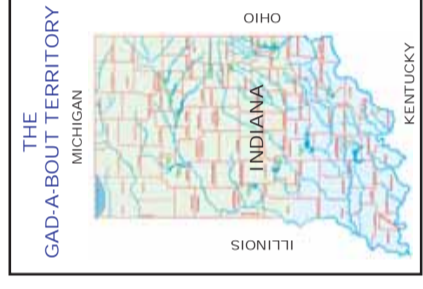
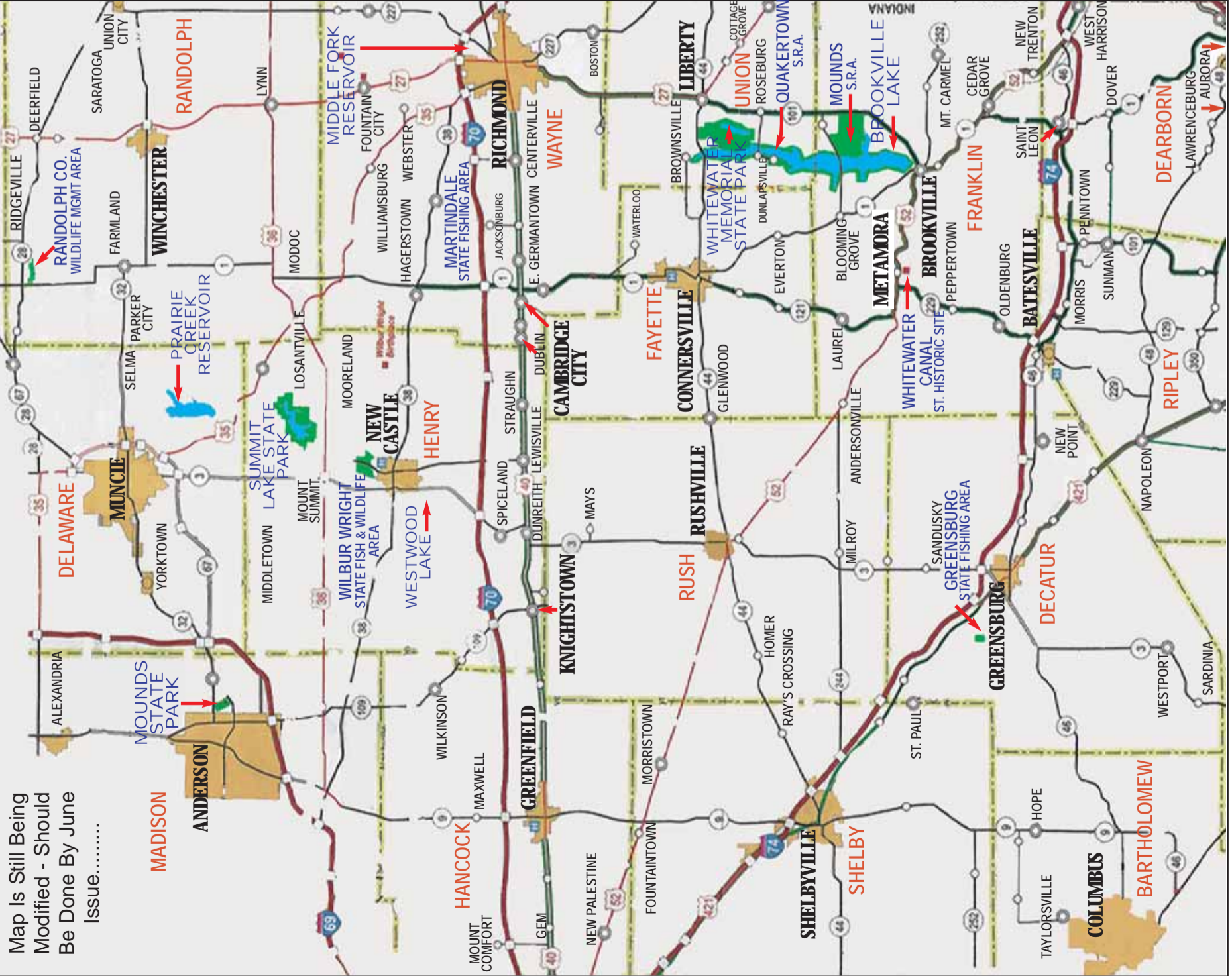


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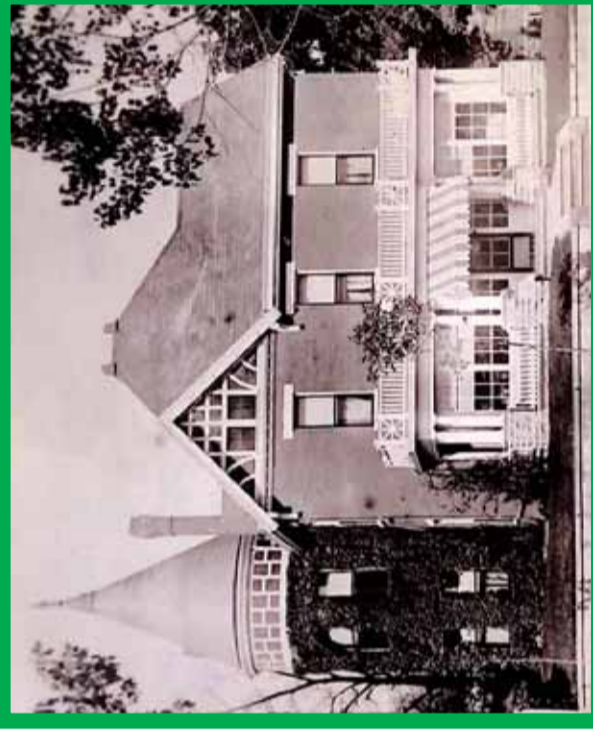
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Top Right: As spring meanders her way along the Whitewater Valley Canal, Metamora residents, merchants, and visitors find themselves enchanted by many things that follow in her path; the newly hatched ducklings that swim through the canal, native red bud trees in bloom, and the opening of the shops in the village for the season. Along with

these spring harbingers are the beginning of the seasonal events in Metamora. See Page 14 & 15. (Photo Mary Disney)
Bottom Left: Way back in early February, I started to worry about the flu. I knew about the 1918 epidemic because I had always heard the story of my mother's uncle who went to naval training at Great Lakes. See Page 18 & 19. (Donna Schroeder Photo)
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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson
The Gad-a-bout

HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU WHO ARE READING MY MAY ISSUE ONLY ON LINE

I had to cancel the printing of my May and June issues of The Gad-a-bout. We had the Covid-19 raise its ugly head just prior to my printing the April Gad-a-bout. It was when I was delivering April that I realized how significant the Covid-19 pandemic was affecting all of us, especially my travel and visiting my advertisers.

I called Larry at the Daily Record Newspaper in Greenfield to tell him I wanted to postpone the printing of my May and June Gad-a-bouts due to the outbreak of COVID-19. It didn't seem right to sell and collect money from my advertisers when none of them could continue running their businesses with the restrictions pending.

Larry told me he understood, the virus was affecting everyone.

I told Larry I would plan on printing the July issue in June if we had gotten back to normal by then.

I had considered just ending The Gad-a-bout after publishing it for 30 years as of my April issue and the slow deterioration of my delivery van (s). My current 2002 Chevy Express only has 385,000 miles on it, it's barely broke in I'm told by some of my friends!

However after talking to a few of my advertisers, one of them, Rick Frame, owner of Frame's Outdoor, asked me why couldn't I just reduce my area closer to home and keep it going. He had mentioned that to me on several occasions in recent years as well. Rick as well as quite a few of my current local advertisers have been advertising with me since I began it in April 1990.

So that is my current plan when this pesky virus runs its course and leaves us alone, The Gad-a-bout will rise again.

To see my new distribution area look at the map on the bottom half of the front page of this issue. The map is a work in progress effort. I was hoping to have it completed for this issue, but I've had a few set-backs with time constraints.

While I'm on the subject of my new plan for The Gad-a-bout, I could sure use a side-kick who is good at selling advertising and has the gift of gab, like me! You will be a independent contractor, I pay 25% commission on the ads you sell, a negotiable-

monthly mileage amount. Anyone who is interested give me a call my Cell (765) 960-5767 or Office (765) 855-3857 (leave message if no answer) or e-mail raythegadabout@gmail.com.

Give me a call if anyone is interested in helping me get The Gad-a-bout back in printed form again. Also have you ever wanted to write an outdoor article?

THE GAD-A-BOUT CONTINUES ON LINE WHILE COVID-19 IS STILL IN OUR MIDST
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Welcome to reading The Gad-a-bout on line.

According to President Trump we are progressing a bit better, but aren't out of the woods yet.

I saw on TV tonight many Americans are tired of being cooped up and want to get back to the way things used to be. A word of caution should be noted at this time though, don't get in too big of a hurry. See below.

COVID-19

I HOPE IT IS SOON OVER TOO BUT WE MUST WITHDRAW WITH CAUTION

I got an interesting article from Donna Schroeder this month (on page 18). She has photos and documentation from the 1918 flu epidemic here in America. *She has written about very similar problems that resulted from the flu and tragic repercussions from lifting the restrictions too soon and they suffered through a second wave of the virus.*

Hopefully there will be one day in the not too distant future when we can look back on this time with a sigh of relief and again look forward with enthusiasm for a brighter future.

NEW SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST WEBSITE AVAILABLE

Indiana DNR has launched a new interactive website that allows hunters of wild turkey to access spring turkey harvest data as it is accumulated by the state.

Turkey Data is supplied by the CheckIN Game harvest reporting system. During the check-in process, hunters report the county of harvest and type of equipment used to harvest turkey. Harvest data is updated daily during the spring turkey season.

This data can now be accessed and viewed at wildlife.IN.gov/10340.htm, where visitors can also compare information regarding individual or multiple counties across the past five years.

Hunters have asked for more detailed harvest data

and comparisons between years, and creation of this new website is a direct result of that feedback to DNR.

A fall turkey harvest website will be available at a later date.

DNR CONTINUES STATEWIDE FISH STOCKING EFFORTS

Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife recently began spring fish stockings at locations across the state.

Biologists from state fisheries will coordinate statewide with city and county parks to gain access for stocking purposes.

DNR is striving to ensure the safety of the public and staff. As stocking trucks are on the road and stocking fish, please remember to practice social distancing.

Some egg collection efforts have been canceled for this year. Each year, DNR staff collect walleye and muskellunge (muskie) eggs from wild sources to sustain populations across the state. Though nearly all of Indiana's walleye waters are sustained through stocking, missing one year of stocking should not significantly impact walleye fishing. Saugeye and muskie fishing also look positive. Muskies are a long-lived species, and their lifespans temper the effect of missed stockings.

For more information on fish stocking efforts, visit wildlife.IN.gov/5457.htm.

For the most up-to-date information regarding DNR and COVID-19, visit on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19.

DNR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has adjusted services, events and operations to protect Hoosiers and prevent further spread of COVID-19.

View what is open, closed & canceled.

Fishing and hunting licenses updates

All 2019-2020 basic hunting, basic fishing, hunt/fish combo, youth licenses and stamps set to expire March 31, 2020, will be valid for use until Friday, May 22, 2020. Please maintain a printed or electronic copy with you while hunting/fishing.

If you do not have a valid 2019-2020 annual license or stamp, a new 2020-2021 annual license will be needed.

For the upcoming 2020 spring wild turkey season, hunters will need a 2020 spring turkey license

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New interactive website that allows hunters of wild turkey to access spring turkey harvest. (DNR Photo)

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ed for this. A west wind works also but it feels like your cutting across the grain a bit for drift fishing. Try to just stop and cast to the wind ward side of the shore. What the wind is doing is mudding up the water and pushing bait against the shore. The bait that is there and trying to stay in a school, but the constant pounding of the water against the shore has them disoriented and the predator fish know this. Couple this with the muddy water and its easy pickings. The dreaded east wind is the worst. The only reason I can figure is usually after an east wind there is a big storm. So, I'm thinking the wind from the east is not really being blown at all its really being sucked to the west. By this storm which in turn changes the barometric pressure. Which in turn affects the swim bladder of fish, and for what ever reason makes them not want to bite. Now this is just a guess on my part, so if I'm way off base here please let me know.

Things that make fish want to bite are water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and an abundance of food. In May the water temperature is rising every day due to the sun. This is triggering everything to grow, expand, and spawn. This urge is so strong that even in the worst conditions they're still going try. In May almost all the fish in the lake are spawning. The only ones that are not are walleye, musky, and catfish. What's creating all the urges is water temperature. In a fishes' world the water temperature is everything right behind oxygen. In May the water temperature is moving from 60 to 70 degrees. What this is going to do is put all the fish in the same place at the same time, and this is all done by an urge to spawn which is driven by the water temperature. You add an abundance of dissolved oxygen to the mix and you have the perfect storm.

Places to look. Brookville lake is 17 miles long with a river feeding it from the north and a control tower at the dam dumping it off. It has 9 boat ramps 2 beaches and 3 marinas. It has 4 big coves, Hanna creek, Garr hill, Templeton's creek and wolf creek. There are 2 fishing piers one at the north end of the lake by Quaker town beach and the other in Templeton's creek cove. There are two causeways one at the north end of the lake and the other mid lake and all these places hold fish especially in May and do you why? If you said water temperature, then you are correct

The great thing about all these places is they can all be accessed by car and a small walk except for maybe wolf creek. There is a trail around the lake

that would take you to wolf creek but you better put on your big boy pants on, because it would be a hike.

What your looking for is the right water temperature. If you're in a boat most all depth finders have temperature gage settings built right in them for this very reason. If your hoof and ankleing it (walking) you can use any type of thermometer to stick down in the water and check. If you get to your first place and you find that the water is still in the fifties and you make a few casts and you get know bites make a mental note and come back in a few days and check it again. Now when you come back and the water temperature is now in the mid-sixties, you'll catch fish. What you will need to remember is the lake warms up at a different rate depending on what part of the lake you're fishing in. for example; the north end of the lake will warm up faster due to the influx of the warmer water coming from the river. Another reason is the water is darker in color and shallower. While the water down by the dam will warm up slower due to depth of the water. If you want to gage this watch the white bass run. In mid-April they are spawning in the river above lake, and in mid-May they are spawning on the face of the dam, but this never happens at the same time and do you know why this is. Water temperature, Good Luck Tag

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The first thing I want to tell you about is the wind. For the most part a blowing wind will Help fish bite, as long as it's blowing from the right direction. A north or south wind in the summer time on Brookville lake is a welcome site especially if your drift fishing for walleye. Brookville lake is a Long narrow lake that lays north and south so its well suit-

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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sergeant John D. Bowling
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

Beware of COVID 19 Internet and Phone Scams

While many things are postponed, delayed, or even canceled during this unprecedented time, one thing that is not changing, scammers are hard at work, trying to take your hard-earned money. As the old saying goes, "Never let a good crisis go to waste," and these scammers always work harder in times of public need, whether it's a hurricane, tornado, flood or now the COVID 19 pandemic.

Here are a few real-life examples that have been identified by federal authorities:

- Telephone fraud – criminals call victims pretending to be a clinic or hospital officials, who claim that a relative of the victim has fallen sick with the virus and request payments for medical treatment.
- Phishing – emails claiming to be from national or global health authorities, in hopes of tricking victims to provide personal credentials or payment details, or to open an attachment containing malware.
- Authorities advise if you are looking to buy medical supplies online, or receive emails or links offering medical support, be alert to the signs of a potential scam and protect yourself and your money.
- Independently verify the company/individual offering the items before making any purchases.
- Be aware of bogus websites – criminals will often use a web address which looks almost identical to the legitimate one, e.g. 'abc.org' instead of 'abc.com'.
- Check online reviews of a company before making a purchase – for example, have there been complaints of other customers not receiving the promised items?
- Be wary if asked to make a payment to a bank account located in a different country than where the company is located.
- If you believe you have been the victim of fraud, alert your bank immediately so the payment can be stopped.
- Do not click on links or open attachments that you were not expecting to receive or come from an unknown sender.

• Be wary of unsolicited emails offering medical equipment or requesting your personal information for medical checks – legitimate health authorities do not usually contact the general public in this manner.

Please continue to do your part by following executive orders, not hoarding supplies and by simply using common sense. Remember, if the scammers can get one victim to believe them out of every thousand calls or emails, they are still making a great deal of money.

There are 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.

Parts of the above information were taken from a press release written by Sellersburg District Public Information Officer Sergeant Carey Huls.

Off Duty Trooper Arrests Two In Muncie

Muncie – A man and woman were arrested on multiple felony charges during the evening of March 4, in Muncie, after the car they were in pulled out of a business in front of an off duty trooper with no headlights on. Just before 8:30 p.m. March 4th, Trooper Nicholas Albrecht was off duty and driving his Indiana State Police car north on CR 400 N. in Muncie, about to turn into a business, when a white Mazda pulled out of the business with no headlights on.

Albrecht turned after the vehicle and got it stopped as it turned onto McGalliard Rd. The female driver gave the trooper a name and date of birth, but seemed unusually nervous. Her male passenger was identified as Matthew Schott, age 29, of Alexandria. Schott attempted to exit the vehicle and flee, but Trooper Albrecht was able to take him into custody. It was found that Schott was wanted on Felony warrants for Violation of Work Release and Failure to Return to Lawful Detention.

While speaking with the female, Albrecht noticed Schott had gotten the door to his police car open and was attempting to flee again. Albrecht caught Schott as he exited the police car and placed him back into the car. A Delaware County Deputy arrived along with Trooper Harbison to assist. Further investigation by Albrecht found the female had given a false name and date of birth. Her real name was Natalie Humphries, age 28 of Indianapolis.

Schott was arrested for the two Felony warrants, Violation of Work Release and Failure to Return to Lawful Detention, and in addition was charged with Level 6 Felony Attempted Escape. Humphries, who was arrested for Identity Deception, Level 6 Felony, was also found to be in possession of a pill believed to be Xanax. She was also charged with Possession of a Legend Drug, Level 6 Felony and Possession of a Controlled Substance, misdemeanor. Schott and Humphries were lodged in the Delaware County Jail.

This incident serves as a reminder of the impor-

tance of troopers living in the communities in which they serve, and proves the adage that "An Indiana State Trooper is never off duty."

A Quick "Tale from the Road"

Recently troopers were called to a local truck stop for some sort of domestic disturbance at the gas pumps. They got there to find a male outside of his pickup, which was pulling a trailer, and a female inside the truck. The guy informed the officers that his female "friend" had worn out her welcome and he wanted her out.

The duo had been to a trade show on the east coast and were headed back home to a state west of here. The man was so adamant about getting rid of her he was willing to buy her a bus ticket. The troops were able to talk her out, offering her a ride to a bus stop. One of the troopers was asking her some questions before loading her into his car, and happened to ask her if she used any drugs.

The woman looked at him dumbfounded and said "Duh, of course I use drugs." She then did a run-down of the list of drugs that she frequently used, and then the ones she just "casually" used. After determining she wasn't currently under the influence of anything on or off her lists, the troop called to get her a bus ticket, then hauled her to a local bus stop.

As he put it, the conversation on the way was rather "lively" and he was quite happy to drop her off. Yes, it's true, we do get to meet the "most interesting people," to put it mildly. Just another day on the job. Take care of yourselves, and your neighbors, and we'll talk again next month. ■

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and valid gamebird habitat stamp.

Licenses can be purchased by visiting the Indiana Fish & Wildlife Online License System, open authorized license vendors, or calling the Indiana DNR Customer Service Center at 877-463-6367, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FIRST FREE FISHING DAY ON MAY 3

The water is open. Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters on Free Fishing Days. Take a break from home to get out, toss a line, and catch your own meal. Free Fishing Days are a great opportunity to share the experience with those in your household who might be new to fishing!

For more information visit our website: Wildlife.IN.gov

ENJOY THESE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Outdoor activities, and travel to and from those activities, are currently still permitted. This includes hiking, biking, fishing, and hunting. Hoosiers should practice social distancing while participating in these activities.

Fish & Wildlife Areas are still open to the public. Find a property near you to visit. Need a place to fish? Check out our Where to Fish map.

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STATEWIDE STOCKING EFFORTS CONTINUE

Biologists recently began spring fish stocking at locations across the state and will continue to do so. However, some egg collection efforts have been canceled this year. DNR biologists do not anticipate a significant impact to fishing due to canceled egg collections.

DNR is striving to ensure the safety of the public and staff. As stocking trucks are on the road and staff are stocking fish, please remember to practice social distancing.

For more information on fish stocking, including a trout stocking schedule, visit: Wildlife.IN.gov.

SPRING TURKEY SEASON BEGINS APRIL 22

Spring turkey season is almost here. The 2020 spring wild turkey season begins April 22 and runs through May 10. Youth spring wild turkey season is April 18-19.

Not sure what you need to hunt? Spring turkey hunters need a 2020 Spring Turkey License and valid Gamebird Habitat Stamp. All 2019 Gamebird Habitat Stamp Privilege is extended to May 22, 2020.

Looking for a place to hunt? Check out the Where To Hunt map. Review our list of Fish & Wildlife-owned areas not requiring pre-registration draws to turkey hunt.

Find turkey hunting resources, including videos on mounting tail fans and how to tell the age of a turkey, on our website. Wildlife.IN.gov.

KEEP SAFETY IN MIND THIS TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

Turkey hunting can be an exciting, challenging sport. Hunters should always keep in mind safety
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

THE LOSS OF A GOOD FRIEND

(It's hard to find a good friend and it can sometimes be hard to keep them. But it's the hardest when you lose one altogether and permanent.)

I've always thought that there is a little humor in just about everything, but there are times when it's difficult to find. During these times the clown has to take off his shoes and the big red rubber nose and sit quietly in the corner for a while and wait until it's his turn. However, once in a while the clown can't resist a little tweek of solemnity's tail. My dad told of a funeral where, as the pallbearers carried their friend to his final resting place, an amateur ventriloquist said softly, "Set me down easy boys, set me down easy." In no time he found himself the only one holding up one end of the casket. Sometimes, a little lightheartedness can go a long way. Old man Potter tells about the loss of a friend as he describes a family dog.

SAYIN' GOODBYE

We, my wife and me, knowed him from the time when he was just a young'un. He was hangin' around all them relatives of his an' learnin' some of the things he didn't oughta know. My wife just couldn't stand the thought of him not havin' a proper upbringing, so we just packed him up an' took him home to live with us. Now I know it's a little harsh to say a little feller like that was ugly, but that boy took the prize. He was so ugly the flies wouldn't hang around him if he was covered with honey. Big feet an' big ears an' ever bone in his body stuck out far enough to hang your hat on.

From the time he got home until he developed a little independence he was always hangin' around underfoot. If we had a nickel for ever time we turned around an' fell over that boy we could have bought a fair size tobacco farm. It wasn't long afore my wife had him spoiled rotten. He must have been afraid of the dark 'cause he took to spendin' his nights in our room an' when he took to missin' them no-good relatives of his, he would begin to whimper an' my wife would be up an' givin' him company. I didn't mind that so much, but when I decided to try it she told me to roll over an' shet up an' stop eatin' cucumbers afore goin' to bed.

As time went on he began to grow an' build all this energy to the point where you couldn't keep up with him. One day I'uz out workin' in the barn an' I turned around and fell over him an' put another nickel in the can. Right then I decided that

he was gonna have to learn somethin' other than trippin' people, so I got out a ball an' throwed it. He was real good at goin' an' gettin' it an' bringin' it back. I could see the potential in him as a professional ball fetcher. I would hire him out to all them big league teams an' charge them to have him fetch all those balls they knocked over the fence. That all went into a cocked hat though when one time he grabbed the ball an' run off an' lost it. It looked like I was gonna have to find somethin' else for him to do for a livin'.

All this time I was tryin' to make somethin' of him my wife jest kept cuddlin' him an' tellin' me to take it easy on him. I told her that he would have to get a whole lot better lookin' if he was to make somethin' of hisself an' that he needed all the help he could get. Well, he got to the point where he growed up an' didn't amount to a hill of beans. All he wanted to do was lay on the front porch an' wait for the dinner bell to ring. It was a sight to see how that boy could go from bein' a door mat to bein' the first at the table in two seconds flat. I was gripin' about how he couldn't put up hay or feed the chickens one day when my wife reminded me of how he always cleared the cows out of the barn every morning. I had to remind her that that warden't much help since I preferred to milk the cows in the barn an' not at other places on the farm.

One day I noticed he was gettin' better lookin' in his older age, kinda distinguished, like a banker wearin' a new suit. He was also movin' slower an' I hadn't tripped over him in a while. He was allus glad to see us, but instead of actin' like we wuz one of his long lost relatives, he would just kinda smile as if to say, "Shore good to see you. I'd appreciate yore company fer a while." Summer nights sittin' on the porch I do believe he began to appreciate the time he'd had an' the time he had left. Instead of tryin' to ketch fireflies he was content to just watch them flash by. The hootin' of an owl was no reason to get excited, it was just a part of the sounds of the end of another day.

We knowed things might not be just right when he tuk ten seconds to get to the table an' he couldn't hear you when you called. When he'd stand up he'd kinda creak an' he couldn't seem to see where he wuz goin' all the time. Now, he warn't never the brightest fella in the world, but he knowed somethin' wuz goin' wrong because he stayed close to us as much as he could. I guess a fella needs company when he's feelin' poorly. He give up on tryin' to keep the cows outta the barn an' for the first time I noticed the gray in his hair. I felt kinda sick when I remembered the old sayin'; of, "There's a time for all things an' all things must pass."

One day he jest laid down an' didn't hear the dinner bell. I tried to cheer him up by tellin' him he would look a sight better if he would part his hair on the other side, but he didn't take no notice. They say that all livin' creatures know when the time for lettin' go has come, but it don't make it any easier for the ones left behind. We stood by him an' remembered how he was a terrible ball player but the best of friends an' felt real helpless. We kinda figgered he knew he'd had a good life an' he woulda thanked us for bein' his friend if he could. Finally, the little spark flickered an' went out an' a tiny gentle soul was released. Sure would like to trip over him one more time. Goodbye Corky. You're missed.



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COVID-19 AND THE WAYNE COUNTY VETERAN

First of all, I apologize for yet another article about corona virus disease 2019 (abbreviated as COVID-19, 'CO' for 'corona', 'VI' for 'virus', 'D' for 'disease' and '19' for '2019'). I cannot believe there could be a person in this country, at this point in time, who is not very much aware of our situation. As I write this, health officials are telling us the number of cases of COVID-19 in Indiana will peak in mid-April. By the time you read this I hope things are looking better.

EFFECT ON HEALTHCARE FOR VETERANS IN WAYNE COUNTY

The DVAMC has been very forthcoming with information for veterans through their Public Affairs Officer, Ted Froats. On March 13th I received a call from the director of voluntary services at the Dayton VA Medical Center (DVAMC) advising me all vehicles would be stopped at the gate and patients would be screened before entry to the campus. Three days later I got an e-mail that all volunteers were removed from the DVAMC and we were to stop our Volunteer Transport Network taking veterans to DVAMC until April 30th. A veteran inpatient at Dayton was confirmed positive for the virus on March 18th. This patient was already in isolation and has since been transferred to another facility. The week of March 23rd our local Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) began calling patients and canceling appointments. You must call before going to the CBOC as they are only accepting patients who need urgent labs or care. Telehealth services are available online at My HealthVet. Many veterans are isolated from their normal lifestyle and contact with others. Everyone reacts to stressful situations differently. Fear, anxiety or feelings of depression are normal. If you are experiencing these feelings and need help call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. The VA has mental health info and resources online at <https://go.usa.gov/xvbRk>. Please reach out if necessary.

LOCAL CLOSURES LIMIT ACCESS TO OTHER VETERANS

Indiana Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-08 (Directive for Hoosiers to Stay at Home) effective from March 24th to April 6th. He later extended the order for another two weeks until the 19th. All veterans' organizations, American Legions and the VFW in Wayne County were closed. Our Court House Annex closed to the public including the Veterans Service Office. We are still serving veterans by phone at 765-973-9207.

THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (IDVA)

On March 19th the VA closed all 56 of its regional offices to the public and expanded its telephone and online contact with veterans. The IDVA is keeping all Veterans Service offices (VSOs) informed of special benefits during this crisis. One significant benefit available through the IDVA for veterans in need is **The Military Family Relief Fund COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Program (MFRF)**. This fund is designed to assist military families that are experiencing financial hardship. A one-time grant of \$2,500 may be available for household expenses during this National Emergency. In general the funds may be used for housing, utilities, food, medical expenses, childcare and some other essential family support expenses. The MFRF may not be used for personal debt (credit cards or loans), cable TV bills, legal expenses, court costs, license fees, child support, taxes etc., home or vehicle loan or non-essential day-to-day living expenses.

To be eligible you must be an Indiana resident either currently serving or honorably discharged from military service with at least 12 months of qualifying service. To apply for assistance you must submit:

- Application including: general information, the grant request, a budget worksheet, W9, direct deposit form, and an authorization to release information form.
- Statement letter signed by the veteran explaining your hardship and how the COVID-19 emergency has affected you.
- DD-214 showing type of discharge.
- Two months of current bills, invoices, for all items you are asking for assistance with.
- Last month's bank statements for all accounts you own, showing all deposits and withdrawals for 30 days.
- Evidence of all income of veteran and spouse for last two months.
- Letter from your employer verifying your income has been interrupted.

You can get an application from our Veterans Service Office at 401 East Main Street, Richmond or search for Indiana DVA. Applications can be submitted to Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs: **Fax-317-232-7721**, Email-MFRF@dva.in.gov.

For questions contact the following: Lynn Dickey 317-232-3914, Kay Ross 317-234-8653 or Nicole Vandyke 317-234-8656. ■

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while pursuing or calling in gobblers, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. We expect an increase in participation – practicing social distancing, staying well away from other hunters, and never shooting at sound or movement are more important than ever. Wild turkeys may be hunted only from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. To learn more about DNR properties, to include the 200,000 acres of reservoir properties and state forests, visit here.

Division of Fish & Wildlife have spring season hunting hours one-half hour before sunrise until noon for properties on CDT and until 1 p.m. for properties on EDT. Call the property for additional information.

Find more turkey hunting safety tips on our website. Wildlife.IN.gov.

CHANGES TO REGISTRATION FOR RESERVED TURKEY HUNTS

Reserved turkey hunt procedures will change on participating Fish & Wildlife Areas (FWAs) for selected turkey hunters this year, as a result of COVID-19. The changes will allow turkey hunting to continue on FWAs while practicing social distancing.

Selected turkey hunters (youth-season and regular-season) will be mailed date-specific hunting permit cards for their hunt period as well as a parking permit. FWA offices are closed to the public; however, selected turkey hunters still need to

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Random Notes from: Prairie Wolf Gun Repair



by Marshall Smith

Gunsmith, NRA Life Member, Retired LEO

What a Firing Pin Imprint Can Tell

A lot of information can be obtained from inspecting the firing pin impression made by your gun on the cartridge primer. One of the things I ask for when a customer says he is having problems with misfires or failures to cycle is to bring me several of the fired cases, particularly those cartridges that failed to fire. The inspection of the firing pin impression in the primer can reveal broken firing pins, broken springs, weak recoil springs, over length pin protrusion, early unlocking on auto-loading handguns, rifles, and shotguns. The primer can also show shearing of the primer that is forced back into the firing pin channel. Many problems can be determined by examining the primer.

One of the most complained about misfires is with rimfire ammunition. Rimfire ammunition is manufactured with a small amount of impact sensitive explosive which is spun into the hollow rim of the cartridge case. The firing pin must be of a design that insures a strong impression on the crushable rim. Early .22 rimfire gun makers used a round, flattened point on the firing pin which leaves an impression that looks much like a half-moon on the cartridge rim. Later designs were to produce a pin face which resembles a rectangle or trapezoid. {Rimfire.jpg} This design works well in bolt action and semi-automatic rifles and pistols where the firing pin channel in the bolt can be milled without special tooling and trap the firing pin in a constantly aligned position relative to the cartridge case and chamber.

The firing pin for the single action and double action revolvers created a different design as the firing pin had to be part of the hammer, or encased in the frame of the revolver. The firing pin had to be designed so that the pin did not rotate and would strike the rim of the bullet in the same spot as the cylinder rotated. This naturally caused more machining of the revolver's frame and/or the firing pin. Some companies had opted to go with a firing pin design like a center fire pin including



Firing pin wipe is indicated here. Note how the firing pin imprint is elongated probably due to early unlocking. (Author Photo)



Left: This is 9mm round which has been fired and shows a very good firing pin imprint in the center of the primer. Right: Here is a .22 LR fired case showing the rectangle shape of the firing pin. The thinner shape allows for increased pressure at the point of impact using lighter springs, thus saving production costs. (Photos by Author)

a rounded nose in order to save production time and cost. Those rounded nose firing pin rimfire revolvers in both .22 LR and .22 WMRF are susceptible to repeated misfires simply because the impact area of the firing pin may be too small to consistently ignite the pressure sensitive primer. {Picture Rimfireprimer.jpg } Use caution when purchasing a rimfire revolver and check out the type of firing pin the manufacturer is using. If you purchase one with the rounded nose firing pin, expect misfires with some types of ammo. Find the ammo which seems to work well in your particular revolver and stick with it. As a last note, because of the problems with rimfire ammo failing to discharge, do not use a .22 caliber handgun for self-defense. It may fail you at that critical moment.

What's Happened to Honor in America?

Every day we hear another embellished news story about the horrible acts of violence in our nation's cities and schools. So often we hear of someone killing another or several others and then committing suicide. We hear the talking heads on both sides of the aisle claiming they know the cure for these ills but none have a plan except to punish the innocent for the acts of the mindless. Where has honor gone?

We've seen the labor unions demanding more wages, more health care, more vacation, more, more, more. We see our tax dollars being passed out to the freeloaders and squandered on cigarettes, candy, drugs and cars. We see our government representatives promising more to the peo-

ple, promising to tax the rich and give it to the poor. We see Congress refusing to adjust medicare incentives to make them affordable. Corporate America has jumped on the selfishness bandwagon, resisting any changes to subsidies that have stacked up over the decades. American citizens have been trained to think they have "rights" to get what they want from government. Where has honor gone?

Honor is a code of conduct to be honest, to have strong moral principles, to be righteous, to be fair minded and decent, to be incorruptible, and to be willing to protect those who cannot protect themselves. It includes a dedication of service to others, to your family, and to your country. Not so long ago a person's honor was more important than life itself. If one's honor was questioned or attacked, it had to be protected even if that meant dueling to the death with the accuser. I'm not saying we should go back to dueling, but I don't see many men or women in the political structure that stand on their principles, or any principles for that matter. Honor also means one stands on their own and lives within their means. Our personal credit card debt is outrageous, our country's National Debt for 2019 is over \$22,027,424,114,819 (that's TRILLION) as I write this. Our Nation's tax revenue for 2019 was \$3,460,000,000 or 15.8% or our Nation's debt. What happened to living within our means, our Nation's Honor is at stake. Our Nation's Honor will only be regained through our personal effort to restore our Honor. Without Honor our nation, our culture, our values will not

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A good hollow body frog is one that compresses well too expose the hooks upon hook set. (Author Photo)



Bending the hooks up slightly will improve your hook-up ratio. (Author Photo)



Trimming the legs of your frog the length of the body is a sure way to get the correct length. (Author Photo)

Catching Takes Lots of Practice



by Tyler Frame
Frame's Outdoor

The Hollow Body Frog

If you are a bass angler you know that summer time is the time for topwater fishing. This time of year many anglers are chasing schooling bass with poppers, buzzbaits, and "walk the dog" lures and having some success. The hollow body frog; however, is a different topwater lure that shouldn't be overlooked. It is meant for heavy, shaded cover where monster bass can live shallow all season. There is no question that the frog produces better than average fish and usually produces the biggest fish in the pond. We are deep into summer and much of the vegetation in our lakes and ponds have reached the surface, or "topped out." This is the best time of year to catch a giant on a hollow body frog.

There are two basic styles of the hollow body frog, the popping frog, and the traditional moss frog. Having both in your arsenal is important. We use the popping frog whenever we are throwing over open water. A great example would be casting over a log jam in the back of a lake tributary, or along a "topped out" weed edge. It's great in open water because it has the ability to draw fish from a distance and can be very effective when fishing stained or choppy water. The traditional hollow body moss frog; however, is the better

choice when fishing through floating vegetation or moss. When you need that sleek design for coming through the floating "cheese" tie on the traditional frog.

When choosing a hollow body frog keep it simple. We choose our frogs based on the hollow body's ability to collapse or compress to expose the hooks for a greater hook-up ratio. Our color choices are simple, black, green, or White. We catch 90% of our frog fish on black frogs. Why? I don't know, maybe black is easier for a bass to seek out looking up. Our favorite traditional frogs are the Bully Wa II 65 by River to Sea and the Perfect Frog by Snag Proof. Our favorite popping frogs are the Spittin Wa 65 by River to Sea and the Bronzeye Poppin frog by Spro. All of these frogs have great hook-up ratios and are very easy to "walk the dog" with.

There are two modification to make on every hollow body frog regardless of brand. First, trim the rubber legs. Fold the legs up and trim them the length of the frog body (photo). Second, using pliers, bend the hook points up and out slightly to improve the hook-up ratio (photo).

We always throw hollow body frogs on 65lb braid with a heavy action 7ft Duckett rod teamed with a high speed 8:1 gear ratio Lews baitcaster. When a huge bass eats a frog through the heaviest of cover we want to get her up, and out of there quickly. When do we throw the frog? We always have a frog tied on and ready when we come across a place that looks "froggy." In a recent bass tourney we came across a random log jam that we flipped with Texas rigged soft plastics without success. Then we grabbed our frog (black) and on back to back cast we caught two nice largemouth. That log jam was the only place we threw the frog that day, but it made all the difference. If you

want to catch the biggest fish in the pond tie on a hollow body frog.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

Who Is Going To Crack First

The water levels in the Great Lakes have cycled from high to low to high and back countless times in the 10 thousand years since the glaciers gouged the land, then filled the filled the trenches with their melt water. High and low water periods are still happening in response to the amount of precipitation in the Great Lakes watershed, evaporation and the amount of water which ultimately which flows down the St. Lawrence River.

Containing twenty percent of the unfrozen freshwater in the world, the remaining 80 percent of the world would like to have some of the water - whether



Great Lakes piers and breakwalls are becoming nearshore reefs as water levels rise. (Author Photo)

the lakes are low or high. Over time, some innovative schemes have been devised to get it.

One company was going to fill ocean-going tanker ships Great Lakes water and haul it all the way to Australia. The multi-national company, Nestle, made plans to haul Great Lakes water away, one plastic bottle full at a time.

These and other ideas to tap the Great Lakes water were essentially stopped in 2008 when the Great Lakes Compact was made into law. By unanimous consent of all the states and provinces bordering the lakes, the compact essentially disallowed commercial use of Great Lakes water if that use would remove the water outside of the Great Lakes watershed.

It was an easy regulation to pass back in 2008 when the water levels in the Great Lakes were approaching near record low levels. "Experts" were pinning the low levels on climate change and predicted no end to the ever dropping lake levels. The "Compact." they said, was just one of many regulations governments would need to take to save the lakes, human civilization and most other life on earth.

Except now, the Great Lakes are brim full and each additional centimeter added to the Great Lakes water level sets new records. The same experts espousing theories of ever dwindling Great Lakes water levels in 2008 are now claiming high water levels are the result of climate change and predicting no end to lake shore flooding.

Now, instead of cities and states around the lakes worrying about keeping enough water along their lake fronts to float boats, they are worrying about lakeside parking lots becoming marinas. Something has to be done to get rid of the water before the Great Lakes become 25 percent of the world's freshwater.

How soon is one of the states (or provinces) going to break the compact? There are none of the states or provinces bordering the lakes which don't have its own version of money problems. Each one of those governments have budget struggles every fiscal year and each one fights for every nickel they can scrape up to squander.

All of these states are spending money right now, hiring climate change experts, planners, engineering firms and forming commissions to figure out how to cope with high waters along their lake shores. How soon will one of the governments realize they can sell it?

Former ploys and ideas to tap into the Great Lakes were devised with the idea the water was free. The tanker ship hauling the water to a far away continent was expensive, but the cargo was free. What if it wasn't?

Do you think Illinois, which is hundreds of billions of dollars in debt, would balk at selling a trillion gallons of Lake Michigan for a penny per gallon? Do you think drought-plagued Texas wouldn't pay that amount, or the Nestle Corporation?

What about Michigan? A trillion gallons of Great Lakes water at a penny per gallon would put 10 billion bucks in Michigan's treasury. What about Indiana, Ohio and the other Great Lakes states and provinces? Would the other signatories to the Great Lakes Compact object? They certainly have objected to other water withdrawal proposals when they were brought up through out the region. Would they continue to object, or would the legislators and administrators think, "Great idea! Pump away the problem. It's like selling air. It's free money!" Soon pump stations would be going up in every state.

If even one state broke away and the others

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Know a bird to kill one

We have all been there; you are all amped up as the hens talk and the gobblers fire off from the roost and you seem to be in the perfect position right in the middle of the action, feeling fairly certain that in a matter of minutes you will be draping a pair of ankles over your shoulder. But, instead of the scene that played out in your head, the turkeys all flew down and wasted no time spreading the distance between you and them while the toms simultaneously fall silent. Or the situation could play out another way; there is absolutely no gobbling from the roost or after they pitch down, which leaves you feeling as if there isn't a turkey within the same section of the county as you.

Scout for your bird:

Too many turkey hunters simply think that being in the roost area is enough to kill a gobbler. While once in a while this can be true, to be consistent on punching your turkey tag, it usually takes a lot more than that. Scouting is just as important for turkey hunting as it is for deer hunting. There is no substitute for understanding your quarry and using that information to up your odds. When scouting for turkeys before opening day, I like to keep it fairly simple. Actually getting in and covering a lot of ground looking for sign is not how I go about it prior to the opener. I do not want to spook any birds in their daily routine which may cause them to change their habits. Instead, your first step is to just be in a place in the mornings and/or evenings where you expect to be able to hear the toms gobbling from the roost and listen. Once you have found roost sites, try to keep an eye or ear on the birds after they fly down in the mornings if you can. Sometimes we tend to think that finding the roost area is good enough and leave it at that, but by knowing where the turkeys tend to go after they fly down, you will significantly increase your chances of killing one.

So either stay put and keep listening for gobbling and hen talk as they move off or move in the general direction as they are and try to keep tabs on them. Try to do so without being detected.

By knowing their favorite haunts, you will not have to rely on that fleeting thirty minutes of activity at first daylight to hope to fill your tag. You will know where to go and be in a position to intercept the birds later on in the morning, and that is a good thing. Or, if there is no gobbling on a given day, you will know which areas to go to so you can just sit and wait them out if you have to. If you have scouted properly, sooner or later, they will show up.

Keep your turkey calls at home:

Practicing your calling is important (and, yes, it is fun) so that you can masterfully replicate the sounds of the wild turkey as best you can when it becomes game time. There is a time and a place for everything though, and practicing your calling on live birds beforehand is never a good idea. Travel down any back road a couple of weeks before turkey season and you are sure to run into people pulling over on the side of the road and blowing on a turkey call in hopes of getting a gobbler to fire off. They do this to locate the tom and learn his whereabouts or roosting area prior to the opener. Little do they know that by doing so, they are making the hunting considerably tougher, not only for themselves, but for others as well.

Under no circumstance should you ever use a turkey call in the wild call unless you are actually hunting and intent on killing a turkey. Every time you do, you run the risk of educating the birds in your area. Let's say you are out scouting and just cannot resist giving a few yelps to see if anything responds. Whether a gobbler does or does not fire back, if he heard it and comes in to investigate, or worse yet, notices you, then you have pretty much just eliminated that bird from your hit list because the odds are long that he will readily come into a call again this season, or if he does, he will likely come in silent.

If you just have to try to make a tom gobble, only do so with the use of calls designed to "shock" him into gobbling, rather than ones designed to draw him in.

A crow call, for example, is a commonly used locator call which is designed to pierce the air and make a gobbler gobble. It is used to locate the bird but will not entice him to come investigate, and there-

fore is fairly harmless when used in this manner. Be advised though, that eventually turkeys can get used to such calls and respond less to them over time.

Honestly though, especially during early mornings and evenings as the birds are in the roost, gobblers will tend to gobble often enough on their own for you to be able to figure out their roosting areas. And they will typically continue to gobble for a while after they fly down in the mornings and slightly prior to flying up to roost the evenings, enabling you to figure out their habits without the use of calls.

Part of the excitement of the spring turkey season is getting ready for it. The anticipation and locating birds gets your blood pumping and fills your head full of dreams that keep you from sleeping at night for several days before the season arrives. Do not let this excitement spoil your chances at a longbeard this year by getting antsy and blowing your cover and educating the birds in your hunting area. Put some time in and scout smart this year. You will be surprised at how much you learn.

Editors Note: Joe's article reprinted from May 2017 for benefit of new readers who hunt turkeys. ■

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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Henry Barnhart Voted For Woman Suffrage

Women were given the right to vote (suffrage) in 1920. Well, not exactly "given" – they had to fight for it. And our Congressman, Henry Barnhart, was right in there fighting to help them. He was the owner and editor of the Sentinel. He was also one of the founders of Rochester Telephone Company in 1895.

Henry's son Hugh Barnhart, wrote a history of Congressman Barnhart, published in Fulton County Folks volume 2 in 1981. This book is out of print but can be read at the Rochester library and Fulton County Museum.

Henry Barnhart was one of Fulton County's most valuable and productive citizens. He was born in 1858 on a farm in Cass County near Twelve Mile. He attended a one-room school. One

of the highlights in entertainment in those days was a debate that took place in the one-room schools every month. Spelling bees were very popular too. Henry was good at debating. He learned to think on his feet and became a public speaker.

Henry married Loretta Leffel in 1881. He first ran for public office in 1884 and was elected county surveyor. He did not know how to survey but hired a real surveyor who could operate a transit. Henry and his new wife moved to Rochester.

In 1885 Henry purchased the Rochester News Sentinel. He served on the board of the city's first water system. He was a director of Indiana State Prison in 1893.

When the patent on telephones ran out, Barnhart and several other men formed the Rochester Telephone Company in 1895. It soon began providing telephone service and had 100 subscribers in 1896.

Representatives from independent telephone companies in northern Indiana and eastern Illinois met at the Barnett Hotel in Logansport in April 1903 and organized the Allied Independent Toll Company. Walter Uhl, Logansport was made president and Henry Barnhart, Rochester, secretary.

In 1908 he was elected as a Democrat to the Sixtieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative Abram L. Brick. He was re-elected to the Sixty-first Congress and to the four succeeding Congresses, serving through 1919.

In those quiet years before World War I, Congress was much different than it is today. Washington was a small city unencumbered by the bureaucracy that later would envelop it; travel was difficult and citizens rarely visited the capital. Henry's two-person staff consisted of secretary and stenographer. He served in Congress 1908-1919, sponsored bills assisting citizens in his district and became known among his colleagues as an orator and story-teller.

Henry made friends easily in Congress with his outgoing personality and homespun stories like this one which he often was asked to repeat: In Fulton circuit court, an attorney was defending his client from selling a diseased animal. In his closing argument, he told the jury: "You have heard how a sick jackass was sold by my client. That is not true. He was perfectly healthy at the time. The new owner carelessly turned him into a pasture adjoined by one in which there were several healthy and lively mares. The lonely little animal tried in vain for three days to break through that barbed wire fence but could not make it. Members of the jury, that poor jackass did not die from disease. He just died from a broken heart." The attorney won the case.

ney won the case.

When the vote was taken for Woman's Suffrage. Henry was in the hospital but arranged to have himself carried in his bed to Congress to vote for the ladies. This made headlines, of course. Passed by Congress June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th amendment granted women the right to vote.

Henry was active in organizing the Rochester Trust and Savings Bank was later merged with U.S. Bank and Trust Company at 729 Main Street. This was later the site of Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Henry was a great orator and loved to tell stories, mostly about Fulton County. He wrote a memorial to his dog "Farewell to Bob," which he read to Congress and had printed in the Congressional Record.

After retiring in 1916, he spent many hours visiting old cronies at Dawson's Drug Store, corner of Main and 8th streets. One of his favorite stories was about a lovesick mule. He also gave speeches for the Redpath Chautauqua, traveling its circuit over the Midwest for two summers.

Henry was president of Rochester Telephone Company but I have not been able to determine the exact years. –take out the last half of sentence and put in "until his death."

His first wife died in 1916. In 1923 he married Mrs. Alwilda Edwards Dillon, a neighboring widow. They lived in a large house at 1118 Main Street, Rochester.

In his Rochester retirement, he continued as telephone company president, having turned the newspaper over to his sons, first to Dean and then to Hugh. He delivered a speech on "Congress in Action" throughout the county.

Henry was contacted by Professor Logan Esarey of Indiana University and asked to write a history of Fulton County. This was published in 1923 in volume three in a hard cover set of Indiana state history.

After two years illness, Henry Barnhart died March 26, 1934, at the age of 75. In attendance at his First Baptist Church funeral were 800 persons, including Indiana Governor Paul McNutt. Among the many government dignitaries who sent telegrams was Vice President John Garner, who wrote: "Many men come and go in Congress without being remembered but the memory of Mr. Barnhart always will live." Henry was president of Rochester Telephone Company until his death.

Henry Barnhart was buried in the mausoleum at IOOF cemetery, Rochester. In April 1971 the mausoleum was torn down and the graves buried in special section of IOOF cemetery.

Henry Barnhart was the only Congressman from Rochester. ■

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The Second Annual Metamora Chainsaw Carving Competition is set to take place over Memorial Day weekend May 22, 23, & 24. (Author Photo)

Rambling In The Fields



by Beverly Spurlin
Metamora Activities

As spring meanders her way along the Whitewater Valley Canal, Metamora residents, merchants, and visitors find themselves enchanted by many things that follow in her path; the newly hatched ducklings that swim through the canal, native red bud trees in bloom, and the opening of the shops in the village for the season. Along with these spring harbingers are the beginning of the seasonal events in Metamora. The month of May welcomes a new-comer to the events schedule in the village. The Second Annual Metamora Chainsaw Carving Competition is set to take place over Memorial Day weekend; May 22, 23, & 24. Troy Baker of TB Wooden Creations in Metamora is the organizer of the event, and a local village merchant. Baker's shop is located along the canal on the north side and most weekends, visitors can watch as he carves intricately detailed designs. Baker explained that the event will feature as many as ten carvers from Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Indiana. Baker went on to explain that the carvers will work Friday and Saturday throughout the day carving at least two pieces in view of onlookers which will be auctioned off Sunday afternoon. Cash prizes will be awarded for first and second place carvings; placing to be determined by the highest and second highest selling

NOTE: At the time of the writing of this article, Indiana is under travel restrictions and many businesses are closed. Although it is the hope of organizers that these events will take place, their status depends upon recommendations by the CDC and local & state mandates and recommendations closer to the event dates. These events could be canceled and organizers encourage readers to check the Metamora, Indiana website and Metamora, Indiana Facebook page, or websites and Facebook pages for the events to check the status prior to attending.

price, respectively. The carvers will also have smaller pieces for purchase over the weekend. The carvers keep 50% of the proceeds from the sale, while the other 50% of the proceeds will benefit Historic Metamora, Inc, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the interpretation of the 19th century canal era and to the preservation of the town of Metamora, Indiana. Gail Ginther, secretary/treasurer of Historic Metamora, Inc, explained that last year, the Chainsaw Carving contest generated about \$700 for the organization which was then used to fund a puppet show for Children's Day, a free event open to all children and their families which takes place in August. Ginther also hopes to fund 1800's interpretive programs which will give visitors a richer experience of life along the canal. The auction will take place after the Masonic Lodge Memorial Day Ceremony which is scheduled to begin at 1:00. Cash, check or credit card will all be accepted this year. Last year, Brandon Blevins, pastor of Greater Vision Ministries in Metamora served as the auctioneer.

On the evening of Saturday, May 23, Historic Metamora, Inc will host a pitch-in dinner, movie, and music in the park. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The dinner will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by the award winning movie, The Mountain Minor. The movie is based on writer/director Dale Farmer's family's migration north from Kentucky, and features music by Jerico Old time String Band. The film also features music from The Tillers and Ma Crow, who have appeared in Metamora on previous occasions. The Opry Barn will serve as the alternate location in case of rain.

The second, and longer running event of the

month is the Memorial Day Ceremony sponsored by the Metamora Masonic Lodge 156. Shane Scalf, Past Master of the Masonic Lodge explained that the ceremony, conducted by fellow Mason Rob Allen will begin at 1:00 on Sunday, May 24 and will include a 21 Gun Salute and guest speakers, many of whom have served in the military. Local resident Sandi Baker and her son Lad Baker have read poems or special readings at past ceremonies. Flags will be displayed as part of the ceremony and the highlight of the event will be the flowers ceremony where attendees will gently toss flowers into the water of the canal to represent our nation's fallen service men and women. Attendees may also toss flowers to represent their family members who have passed away. Flowers are provided by the Metamora Masonic Lodge, but attendees are encouraged to bring flowers of their own, should they wish. Scalf went on to say, "The Masons have been doing this for many, many years. It's a very heartwarming ceremony." Scalf reported that The Widow's Sons, a Masonic motorcycle club will also be in attendance to observe the ceremony and honor our fallen service men and women, and he wanted to emphasize that "bikes are all welcome." Scalf said that the Lodge will be open to the public during and after the ceremony and refreshments will be available.




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Flag ceremony during a past Memorial Day in Metamora. (Photo by Mary Disney)



A carver works on his piece during the first Chainsaw Carving Competition last year in Metamora. (Author Photo)



Attendees toss flowers into the canal in Metamora to honor fallen service men and women. (Photo by Mary Disney)

Sclaf provided a little background information on the Metamora Masonic Lodge, stating that it is the 156th lodge developed in the state of Indiana. Sclaf reported that the Metamora Lodge enjoys a very active and robust membership. Sclaf explained that there are five lodges in Franklin County and together they pool their fund raising proceeds from events such as the local Pork Chop Dinner to provide donations to local families at Christmas time. Last year, the five Franklin County Masonic Lodges were able to donate \$2500 to Franklin County school children and their families to provide a food voucher for Christmas dinner. (All Mary Disney photos used with her permission)

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At a recent SEOPA conference, we got to dig fossils at the Gray Fossil Site, just discovered in 2000. (Photo by Rich Creason)



We never miss a chance to take a ride on Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls. (Photo by Rich Creason)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Cancellations Keep Adding Up

As I walk through my kitchen multiple times a day, I see a sight which is highly unusual. On the side of our refrigerator is a long, one-year calendar. Susie gets me one of these for Christmas every year, and we hang it on the fridge to document our scheduled outings for the year. Last year, we had very few trips written here since I was waiting for a kidney surgery which kept getting put off. This year is different. We had trips scheduled almost every month.

Unfortunately, like many others, our plans are getting changed. When I look at the calendar now, I am starting to see big red "X's" which weren't there a couple weeks ago. While not actually written down for April, I was making plans for a fishing outing for salmon on Lake Michigan. This used to be an annual trip. Before I actually confirmed it with a charter captain, things started shutting down. If I'm lucky, maybe when can go for larger salmon in the fall.

May 1st there was a vendor event scheduled at our church. I make wooden pens on my lathe and sell them at these functions to make a little money to help with our trips. That one has been postponed until July 25th. May 2nd was scheduled to be the day we headed south to Florida to visit Susie's brothers. I already had another outdoor writer who is a good friend and charter boat captain down there offer to take us out for species we seldom get to catch. I also get to visit several great flea markets when we visit Florida. That slot on the calendar already has a big red X on it.

Mid-June was penciled in to go fishing in western



We saw these wild turkeys on a visit to Virginia. (Photos by Rich Creason)

New York. Chautauqua Lake, the eastern end of Lake Erie, the lower Niagara River, and Lake Ontario were all high on our list. Usually we fish at least two of these locations, depending on time. We also have a metal detector hunt scheduled with friend. A ride on the Maid of the Mist boat ride at Niagara Falls is always a must when we are in this area. As of right now, I'm not scheduling anything in June. I hope that changes soon. Late June we had a scheduled two day metal detector hunt on the calendar at Wray's Treasure Shop near Freetown, IN. It hasn't been marked off yet. Fingers crossed.

July is the big Treasure Fest marked on the calendar for a week late in the month. This is at Starve Hollow State Recreation Area, west of Seymour. It's a week-long metal detector hunt with four or five separate hunts each day. We see a lot of friends here who we only see once a year. It's not been canceled yet, but those putting on the show are worried.

For August, we had inked our fishing trip up north. We were going to spend one day fishing and two nights lodging at River Bend Resort near Baudette, MN on Lake of the Woods. Then, we were crossing into Ontario and fishing a couple days from a deluxe resort on an island near Sioux Narrows on the same lake. Since my brother only lives about an

hour north of there, we were planning on lunch with him and his family. At this early stage, it's still a go.

September is always the month for the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers annual conference. This is scheduled at Gaylord, Michigan this year, one of our favorite places for a conference. Gaylord has a captive elk herd in a park downtown which is a neat attraction. There is also a wild elk herd just north of town. The candy store in the center of town has the chocolate covered potato chips of which I am extremely fond. This trip has not been marked off the calendar yet.

October is the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association conference. I really like the SEOPA conferences because they are always held in the southern states and the food there is outstanding. We have had smoked alligator, quail stuffed with venison, lots of Cajun food, much more, and lots of it. And, since Susie doesn't like spicy food, I often get her serving as well. This year the event will be held in West



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Susie with Lake of the Woods sturgeon. One of our planned trips this year. (Author Photo)



Netting Chautauqua Lake musky for stocking. Great lake for musky, walleye, and smallmouth. (Author Photo)



Charlotte Harbor, Florida, basket of reef fish caught. We were hoping to go there again this spring.

Virginia.
I'm hoping I won't have to put any more red X's on the calendar. Some of our early events may be postponed to a later date, so maybe, late summer and fall of this year will have more trips scheduled than normal.
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survive. How is your Honor?

Quote of the Month

Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history. We, of this Congress and this administration, will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance, or insignificance, can spare one or another of us. The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation. - Abraham Lincoln

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.

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

Marshall Smith
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

Fishing Lake Michigan

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objected, what could they do? Michigan isn't going to invade Wisconsin - other than with lawyers. The federal government is unlikely to step into the fray. The states are begging the feds for financial assistance to fight the high water, just as they did when they hit up the feds for dollars to dredge channels and harbors when the water was low. From the point of view of the feds, the problem is a solution.

Is the current high water levels something which will reverse itself or will water levels continue to rise? I don't know. Ask an expert. I do know, once the pumps are installed, the water starts flowing out and the money starts flowing in, it will take more than a compact between the states to stop the flow.

THE END

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sign in each day at a property self-serve check-in booth before hunting. Hunters must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet between each other while signing in. For more information visit our website: Wildlife.IN.gov

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Choosing to grow native grasses, trees, wildflowers, and shrubs can provide year-round habitat for Indiana's pollinators and other wildlife. Native vegetation provides seeds, nectar, and pollen as food for most of our wildlife. Native plants also supply nesting material for many bird species and offer cover for other wildlife.

Landscaping with native plants is generally less maintenance-intensive because they are more resistant to native pests, diseases, and Indiana weather. Their deep roots also slow and filter water runoff, helping to reduce pollutants, such as chemicals and sediment, in our water bodies. Replacing turf grass with native vegetation is a great way to promote clean air, clean water, and healthy soils for both people and wildlife.

Learn more about various wildlife habitat practices or contact your district wildlife biologist for advice. Wildlife.IN.gov

CHECK OUT THE BARN OWL CHICKS ON OUR WEBCAM

The barn owls started nesting early this year, and the first egg was laid in early February. This year's activity has been unusual: the female took more than a week off in between laying, resulting in a significant size difference between the hatched chicks. Usually, barn owls go only two to three days between laying eggs.

Check out our live nest webcam to see how the chicks are doing today.

Barn owls are one of many species that benefit from the Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund. Consider donating to support this species and others in need of your help. Wildlife.IN.gov

NONGAME WILDLIFE FUND AT WORK AQUATICS

Warming water temperatures in April signal spawning time for many of our fish species. The state endangered Lake Sturgeon is one of the earlier species to spawn in Indiana, migrating, often many miles, to a common spawning site. They deposit their adhesive eggs in areas with large rocks and a fast current.

Because of their larger size and habit of surfacing while spawning, it would not be unusual for people to notice them. While it might be tempting to try and catch one, it is important to leave these endangered fish undisturbed during this critical spawning period. It is illegal to take, possess, or harass any of our endangered fish species at any time. If accidentally caught, Lake Sturgeon must be released immediately, unharmed.

A list of our state endangered fish species can be found on our website or on page 9 of this year's Fishing Guide. Information on correctly identifying Lake Sturgeon can be found on page 13. If you think you witnessed Lake Sturgeon spawning activity, please let us know by emailing fishid@dnr.IN.gov.

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Elks Club was used as an influenza hospital. (Author Photo)



Influenza hospital Fort Riley Kansas (Atlantic Magazine Photo)

Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder
Fayette County Historical Museum

History Repeats Itself

Way back in early February, I started to worry about the flu. I knew about the 1918 epidemic because I had always heard the story of my mother's uncle who went to naval training at Great Lakes. Within weeks, he was dead. Not because he ever saw battle, but because he was a casualty of the epidemic. Oddly, I never asked my dad or mom about living through it, even though they were born in 1910 and 1912 respectively. (Another example of why you should have a talk with your elders. A good project during the shut-down?)

I do remember the two weeks I spent in bed in first grade with Asiatic flu. I remember how concerned my parents were, probably because they had lived through 1918, but I didn't know that then. I was a sick pup. I still have the cards that my classmates made for me to wish me well.

So, when all the talk about the epidemic in China began, I expected it to come here. How could it not? Folks today think nothing of flying

halfway around the world in no time at all, so I felt it was inevitable. If it was coming, I wanted to know more about what happened a hundred years ago for comparison.

Old newspapers made it clear that it was taken seriously in Fayette County, Indiana. The first case seems to have presented itself in the first week of October, 1918, and it spread quickly. An Influenza Commission was formed by the city of Connersville and Fayette County officials. By October 7th, a ban was put in place. School, churches, and the public library closed.

The death toll rose sharply, with three to five deaths reported daily for a period of two weeks in the middle of October. While some of them were not directly attributed to the flu, the pneumonia that usually followed was listed as the cause of death. I found some of the first rules to be odd. There would be a report of a death and notice that the funeral would be held at the home where the person had died. I wondered if that was the best way to handle that.

The theaters and pool rooms were closed, and dancing was prohibited due to the proximity involved when couples danced.

By mid November, the ban was lifted. People bustled around, had parties, and held their usual family and holiday gatherings. At that time, there were fifty six known deaths.

By Christmas Eve, it became apparent that the plague was back in full force. The Commission was reconvened. This time, the rules were more strict in some ways and more lax in others. A specific list of seventeen rules was put in place. I won't give them in full, but here's a condensed list.

1. As soon as it was learned that a person had the flu, the place they lived was quarantined, and a sign was placed there warning of the disease. The quarantine was in place until five days after

recovery or after the person had no fever.

2. Penalties were put in place for removal of quarantine signs or for entering or leaving the premises.

3. Only doctors, nurses, undertakers and family or those attending the sick were allowed to leave or enter. Attendants and family were restricted until they had been cleared and given guidelines on preventing spread were given to them by the county health officer.

4. Anyone attending a sick person was required to inform the State Board of Health or the county commission within ten hours of doing so, either by mail or messenger.

5. Only two customers per clerk were allowed in a store or office at a time. A minimum of five were allowed. Someone had to watch the door at all times.

Churches, theaters, lodges, clubs, and similar gathering places were only allowed to be at half capacity. Patrons were to be seated with an empty seat in front, behind, and on both sides (a checkerboard pattern). No patrons were allowed to stand, and anyone coughing or sneezing was to leave or face removal.

6. I will print this one word for word.

Owners or proprietors of stores, blacksmith shops, livery barns, garages, pool rooms, card rooms, cigar stands, and other similar places, shall remove from the room or rooms all chairs for patrons and shall not suffer, permit or allow any loafing or loitering therein whatsoever.

7. No person under the age of 16 years will be allowed to enter any motion picture or other theater.

8. Jitney and other similar conveyances shall be limited in the conveyance of passengers at any time to the seating capacity of the conveyance. No standing.

9. Hotels, restaurants, soda fountains, barber



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Spanish Flu, circa 1918. Family portrait. And yes, that is a cat wearing a mask.



HISTORY HUSTLE

Family and cat wearing masks during the 1918 Epidemic. (Author Photo)

shops and similar places were required to seat people in a checkerboard pattern, as much as practical.

10. The use of common towel and drinking cup was prohibited in stores, shops and factories. Was still allowed in homes.

11. All establishments serving soft drinks (hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, etc.) were required to boil all glassware and utensils for 10 minutes.

12. No public funerals were to be held until the ban was lifted.

13. School authorities could not allow entertainment or athletic events.

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through parts of the county that were spared the first time, leading authorities to believe that there was immunity in the areas hit the first time.

The second onslaught ended in February, but, at one time, there were 242 places quarantined. I haven't been able to find a total of cases or the total number who died.

When it finally ended, there was finger pointing as to why the ban was lifted the first time. The hospital had a fund raising drive to build on a wing to handle such a situation in the future.

Some of the similarities to the current pandemic are hard to ignore, and the steps taken to treat the ill and stop the spread are eerily similar. During both waves in 1918 people were also asked to wear face coverings to stop the spread.

So, stay in and be mindful of yourself and others if you must go out. Stopping it the first time around will, hopefully, mean we won't have to start over.

When we're all able to roam freely, be sure to visit all the great places in the Whitewater Valley. The Fayette County Historical Museum is closed until we get the all clear, but we're looking forward to seeing all of you soon! In the meantime, stay safe!

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INDIANA NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

The Indiana Natural Resources Foundation's mission is to support and encourage the charitable, educational and scientific programs of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Together, we have helped expand public lands, restore wildlife habitat and create educational opportunities.

non compliance, etc.

Many of these rules look pretty similar to what's happening now. One difference is that schools were in session. The epidemic appeared to be most severe among those 20 to 40 years of age. Almost nobody over 60 died from it, and only a few children under 16. The other difference from today's flu is that more women died than men.

By December 28th, the hospital was full. The Red Cross got permission to outfit the Elks Lodge as a hospital strictly for influenza patients. It was feared that some people who couldn't afford treatment were avoiding going to the hospital. Treatment was offered to anyone who needed it.

The second round of the flu made its way



The state endangered Lake Sturgeon is one of the earlier species to spawn in Indiana, migrating, often many miles, to a common spawning site. (DNR Photo)

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ABOUT FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IN INDIANA

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DU APPLAUDS DOI'S HISTORIC EXPANSION OF HUNTING & FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. – April. 8, 2020 – Today, U.S. Department of Interior Secretary David Bernhardt announced a new proposed rule to expand hunting and fishing opportunities to Americans by opening 2.3 million acres to public access. This would represent the largest expansion of land to hunting and fishing in the history of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

"As millions of people around the country feel trapped in their own homes due to the COVID-19 virus, having the opportunity to hunt and fish in the quiet of the wilderness or the tranquility of a lake is perhaps more important now than its ever been," said Ducks Unlimited CEO Adam Putnam. "It's vital to follow local directives regarding recreation, but there's never been a better time to enjoy the solitude of our public lands and distance yourself from the crowds. This increased access will be important for our overall health and wellness both now and in the future."

The proposed rule would open 2.3 million acres of land for hunting, fishing and other recreation activities on 97 national wildlife refuges and nine fish hatcheries. For more information from the Department of the Interior, click here.

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This picture of President Reagan and me was taken September 18th in front of the Ford Presidential Museum in my hometown of Grand Rapids.

As a special friend of mine and the Committee's, I wanted you to have this photo that records one of the happiest days of my life.



I found this photo on the right of President Ronald Reagan standing next to President Gerald Ford with some items I was looking through after my father had passed on June 28, 1992. Dad was a dedicated supporter of the Republican Party. He donated his hard earned money as a truck driver for Kenosha Auto Transport out of Lima, Ohio and many other occupations he held after returning home from Okinawa in October 1945. Dad was a Navy Seabee serving with the 79th NCB in Alaska and CBMU #624 in Okinawa. The photo has been tucked in the bottom left corner of a painting in my living room since I found it. I also found four auto-graphed photos of Ronald Reagan with his signature and written messages thanking Dad for his support also.

Above is the back of the photo at right with President Gerald Ford's signature on it below his sentiment statement. I thought it was fitting to put this photo and sentiment with this article I received from Tyler Lecceadone on April 2, 2020 announcing the launching of the new Virtual Experience at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum and Foundation that day.

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum And Foundation To Launch Virtual Experience

Submitted by Tyler Lecceadone

Virtual museum tours and educational materials now available

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 2, 2020 – The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum and Foundation are offering new virtual access to exhibits and learning materials. The virtual experiences of exhibits and youth-centered curriculum are being made available due to the closure of the Museum because of the COVID-19 precautions. The virtual museum exhibits are available online at [Ford Library Museum](#), while the youth-centered experiences can be viewed online at the [Museum's DeVos Learning Center](#). The virtual experiences will be rolled out for online viewing beginning April 2.

“While the nation is not only experiencing the shutdown of businesses and schools, individuals are also missing out on opportunities to explore cultural venues,” said Elaine Didier, Director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum. “Working in collaboration with the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, we were able to quickly enhance our virtual offerings to include both cultural enrichment and educational experiences at the Museum. In addition, we hope individuals use this opportunity to explore the vast

array of our archival holdings online.”

Curator led tours

Led by Museum Curator Don Holloway, those visiting the virtual exhibits are given an inside look at the different stages of the life of Gerald R. Ford. From the beginning of his childhood years, viewers will learn that Ford was born with the legal name, Leslie Lynch King. Holloway also shares insight to Ford's time at the University of Michigan, where he was projected to be the most promising freshman center on the football team. Ford continued on to Yale University School of Law to pursue a legal degree and opened his own law firm in Grand Rapids. Shortly after, Ford left his practice to enlist in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Monterey.

The tour also looks at how Ford volunteered to campaign during his college years and how it led him to pursue a political career. After serving 25 years in Congress and maintaining close relations with Lyndon Johnson, Ford was hand-selected by Johnson to sit on the Warren Commission to investigate the Kennedy assassination. These experiences influenced Ford to strive further, eventually leading him to the vice presidency after the resignation of Spiro Agnew. After serving nearly nine months as vice president, Ford became the 38th President of the United States, succeeding President Nixon in a storm of controversy.

As president, Ford championed many issues in his three-year term. He advocated for civil rights,

helping to initiate what is now recognized as Black History Month. He also led Americans into a period of stability following years of reduced economic strength largely due to the recession in the early 1970s. The tour includes the funeral tributes to President and Mrs. Ford, and helps viewers reflect on all the successes and experiences of Ford through his lifetime of courage, compassion and leadership.

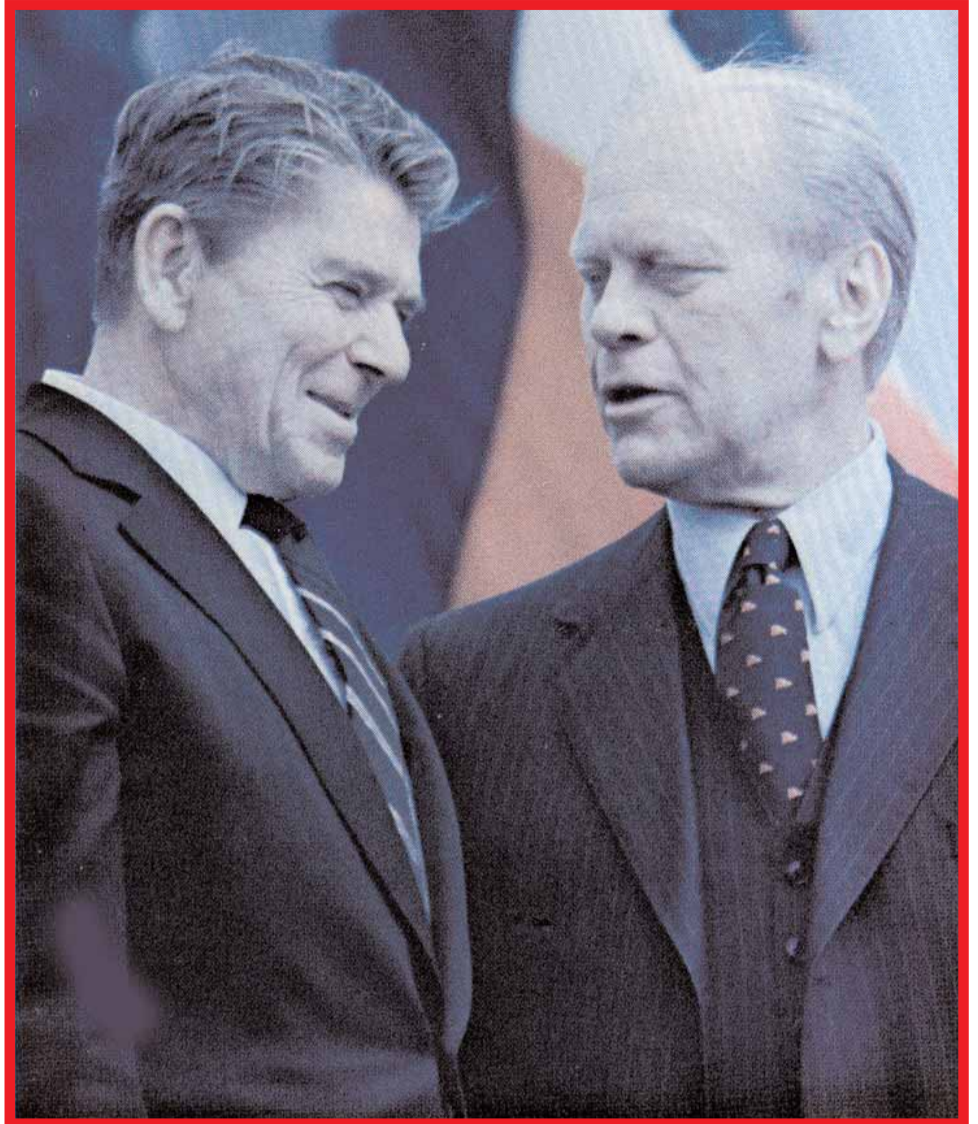
Youth-centered programming

The youth-centered programming offered at the DeVos Learning Center uses a virtual experience platform to provide viewers with an educational and engaging curriculum. Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Director of Engagement and Programming Clare Shubert leads four story-time sessions from Ford's Cabinet Room and Oval Office inside the Museum. Shubert also leads a fun question-and-answer session with Holloway, taking a deeper look into Ford's 1976 campaign, as well as the role of a museum curator.

In addition to these new resources, the Learning Center's website will also be elevating its PBS Learning Media and National Geographic Educational pieces, which look into the life and legacy of President Ford.

Temporary exhibits

Additionally, the virtual experience highlights two temporary exhibits that were on display prior to the Museum's temporary closure. “The Continual Struggle: The American Freedom



Left to Right: United States of America Presidents Ronald W. Reagan and Gerald R. Ford standing in front of the Ford Presidential Museum in Gerald's home town of Grand Rapids, Michigan. (Photo found in Ray Dickerson Sr. Garage Attic in a box)

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Movement and the Seeds of Social Change,” by Brian Washington, and “Wounded Warrior Dogs Project & K9 War Stores,” by James Mellick.

In recognition of Black History Month in February and Ford’s advocacy on behalf of civil rights, “The Continual Struggle” provides insights into America’s historical struggle against segregation and other race-based injustices. The “Wounded Warrior Dog” exhibit is featured to spotlight the service and heroism of working military dogs, as well as, to symbolize the courageous sacrifices their human companions suffered during battle and raising awareness about their needs.

“The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation supports and promotes the ideals, values, commitment to public service and historical legacy of President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford. This is done through support of the permanent and changing exhibits; educational and other programs, at the Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum, DeVos Learning Center, and throughout the nation,” said Joe Calvaruso, Executive Director of the Foundation. “Though the Museum’s and Learning Center’s doors are closed, it is important to continue offering programming for adults and children alike. We are committed to offering virtual experiences to individuals wishing to learn about the life of our nation’s 38th President.”

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ORV ACCIDENT TAKES LIFE OF CELESTINE MAN (DUBOIS COUNTY)

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating an off-road vehicle (ORV) accident that resulted in the death of a Celestine man.

Keith Thewes, 55, was operating his ORV yesterday along a ditch line when the accident occurred. He was found by a family member on private property off of County Road 820 E, approximately a half-mile south of State Road 164.

Dubois County Dispatch was notified of the ORV rollover accident with entrapment at 3:18



Life saving efforts were started at the scene. Victim was spraying weeds on his property. (DNR Photo)

p.m.

Lifesaving efforts were started on scene, and Thewes was transported to Memorial Hospital in Jasper, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Before the accident occurred, Thewes was spraying weeds on his property. A sharp change in elevation along the ditch line is believed to be the primary cause of the ORV accident.

Responding agencies included the Celestine Fire Department, Dubois County Sheriff’s Department, Jasper Memorial Hospital EMS and Indiana Conservation Officers.



Kosciusko County Central Dispatch received a 911 call just after 7:40 p.m. advising of an ORV crash with injury. (DNR Photo)

UPDATE: PASSENGER AIRLIFTED, DRIVER ARRESTED AFTER ORV CRASH IN KOSCIUSKO

Update: The passenger injured in last night’s accident, identified as Jason Tolle, 45 of Piercetown, has died as a result of injuries from blunt force trauma. Family notification has been made.

As of April 11, 2020 at 11:00 p.m.

(Piercetown) Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating an off-road vehicle (ORV) crash that occurred Saturday, April 11, 2020 on EMS R4 Lane just east of Ridinger Lake in Kosciusko County.

Kosciusko County Central Dispatch received a 911 call just after 7:40 p.m. advising of an ORV crash with injury. It was reported that the passenger on the ORV was unresponsive and CPR was being administered by a passerby. It was also reported that the driver fled the scene on the ORV.

Preliminary investigations indicate that a white 2014 Polaris Ranger was being operated by Joel Zehner, age 39, on EMS R4 Lane when the crash occurred. An adult male believed to be the passenger fell out of the ORV as it made a turn. The ORV rolled to its side pinning the male passenger. A passerby assisted in rolling the ORV over and

began CPR on the unresponsive male. He was then airlifted to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The driver fled the scene on the wrecked ORV. Whitley County Sheriff’s Deputies located the abandoned ORV 3 miles from the crash scene at Deniston Natural Resource Area on Old State Road 30 at the Kosciusko and Whitley County Line. A Whitley County K9 unit tracked the driver across the property to a campsite where the driver displayed a firearm. Around 9:15 p.m. officers on scene were able to talk the driver into putting the firearm down and was then taken into custody.

Units assisting Indiana Conservation Officers at the scene include Kosciusko County Sheriff’s Office, Whitley County Sheriff’s Department, Piercetown Police Department, North Webster Police Department, Kosciusko County Fatal Crash Team, Warsaw Medic 7, Milford Medic 1, Lutheran Air.

FATAL ORV ACCIDENT IN MONROE COUNTY

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a fatal off-road vehicle (ORV) accident.

The accident occurred at approximately 9:30 p.m. last night, near the 1400 block of Cedar Bluff Road in Bloomington.

David Deckard Jr., 37, of Bloomington, was operating a four-wheeler on private property in a wooded area. For reasons not yet known, Deckard lost control and was thrown off the vehicle, receiving head and chest injuries.

Deckard was transported by ambulance to Bloomington Hospital for treatment. He was pronounced dead early this morning as a result of his injuries.

The cause of the accident is still being investigated. The victim was not wearing a helmet or proper safety equipment. Indiana Conservation Officers stress safe operation of ORVs and the use of proper protective equipment such as helmets.

Indiana Conservation Officers were assisted by Monroe County Sheriff’s Department, Monroe County Medics, and Monroe Fire Protection District.

KNOW STATE PROPERTY RESTRICTIONS DURING SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON, BEGINNING APRIL 18

Turkey hunters and anyone else visiting or planning to visit an Indiana fish & wildlife area (FWA), state forest property, or lake/reservoir state recreation area will need to be aware that spring turkey season starts April 18, and that rules for visiting those respective state properties during turkey season differ.

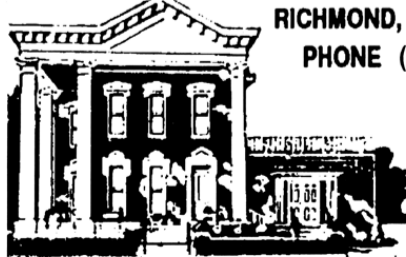
Turkey hunting is not permitted at Indiana state parks nor on stand-alone nature preserves managed by the Division of Nature Preserves. Locations open for turkey hunting, including property contact information, are listed at on.IN.gov/where2hunt. Unless otherwise specified, the general turkey hunting rules allow hunting 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

Spring turkey hunting season runs from April 18-19 and April 22-May 10. As in previous years, the following rules are in place to help prevent conflicts and possibly unsafe situations between turkey hunters and other property users. Abiding by these rules helps ensure a high-quality and safe outdoor experience for all DNR property users.

FWAs will restrict property hours for visitors during these dates. Only visitors who are turkey

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hunting or participating in water-based recreation (i.e., fishing, kayaking, boating) away from turkey hunters are allowed to be on FWA property each day of turkey season, from 30 minutes before sunrise until 1 p.m. ET (noon CT). Turkey hunters on FWAs must stop hunting at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT) and be out of the field within the next hour. After 1 p.m. ET (noon CT) each day of turkey season, other property users are allowed to enter the property for other permitted activities, such as nature walks or mushroom hunting.

On state forest properties, hunters and other visitors during turkey season need to be aware that those properties have no restrictions on hunters regarding hunting times. Rather, state forest properties restrict turkey hunters from being in designated safety areas at all times throughout the season. Non-hunters are welcome to use these safety zones while being aware hunters are likely present in other parts of the property.

Lakes/reservoir wildlife management units managed by the DNR Division of State Parks, at Brookville Lake, Cagles Mill Lake (Lieber SRA), Cecil M. Harden Lake (Raccoon SRA), Hardy Lake, Mississinewa Lake, Monroe Lake, Patoka Lake and Salamonie Lake permit turkey hunting.

All of those lakes/reservoirs, except Mississinewa and Salamonie, allow turkey hunting during the hours of 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. Mississinewa and Salamonie, which can only be hunted through a draw, have turkey hunting hours from 30 minutes before sunrise to 1 p.m. ET (noon CT). Non-hunting visitors must be aware that hunters will be present during those times.

For more information on overall turkey hunting safety, see wildlife.IN.gov/2710.htm.

Questions on turkey hunting safety should be directed to Capt. Jet Quillen, DNR Law Enforcement, 317-903-1617, jquillen@dnr.IN.gov. Questions about turkey hunting on FWAs should be directed to Tom Despot, 574-896-3522, tspot@dnr.IN.gov. Questions about turkey hunting on state forest properties should be directed to Brad Schneck, 317-232-4101, bschneck@dnr.IN.gov. Questions about turkey hunting on lake/reservoir SRAs should be directed to Anthony Sipes, 317-232-4128, asipes@dnr.IN.gov. To view all DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS BRING STATE PARKS TO YOUR HOME

Instead of working on the frontline at state parks these days, interpretive naturalists are working online. Naturalist

As a result, at-home "park visitors" who are unable to enjoy state park features interpreters normally provide, like in-person nature hikes and programs, can enjoy virtual hikes, presentations, and live streaming programs from their homes.

Topics include wildflower walks, nature talks, live captive animal feedings, history programs, craft tutorials, pre-school programs, property tours, and more. Program length ranges from five to 50 minutes.

"People's day-to-day activities have changed, slowed, or stopped altogether because of COVID-19, but nature keeps on moving," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for

Indiana State Parks. "Our interpretive naturalists are dedicated to sharing the outdoors, virtually, to keep Hoosiers engaged and uplifted."

Upcoming virtual programs can be found at calendar.dnr.IN.gov. Locate them by typing "Virtual" in the Keyword Search. You can also go to stateparks.IN.gov and click next to the turtle photo on "Find a Virtual Program." All state parks virtual programs are listed together at stateparks.IN.gov/10352.htm.

Visit your favorite park's Facebook page to look for videos. Search the page using #VirtualINStatePark, where you can also check out past virtual programs. If you don't know where to start, search for Brown County State Park and Monroe Lake for examples.

More programs are added every day, so keep checking in.

MAKING MEMORIES — VIRTUALLY

While practicing social distancing amid COVID-19, we're providing you with this publication to bring our parks into your homes. Join us as we offer a glimpse into their natural and cultural history, as well as the people, programs, and properties that make Indiana State Parks unique.

For the most up to date information on DNR's response to COVID-19, please visit on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19.

Frontline Interpreters Become Online Interpreters, Virtual Programs Offered

Our interpretive naturalists are dedicated to sharing virtual tours of the outdoors to keep you engaged and uplifted.

Staff are normally on the frontline providing park visitors with in-person nature hikes and programs, but now they are working ONLINE to provide at-home park visitors with virtual hikes, presentations, and live streaming programs.

Topics include wildflower walks, nature talks, live critter feedings, history programs, craft tutorials, pre-school programs, property tours, and more, and range from 5 to 50 minutes.

Virtual programs can be found on individual park Facebook pages or a listing can be found on the Indiana DNR calendar www.calendar.dnr.IN.gov. You can find these programs by using the Advanced Search feature and choosing the "Virtual" category or typing "Virtual" in the Keyword Search

Volunteer Spotlight

Tony Fleming has been passionate about supporting Chain O'Lakes State Park for many years. His expertise and willingness to serve have been a great benefit to the park's staff and natural resources. Tony was instrumental in the establishment of Glacial Esker Nature Preserve in 2012.

In 2019, he volunteered more than 423 hours to develop a Comprehensive Natural Resources Plan for the park. Tony grows native plants for the park to plant, and he often helps train other volunteers to participate in invasive plant removal and other natural resources projects. Tony was named one of two Outstanding Volunteers at Indiana State Parks in 2019, and we are grateful for his willingness to serve. Find more information about volunteering with Indiana State Parks here.

Story of a State Park

Mounds State Park is available to all of us today because one family loved the land and its history. The Bronnenberg Home stands as a state-ly reminder of this family's commitment to preserving the prehistoric mounds on their farm.

Frederick Bronnenberg Sr. arrived in the United States from Germany around 1800. The family was originally destined for Illinois, but settled in Madison County, Indiana, in a log home not far from what is now known as the Great Mound. Frederick and Barbara had 12 children, nine of whom survived and prospered.

Their third child, Frederick Jr., built this Federal style, brick, two-story home around 1850. He and his wife, Hulda Free, raised six children in the home. Frederick Sr. ran a tannery, saw mill and grist mill. Frederick Jr. farmed the large family homestead. These ventures made the Bronnenbergs wealthy and well known in local circles.

The house is the only surviving structure from the Bronnenberg Farm. In 1905, Ransom, Frederick Jr.'s son, leased approximately 40 acres of land to The Indiana Union Traction Company with the option to buy in five years. The company built an amusement park called Mounds Park that ran successfully until 1929, then sold the land to the Madison County Historical Society. The historical society promptly donated the land to the Indiana Department of Conservation, and Mounds State Park was established Oct. 7, 1930.

Wildlife Spotlight: American White Pelican

For some, pelicans bring to mind Nigel, a character in the movie "Finding Nemo", or vacations along seashores and coastal regions, but not floating on a lake in Indiana.

This beautiful, large, white-plumed bird weighs almost 30 pounds with a wingspan exceeding 9 feet. Seeing a large bird with white wings and black tips sometimes leads to misidentification as a snow goose, another Indiana migrator.

Don't miss your chance to see one here in Indiana. They stay around just long enough to rest in our waters and eat a lot of fish before moving on to their breeding grounds.

Regular sightings of pelicans occur at Mississinewa Lake, Salamonie Lake, Summit Lake State Park, Raccoon SRA, and Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area. Discover these properties at stateparks.IN.gov.

Employee Spotlight

A regular spotlight to acknowledge and appreciate our dedicated staff.

Angie Capps is the office manager at Summit Lake State Park. Angie was hired in 2014 as a gate attendant and promoted to her current position in 2016. She enjoys greeting and helping park visitors. Besides office work, Angie designs and helps maintain all of the landscaping features at the park. She can be seen kayaking on the lake with her family throughout the warmer months.

We would also like to celebrate and congratulate Indiana State Park Inns' longest serving employee, Penny Bessire. Penny started working as a waitress in 1974 at Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County. That year, dinner specials were \$3.95, and people drove from Indianapolis for their hand-breaded fried chicken. She fondly remembers the large platform birdfeeder outside the dining room window. Often asked to identify the birds, she kept a field guide at the waitress counter.

After 25 years, as Abe Martin Lodge's sales director, she relocated to the Fort Harrison/Garrison Conference Center as general manager. She started with four employees and a wedding with 250 people. Today she serves Fort

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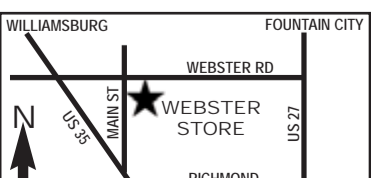


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BARRETT: STATE AWARDS OVER \$650K TO BOOST LOCAL ROAD PROJECTS

STATEHOUSE (April 16, 2020) – Local Wayne County communities were recently awarded over \$650,000 in state matching grants to bolster road and bridge improvements, according to State Rep. Brad Barrett (R-Richmond).

Over 200 Indiana cities, towns and counties received a combined total of \$126.5 million through the Community Crossings Matching Grant program. The grants are made available through the Indiana Department of Transportation as a result of a law passed in 2017.

"This matching grant program is important for our local communities here in Wayne County," Barrett said. "Without these funds, much-needed road projects may not be feasible, potentially leaving roads unsafe and causing infrastructure to suffer."

Richmond received \$577,763, and East Germantown was awarded \$72,340 for local road projects. Barrett said grant funding can be used toward road and bridge preservation, road reconstruction, intersection improvements, guardrail replacements and signage. Smaller municipalities must provide a match of 25% in local funds, while large communities must provide a 50% match.

In total, more than \$738 million has been distributed for local road projects through the Community Crossings program. State law requires annually that 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer.

An estimated \$100 million will be available for communities opting to apply for these grants during the July 2020 call for projects. More information about the program and recipients can be found at www.in.gov/indot.

State Rep. Bradford Barrett (R-Richmond) represents House District 56.

Harrison State Park Inn & Golf Resort as its accounting manager and human resources coordinator. Always connected to the beauty of nature and Indiana State Parks, she continues her loves for birds and photography.

DNR PROPERTIES ARE OPEN, WITH SOME CHANGES

(DATE OF THIS RELEASE APRIL 8)

DNR properties remain open for day-use outdoor recreation, including hiking, biking on paved trails, boating, fishing, birding, and geocaching. Entrance-gate admission at properties that normally charge gate admission remains temporarily waived.

New restrictions on camping and some trail uses were put in effect this week:

- Campgrounds on all DNR properties are closed through April 20.
 - Bicycling on unpaved trails and all horseback riding has been suspended at all DNR properties.
- Some high impact/high adventure trails at Indiana State Parks are also now closed for safety

Gad's Corner

Photos sent to The Gad-a-bout for Gad's Corner must contain identifying information, date, weight, points, other, experience, etc. Send a phone number in case I need to contact you. Send regular size, i.e. square and horizontal rectangular photos. Large vertical photos can only be used when I have enough space to use them. Please identify person with game. (Send along information about taking the game, especially for first time experience, etc.) Send Photos to: **The Gad-a-bout, 105 E. South St., Centerville, IN 47330** or E-mail jpg photos to: raythegadabout@gmail.com Questions Call Cell Phone: 765-960-5767 (Leave message if no answer)



Mason Day reeled in this Largemouth Bass all on his own on March 26, 2020 in Jennings County. Estimated weight is 5-6 pounds. (Submitted by Sara Jane Day Saturday March 28, 2020 via e-mail) That really is a whopper Mason, congratulations from Ray Dickerson, The Gad-a-bout.

purposes. These trail closures include most of the hiking trails at Turkey Run, Shades and Clifty Falls, and about half of the hiking trails at O'Bannon Woods.

"With approximately 600 miles of trails across our 32 properties, there are still plenty of places to go for a walk," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for the Division of State Parks.

Guests at DNR properties should come prepared for restroom use to be limited, and for all campground comfort stations and modern restrooms to be closed.

This weekend, state park staff in typically high-use properties like Indiana Dunes, Brown County, Turkey Run and others will monitor gate entry and parking lots to help ensure that guests can have a healthy and enjoyable outdoor experience.

DNR properties also open to guests include state forests and nature preserves, as well as state fish & wildlife areas and outdoor recreation areas.

A complete status list for facilities and services at DNR properties is at on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19.

Guests at DNR properties should remember the following:

- Practice social distancing at all times, particularly, as you hike, picnic or use boat ramps. Keep a minimum of 6 feet from other individuals you encounter, for your safety and theirs.
- Keep your group size small – fewer than 10 individuals is ideal.
- Restrooms are limited; all modern restrooms and most vault toilets are closed.
- Bring your own drinking water and hand sanitizer.
- If you picnic, bring and use a covering for your picnic table and take it with you when you leave.
- If a parking lot is full, move to another location.
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Indiana Phenology is seeking volunteers to collected plant phenology data. Phenology is the study of observable seasonal life cycle changes in nature, such as leafing, flowering and fruiting of plants or in migratory, feeding and reproductive behavior in animals.

The goal is to gather data on the leafing, flowering and fruiting of common native plants in all 92 counties of Indiana to document the impacts of environmental change in Indiana. Partners include the USA National Phenology Network (USA-NPN), an organization dedicated to collecting, organizing, and sharing phenological data and information to aid decision-making, scientific discovery, and a broader understanding of the science of phenology. Long-term observations of plant and animal life stages are recorded by volunteer and professional scientists in a national phenology program called Nature's Notebook. All observations are freely available through the USA-NPN website.

To find out how you can help visit <https://www.indianaphenology.org/p/home.html>.

LAST MINUTE UPDATES

Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake scheduled for May 1-3, 2020 has been cancelled. Carl told me they might do a Fathers Day BBQ in June.

The **Wayne County Fair** has also been cancelled for 2020.

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