tournament*****

\$100.00 team entry fee includes big bass

<p><u>Check-in no later than</u> 6:15 at ramp 6:30 AM – Mandatory meeting 7:00 AM – Take Off 3:00 PM – Weigh-in</p>	<p><u>Starting positions determined by date of postmark on entry</u> This is a team tournament Anglers may not fish alone</p>	<p><u>Mailed Entries and fees must be received no later than</u> April 17, 2020 Entries will be taken day of tournament but will be CASH ONLY</p>
<p>Make checks/money orders payable to: <u>Everton Volunteer Fire Department</u> 70% Pay Out - All proceeds will be donated to the Everton Volunteer FD</p>		<p><u>Mail Entries to:</u> Chip Ayers * 504 S. Poplar St. Greensburg, IN * 47240 * Questions? Call 812-593-8915</p>

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I have read and am familiar with the rules and in signing this application I hereby waive and release all contestants, sponsors, tournament and state officials from all claims due to injury or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. In signing, I submit myself to a truth test at the discretion of tournament officials and agree to abide to the results as interpreted by professionals conducting the test. I also agree to abide by those decisions and rulings of the director conducting these events. I swear that the facts below are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Boater name _____ Partner's Name _____
 Address _____ Address _____
 City, State, ZIP _____ City, State, ZIP _____
 Cell # (____) _____ Cell # (____) _____
 E-mail _____ E-mail _____
 Insurance Co & Policy # _____
 Boat (yr., make, model) _____
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RULES

1. **TRUTH VERIFICATION TEST.** Cheating will not be tolerated. Deceiving tournament officials or doing any act in order to obtain an unfair advantage will lead to disqualification. By signing the entry, contestants agree to submit to a truth verification test (polygraph or voice stress test). At the conclusion of each tournament a truth verification test may be administered to one or two teams placing in the top ten positions or winning the Big Bass award. Should a team placing in the top ten or catching Big Bass leave the tournament site making themselves unavailable if asked to take the truth verification test, their catch may be disqualified. Lastly, tournament director reserves the right to request any contestant to submit to a truth verification test within seven days of the conclusion of the tournament. Failure to submit to a test when requested or failure of the same shall result in disqualification and banishment from further tournaments.
2. **REGISTRATION.** There will be a short mandatory meeting approximately 15 minutes prior to take off. Entries and fees must be received no later than **April 17, 2020**. Starting positions will be determined by date of postmark on entry.
3. **PARTICIPANTS.** Everyone (male/female) is welcome to enter, however, the tournament director reserves the right to refuse entry from any contestant. Anyone under 18 years of age may fish only with parent, legal guardian or other adult if a signed statement is provided. ***ANGLERS MAY NOT FISH ALONE***
4. **BOATS AND MOTORS.** All boats must be equipped with a lanyard type kill switch. Boat must be at least 15 feet in length. Trolling as a method of catching fish is prohibited. Stick steering is considered dangerous and shall not be permitted. Jet motors and tiller steering is allowed. Every boat must have an aerated livewell large enough to maintain a live limit of fish. Altering a boat from factory specifications to gain length or height is not permitted.
5. **HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS.** Your motor must not exceed the manufacturers or Coast Guard horsepower rating for your boat. Jet drives are allowed, however motor power head rating must still comply. Any questions please contact tournament director.
6. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT.** Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork strips or rinds, etc. Only one rod and reel may be used at any one time, however, several may be rigged and ready for use. Rods shall not be more than 8 feet in length.
7. **SAFETY.** Safe boating conduct should be observed at all times. Competitors must have a US Coast Guard approved P.F.D. on and secured any time the gas engine is running. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. An operating lanyard type kill switch must be attached to boat and operator when gas engine is in operation. Boat operator must test kill switch prior to each tournament.
8. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS.** Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except areas designated by state or federal officials or any other water determined by the tournament officials. **ALL ANGLING MUST BE DONE FROM THE BOAT. Anglers shall not leave the boat to land a fish or gain access to fishing waters.** Anglers must be in contact with the boat at all times except in case of emergency or brief excursions in "nature calling". ***There shall be no trailering of fish during weigh-in***
9. **PENALTIES.** Only largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass will be weighted. At no time shall a team have more than a limit of five (5) fish in their livewells. Doing so is grounds for disqualification. The length for fish shall be 14 inches or otherwise regulated by the state. Fish will be measured with mouth closed on a "Golden Rule". As solely determined by tournament official, undersized fish will be penalized at the rate of one pound per fish and dead fish at the rate of one quarter of one pound per fish. The dead fish penalty applies only to the total creel weight and not towards any big bass weights/awards. A team who arrives at the official check-point area after prescribed check-in time will be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute. After 10 minutes all weight shall be lost for that day. Late penalties do apply to any "Big Bass" weights. At no time shall a bass be stringed and doing so will lead to disqualification.
10. **RULINGS.** The tournament officials shall reserve all rights for rule interpretations and to refuse an entry. Furthermore, tournament officials have the authority to announce or present any rule revisions (printed or not) as deemed appropriate. Violating tournament rules may be reason for disqualification.
11. **SPORTSMANSHIP.** Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Alcohol and abused drugs are not permitted in a boat during tournament hours. Fish must be caught in a sporting manner, therefore, snagging fish is not permitted.
12. **TIES.** All monies will be totaled and split equally.
13. **PROTEST.** Protest against another competitor must be in writing, signed and in the hands of tournament director within 15 minutes after scales are closed.
14. **REFUNDS.** Your entry may be refunded only if the tournament director is notified by **entry deadline of April 17, 2020**. There is a \$20 bank charge for returned checks.
15. **INSURANCE.** Adequate liability insurance is required of all contestants using their boats in the tournament.

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