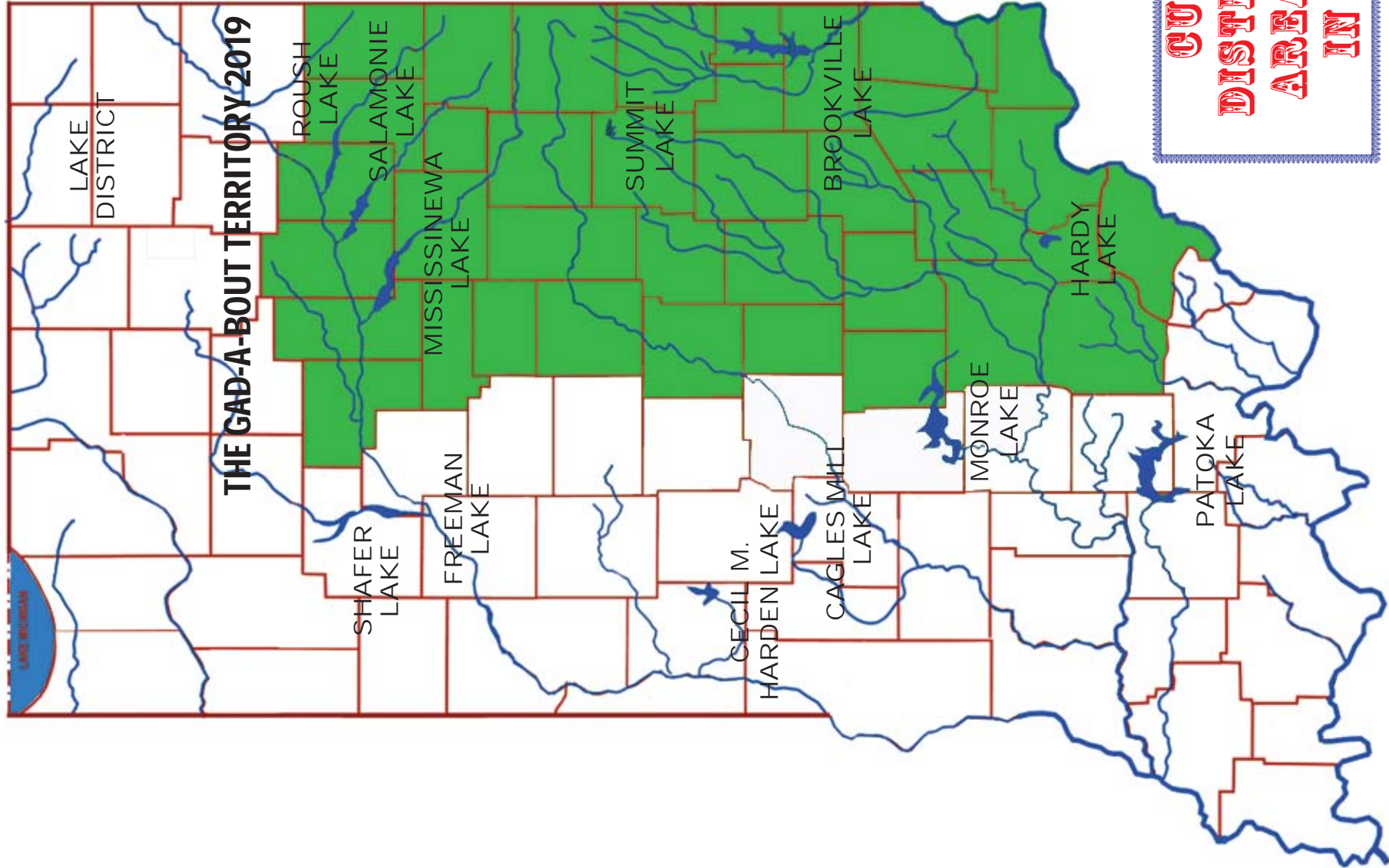


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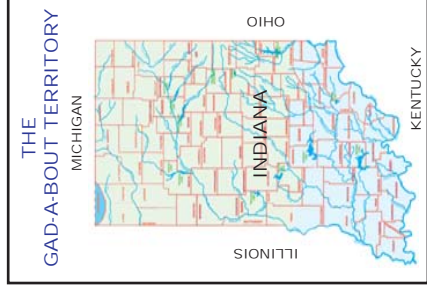
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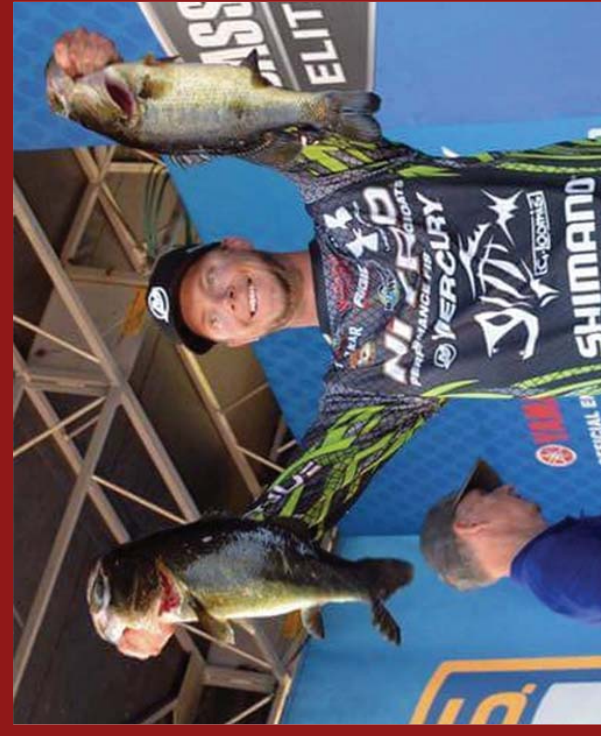
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Top Right: The DAV in cooperation with Columbia Trust makes available a grant to local veterans organizations to cover nearly half the cost of selected model vans. The remaining cost of the Wayne County Van is raised through generous donations by businesses and individuals in the community. VFW Post 1108 at 213 South 8th Street is currently accepting donations for a new van. The van is then donat-

ed to the DVAMC who pay for all service, maintenance and fuel. See Pages 16-18 (Photo by Ron Weadick)
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by Ray Dickerson
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I prefer an experienced advertising sales person, but would consider an eager person willing to learn the ropes, as we used to say in my day.

The Whitewater Valley area includes Wayne, Fayette, Union and Franklin Counties.

Currently I distribute The Gad-a-bout from Richmond north to Winchester, northwest to Salamonie Reservoir, west to Logansport, south to Greenfield, south to Shelbyville, south to Scottsburg, east to Madison, northeast to Versailles, northeast to West Harrison and north back to Richmond.

On the bottom half of the front cover of The Gad-a-bout there is a map of Indiana with my current distribution area marked in green.

Anyone interested in contacting me about this position can contact me by calling my cell phone 765-960-5767, e-mail

raythegadabout@gmail.com or mailing me a letter to Ray Dickerson, 105 East South Street, Centerville, IN 47330.

I don't text messages nor do I have an iphone or ipad. I am probably a bit old fashioned, but at 78, I won't be changing too much in the near future.

FORD 66TH ANNUAL INDIANAPOLIS BOAT, SPORT & TRAVEL SHOW FEB 14TH - 23RD

Attending the "boat" show is on the February calendar of thousands of outdoor adventure-seeking Hoosiers every year. It's more than just something to do in late winter. It's a way to fulfill wishes and build dreams for places to go, activities to do and seek out items to use.

The first plan you need to make is setting aside a day or more between February 14th and the 23rd to attend the 2020 Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show. As the show dates get closer, check out www.indysportshow.com for the latest news and to pre-purchase show tickets. Check out the special activities planned by the DNR at: www.calendar.dnr.IN.gov.

When you come to the show plan to come home with more - more information; perhaps, like the Montsayers, a new RV; or like thousands of other show attendees, a new fishing license. Most importantly come home with a plan which will get you and your family outdoors for the rest of 2020.

You save money when you buy your tickets online at IndySportShow.com. (Originally written by Mike Schoonveld in January Gad-a-bout)

FRANKLIN CO. TOURISM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HELPS THE GAD-A-BOUT SET UP AT THE FORD 66TH INDIANAPOLIS BOAT, SPORT & TRAVEL SHOW



Mikel Davis-Beck who is the Executive Director of Franklin County Tourism in our booth at the Ford 66th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show. The show is February 14-23, 2020 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds (Author Photo)

I had a major problem develop with my paper scheduling, I had to be delivering my March Gad-a-bout the week my booth would be set up at this show. Several weeks prior to the show I asked Mikel Davis-Beck, Executive Director of Franklin County Tourism if she would be interested in taking care of my booth that week. I told her it would be a good way to promote Franklin County and solve my problem at the same time. It wasn't the first time though because she volunteered to help me a couple night last year.

As you can see in above photo she is taking care of it. She, her husband Hans and I set the booth up on Wednesday, February 12th filling it with Franklin County tourism information and Gad-a-bouts also. She also recruited several volunteers from Franklin County to take care of the booth with her. I was able to be in the booth Friday evening (Feb 15th) for a H.O.W. meeting, that's when I took the above photo. I will be at the booth Feb 15-16.

The booth is in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion, it is the second booth east of the south entrance into the building. We were the third booth last year.

If you are coming into the Blue Ribbon Pavilion from East Pavilion (Tourism) stay in that aisle all the way to the last aisle, turn left and walk east, past the south entrance, we will be the second booth on the right. If you come to the Corps of Engineer booth stop, turn around we are next to them.

When you are able to pick up The Gad-a-bout do me a favor, thank Mikel and her helpers for helping me be able to have the booth at the show.

THIS MORNING ON THE TV WEATHER CHANNEL ON THE SCREEN WAS WRITTEN "WHY ARE WE GETTING ALL THIS RAIN"

There is a simple reason that I've talked about on many occasions here in The Gad-a-bout. **Weight distribution on the Earth.** The Earth stays balanced on its axis due to the movement of weight. Everything natural including the wind, water, fire and every live or breathing creature moves weight continually without end world-wide.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure that out!

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A POLITICAL COMMENT IN THIS ISSUE FOLLOWING THE IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOR OF THE DEMOCRAT LED CONGRESS WHO HAVE NOT DONE ONE THING TO EARN THE HARD EARNED TAX DOLLARS AMERICAN CITIZENS PAY THEM TO REPRESENT THEIR CONSTITUENTS.

I'm ashamed of all of you who even before President Trump was sworn into office you talked about impeaching him. You are not Americans in my eyes. You are rabble, you don't have the gumption of an amoeba, you are useless, ignorant, slipshod, if you had an ounce of common sense you wouldn't know what to do with it. You don't deserve to even live in the United States of America. In my opinion many of you.....!

When I watched President Trump give his State of the Union speech the other night I was one proud American Veteran and citizen, tears ran down my eyes when The President talked about those he had arranged ahead of time to honor for their deeds. When he talked to the wife, son and daughter of the Marine who was overseas defending his country and you! I said to my wife, "I bet he's there!" and sure enough down the steps came a very proud Marine to see his family in person thanks to President Donald J. Trump, President of these United States of America.

What was the Democrat led Congress doing through out the State of The Union speech?

Sitting on their hands.

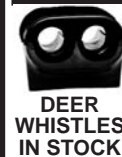
I did see a handful stand up a few times for the honorees, thank you.

If it were up to me (it isn't) I would make all politicians (Senators included) only be able to serve eight years in office (2 terms) like the President. No politicians should be allowed to spend a life time in office. Especially those like Schumer and Pelosi. It makes my skin crawl just thinking about those two. Ugh!

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News from the Indiana State Police



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

Citizens Beware As Tax Season Ushers in a New Scam Season

It's that time of year again, when the Indiana State Police begin to get reports from citizens who have received threatening phone calls from someone claiming to be from the IRS. The caller often has a foreign accent and advises citizens that will be arrested or a lawsuit will be filed against them if they don't send money right away for a "delinquent" tax bill.

The caller will then ask for your personal information in an attempt to steal your identity, or they will ask you to go get prepaid Visa cards and call them back with the numbers, to "pay your tax bill." Remember that government agencies like the IRS, along with law enforcement and banking institutions, will NEVER contact you by phone or email and ask you to "verify" your personal information. After all, they already have your personal information.

Never give out personal information like dates of birth, social security numbers or bank account numbers over the phone or by email. Victims have lost funds ranging from hundreds to thousands of



Truck Inspection Finds a Semi 96,300 Pounds Overweight. (Author Photo)

dollars to the IRS scam and banking scams. Another popular scam right now is the Social Security scam, where you get a call claiming to be from the Social Security Administration saying your Social Security Number has been stolen and they need your personal information to issue you a new number. (By the way, the Social Security Office tells me they NEVER issue new numbers, even when your number has been stolen and misused.)

If you get a call from a number you don't recognize, let it go to voicemail. If they don't leave a message, it was probably a scam call generated from another country, by a computerized automatic dialer using numbers they've pirated from here in the U.S. to make them look legitimate. Even if they do leave a voicemail, which some of them are doing now, they frequently are computerized messages or a person with a foreign accent using broken English. They frequently will leave some sort of threat to you in their message.

Don't call them back! To repeat, government agencies, law enforcement and banking institutions will never call you or contact you via email asking for personal information, or to tell you we have a warrant for your arrest. Agencies and institutions will contact you via US Mail, and if law enforcement has a warrant for you, we'll show up at your door, not alert you about the warrant via a phone call. Even if you get a letter via US Mail that seems suspicious, you can always visit or call your local

bank or government agency to verify.

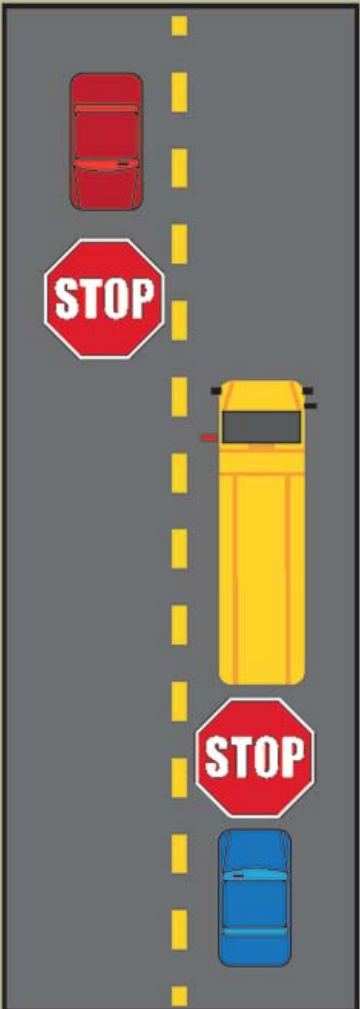
If the scammers can get one victim that believes them out of every thousand calls, they are still making a great deal of money. It's truly amazing how many people still fall victim to these scams, or even the older sweepstakes scam. Remember, you can't "win" a sweepstakes you've never entered, and if you've entered and truly won Publisher's Clearinghouse, they are guaranteed to find you and show up at your door with the giant check. Think about it, if you've entered, they obviously have your address, and you won't ever have to pay money to get your prize money.

There are now filters and apps available that you can get on your phone that claim to cut down or eliminate the scam phone calls, but I can't vouch for their effectiveness. For now, still let unknown phone calls go to voicemail. If you've been a victim by being scammed and losing money, the web site to report the incident to the FBI is www.ic3.gov.

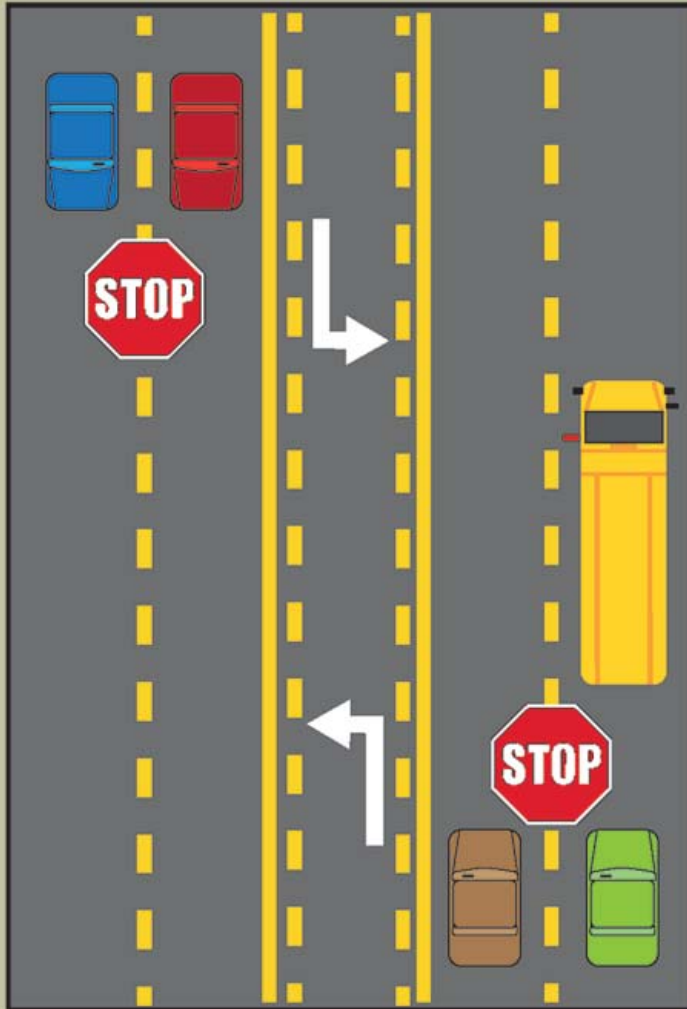
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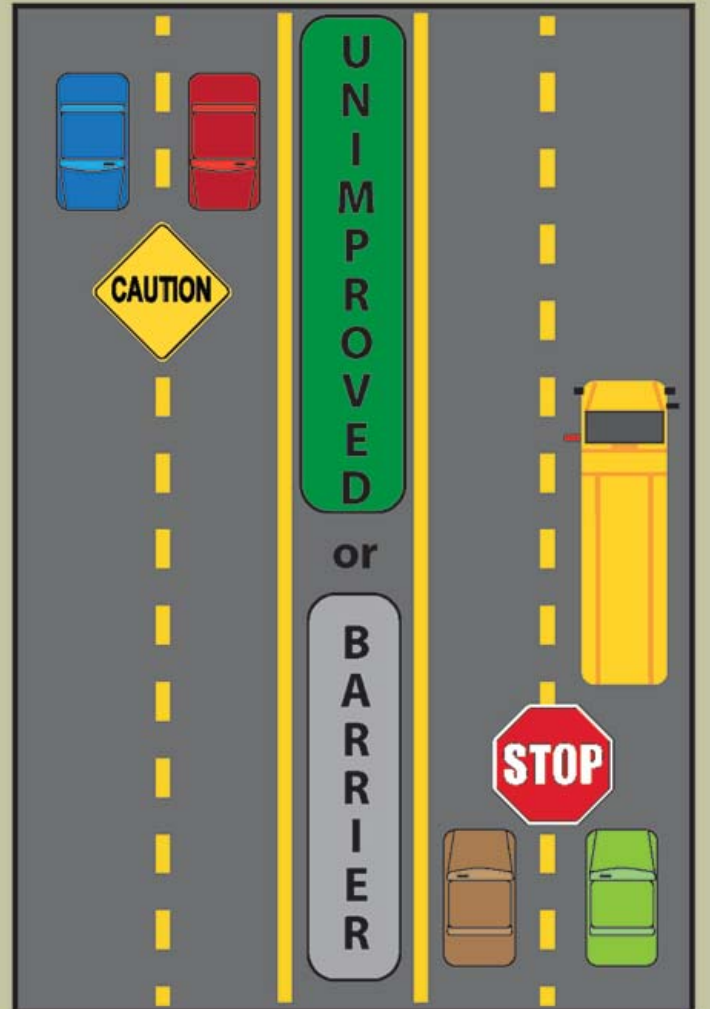
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able for public transportation within the city to the CBOC. For veterans needing a ride to and from the Dayton VA for treatment there is a free service available on a first come, first served, basis.

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- Veterans must be ready at agreed pick up time. The van cannot wait.

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Roaming The Outdoors

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GRASSLANDS FOR GAMEBIRDS & SONG BIRDS HAD SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

The DNR's Grasslands for Gamebirds & Songbirds (GGs) initiative made a quantifiable impact in establishing habitat for birds and pollinators in its first year.

Grassland habitat also improves soil health and water quality, which can in turn improve overall human health, and increases recreational opportuni-

ties for Hoosiers.

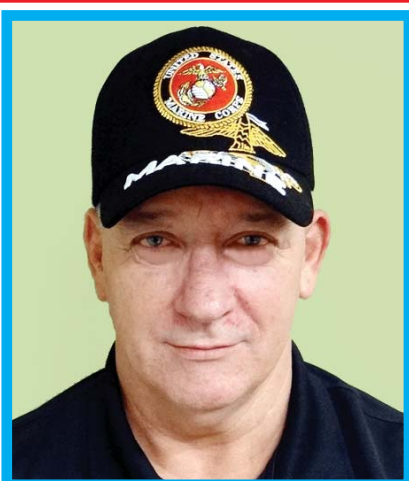
In recent years, native grassland habitat has declined in Indiana and across the country, as have many of the birds and pollinators that rely on that habitat. GGS aims to reverse that trend by providing Indiana landowners with technical and financial assistance to restore that habitat.

In 2019, 138 habitat projects on more than 1,800 acres started establishing native grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs. Efforts to spread the word about declining grasslands, birds, and pollinators have reached more than 850,000 people through the efforts of DNR and its partners. Research and moni-

toring efforts are also underway to assess the impact newly established habitat has on grassland bird species. More than 300 bird surveys on 14,500 acres were completed in 2019. Additional research is being conducted through Indiana's first National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) focal area.

In coordination with GGS, more than 2,000 acres of private land were enrolled in Access Program Providing Land Enhancements (APPLE) to improve habitat and provide new recreational opportunities. Since APPLE started in 2017, 114 new gamebird hunting opportunities have been provided.

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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard
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Winter wrote that Mas-saw played euchre and poker. She was an adroit expert at poker and gambling, often raking men of experience who attended her "receptions" in the second floor of the cabin. Her cabin was the headquarters for the Indian Agent, Col. Abel C. Pepper, during the treaty council. Her name is attached to the long list of Indian chiefs, Head Men, and warriors in the treaty signed August 5, 1837. However, this treaty was never ratified by Congress, so it did not take effect and is not included in the official Treaty Book.

Mas-saw's cabin was a double log structure, substantially built, with two rooms upstairs and two rooms on the ground floor. A wide passage of nine-feet separated the rooms both on the first and second floor. This log house was the place of general rendezvous for all the Indians who did not bring their camps with them. Winter called it a "log mansion."

Mas-saw had married a French Canadian, Andrew Gosselin. They had a daughter named Maurie, about age 14 at that time. Winter sketched Maurie too, and noted that she held an umbrella and a long handkerchief as she posed. Like her mother, Maurie was married to a white man, Henry Taylor, who worked for Ewing & Walker, traders in Logansport. He died sometime between the summer of 1837 and the forced removal in the fall of 1838. Maurie later married Thomas McKinney.

During the time of the treaty councils, Mas-saw made considerable money providing room and board to the white men who attended. Besides Winter and Pepper, there was Col. L. H. Sands, George Profit (who conducted a group of Potawatomi to Kansas in the fall of 1837), Dr. Jerolaman (whose house is now the Cass County Museum), and Gardiner - an agent to secure Indian boys to attend the Choctaw Academy in Kentucky. Winter reported that they had lively conversations around the table during meal time. Another Potawatomi woman named Doga helped Mas-saw with the cooking, which was done in Doga's wigwam.

Winter stayed at Mas-saw's house for several days after the council ended, perfecting his sketches. He drew scenes of an Indian burial and of the Indians playing several games. "Moccasin" was like a shell game in which a person turned three moccasins upside down and hid a trinket or stone under one moccasin, and the players had to guess which one it was under. Another game was "Yuh-youh-tche-chick" and was similar to quoits. They also had stare-downs called the Game of Wink. They would make bets on who would laugh or blink first.

Mas-saw wore a cape covered with circular silver ornaments. Several strands of small blue-black beads hung around her neck. She wore a belt pendant and from it hung several steel chains and watch keys that hung nearly to her knees. Her skirt was adorned with rows of red and white ribbons, about two inches wide, cut into points and sewn neatly. Her shawl was blue and decorated with flowers. Leggings completed the handsome outfit.

Mas-saw and her family went west with the



Mas-saw, as painted by George Winter, courtesy of Evelyn Ball. Mas-saw was on the Potawatomi Trail of Death. She was the great-grandmother of Jim Thorpe, the world's greatest athlete. (Author Photo)

emigration of the Potawatomi to Kansas in 1838, known as the Trail of Death. Winter sketched the scene of the camp at Mud Creek, showing tripods with small kettles as the Indians cooked their supper. He also sketched their last Mass held at their camp in Logansport about where the hospital is now. He also sketched them as they headed west on September 10, wending their way along the north bank of the Wabash River.

Mas-saw continued her influence in Kansas and signed the Treaty of 1861, which created the Citizen Band by making them U.S. citizens and giving them farm land in Oklahoma. Because of her influence, that treaty has a clause giving the women equal rights with men. This was many years before white women were given those rights.

But Mas-saw's greatest achievement was something she never saw and could not have dreamed. Her great-grandson, Jim Thorpe, won the decathlon and pentathlon at the 1912 Olympics. He went on to star in football and baseball. He was the first president of the National Football League. At the end of the 20th century, Thorpe was voted the "World's Greatest Athlete" by the nation's press and sports announcers.

Mas-saw's younger daughter Elizabeth Goslin married Louis Vieux's son Jacob Vieux; their daughter Charlotte married Hiram Thorpe and gave birth to Jim Thorpe in 1887. ■



Jim Thorpe, world's greatest athlete, won 10 of the contests in the 1912 Olympics. His great - grandmother was Potawatomi chieftess, Mas-saw, who lived at Lake Kee-wau-nay (Lake Bruce) and was on the 1838 Trail of Death from Indiana to Kansas. (Author Photo)

Mas-saw & Jim Thorpe

Mas-saw (also spelled Massah) was a Potawatomi chieftess at Lake Kee-wau-nay, now called Lake Bruce, in Fulton County, Indiana. She had a log cabin and provided room and board to George Winter, the frontier artist who came to sketch the Treaty of 1837. Her rank of chieftess was inherited through her father, Wassato. Winter noted that she had uncommon intelligence, and her influence among the Indians was very observable.

Winter made pencil sketches of the Indians at the treaty council and on the back of the sketches he wrote their names, the color and fabric of their clothing, what they said and what they did. Later he made oil paintings from his sketches. His paintings and sketches were published in books by the Indiana Historical Society in 1948 and 1993.

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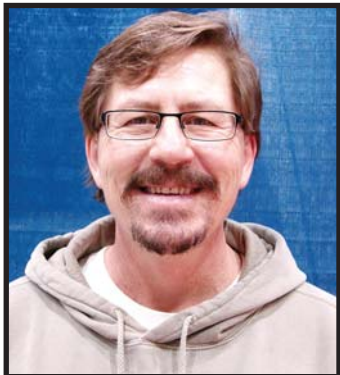


This is a photo of the stilling basin when the Corps of Engineers was utilizing their flood control method of releasing excess rain water from the lake. (Author Photo)



This is my Guide Service boat I use on Brookville Lake. I was at Bonwell Hill Ramp when I took this photo. See my guide information below. (Author Photo)

So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**

Professional Fishing Guide

Brookville Lake Flood Control

March is the month where things start to change in the lake. This is also the month where the army corp. of engineers starts to hold back the water for summer pool. From mid-March to October 15th army corp. of engineers are trying to be hold the lake level at 748 feet above sea level. From October 15th to March they are trying to hold the lake level at 740 feet above sea level. This is all done by opening gates and or valves in the control tower at the dam. If the lake is low the corp. closes the gates a little bit till the desired lake level is achieved. If the lake level is higher than they want, the Corp. simply opens the gates to increase the amount of water flowing out. Nothing is ever pumped, it's all done with gravity. If you want to see this in action you can see the process at the tail water area right below the dam at Brookville lake.

Brookville lake is just one little part of a massive flood control project. It all starts from the lakes in this region. Lakes like Brookville lake, Monroe lake, Harden lake, Patoka lake, Mississinewa lake, Salamonie lake, Cagle Mill lake, Edward Roush lake plus 12 more in Ohio and Kentucky. All these lakes eventually run into the Ohio river. The Ohio river has lock and dams built up and down the river with names like Meldahl lock and dam and Markland lock

and dam. Between the dams are called pools. If you think about it, the pools on the Ohio river are really just long narrow lakes instead of a free-flowing river. The locks make it possible for boats and barges to move from one pool to the next without getting out of the water. This is achieved by releasing water into the locks or releasing water out of the locks, again no pumps are used its all done with gravity. A side note, all the lakes in the region are used for flood control 1st and recreation second.

Brookville lake was bought and paid for by the federal government and built by the army corp. of engineers which is a department of the federal government. The Army corp. of engineers retained control of the dam, the overlook, and the tail water area.

The rest of the Brookville lake complex is leased to the state of Indiana. The state of Indiana has a department that's takes care of the lake and everything around it called the department of natural resources. The state also has another department called the law division. This department is made up of conservation officers. They are officers that police the water for violations and help us out when we need a helping hand.

The entire flood control project in the region is over seen by what is known as the Louisville district, but each lake or lock and dam has people that have eyes all over them on a constant day to day basis in case something happens or changes. For example, in the summer if the all of the lakes in this region are at summer pool and all the Ohio river pools are at their normal pool, its business as usual, routine if you will. Then it starts to rain and all the lakes in the region start to fill above their designated pools. Between the managers and the Louisville district there are decisions made by everyone involved I'm sure, but the Louisville district has to keep its eye on the entire region. I would think they would have some sleepless nights at times. From there the pool levels are monitor in the Ohio river. The dams on the Ohio river are control by 12 huge gates across the top of the dams. They can open 1 at a time or all 12 gates, a little or a lot depending on water level. The lakes levels are controlled by valves and gates. Some lakes like Brookville lake is a dammed up river, so they can dump a lot of water if they need to. Other lakes are dammed up creeks, so they would be limited on how much water they can release without doing damage things downstream. The only problem you have is your trying to control mother nature, because sometimes mother nature has to show you who is really in charge. This is why all the lakes in the region have spillways built next to the dams. If we get to much rain to fast the lake water will merely flow around the dam and through the spillway and on into the river or the creek. The issue you have with this scenario is there is no control. It's just is what it is. On the Ohio river the water either flows over the dam or spreads out of its banks. Most all the river towns along the Ohio river have levees of some sort to help protect them from these rare flood events.

Several years ago, we had gotten a lot of rain for several days while the lake was at winter pool, which was a good thing. The lake was 740 feet above sea

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Fishing Line

If you are a fisherman the itch to get on the water has started. Many of us have begun polishing our equipment, organizing tackle boxes and de-spooling the old fishing line from our reels; but before you re-spool let's explore the different options in fishing line today. There are three main categories that will be discussed: monofilament, fluorocarbon, and braided line. Every angler regardless of the species of fish targeted knows the importance of using the proper type of fishing line. Let's compare and contrast the differences.

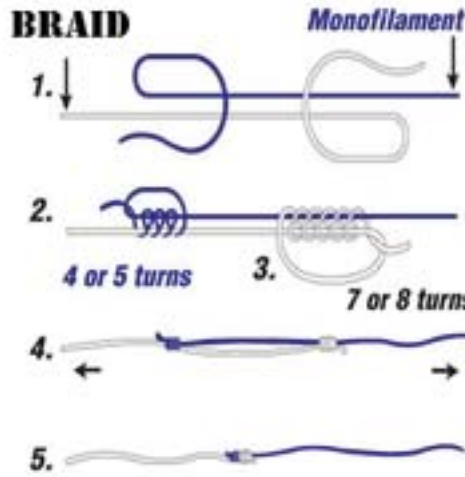
Monofilament is the most prevalently used fishing line on the market today, and rightfully so. It has very good knot strength and abrasion resistance and is a great "all-around" line to use but it has its cons as well. It has low visibility in water but not completely invisible to the fish. It also contains a lot of "stretch" and "memory". The fact that the line can stretch and lengthen actually reduces its sensitivity making it harder to feel fish bite. For example, sensing the strike of a shy crappie is very tough with this particular line. Also, many anglers are familiar with the memory that this line holds when trying to spool up a spinning reel. It can twist, loop, and have a mind of its own.

Fluorocarbon line is the newest line on the market and has both good and bad qualities as well. Fluorocarbon is super sensitive because it has very little stretch and is almost invisible in the water, which is an awesome quality for highly pressured fish in our local lakes today. Another quality of fluorocarbon is that it actually sinks in water unlike monofilament. This makes it very useful when trying to keep a lure down low in the water column to stay in the strike zone longer. There are some obvious trade offs with this line although. Fluorocarbon has very low abrasion resistance and if you attempt to use it prepare to bump up the line size to avoid frequent breakage. Even when tying knots, if the line is aggressively tied it could potentially fray and break even quicker. It also has a very strong memory and is very hard to use on spinning reels.

Braided fishing line has been around for many years, but lately it has really taken a stronger hold

Double Uni Knot

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In order to use a combination of braid and monofilament you must learn to tie a special knot to splice them together, see above illustration. (Author Illustration)

with bass anglers who have found new ways of utilizing it. Braided line by far has the highest abrasion resistance and can be used in a much smaller line diameter per pound test than its competitors. The diameter of 60lbs braid is equivalent to 12lbs monofilament but 100x stronger. Braid has absolutely no stretch and no memory making it a fun line to use, but the downside is that it is the most visible line in the water and can cost you strikes in clear water.

How do we put all this information together to make a decision for this year's fishing season? First, what reel are we using? On spinning reels we use braid 100% of the time because it has no memory and with that we add a monofilament leader line, which is less visible to the fish. Sometimes we use a fluorocarbon leader but we prefer monofilament because the knot holds better and it has better resistance to abrasion. In order to use a combination of braid and monofilament you must learn to tie a special knot to splice them together - we prefer the "Uni to Uni" knot, which can be easily found online. There are many others that are effective, but we prefer this one.

Next, with baitcasting reels that are used for any lure under the surface we like 100% fluorocarbon in 15-20lb test. We use fluoro because it sinks, is quite invisible, and has excellent feel, increasing our odds of getting a bite. With surface lures we like no stretch so we can easily work a topwater plug. We can't use fluorocarbon because the line sinks, so we typically go with a braided line with a monofilament leader, similar to a spinning reel set up. Regardless of the species you fish and the techniques you use, finding the right line is important. New developments and ideas in the fishing line industry has led to a wide array of applications - far more than what is mentioned in this article - so break those old habits of the usual fishing line and venture into something that can help you put more fish in the boat. ■

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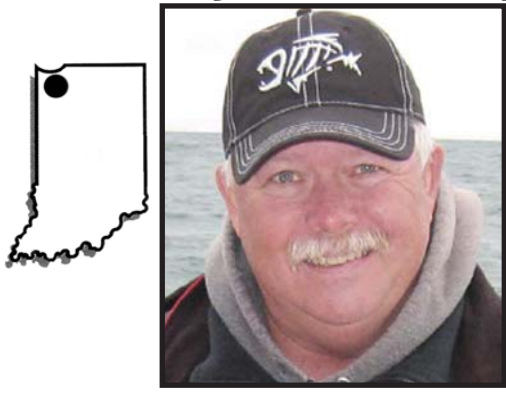
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Fishing Lake Michigan



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BFF Reactivates 60,000 boats

You've seen them, I've seen them, maybe you've got one. I'm talking about boats sitting idle out behind the barn, inside the barn, gathering nothing but dust or leaves, apparently abandoned. Maybe you don't have a barn. So substitute a garage or back corner of the yard. Call them "lapsed" boats.

Some lapsed boats are leaky or otherwise unus-



Is this boat ready to go or ready to be re-registered? (Author Photo)

able, some have no-start engines. Commonly, however, the only thing wrong with a lapsed boat is the boat's registration is not been current and is in need of being renewed. Perhaps it's been like that for a year or two. There's no sense in delving into the reasons for this, but I'm sure some of the lapsed boats are sitting under the dust or leaves is because on the day the boat's owner thinks about hitching up and heading out, the realization comes the registration renewal is still on the person's "things-to-do" pile.

When the deep thinkers at the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) became aware of the numbers of lapsed boats sitting idly across the country, they did more than take notice, they took it as a challenge to reverse the problem. Step one was to identify why those boats were stored away or neglected, then develop a strategy to get them out of the barn and into the water.

Some states allow online renewals, others are mail-in and for some, renewing a registration requires a trip to the BMV or DMV office - plus paying a fee, plus a hassle, since dealing with most governmental agencies are seldom user-friendly experiences.

With this insight, RBFF developed it's Boat Registration Reactivation Program. Perhaps a friendly reminder would encourage the owner of a lapsed boat, with a lapsed (or soon to be lapsed) registration to unlapse or keep it from lapsing. Perhaps when the new registration sticker arrived, the boat's owner would head for the barn, dust off the boat's cover to apply the new registration sticker or at least file it in an easy-to-find spot. Perhaps it would encourage the boat's owner to make plans to hitch up the boat, put new fuel in the tank and head for the lake. Perhaps the next

time the boater hears the "fish are jumping in the boat" he or she will be both enthused and ready to capture some of the boat-loving fish.

The RBFF started small in a big way. Instead of going nationwide, their pilot program started in a single state, Florida. But Florida isn't a slouch as a boating state. It ranks #1 in dollars spent on boats according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association and #3 according to the U.S. Coast Guard for the number of registered (non-lapsed) boats.

The pilot program was initiated in 2012 and since that time, tens of thousands of boaters in Florida have reactivated their vessel registration," said Florida FWC Division of Law Enforcement's Major Rob Rowe. "These reactivated boaters are able to get out on the water and enjoy the many boating opportunities Florida has to offer. The vessel registration renewal fees generated by this program also help support boating safety education and fund additional resources, including improved boating access throughout our state."

The program is now active in 19 states. The cost of producing the materials, mailing and other incidentals is entirely funded by RBFF. The only cost to participating state agencies is staff time needed to identify and deliver contact information for the owners of boats with lapsed registrations.

To date, the program has resulted in more than 60,000 re-registrations. The 2019 program saw an overall drop in total letters mailed out, but brought an increase of nearly 34,000 registrations over the 2018 program. In all, 60,810 boats were re-registered as a result of the program, reeling in more than \$2.23 million in gross program registration fees to the participating states; money, as in Florida, can be funneled back into programs and infrastructure benefiting boating and fishing.

RBFF is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase participation in recreational angling and boating, thereby protecting and restoring the nation's aquatic natural resources. Check out the RBFF website: www.TakeMeFishing.org for videos and information on how to get your lapsed boat back on the water and much more.

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Left Photo: Jonathon VanDam or JVD as he is known is a heck of a professional fisherman. He competes in the Bassmaster Elite Series tournament trail. Right Photo: On the other side of the coin, JVD finds time for deer hunting as you can see by the photo of this really nice buck. (Author Photo)

Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

THE OUTDOOR SIDE YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT JVD

Jonathon VanDam, or JVD as he is also known, is a heck of a fisherman. He is a helluva professional fisherman I should say. The twenty-eight-year-old Kalamazoo pro competes in the Bassmaster Elite Series tournament trail. In fact, he is the second youngest angler to ever win a Bassmaster Elite series title. He also qualified for his Bassmaster classic in 2013 at just twenty-four years of age. He turned pro at nineteen.

But his impressive fishing career is not what earned him this article on bowhunting.com. Something else did. Something many of you may not even know. Sure, he is one of the top pros in the tournament fishing scene, but he has another passion; bowhunting.

You might think that with the crazy and hectic schedules that professional anglers keep that there would not be any time for bowhunting. Yes and no. Don't get me wrong, it does eat up a lot of their time. It is their job after all. But the timing of the season helps Jonathon out for the fall hunting season. "I'm on the road a lot, and it seems like it's getting to be more and more often. The tournaments themselves

are a week to ten day long process, and occasionally we have two in a row, so in that case we are gone for two straight weeks fishing every day." Then there are other obligations that pull at his schedule. Promotions and the like require his time as well, so all in all he is on the road two to three weeks a month.

While the tournament scene might tie him up during spring turkey season or during some prime bowhunting out west, it actually plays out quite well for the die-hard Midwestern whitetail hunter. "You know, it actually works out pretty well. The end of September through January is pretty much our off-season on the fishing side of things, and it works out perfectly for deer hunting," notes VanDam. Regardless of what part of the country he wants to hunt in, he will be able to catch some prime pre-rut bowhunting action.

You may be wondering, though, how does he can be ready for the hunting season considering his fishing career keeps him busy through the end of September? Jonathon has a pretty simple solution. Even when he is on the road for the tournament scene, you can expect him to have his bow along for the ride. Even when he needs to stay extremely focused and sharp for his tournaments, you can find him and his brother Kevin, and usually some of his mechanics, service and support crew flinging some arrows at least a few nights a week while behind their hotel on the road. This is especially true later in the season as it gets closer to archery season. Hey, when you can't hit the local 3D archery range, shooting a block target behind the Holiday Inn Express is where it's at! I'm sure that besides preparing them for the upcoming archery season, the low-key practice also serves to take their minds off of the intensity that comes with fishing for a living.

During his off-season from the fishing scene, Jonathon spends the majority of his time hunting chasing the whitetails in his home state of Michigan, but he also manages to sneak in some out of state hunts as well. He has been to Kansas the last three years and also makes it a point to get in hunts in most of the big buck states as well, including Missouri,

Iowa and Illinois.

While his schedule opens itself up pretty well allowing him to pursue his passion for bowhunting big Midwestern whitetails, it is quite the contrary when it comes to chasing spring gobblers. That is when he is in the thick of things on the Bassmaster Elite Series. "I do get a few days here and there to turkey hunt around the house, but as far as getting to turkey hunt anywhere else or a lot, my schedule just is not open enough for me to get to do it."

Having been elk hunting once before, Jonathon definitely has an interest in doing more big game bowhunting out west, but just as it is for the rest of us, it is expensive and time consuming, and something that he just hasn't had the chance to do other than that one time yet, but future big game hunts for species he can't hunt around the house are something he is planning for though.

What is it about bowhunting in particular that

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appeals to JVD more than hunting with a gun? Well, the reasons are pretty much the same as they are for all bowhunters. "It is relaxing and definitely presents a lot more of a challenge. It's one of those things where you have to really hone your skills in order to be a proficient bowhunter. You have to be dedicated and stay on top of practicing and really becoming infinitely familiar with your equipment and how it works. Hunting with a gun requires some of that too, but it is ore cut and dry than bowhunting."

He also tapped on a couple of things that also allure certain types of folks to bowhunting. "There are just so many variables that come into play when bowhunting. There are so many things that just have to go right in order to be successful."

And perhaps the reason that he is also a quite accomplished bowhunter can actually be traced back to his fishing success. "Bowhunting is a lot like fishing really. You have to do your homework, you have to find the areas where the deer or turkeys or whatever game it may be, are using and then you have to plan and strategize to the best of your ability to put yourself in the right place at the right time."

Jonathon's best archery buck to date is a Michigan monster main frame eight pointer scoring 157". "That was actually the first big buck I ever killed with my bow. Man, with bowhunting, it seems like you can have a lot of opportunities but can never quite manage to seal the deal, you know?" Yes Jonathon, we do know. All of us bowhunters do. It seems that is quite often the case with the sport.

Just as Jonathon made light of, as bowhunters, we are intentionally placing restrictions upon ourselves. We do this for the sport, for the challenge and for the excitement. And by doing so, success is ten times sweeter when it does come around. ■

Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

TRIPPING ON TWO WHEELS

Getting hooked on motorcycles can be a good thing or a bad thing. I fell into the trap over fifty years ago and I haven't recovered from the disease since. But even after this length of time I'm not sure how I fit into the image of a typical biker. At first I struggled with the proper image, either as a hair covered, knuckle dragging, bar hopping outlaw or a clean shaven sport shirt and slacks dresser. After a week without the use of my razor, the decision was made by my wife and kids. Shave or go back to your pedal powered two-wheeler. With that issue settled, it was time to try to resurrect my first motor powered and machine.

A biker friend informed me that a fellow rider had shoved his ride under the car of a little old lady who had pulled in front of him, resulting in a stay in the hospital for him and a seriously wounded machine. After a little wrangling over a rusty old shotgun, by friend delivered the wreck and dumped it in my garage. There followed weeks of replacing the entire front forks and wheel assembly from another wreck, various other repairs and a rattle can paint job. Finally, the time came for an attempt at a start-up. I learned an important lesson. Never try to kick start a single cylinder 250 cc Italian motorcycle without a compression release. A healthy back fire drove my leg about six inches up my backbone. After a short recuperation and a few choice words I took a ride around the block and was hooked for life.

There followed a summer of short trips and trying

to keep the thing mobile as I learned how to handle a wobbly, cantankerous leg shortening machine. It's inevitable that every new rider eventually feels confident enough to move up to a bigger, faster machine and my time came. A co-worker had a British made 650cc bike for sale at a reasonable price. Unfortunately, he had lost the title but assured me that there would be no problem proving ownership and getting the license. Obviously, he hadn't tried to deal with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. After a fruitless hassle with the Bureau I informed the seller that he either get the title issued or take back the bike. He made a trip to Indianapolis, threatened a clerk with bodily harm at the central branch of the BMV, and came back with the necessary documents. I now moved into the ranks of the big boys. It was now time to plan a road trip.

Loaded with a sleeping bag, a can of tuna and crackers and basic toilet items I headed west, planning to follow the Wabash river south from Vincennes toward Kentucky and then back home by whatever route I picked at random. By the time I reached Vincennes my eyeballs were floating and my arms were dead from the vibration from a twin cylinder engine with a 180 degree firing order. Exhausted, I dined on my tuna and crackers, set up camp on the bank of the Wabash and settled in for a much needed night's sleep. A word of advice for any would be motorcycle camper. Choose your site for a sleeping bag very carefully. At midnight I began feeling movement over my entire body as an army of ants marched out of their hill where I had laid my sleeping bag. Fortunately, I wasn't in a public place, so the sight of a buck naked biker shaking ants out of his clothing didn't have the law on its way. I tried moving downstream a few yards but the little demons soon followed me. After a second shakedown I resigned, mounted my vibrator and headed south toward Princeton at one a.m. Arriving there, I had no idea where to bunk out, so out of desperation, I found a police station and explained my problem. They dispatched a patrol car, led me to a city park where I laid my bag on a picnic table. They promised to keep an eye on me and did just that. Every hour they drove by slowly to check on me. I knew that, because I had brought a few ants with me and stayed awake slapping at myself. By the time I reached home with floating eyeballs, dead arms and squashed ants all over me I decided it was time to move on to a different bike.

I bought a 500cc, two stroke triple cylinder machine that was rated as the fastest stock quarter mile bike on the market. As Forrest Gump would say, "Stupid is as stupid does". There followed too many instances of "trying to keep up with the gang" until one dumb move put me in the E.R.. Inspection showed some leg damage that could possibly require some skin grafting. The doctor decided to dress the wound and decide later whether a graft would be required. He asked me if I knew where he would get the skin for the graft. "I'll get it off your butt. Then, you'll not only be unable to stand, you also won't be able to sit". He then proceeded to read me a riot act on being crazy enough to ride one of "those ---- machines".

I didn't take his advice. I still ride one of those ---- machines and I love every minute of it. Shucks, I may look for another ant hill just for old times sake. ■

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Left Photo: Park Manager Stephanie Ison in her Brookville Lake Corps of Engineers Office. Right Photo: Stephanie Ison with her Brookville Lake Crew.

Park Manager Stephanie Ison

by Ray Dickerson

I first met Stephanie very early in the beginning when she hired into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Brookville Lake as a temporary seasonal park ranger. Her enthusiasm and desire to help everyone she came in contact with was a sure sign of her eagerness to excel in her chosen career.

I came in contact with her at many special activities in Franklin County where she represented the Corps of Engineers handing out pamphlets, maps and special Corps handouts for children. She also helped at the Corps of Engineer booth at the Indianapolis Sport Show where I also had a booth.

As time passed our paths crossed many times, I always enjoyed our conversations and chance meetings through the years.

I well, kind of marveled at her sticking to her goal, never giving up, sticking to her guns so to speak!

When I heard that she had been promoted to Brookville Lakes' Corps of Engineers Park Manager

I stopped and congratulated her at her Brookville Lake office.

This past issue, February 2020 when I did the special layout for the Brookville Lake, IDNR and my remembering Corps of Engineers Resident Engineer C.J. Walters who I wrote about back in 1974, reprinted in the February issue. At the last minute before publishing it, I tried to connect with Stephanie to include her in it. Unfortunately I failed in my endeavor.

I got a message to her afterwards that I would feature her and her crew in my March 2020 issue, this one.

So on the morning of Monday, January 27, 2020 I stopped by her office to take a group photo of her and her staff (crew). I got there a little early (I think it is best to arrive early, then late.) She was still in the meeting so I looked around. The Corps office is an interesting place to visit. There is a lot of information and details about the lake and dam. The office is open during the week 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Once her meeting ended she greeted me and asked what I wanted to talk about first. I told her first it

might be a good idea to take the group photo of she and her staff, I had my camera and tri-pod. She told me she had already taken care of that by taking both photos earlier. One for her Brookville Lake Staff and one for her West Fork Lake Staff. I was puzzled for a moment. I asked what did she have to do with the West Fork Lake. She told me she was the Corps of Engineer Park Manager for both the Brookville Lake and the West Fork Lake in Ohio.

I thought for a moment, okay. Well let me take a photo of you by yourself then. We took the photo.

Then we talked for quite a spell about her career and responsibilities. She had sent me via e-mail a copy of the Falls City Engineer booklet which featured a story about Stephanie written by Katie Newton. With Stephanie's help I got permission from the writer, Katie Newton who wrote about her in that Corps of Engineer booklet. Please read it, in her own words she tells not only about how she got to be Park Manager, but also the fierce determination she had to achieve her goal.

I am very proud of Stephanie Ison and honored to be her friend. ■

Story of Stephanie Ison

A Park Manager's roots run deep at Brookville Lake

Article by Katie Newton, Public Affairs, USACE

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Home is where the heart is. For park manager Stephanie Ison that home is Brookville Lake. The Brookville native is proud to have spent her entire career—more than 16 years—serving the community she loves.

"It is the biggest honor I could ever imagine to be able to manage this lake," said Ison, whose ties to the Corps of Engineers and the lake project run deep. "My childhood is packed full of joy from recreating here and experiencing nature."

"I really do feel that the creation of this lake is the reason for my existence and I don't take that lightly," said Ison. "I believe I am supposed to be here, giving back, in this manager's seat."

In fact, Ison credits her whole existence to the creation of Brookville Lake as her parents met because of the construction of the lake in the late 1960s.

Her Corps lineage began with Ison's step-grandmother, Nan Shipman, who worked for the Corps of Engineers for 34 years. Nan worked many places all over the country for the Corps, but in the late 1960s she settled in Brookville, serving as the secretary for the Resident Engineer Office during the construction of the reservoir. Her husband, Clifford, was working for a contractor as a rebar technician building the dam and it was at that time that Ison's father, age 18, moved from Texas to Indiana to live with Nan and Clifford to find work.

"My dad, Dwayne Shipman, got a job working at

a local concrete plant associated with the lake's construction where he met my mother Linda who was working as a secretary," said Ison.

After her father's death when she was 18, Ison set her mother up on a blind date with David Stutzman, the chief of maintenance at Brookville Lake. Stutzman, who also had many family members working at the Louisville District's lakes, locks and dams, soon married Ison's mother and played a large role in shaping her career choices.

"When I graduated from college, my step-dad was instrumental in connecting me to the Corps of Engineers and teaching me to do things that I now love," said Ison. Ison obtained a Bachelor's degree in Recreation and Parks Management and an Associates in Business Foundations from Indiana University before starting work as a temporary seasonal park ranger at Brookville Lake in 2003.

She spent her first years as a seasonal ranger helping the project office to increase visitation by enhancing the visitor's center with displays and conducting numerous outreach and interpretive services among many other duties.

"I began hosting field trips, tours, and went to local events as a face for the Corps," said Ison. "I got to do so much in a small window of time and I absolutely loved it."

Ison never looked back. Thirteen years later in

December 2016, she was promoted to park manager of Brookville Lake and of West Fork Lake in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Serving in the dual role as manager of both lakes in the Miami River Area – one in Indiana and one in Ohio—presents unique challenges.

"It is certainly not easy to manage two different lakes in two different states an hour apart," said Ison. "If I had a clone, I would love to be at both of my lakes every day, but I do my best with the high priorities and go where I am needed the most on any given day."

Between the two lakes, Ison manages a staff of eight employees who make it all work seamlessly. "I have great skilled staff that work at both of these projects," said Ison.

Ison's says her strong work ethic is a testament to how she was raised.

"I was given chores and responsibilities at a young age," said Ison. "I began my first paid job at age 14. Nothing has ever been handed to me on a silver platter. I worked five jobs during my college years to put myself through college. I have worked hard to attain and earn everything I have accomplished in life," she said.

"Hands down, I have been raised by the strongest woman on the planet," Ison said, of her mother who has battled aggressive breast cancer twice and is a 23-year cancer survivor.

“When I grew up I realized how she shaped me to do what was unusual for most young ladies,” said Ison. “I loved walking around barefoot and getting my hands dirty. I am not one to have pretty nails because I am happier with dirt in mine. I love being like my mom, doing jobs that you just don’t see many women doing.”

In a field primarily dominated by males, Ison never let that hold her back from her dreams.

“I don’t look at my success as a female manager being a gender thing. I look at it as a person who grew up doing hard labor and work, like my mom, that happens to be in a field dominated by males. This career that I am in has few females in the position that I hold,” said Ison. “That doesn’t bother me at all. What matters to me is that I get to have an amazing job doing many things that I like to do.”

Ison hopes to be a role model for other women seeking to be park managers in the future.

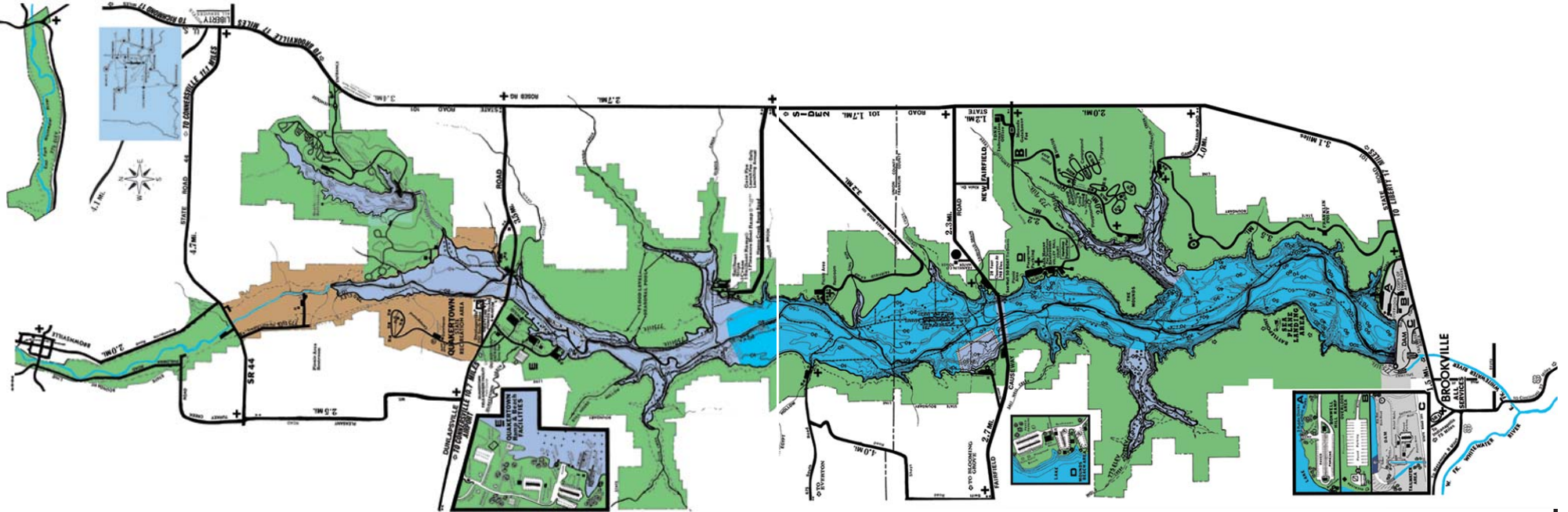
“Challenge yourself to not get trapped in the mindset of not taking a job because you are female and feel it is a typical man’s job. In the Corps of Engineers you are capable of being a leader as a woman. Typical stereotypes or job roles of women are becoming a thing of the past,” said Ison. “In today’s day and future generations, the sky is the limit. If you want something, make it happen.”

“If you believe in yourself and you believe that you can make a difference, then there are no limits to what you can accomplish,” Ison said.



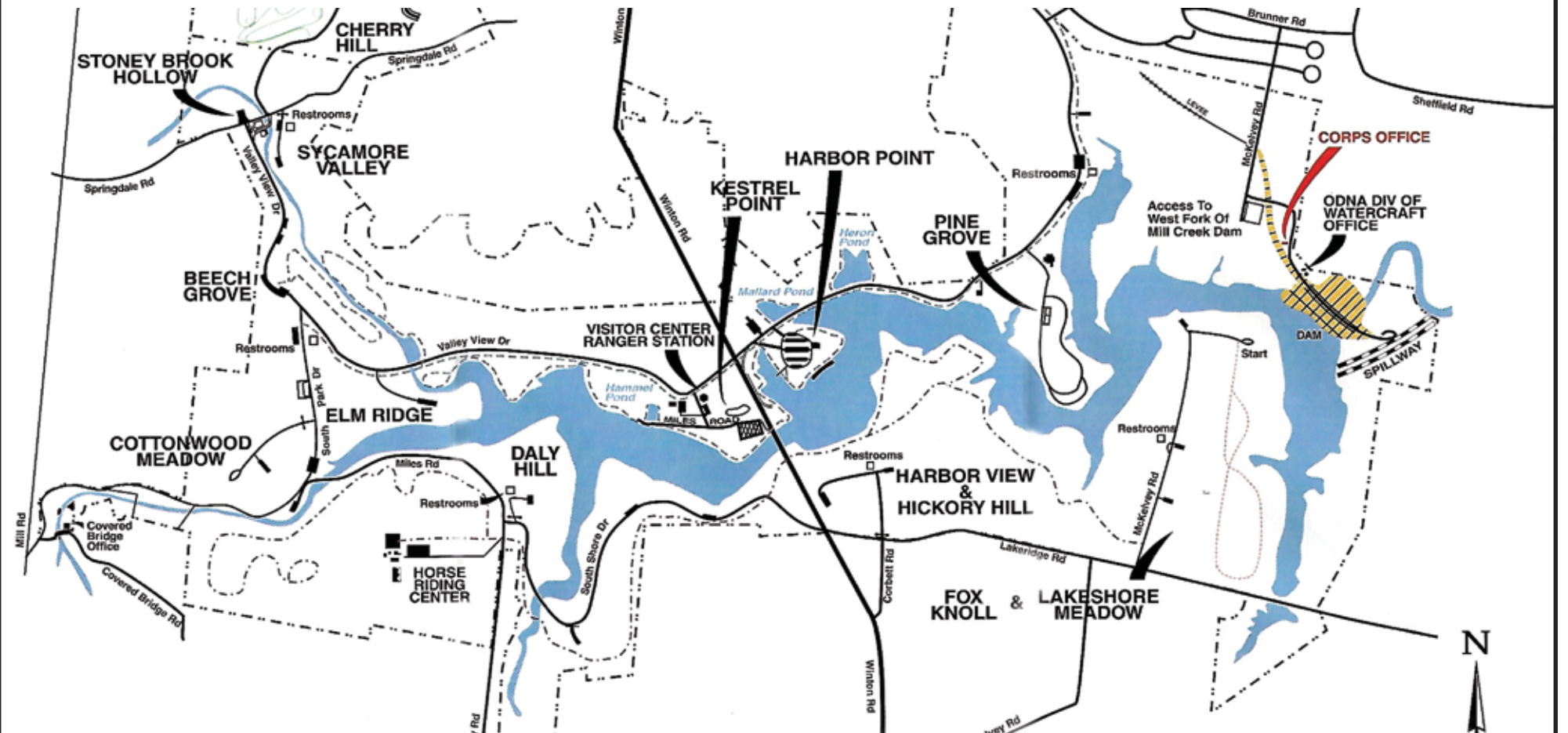
Stephanie Ison with her West Fork Lake Crew in Ohio.

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WEST FORK LAKE - OHIO



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Great Lakes of the Wabash River - Fishing News



by Ryan Pershing
Mgr of Bozarth Country Store

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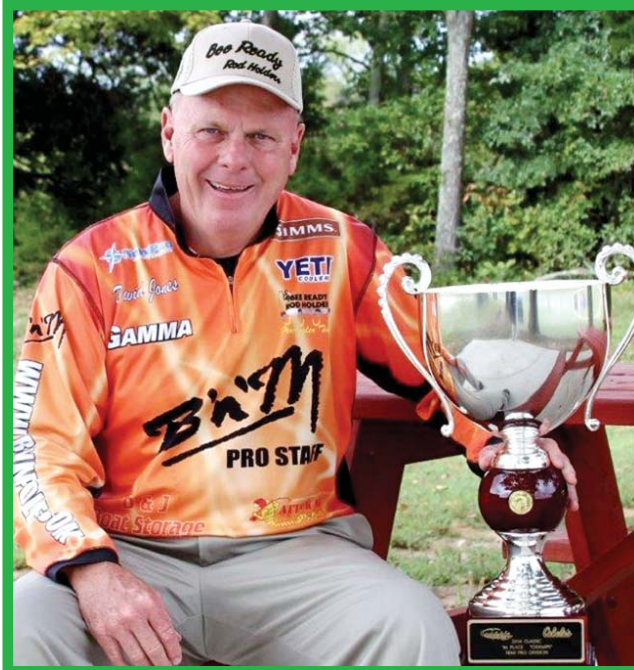
The spring season is gradually approaching and cabin fever has increased the itch to get outside and start enjoying all the great outdoors has to offer. It won't be long before all three properties at the Great Lakes of the Wabash (Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Huntington Reservoirs) are buzzing with people and being used for camping, fishing, boating, horseback riding and lots of other exciting activities they offer. Now is the time to start looking ahead and making plans to bring your family and friends and spend quality time together.

To help jump start the upcoming spring and summer seasons we would like to invite all outdoor enthusiasts to Bozarth's Recreational Resort for our annual Spring Tackle Sale starting Saturday, March 7th, and running through Sunday, March 15th. As mentioned in my previous article, this is not only a great time to stock up on all your essential fishing and best prices of the year but also a great opportunity to listen to seminars from some of the best fishermen in our area. You don't want to miss our opening day of the sale Saturday, March 7th as you will be treated to learning all sorts of different methods and techniques from anglers that have "been there and done that" and have won numerous tournaments on the national and state tournament trail.

The first of four seminars will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be presented by Russ Bailey. Russ hails from St. Mary's, Ohio and is a retired police ser-



This is crappie pros Kris Mann (left) and Russ Bailey (right) showing off some of their crappies they caught while filming for a show. Russ will kick off our seminars on Saturday, March 7th at 9:00 a.m. and Kriss will follow him up at 1:00 p.m. later that day. (Author Photo)



This is David Jones, former 2014 Crappie USA National Champ, who will be speaking on Tips and Tricks of becoming a better crappie fisherman at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 7th. (Author Photo)



This is Patrick Stone whose presentation will be at 10:15 a.m. on March 7th and will discuss "Using Electronics". (Author Photo)

geant. He is the current host of the Brushpile Fishing Show and also the former host of Midwest Crappie. Russ has a DVD series called Anytime Crappie. Russ has 15 tournament wins under his belt and is also a 14-time National Qualifier. He is currently a Pro Staffer for Bann's, Bonehead, Crappie Magnet, Driftmaster, Rockport Rattler, War Eagle Boats, Cornfield Crappie, Garmin, Daiwa, Gill, Slime Line, and Power Pole.

Our second scheduled

speaker to present at 10:15 a.m. is Patrick Stone whose topic will be "Using Electronics". Since his childhood, Patrick has been an avid outdoorsman taking specific interest in hunting and fishing. For 22 years he has pursued his love of crappie fishing and has worked to encourage interest in the sport. Patrick has placed twice in the top ten in the Crappie USA National Points with a third-place finish in 2019 and 9th place finish in 2018. During the 2020

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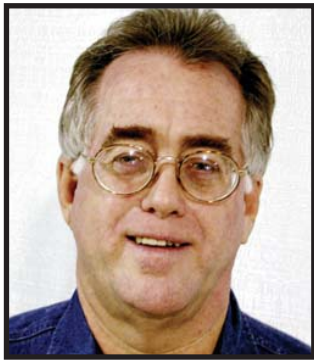
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Top Left: Just a few of the many seed catalogs I receive. Top Right: Mild winter has plants emerging in late January. Bottom Left: My backyard raised bed garden will soon double in size. Bottom Right: My big garden will be underwater for most of spring if we get any rain. (Author Photos)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

February is Busy Time Outdoors

Normally, February is a great time to stand indoors looking out the window and dreaming of warmer weather ahead. This year, it is early in the month, is sunny, and in the mid 50's. Winter is half over and I haven't used my shovel or snowblower yet. Some of the cover we put over them last fall has blown off of my wife's perennials, and the young plants are already emerging from the ground. Even one of her rose bushes was uncovered and has an inch of new growth. I quickly raked some leaves back over it and hope that will protect it until the proper time.

February 14 is the date when I usually tap my maple trees. I do this about every three years. With our unusual weather this year, I don't know when the sap will actually start running.

(It may have already started.) My next door neighbor has two large maples which we are going to tap this year. I have to climb over my mowers in the shed to reach the large turkey fryer which I use to boil down the sap.

I have about three months of limbs down around the yard right now. I will be out tomorrow starting to pick them up. I don't know how much I will get done before my back tells me it's time to quit. I also need to rake all the leaves which blew up along my fence line while the weather is nice. Thanks to my neighbor, my gutters are clean right now. He offered to clean them if I would bake him a loaf of lemon-pineapple bread. Great deal. I found out he will do a lot of my heavy work if I just keep baking him goodies.

As I look out the back window, I see my large garden. It is about 25 feet by 100 feet. It gives me a lot of room to plant stuff. I usually put out six or eight rows of green beans, some zucchini, sunflowers, pumpkins, gourds, ornamental corn, and whatever else grabs my attention in the seed catalog. Unfortunately, it is usually underwater until late May. But, I also have a small, raised bed in the back yard. It is six feet by 10 feet, and fenced to keep the dog out. I can plant it early and put tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, and other small items. I think this week, I will go to Menard's and get enough material to build another one. This week is the 11% rebate on everything. When it gets too dark to work outside, I will sit in my recliner and order garden seeds from my many catalogs.

I hope the weather stays great for another couple weeks. The Renfro Boat, Sport, and Travel Show at the Indy fairgrounds begins mid-February. We will attend that event several times during the 10 day run. Most of our visits to this show will be to talk to vendors about our vacation plans. We will probably travel from northern Ontario to southern Florida. I know West Virginia, Michigan, and New York will be on our agenda this year. We already have reservations for a week in southern Indiana.

Hopefully, we will find a good charter captain to take us fishing on Lake Michigan this spring. We used to go salmon fishing every year, and would like to do it again. I also have a friend in one of our outdoor writers group who is a charter boat captain in central Florida. He has already offered to take us out when we go south to visit Susie's brother. He charts for freshwater species plus some brackish or inshore choices. I have asked him to find us a reputable deep sea captain to take us out one day while we are there. Of course, if the water is too rough to go out, we will have our metal detectors with us to hunt on the beach.

It will be mid-February before you can read this issue of the Gad-A-Bout. By then, we should know if it will continue to be extremely mild this month or return to normal winter weather. Of course, March could still be very nasty, but spring will arrive soon, at least on the calendar.

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Top Photo: EIGGS members who participated in putting on one of the best Gem Shows with a record attendance in 2019. Back row-left to right: Bobby Shaffer, Dave Straw, Harris Precht, John Lamont, John Morse, Tim Merrill, Mary Ann Morse, Scott Gibson, Joe Wirrig and Jim Lucas. Front Row: Deb Chagares, Emily Gibson, Nikki Merrill, Haley Shaffer, Mona Jones, Marty Lucas, Angie Shaffer, Naomi Jones, Dakota Jones, Faith Jones, Brian Jones, Judy Burton and Danny Spurgeon. (Author Photo) Bottom Left Photo: On behalf of the Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society, club member John LaMont presents the 2019 Charlene Reidenbach STEM Scholarships to Sharon Corwin (National Trail HS), as her parents Corey and Jadisbeth Corwin look on. The award was presented at the Richmond Gem and Mineral Show, March 2, 2019. Scholarship winner Caleb Neal (Hagerstown HS) was unable to attend. (Author Photo) Bottom Center Photo: Scholarship winner Caleb Neal (EIGGS Photo) Bottom Right Photo: Raffle prize for 2020 on display at March 2019 Gem Show. (Author Photo).

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

The Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society's (EIGGS) 47th Annual Spring Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show will be held at the Kuhlman Center located on the Wayne County Fairgrounds March 6-8, 2020.

The show opens at 10 a.m. Friday & Saturday and closes at 6 p.m. On Sunday it opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m.

A Donation is collected at the door, Adults \$5.00, Seniors 60 and older \$3.00, Youth ages 7 to 18 \$1.00, Under 7 FREE. Scouts & Leaders in uniform, Free.

The Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society has been putting on the rock and gem show since 1973, this is their 47th annual show. The purpose of the Gem Show is to promote knowledge and interest in the earth sciences and the Lapidary arts. The show

is also a fund raiser for club expenses and provides money for a college scholarship awarded each year. 2019 Scholarship winners was Sharon Corwin (National Trail HS) and Caleb Neal (Hagerstown HS). See their photos above.

The Gem club was founded as a nonprofit group in April 1966. The club numbers are about 80 with 30 to 35 who are actively participants. The Gem club is interested (not necessarily experienced) in earth science, collecting minerals, crystals and fossils; polishing stones, silver smithing and related activities.

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Left Photo: One of the most popular activities for youngsters is panning for pretty and unusual rocks in the water. Here helping the kids from left to right are EIGGS members Jim Fritz, Bill Wilson and Dave Straw. Right Photo: More kids busily shaking their panning sluice in the water searching for a possible shiny rock. Unidentified young lady smiling broadly at my camera while Bill Wilson helps her. One of the most challenging things for EIGGS is keeping enough rocks on hand for the kids. (Author Photos)



Left Photo: One of the most active member of EIGGS, John Lamont, sitting in his booth at the 2019 Gem Show. Right Photo: The 2019 EIGGS Gem Show was packed with visitors as you can see by this photo I took from the north to south side of the Kuhlman Center. Don't miss this gem show, see ad for details on Page 18. (Author Photo)

The Gem club sponsors rock and fossil hunting outings, offers classes and does educational demonstrations at local schools.

Lapidary classes for members can be arranged for those who wish to use the equipment at the workshop in their clubhouse. They have equipment for sawing, shaping and polishing stones into finished pieces ready for mounting as jewelry.

Meeting are held the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse located at 5199 U.S. 40 East, Centerville, IN. It is about 1/2 mile east of Centerville at the intersection of Rice Road, south west corner. Programs are sometimes scheduled before the business meeting and fellowship is enjoyed after the meeting. Guests are always welcome.

I'm really looking forward to attending this years EIGGS Spring Show, March 6-8. I hope to see you there too. You can't miss me, I will be the one walking around taking lots of photos, especially ones of my wife, Sherry who is looking for that special gem. When I aim the camera at her she always strikes a

pose. "Lot te dah!"

Sherry and I have been visiting gem shows for almost as long as I have been writing. I've been a rock hound since childhood. It used to upset my dad when we went hunting small game, once in the woods we would go our separate ways. He would go one way and I would go another. Many times when he came looking for me I would be down along some crick bent over looking for rocks and fossils. He would ask me, "How many squirrels did you get?" I would say something like, I haven't seen any, how many did you get? Which was a silly question, he always got the limit. I know because I always got the chore of cleaning them when we got home.

Believe it or not, I found some really nice rocks hunting squirrels and rabbits.

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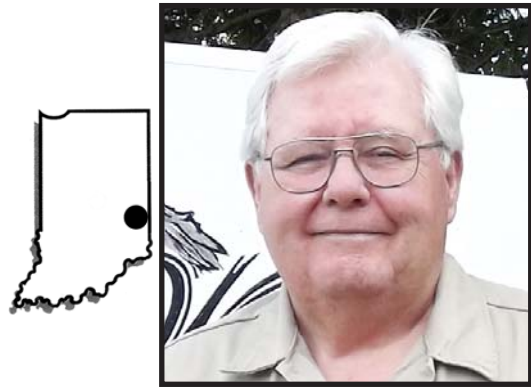
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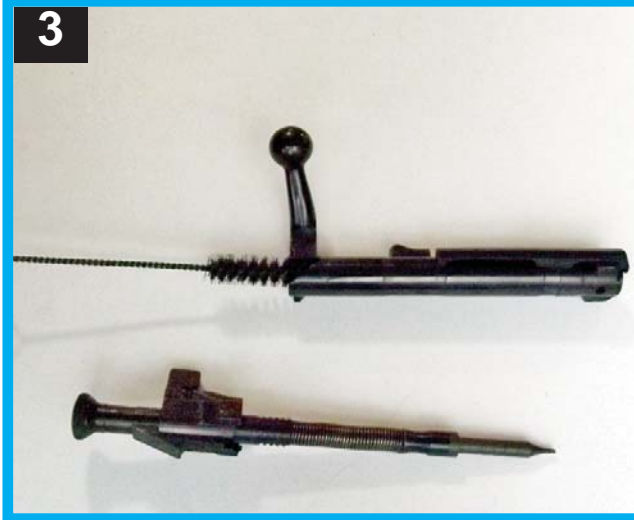
Annual Cleaning Your Gun Article

Spring is just around the corner, isn't it? It's that time of year for my annual cleaning your gun article. This year I will keep it brief, maybe. Hunting seasons are over except for Wild Turkey (Youth April 18th & 19st and April 22nd to May 10th 2020) and your hunting equipment will be cleaned and put away until next season. Right? To often the equipment, primarily guns, are put away without a good cleaning, that can wait until later, not in my world. Personal protection guns carried all winter long in your pocket, or on your belt in a holster, or elsewhere also need to be cleaned. They pick up dirt and lint and can bind up at the most inopportune moments. So here are some tips for cleaning those handguns which may have been neglected all winter long since you haven't fired it at the range since last August or September.

First and foremost, and I can't emphasize this enough, make sure the gun is unloaded and the chamber is empty. If it is magazine fed, unload the magazine too. Place the ammunition in a safe place away from where you are working. Do you know how to field strip your semi-automatic handguns, your revolvers, rifles? If not get your owner's manual out and read up on field stripping you gun. Don't have an owner's manual, go online to the manufacturer's web site and download the manual. Read the manual completely and save or print out a copy for future reference.

Once you have the gun field stripped clean the bore of the barrel from the chamber to the muzzle using a good quality gun cleaning solution and bore brush. Wrap the bore brush with a single piece of cloth a small piece of paper towel for a cleaning patch. This will capture any lead, copper, or brass that the brush removes from the bore. After a good scrubbing if needed, finish cleaning the bore with cloth or paper toweling patches until you're not getting any powder or metal residue on the patch. Then using a clean patch which is lightly oiled, run the oil patch through the bore to protect it while in storage.

Okay, that takes care of the bore, now lets look at the bolt and firing pin. Most owner's manuals today don't get into removing the firing pin from the bolt or slide the gun for fear of someone installing the firing pin incorrectly and causing a malfunction for which they might get sued, so, they leave it up to the owner to figure out or send it to a qualified repair station or gunsmith. When cleaning the bolt or slide of a rifle or pistol use a toothbrush or a brass brush to remove any burnt



1. When cleaning the bolt or slide of a rifle or pistol use a toothbrush or a brass brush to remove any burnt powder or fouling from the face of the bolt. Also remove any fouling from under the hook of the extractor. The pencil is pointing at the extractor on this bolt. 2. A brass brush works great for removing fouling without removing or damaging the finish. 3. The firing pin should be removed and the firing pin channel cleaned and lightly oiled. 4. The trigger group should not be disassembled except by a gunsmith. However, it needs cleaned also. WD40 and a soft brush works great. (Author Photos)

powder or fouling from the face of the bolt. Also remove any fouling from under the hook of the extractor. Excess fouling on the face of the bolt can actually cause the gun to not fire or to hold the bolt away from the "in battery" position enough to allow excessive blowback when fired. I run into that mostly on pistols where the base of the cartridge is not entirely enclosed by the chamber when in battery. Nearly all semi-automatic pistols are designed this way and although they are safe to shoot the fouling allowed to escape around the cartridge case can cause the pistol to malfunction.

The firing pin should be removed and the firing pin channel cleaned and lightly oiled. An excess of fouling can cause light firing pin strikes or the firing pin to stop short of striking the primer causing misfires. A build-up of fouling around the firing pin hole can cause the firing pin nose to break off requiring replacement. The firing pin spring should be cleaned and lightly oiled also. Check that the area inside bolt firing pin channel doesn't have any build up of lint, dirt, burnt powder around the firing pin hole. Use a pick or thin bladed tool to scrape around the hole and clear any debris.

Today's guns are precision tools. The bolt and extractor group are made to precise tolerances to match the caliber for which it was designed. The chamber, rifling, and bore of the gun are cut to tolerances set out by SAAMI (Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, Inc.) the American National Standard for ammunition. When cleaning never use any steel or hard metal tools to clean the chamber or bore as damage to these areas cannot be repaired.

The trigger group should not be disassembled except by a gunsmith. However, it needs cleaned also. WD40 and a soft brush works great. Keep in mind that WD40 which will displace water is not a long lasting lubricant. It will clean the trigger and generally not damage the finish of the parts or of the stock. There are several gun cleaning products on the market but be cautious. Some

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are very strong and will damage the finish on wood stocks, and melt some synthetic stock. I ran into a C-9 pistol where the owner had used brake cleaner to clean the trigger group. The trigger melted and became soft and of course failed to function. So again, be cautious of the chemicals you use to clean your guns.

Quote of the Month

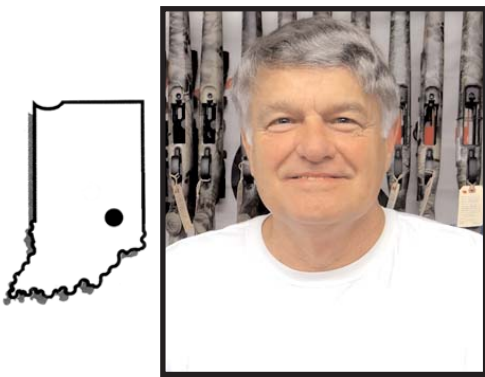
“A people armed and free, forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition and is a bulwark for the nation against foreign invasion and domestic oppression.” James Madison

That's all for this month. These notes are mine alone and do not represent the opinion or position of anyone, just me. If you have a question or a comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or, would like to just make a comment email me with your comments at PrairieWolfGuns@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.

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Marshall Smith
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Blue River Outdoors



by Steve Dake

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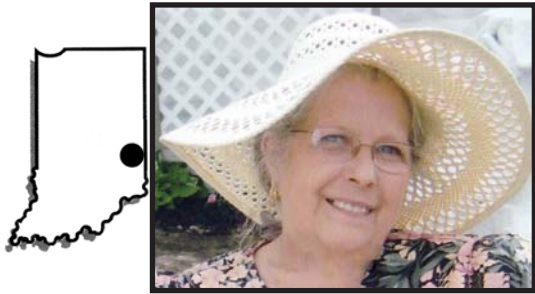


Burial plot of Gen. P. A. Hackleman and family. (Author Photo)



This is Martin Cemetery, once the site of Banks Meetinghouse. (Author Photo)

Whitewater Valley History



by **Donna Schroeder**
Fayette County Historical Museum

Oh, Murder

If you regularly read my column, you know that I spend a lot of time living in the past, lurking around in cemeteries or reading musty old books. Even before I was appointed the official Fayette County Historian, it was my hobby. Now, I take it more seriously, I suppose, but the one thing that always seems to happen is that I am easily distracted. I can be diligently searching for a soldier's will when I come across an interesting unrelated story, and off I go.

It happened again, recently, when I was looking at summaries of probate records. What caught my eye was the 1842 estate of one Reuben Kinder. The will was written a month or so before he died, often a hint that the death was expected. While most estates name the executor and some of the details about the possessions of the deceased, his was much simpler. It said he had a wife and son and wanted to be buried at Banks meetinghouse in Fayette County and asked that his funeral be preached by Jacob Daubenspeck, a minister who was well known in both Rush and Fayette Counties. What puzzled me was the location of the church.

After a day or so of research, I found a newspaper article that mentioned the place and the name of the farmer whose land surrounded it. That was great luck! The writer mentioned Rev. Adam Banks who had been the minister. The real name of the log church was Liberty Chapel, and it was at the graveyard we now call Martin Cemetery

because the farmer he mentioned was Ezra Martin, and he is buried there. A little more searching told the tale of Reuben's marriage to Rebecca Putnam in 1840. Their son Alexander was born the next year. Rebecca was born in 1817, spent the rest of her life with her son, and died in 1893. Her obituary says that she and Reuben were baptized by Jacob Daubenspeck three weeks before Reuben's death. She, Alexander, and Alexander's wife are buried in Rush County. While I can't find an age for Reuben, I was able to add his name to those who are buried at Martin. Alexander had no children, and the story would have ended there, except for another event mentioned in the newspaper article.

In describing the old log church, the writer says that the first burial in the Martin Cemetery was that of Nesbit Alexander who was born in 1800 and who was killed in 1825 by Dr. John Bradburn, a well respected surgeon of the day. I remembered reading about that somewhere, and it led me to what I believe is one of the first, if not the first, murder trial in Fayette County.

Nesbit Alexander and three of his friends had some kind of grievance against the doctor, so they made a plan to get even. They would sneak to the home of the doctor, tie him up, and ride him on a rail to a nearby creek where they would dunk him in the water. Somehow, Dr. Bradburn was given a warning as to their plans.

On a dark night in May of 1825, the boys set out on their mission. The doctor had secured his house, but he had also taken one of his surgical knives to his bedroom with him. Finding the door locked, the young men pried the front door off the hinges with an iron bar they had brought with them. Entering the pitch dark house, Nesbit was the first to come in contact with the doctor. Dr. Bradburn stabbed him in the chest. He was able to run from the house, dying in the front yard. The next youth to encounter Bradburn was James Caldwell who was also stabbed. The other two boys were slightly injured. James Caldwell died from his injuries a few days later.

All of the boys involved were from prominent families and were well liked. Dr. Bradburn was arrested and held for trial on the charge of murder. Oliver Smith tells of being a prosecutor in the case. Dr. Bradburn, a friend of Smith, had offered him \$500.00 to defend him, over twice Smith's

annual salary as a prosecutor. Smith, of course, declined, and an attorney represented Bradburn. On the day of the trial, it was clear that the jury and the crowd in the courtroom were in favor of a guilty verdict. However, Judge Eggleston presided over the court that day. From all accounts, he ran a tight ship. After the evidence had been presented, Judge Eggleston made a strong case for the possibility of self defense. The doctor was acquitted on those grounds.

Dr. Bradburn moved to southern Indiana, but lived in Franklin County toward the end of his life and is buried at the Bradburn Cemetery there.

While I was piecing this story together, I began to wonder if Dr. Bradburn was alone in the house that night. I still don't have an answer, but I found that he had a wife and three children. The older two, Henry and Mary Ann, were already married at the time of the incident. The youngest, a daughter named Sarah, would have been about ten years old at the time. So, what became of his family? Mary Ann married Joseph Dale and was the mother of thirteen children. Henry married Anna Hackleman. Sarah married a cousin of Henry's wife. His name was Pleasant Adams Hackleman, the only Indiana Union general to die in the Civil War. Pleasant and Sarah lived in Rush County where he practiced law before the war. Pleasant was born in a log cabin in Franklin County, and the cabin was moved to the park in Rushville years ago.

All the families woven into the tale were pioneers in Fayette, Franklin, and Rush Counties, including the Kinders. They all seemed to live peacefully after the trial, and many of the families intermarried. My thanks to Reuben Kinder whose will allowed me to veer off my intended mission and learn a great deal more than I knew when I started.

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News From The Indiana State Police

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ers that was 96,300 pounds overweight. CVED Trooper Eric Thumb was driving through Rushville just before 11 a.m. on January 16th when he noticed a southbound semi pulling double trailers known as a "Michigan Train" south bound on Main St. at Park Blvd.

From his training and experience Thumb knew that the trailer set up is often used to haul overweight loads, with special permits, on authorized roads across northern Indiana. Trooper Thumb got the truck stopped to do an inspection and discovered the driver, Gene Maag, age 36 of Waterloo, Indiana, was driving a truck with no registration plate and no federally required company markings or federal D.O.T. numbers on the side of the vehicle.

The maximum allowable weight for a commercial motor vehicle in Indiana, without a special permit, is 80,000 pounds. Even with a special permit, the maximum allowable weight is 120,000 pounds, and only on approved roads in northern Indiana. As part of his vehicle inspection Trooper Thumb weighed the truck and its steel coil cargo, discovering a combined weight of 176,300 pounds, or 96,300 pounds over the maximum allowable weight for a normal roadway without a special permit.

The overweight violation fines alone could be near \$14,000. The truck, a 2000 Peterbilt, which belongs to Tri-State Trucking out of Waterloo, Indiana, was impounded and the driver cited for the overweight violation and no truck registration. The driver was issued a warning for no federally required markings or numbers on the sides of the truck.

The steel coils, which had been in route from Butler, Indiana to Madison, Indiana were impounded with the truck until they could be properly unloaded and legally loaded onto other trucks.

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Indiana School Bus Stop Arm Law

With the school year a little more than half way over, it's a good time to revisit the Indiana school bus stop arm law. The Indiana Department of Education surveys school corporations annually for stop arm violations on one given day, and reports those numbers to the National Association of State Directors for Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS).

There are over 16,000 school buses on the road in Indiana, and according to the yearly statistics, as the number of school buses on the road has increased, so has the number of school bus stop arm violations.

The Indiana State Police would like to remind motorists of the Indiana law concerning school buses, flashing lights and stop arms. Remember, when approaching a school bus that is stopped with its flashing red lights activated and its stop arm extended, **MOTORISTS ARE REQUIRED TO STOP, EVEN ON MULTIPLE LANE HIGHWAYS, IF THERE IS NO BARRIER OR MEDIAN SEPERATING LANES OF TRAFFIC.**

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When approaching a school bus always be prepared to stop and watch for stopped traffic.

To learn more about national stop arm violation statistics you may access the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services web site at <http://www.nasdpts.org/StopArm/index.html>. ■

So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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level so there was quite a bit of room in the lake for flood water. As the lake level started coming up the corp. just opened the gates and started letting out more water trying to maintain the 740 feet above sea level. The only problem was all the Ohio river pools were way over their flood stages. So, the corp. had to stop releasing water from the tail water at Brookville lake along with all the other lakes in the entire region. But the Ohio river kept rising even though the lake were all shut off. At his point all eyes are on the Ohio river. At some point if my memory is correct There was a levee blown up somewhere around Missouri and flooded a bunch of farmers fields. I believe there was quite a bit of farm machinery damaged, but this action saved a town.

Brookville lake had gone up 25feet above winter pool which made the lake level 765 feet above sea level. That was the first time it had ever been that high. We had to launch are boats off the roads going to the boat ramps. We were catching fish off the parking lot at Garr hill boat ramp along with the play areas at the beach. Every lake in the region was at capacity with water running over their spill ways uncontrollably at that point. Brookville lake was the only lake that wasn't spilling over the spill, way but it was close.

Oh, and by the way when the lake is high the fish are shallow.

Good Luck Tag

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season, Patrick will be fishing the American Crappie Trail and Crappie USA tournament trails.

After a short break for lunch our series will resume at 1:00 p.m. with Kris Mann. Kris is an avid crappie angler from Mount Sterling, Kentucky. Kris began fishing when he was old enough to cast and he has been fishing streams, ponds, rivers and lakes for over 35 years since. Kris, and his dad Terry, began fishing the Crappie USA Tournament Trail in 2007. They have fished many club tournaments events over the years as well. The team has been blessed with dozens of top 5 finishes and over 25 tournament wins throughout their years of tournament fishing. In 2017, 2018, and 2019, Kris and Terry were blessed to be crowned the Crappie USA National Points Champions. They have become known for their single pole jigging techniques. One of Kris's most treasured accomplishments is winning the 2015 Sportsman of the Year award with Crappie USA. Kris and Terry are sponsored by Crappie Magnet, B'n'M Poles, and Hunnibird/Minn-Kota. Kris has been a guest on Brushpile Fishing, Kentucky Afield, ESPN Radio, and various podcasts. In addition to his passion for the outdoors, Kris loves to share the good news of Jesus Christ through ministry work.

We wrap up our series of seminars at 2:00 with David Jones. David is the 2014 Crappie USA National Champion and will be speaking on Tips and Tricks of becoming a better crappier fisherman. David has over 15 top ten finishes while fishing on the Crappie USA trail. David and his fiancé, Becky, own and operate Green River Lake Crappie Trips in South Central Kentucky which is also where they reside.

During this event we will also have Big Diddy Baits, Spider Monkey baits, and other products set up to showcase all their hot products and help answer any questions you may have. You don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to learn from some of the best anglers on the tournament trail and on top of that this is available at NO COST to you! Gather your friends and family and come enjoy a day at Bozarth's Recreational Resort! For more information you can contact us at (765) 981-4522 or look us up on Facebook under Bozarth's Country Store. We are located at 7309 E 400 S Lagro, IN 46941. ■

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GGS, led by DNR Fish & Wildlife and in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), brings \$2 million of additional conservation funding to DNR and Indiana residents. Conservation funding through RCPP as well as contributions from private citizens, businesses and non-governmental organizations, have increased DNR's capacity to assist landowners with

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grassland habitat establishment and enhancement projects. This increased capacity includes three new DNR grassland biologist positions, dedicated habitat teams, and increased financial assistance for habitat projects on private land across the landscape.

To learn more or get involved, visit on.IN.gov/Grasslands. A summary of 2019 GGS accomplishments is at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/files/fw-GGS-2019YearInReview.pdf.



Adam Smith, 2019 Fish of the Year winner for Northern pike. (IDNR Photo)

ENTER YOUR TROPHY FISH INTO FISH OF THE YEAR TROPHY

Indiana DNR's Fish of the Year Program awards anglers who have submitted the largest fish from Hoosier waters of each species. Winners receive a certificate, patch, and bragging rights for the entire year.

If your fish is a potential state record, follow the instructions on our website to submit a state record. Current state record fish, Fish of the Year winners, and instructions for submitting Fish of the Year entries are also available.

2020 SPRING TURKEY RESERVER HUNTS

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 fees to register will follow the same process as those with a fee. For hunts with no fee to register, you still 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 info.

Applications may be submitted from Jan. 6, 2020 through Feb. 19, 2020. We are also offering limited spring turkey hunts on private property through the DNR APPLE program. These hunts will be held in Greene, Clay, Sullivan, and Gibson counties. ■



State's oldest employee retires at age 102. Chief surveyor Bob Vollmer. (IDNR Photo)

STATE'S OLDEST EMPLOYEE RETIRES AT AGE 102

Chief surveyor Bob Vollmer, age 102, left the Indiana Government Center South as an employee for the last time this morning. Vollmer

He worked for the Department of Natural Resources 57 years, mostly in the field or out of his home office in Brown County.

Vollmer exited the building after a two-hour reception with fellow employees. Yesterday, he completed his last day of working in the field, surveying in Clinton, in Vermillion County.

Tomorrow evening, the DNR will honor Vollmer with an invitation-only retirement dinner party. On Tuesday, he had pie and coffee with Gov. Eric Holcomb and DNR director Cameron Clark at Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park.

Vollmer, who started with the agency as project engineer at Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area in 1963, is older than the DNR itself—the agency turned 100 last year.

"From his service to the country in World War II to his service to the people of Indiana, Bob exemplifies what it means to serve," Clark said. "He will take with him decades of knowledge that will be nearly impossible to replace.

"We will also be losing his 100 years of stories.

He will be missed greatly, and we wish him a long and enjoyable retirement."

Many of his stories involve being part of three combat operations in the South Pacific. Returning there is part of his extensive retirement plans.

"I want to visit some of the islands I was on, visit some of the cemeteries," Vollmer said. "I also might build myself a swimming pool, and I want to help my three great grandsons build some things."

Vollmer, whose mother, Anna Francis Vollmer, lived to 108, says he believes in working, but his body told him it was time to go.

"There's a lot of things I want to do but I gotta slow down," he said. "I just can't get around like I used to, but I bet you I do."

He attributes his success to the help he's received along the way.

"I've been lucky all my life," he said. "I got a lot of people to thank—I can't remember them all. If I can continue with the luck I've been having, I'll have a real good retirement."

Which, to him, means staying active.

"I don't have a reverse gear in my transmission," he said. "You don't want to quit — when you quit, you're confined to the rocking chair, and that's where you die.

"When I go down, I want to go down swingin'." ■



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This is Hunter Phelps of Shelbyville with his first buck taken in Jefferson Co. a 9 point buck. Picture taken by his grandfather Kenny Suiter. (The Gun Den, Salem, IN)



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

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Everton Volunteer Fire Dept Bass Tournament

Brookville Lake * Fairfield Ramp * April 25, 2020

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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.



Everton Volunteer Fire Dept Bass Tournament

Brookville Lake * Fairfield Ramp * April 25, 2020

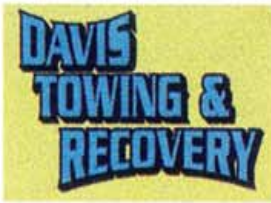
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