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some newcomers this season. The Blue Umbrella Bistro and Bakery in Duck Creek Crossing will offer home cooked dishes and fresh bakery items, along with a gift shop. Above the Bistro is a new bed and breakfast suite, The Rain Drop Inn where visitors can enjoy an overnight stay in cozy accommodations with a picturesque view from the second floor back deck. Also in Duck Creek, The Metamora Mercantile will return for the season. They will offer sweets, treats, vintage, up-cycled, antiques and gifts. (Photo by Beverly Spurlin)

Bottom Right: I got a call from Chad Groning who is a Volunteer Fireman at the Everton Fire Department telling me they are going to put on their Bass Tournament this year on May 1, 2021. The event will be on the Brookville Lake at the Fairfield Ramp. This is a team tournament. **Anglers may not fish alone!** Mailed Entries and fees must be received no later than **April 23, 2021.** The entry form for this tournament is on page 24 and the Rules are on page 23 of the April Gad-a-bout, which can be printed by opening my website www.thegadabout.com and printing the back two pages, Good Luck to all who fish this tournament. I hope to be there myself, maybe!

Bottom Left: Between now and May 1, shops will gradually begin opening their doors and there are

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by Ray Dickerson
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BIG PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED FOR SOME REASON WITH THE GAD-A-BOUT ON LINE

It is acting strangely. When I first put it on line in 2010 I did so because I had stopped accepting subscriptions and had reduced my delivery area. I put it on line so my readers who still wanted to read it could go on line and read it for free. My good friends Eric and Cara Stallsmith who I was working closely with at that time took care of putting it on line for me. They own Indiana Outfitters, Indiana's Online Outdoor Recreation Guide, the full page advertisement you can see on Page 4 in this issue. We have been friends for a very long time. I hoped to see them this year, but Covid -19 has made getting together almost impossible for friends who live far apart. Hopefully that will soon change.

Getting back to the problem, I think the cause has been a change with the software I use and possibly changes with on line advances or something similar. For some reason when I formerly opened The Gad-a-bout on line it displayed the normal way - Front Page by itself first followed by the two page spreads to the end of the paper pages in perfect order. Now it opens as a single vertical page from the front page to the last page.

There are three vertical dots that appear on the right side of the computer screen you can click on to change the setting to two page spread. That is when the problem appears. The front cover moves to the left, page 2 moves up to the right of the cover, page 3 moves to the left and page 4 moves up to the right side of page 3 and so on down to the last page. The main problem is when the pages move several of the two page articles aren't side by side. It is very perplexing and I apologize for this problem, but I don't have a fix, yet. However I have sent Cara a new attempt to counter the problem possibly, maybe not. I won't know until this issue is posted on line. Help me by crossing your fingers for me. Ha, Ha, just kidding!

If any of you readers can offer me a suggestion, I'm open for them. I have adjusted the advertisers so the page looks normal by their being centered on the page so that when the page moves the ads look normal, except for two that I've got to change if this actually works.

If you throw darts you have my permission to put my photo on the dart board to get even with me!

RICHMOND PARKS & RECREATION ANNUAL EGG HUNT IS BACK IN PERSON

RICHMOND, IN. – The Richmond Parks and Recreation Department announces their annual Egg Hunt is back in person and with an UNIQUE twist! The community is invited to take a fun filled drive through Glen Miller Park to participate in this year's Egg Hunt. **The DRIVE THRU EGG HUNT** is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 12pm-3pm (rain date: April 3) and is sponsored by First Bank Community Foundation, Primex Plastics Corporation, G101.3, and Meijer!

This year, families will enter Glen Miller Park off Grand Blvd or the Madonna of the Trail entrances and follow North Drive until they reach the beginning of the drive thru route. Upon arrival, attendees will be given a map and instructions on how to find the "hidden" eggs along the trail. Eggs big and small will cover the route but only a select few have letters on them that when unscrambled will spell out a secret message. Along the route, there will be five stops where volunteers will pass out different goodies including candy, crafts, and mini games.

Every child 12 years old and younger will receive a goody basket sponsored by First Bank while supplies last. Additionally, every child 12 years and younger will be entered in a drawing for larger prizes including bicycles, scooters, board games, art supplies, and more sponsored by Meijer. G101.3 will be providing music while broadcasting remotely from Glen Miller Park.

"We are very thankful for our sponsors and volunteers who have made this event so exciting. The prizes are awesome and we cannot wait to decorate the entire route with eggs for our community to count and find. There will also be a special surprise at the end of the route." said Alyssa Soria, Special Events and Recreation Intern

MORE "EGG" CITING FUN!

In addition to eggs for the Drive Thru Egg Hunt on March 27, the Parks Team will be working with Primex Plastics to place eggs all over the Richmond Parks system and the Richmond area. This is a direct effort to bring smiles to faces, celebrate springtime, and provide engagement for our community. Primex

and the Parks Department asks the community to take a picture with one of the Primex Plastics Eggs, use #RichmondIsEGGcellent in your photo on either Facebook or Instagram (don't forget to set your post to public), to be entered into a contest for some amazing prizes, including gift cards to our local restaurants and small businesses.

"Primex has had the honor to call Richmond home for almost 50 years, and without the community support for our company and our employees we would not be as strong as we are today. With the Easter season upon us, this was a way we could have some fun and say "thank you" to the entire community for all that they do to support us." said Doug Borgsdorf, Business Unit Director for Primex Plastics Corporation

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The mission of the Richmond Parks and Recreation Department is to provide for the positive development and well-being of the Richmond community through the provision of parks, greenways, trails and recreational programming and facilities while working in cooperation with other service providers and partners in the community to maximize all available resources.

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DNR ADMINISTRATIVE RULE (REGULATION) CHANGES

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

How to Fish Brookville in April This Time of Year

April fishing at Brookville lake is wide open in April. The reason I say this, is that you can catch fish everywhere. Below the lake, in the lake, on the shore, from a boat, and even in the river above the lake. In April the water temperature in the lake is warming up into the 60's. This warming trend pushes a lot of fish into the spawning mode. The exception to this is the Walleye and musky, they spawned when the water temperature was in the high 40's. What these 2 top predators are going to



This is Tag's Guide Service boat that he guides in on Brookville Lake. He was at Bonwell Hill Ramp when he took this photo. See his guide information below. (Author Photo)

be doing is looking for something to eat.

Below the lake in the tail water/stilling basin the walleye that have swam up river to spawn or feed have congregated there do to being stopped from continuing upstream do to the dam. This spot is very accessible by foot with a great parking lot, concrete sidewalks and bathrooms this spot is hard to beat.

The down side to it though is if the corp of engineers is dumping a lot of water off the lake do to flooding its really hard to fish. But if you're a little creative you can still fish on the end of the basin walls or walk down stream a bit and fish below a couple of wing dams.

If your trying to catch musky, April is your month. Look for them Shallow. I have seen them at the dam, I have seen them at at Quaker town marine and I have seen them in wolf creek. I would cast big inline spinners close to shore

The river above the lake is another good a spot. This is where fish like white bass and walleye will swim up stream into the current to spawn. There is also a great parking area there to park. With just a short walk to the river its another great place to fish from the bank. The only issue you will have is flooding. If its up and muddy its no good.

There are 9 boat ramps on Brookville lake and all these ramps are great places to fish in April. Some are in the main lake, some are back in coves and there is even one in the river above the lake. These are great access points when your fishing from shore. You can fish all around the docks or venture down the shore its all up to you.

There are also 2 causeways across the lake. The one at the north end of the lake which is Quaker town causeway and one at mid lake is Fairfield causeway. They are both lined with rip rap on both sides. With just a little sun these places will become fish magnets.

There are also 2 fishing piers. The one at the north end of the lake is located just south Quaker town beach. The other fishing pier is located on the way to Mounds beach. The down side to both

of the piers is they are located inside the parks so you will have to purchase a park pass to get to them.

If you have a boat and you like to cast to the shore you will like fishing Brookville lake in April. Look for fallen trees that have fell in the lake from erosion along the shore these are great places for bass, crappie and blue gill to hide. Fish points, points always hold fish in the spring. Always keep an eye on your water temperature the warmer the water the better. I would have 3 baits rigged up a spinner bait, a jig and a top water bait, and I would try them all before I would move from a spot. Just remember in the spring you are going to be sharing the shore with people fishing from the shore and there are other spots.

Good Fishing, Tag

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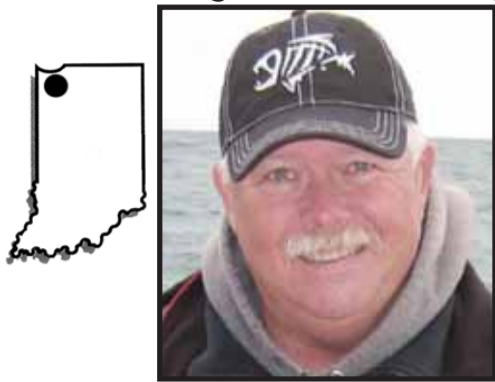
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DIGITAL LINE COUNTER REEL FROM ABU-GARCIA

Every Great Lake trolling boat has a couple, or more than a couple, line counter reels on board. Except for the Abu Garcia Altum "digital" line counter (thus the DLC in it's model name) all the LC reels I've used rely on a mechanical readout based on a series of gears which engage the reel's inner-works to spin numbers on an axle. I've used just about every brand and they all work similarly.

The Altum DLC probably has some sort of gear drive internally - I didn't disassemble the reel to check - but after that, the readout shows on a liquid crystal display which right off the bat showed



Looking for a new LC reel? Consider the Altum DLC. (Author Photo)

me two advantages. First, the numbers in the read-out are over a half inch tall - much easier to see at a glance. Second, if you hit the light button when you are setting a line in the dark, the readout lights

up and it can be seen without having to hold a flashlight in your teeth.

The one I used is the "20" size model, which is a "medium" model for most Great Lakes use. Line capacity is listed as 330 yards of 20-pound mono. I'm using it as a diver reel so I spooled on about 200 yards of 30-pound mono and then topped it off with 200 yards of 30-pound braided line. There's a smaller "16" size, about 1/3rd smaller than the 20, which would be great for walleye trollers.

Every line counter reel really just counts the revolutions of the reel's spool rather than the actual feet of line being deployed so the readout you see is inaccurate more than spot on most of the time. It all depends on the diameter of the line being used and the amount of line on the reel's spool. It's the same with the Altum, though the digitizer circuitry inside can be set for various line sizes. Change the setting and it boosts accuracy. There's a choice of 8, 10, 12, 17, 20 and 25 which I presume is referring to monofilament diameters. Since I spooled with braid, I set my reel on 8, spooled off a measured 25 feet and the digital readout showed 24. Close enough for me - I don't fish for picky fish. Read more about fishing with line counter reels in "Reels You Can Count On" in this issue.

The reel is battery powered so the battery will eventually run down. I haven't used it enough to gauge battery usage but the reel has two features to extend the life. First, after a few minutes the readout goes to "hibernate" mode, retaining the memory of how much line is out, but the readout goes blank. Touch a button or move the reel handle, the display will turn back on. If you forget to turn off the reel, it will automatically go from hibernate to power-off after 10 hours. Get a spare battery and don't worry about it. It's easy to change.

This is a quality, well built, solid feeling reel - what one would expect from Abu Garcia. The drag material is carbon fiber and the drag is smooth as silk. One feature I'm still learning to use is how once the drag is set to where you need it, the reel handle can be cranked a third-turn back which loosens the drag setting about 50%.

Saltwater specialists use reels with this feature so hard hitting fish can't snap the line on the initial strike but once that first run is over, cranking forward puts the reel in fight mode. I've used it when setting a diver, letting diver and line run out line slowly against the light drag as the rod is set in the rod holder unattended while I do something else. I glance at the readout occasionally, then just reel forward to tighten the drag when the amount of line I'm setting out shows on the readout.

This reel is widely available at retailers as well as online sources. Check them out at: <http://www.AbuGarcia.com>.

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FULL CLOSURE AT THE NORTH SPLIT TO BEGIN IN MAY 2021



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FULL CLOSURE AT THE NORTH SPLIT TO BEGIN IN MAY

Online resources added to project website to help motorists navigate significant traffic changes during reconstruction of central Indiana’s busiest interchange.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MARCH 16, 2021 - MARION COUNTY, IND.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) reminds motorists the 18-month closure of the North Split Interchange in downtown Indianapolis is only two months away. Major reconstruction is expected to close the interchange on or after May 15, 2021, weather permitting.

During the full closure, I-65 and I-70 between the North Split and Washington Street will be closed to all traffic while bridges and roadways are reconstructed. However, access in and out of downtown will remain via the I-70 westbound exit ramp to Michigan or Ohio streets and the Pine Street entrance ramp to I-70 eastbound. In addition, the I-65 southbound to I-70 eastbound and I-70 westbound to I-65 northbound connections will remain open to traffic during construction. (See below for details.)

Project information can be found at northsplit.com.

In anticipation of the full closure, INDOT developed a virtual project office with interactive construction maps and a 3-D flyover visualization showing how traffic will flow through the North Split when reconstruction is complete at the end of

2022.

Visitors to the [virtual project office](#) can view the new 3-D flyover at Station Seven. This video showcases the entire project area and features key changes in each leg of the North Split interchange. The [video](#) also highlights design upgrades and shows motorists how the interchange will operate when it opens to traffic following construction.

The updated virtual project office also features a new [construction forecast map](#). This map shows the construction locations and work types occurring throughout the project area. There are three time-frames to view: Active, 10-day and 30-day traffic restrictions, for both local street and interstate closures.

Here is an outline of the interstate impacts and how travel will be maintained throughout construction.

I-70 westbound:

- Will** be closed to I-70 westbound through traffic and to I-65 southbound
- Will** remain open at the Keystone/Rural interchange
- Will** remain open to I-65 northbound
- Will** remain open to either the Michigan or Ohio Street exits via collector/distributor ramps
- Will** be accessible from Washington Street entrance ramp

I-70 eastbound:

- Will** be closed to I-70 eastbound through traffic and to I-65 northbound (from the South Split)
- Will** be accessible from Pine Street entrance ramp. (There will be detours as the Michigan Street, New York Street and Vermont Street bridges are reconstructed, but the Pine Street entrance ramp onto I-70 eastbound will remain open.) From the airport, all exits remain open for eastbound traffic up to Washington Street
- The West, Illinois and Meridian Street interchanges (south side) can access I-65 southbound and I-65 northbound to Washington Street

I-65 northbound:

- Will** be closed to I-65 northbound through traffic and to I-70 eastbound (from the South Split)
- Will** be accessible from the North Illinois Street onramp
- Will** remain open through the South Split up to the Washington Street exit

I-65 southbound:

- Will** be closed to I-65 southbound through traffic and to I-70 westbound
- Will** remain open to I-70 eastbound (except closed for 45 days in Fall 2021)
- Will** be accessible from the West Street entrance ramp to I-70 eastbound only (except closed for 45 days in Fall 2021)
- Will** be accessible from the Delaware Street entrance ramp to I-70 eastbound only (except closed for 45 days in Fall 2021)
- Will** be accessible from the Washington Street entrance ramp

Local streets crossing under the interstate will be closed for overhead construction work (durations vary).

Currently, the Michigan Street exit is closed for reconstruction, while the Ohio and Fletcher Street exits remain open. The Michigan Street exit ramp is expected to be complete and reopen in May 2021, at which time the Ohio Street exit will close for reconstruction.

For up-to-date project information, visit Northsplit.com or text "NORTHSPLIT" to 468311. Follow the North Split project's progress on social media at:

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Stay informed

Indiana motorists can monitor road closures, road

conditions, and traffic alerts any time throughout the state, here: <https://www.in.gov/indot/2420.htm>.

For details on the lane restrictions and closures associated with the current work, please visit [Traffic Wise](#) and [511 Cars](#) for more information.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULE (REGULATION) CHANGES

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) gave final adoption to the changes listed below governing muzzleloaders for deer hunting, beaver trapping, and wild turkey hunting equipment at their meeting on March 16, 2021. DNR Director Dan Bortner authorized the use of the .410, 28 gauge and tungsten super shot #9 and #10 by emergency rule in time for this year's spring turkey season. The hearing officer's report, along with the public comments and response by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, can be found as Agenda Item #9.

Muzzleloaders for Deer Hunting

Remove the restriction in 312 IAC 9-3-3 requiring the powder used in muzzleloaders to be loaded only from the muzzle end of the muzzleloader when used during the deer firearms season, youth special deer season, late antlerless season, and deer reduction zone season (when firearms are allowed). This change would allow deer hunters the option to use additional muzzleloaders during these seasons, but does not change muzzleloaders that are legal during

the regular deer muzzleloader season. Muzzleloaders that can be used during the deer muzzleloader season must still have both the powder and bullet loaded from the muzzle.

Beaver Season

Allow trappers to take beavers at any time of day on the first and last day of the seasons, making this season consistent with the opening and closing days of the seasons for trapping other wild animals. This change is needed to be consistent with other rules governing the trapping of wild animals in 312 IAC 9-3-3, and to allow trappers more time to set and check traps on the opening and closing date. The current rule is an unnecessary restriction, and there is no need to restrict when a trap can be set during the season.

Wild Turkey Hunting Equipment

Allow wild turkey hunters the option of using a 28-, 16-, or 10-gauge and .410 shotgun to hunt wild turkeys, in addition to other equipment that is already legal in the spring and fall turkey seasons in 312 IAC 9-4-11. The .410 has less recoil than some of the current shotguns that are currently legal, making it easier for youth and others to use. The additional change to allow the tungsten super shot (#9 and other size shot) will allow new types of shot that are now available for wild turkey hunting. The proposed language for the shot density is included for the purpose of restricting shot compositions to those shot sizes and densities that will remain effective at forty (40) yards or less to assure a quick kill on a wild turkey, while reducing the severity of accidental shooting of humans.

EVERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BASS TOURNAMENT MAY 1, 2021

Last month (March issue) I got a call from Chad Groning who is a Volunteer Fireman at the Everton Fire Department telling me they are going to put on their Bass Tournament this year on May 1, 2021. The event will be on the Brookville Lake at the Fairfield Ramp.

The entry form for this tournament is on page 24 and the Rules are on page 23 of the April Gad-about, which can be printed by opening my website www.thegadabout.com and printing the back two pages, Page 23-24. The Bass Tournament Rules are on the reverse side of the entry form on page 23.

First Prize is a guaranteed \$2500.00.

The Boat #1 starting position will be auctioned off the morning of the tournament.

The team entry fee of \$100.00 and includes big bass.

Check in is no later than 6:15 AM at the Mandatory meeting. 7:00 AM is Take Off time and 3:00 PM is the Weigh-in time.

Starting position is determined by date of post-mark on entry.

This is a team tournament. **Anglers may not fish alone!**

Mailed Entries and fees must be received no later than **April 23, 2021.**

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Left Photo: The Whitewater Valley Railroad offers excursions every Saturday and Sunday leaving from the Connersville Station for a two-hour layover in the village so passengers can shop and eat lunch. Right Photo: Beverly: Visitors can see corn being ground into meal, and even purchase cornmeal to take home, inside the grist mill. (Author Photos)

Rambling In The Fields



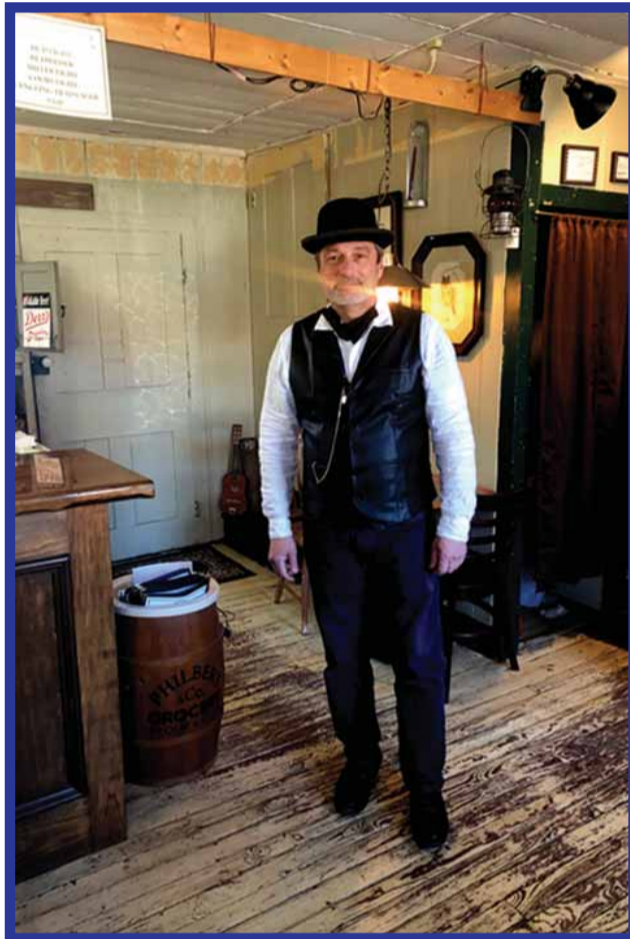
by Beverly Spurlin

Metamora - The Village Springs to Life!

by Beverly Spurlin

As the Snow Drops and other spring ephemerals begin to pop their heads up along the back roads of Franklin County, the sleepy village of Metamora begins to awaken from her brief nap and dreams of the excitement that awaits merchants and visitors this season.

Between now and May 1, shops will gradually begin opening their doors and there are some newcomers this season. The Blue Umbrella Bistro and Bakery in Duck Creek Crossing will offer home cooked dishes and fresh bakery items, along with a gift shop. Above the Bistro is a new bed and breakfast suite, The Rain Drop Inn where visitors can enjoy an overnight stay in cozy accommodations with a picturesque view from the second floor back deck. Also in Duck Creek, The Metamora Mercantile will return for the season. They will offer sweets, treats, vintage, up-cycled, antiques and gifts. Further along the Canal in the historic section of Metamora, visitors will find a new music shop



The Guests at The Martindale House will be greeted by proprietor, David Bowser who serves up traditional English fare every weekend. (Author Photo)

called Village Music and Industrial Decor, offering cigar box guitars, banjos, and so forth.

Events this spring include the annual Celebrate 1838 Days. Gail Ginther, of Historic Metamora, Inc. explained that at Celebrate 1838 Days, "visitors can learn more about the early history of Indiana's Canal Town, Metamora, on the afternoon of May 1st as we Celebrate 1838 from noon to 4 PM". The village of Metamora was platted by William Holland and David Mount in 1838, and the history of those original lots is displayed around town. Visit the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site and pick up some cornmeal from their operating grist mill.



Village chainsaw carver, Troy Baker intrigues and amazes visitors as he carves masterpieces such as this full-size horse and Native American rider. (Author Photo)

Catch a ride on the Whitewater Valley Railroad along the canal and see the Duck Creek aqueduct, believed to be the last remaining covered bridge aqueduct, and the locks along the canal. The Whitewater Canal Trail extends both north and south of town and gives access to scenic areas and lock ruins.

In addition to Celebrate 1838 Days, "the monthly acoustic Grist Mill Jam will take place for the first time this year on Sunday, May 2 from 1 to 4 PM at the Grist Mill of the Whitewater State Historic Site," said Ginther. "This slow jam is geared toward inclu-

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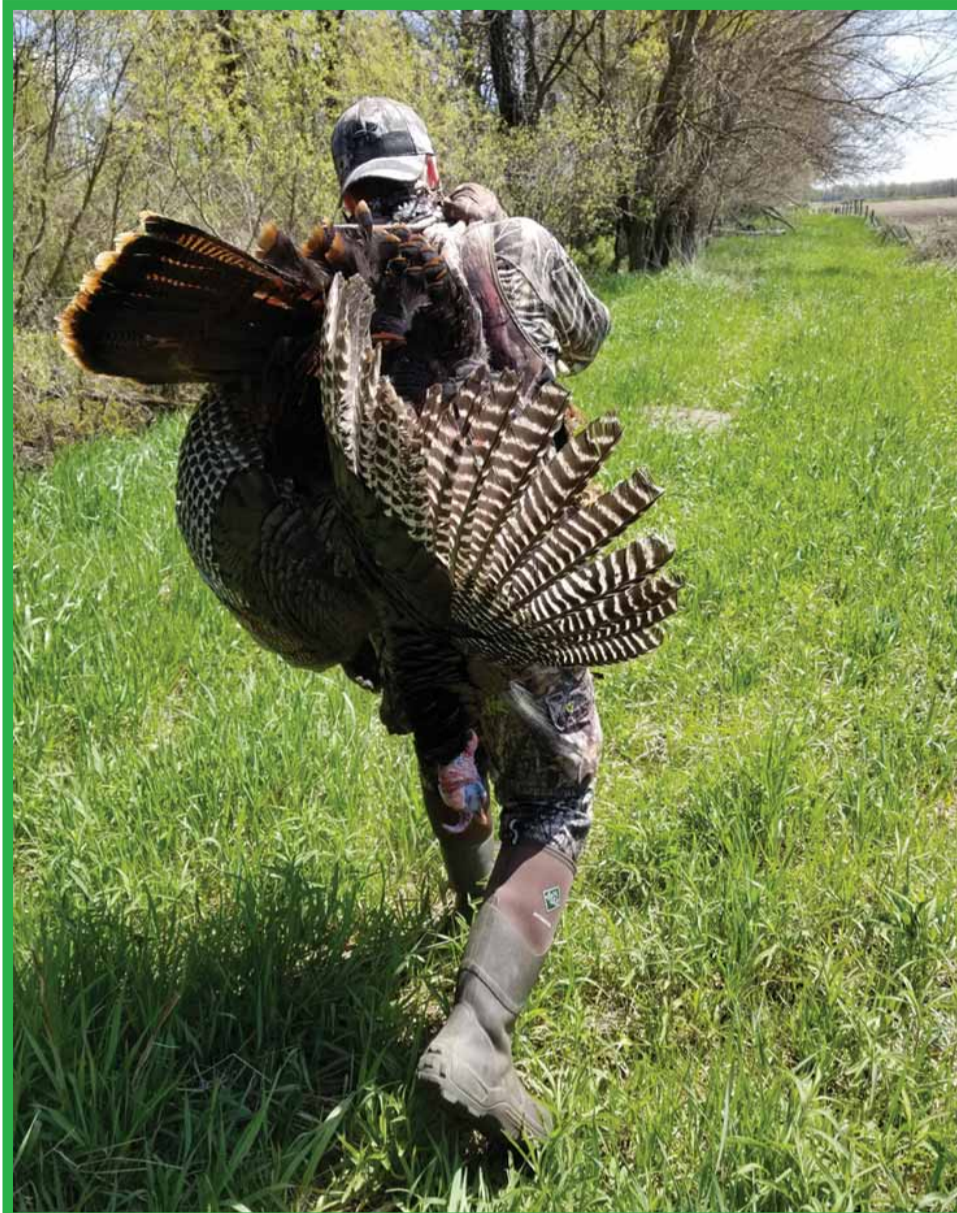
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Left Photo: Ben Watts toughed it out til the last day of the season before bagging his Indiana gobbler last spring. Right Photo: It takes persistence to kill a bird sometimes. Giving up before season is over can cost you. (Photos by Joe Martino)

Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Persistence kills turkeys

Keeping your chin up is often difficult, but usually key in turkey hunting

If I have said it once, I have said it a thousand times this year. Persistence and patience kills turkeys. But it is never fun to have to resort to being patient.

It is much more enjoyable when your pre-season

scouting pays off and you score on a bird in the first hour of opening morning, but if you don't, and if you don't punch your tag in the first couple of days, sometimes it just takes some good old fashioned grit and determination to win.

Turkey hunting is a funny thing. It can often all be over with before the sun even pops up. Then there are times when the birds are not cooperative and will test you to the breaking point. These are the times that determine what kind of turkey hunter you are.

There have been several times when I felt like saying, "To heck with it," and felt like I should take up bowling or something, but when the chips are down, you sometimes have to keep grinding in order to kill a turkey. It can get frustrating as hell and really suck, but to be successful, sometimes that is what it takes.

Patience, persistence and confidence: they are often what separates the very best turkey hunters from really good turkey hunters. However, when the birds are not going along with the game plan, possessing these traits can be extremely difficult. There are times when you literally feel like packing it in and calling it quits for the season.

It is unnerving to be outdone by an animal with the brain smaller than a walnut. That is what gets us

so frustrated as turkey hunters. But it happens – to all of us. And more often we care to admit.

But it only takes a few minutes for things to change. In the blink of an eye, your season can go from lackluster to fabulous, and that is no joke. It is this very fact that keeps me going sometimes when the chips are down. Just when you think all is lost, when bird after bird has done nothing but ignore your calling and decoys, you can happen into a gobbler that will come running in. Heck, the same gobbler can react differently to your calls from one day to the next.

I have packed it in and given up in the past without filling a tag, giving in to the notion that I had given it a fair shot and had simply come up short-handed. And believe me, simply putting in the time and hunting hard do not guarantee you a turkey dinner either. Many hunters give it their all and still come up short. We all have. But with turkey hunting, the law of averages does certainly come into play, given that you aren't just doing dumb or crazy things.

You might set up on ten birds and strike out each time; each one sinking you further into your funk and making question why you ever thought you liked tur

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Whitewater Valley Indian Trails



by Eugene Fannin

The Mound Builders

For this article I thought I would speak a little about how the mound builders gathered some of their food and how they watched the seasons without a calendar and a clock. If you have been to a site that has been restored, you may have seen the large cedar tree that cast a shadow at rebuilt huts or the place where you can walk onto a mound. Or maybe you have saw between some smaller cedar post that cast the shadow and tell what time of the year it is.

To a medicine man or an elder it could tell him if it is safe to plant after April the above ground



This mound picture was the one that helps mark the summer solstice on June 21 at the Bertsch mound at Cambridge City, Indiana. It was taken from about 800 feet from a Steerman Biplane flown by Jerry Jensen. Red arrow pointing to location of mound. (Photo by Eugene Fannin)

plants that will not get frost bit. The shadow can also tell him if it is time Green Corn Festival. It takes great wisdom to put these markers in place. The food plants must be planted at the correct time for maximum food production. Knowing where

the sun will be on these dates is a must.

I have been to some of the mounds on June 21 and December 21 for the solstice dates and the weather is not always good. It can be cloudy or raining. Some of the sites have a second reference point. ■

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sion of all skill levels, featuring well known traditional songs. Sponsored by the Song Farmers of Metamora, a committee of Metamora Performing Arts, and an affiliate of the Woodsongs Front Porch initiative," further explained Ginther.

If you are itching to take a drive to Metamora prior to May 1, you will find some shops are open, and the Grist Mill at The Whitewater State Historic Site opens the first of April. Dine-In options available now are limited to two local restaurants, both of which offer good food and great service. Hav-A-Bite Diner on US 52 is open daily 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and offers daily specials as well as regular menu items. The Martindale House, which is located in the historic section of Metamora and is one of the original buildings still in existence from around the time the village was platted. Diners will be charmed by the quaint English Tavern atmosphere and the menu which currently includes traditional dishes such as Shepherd's Pie and Fish & Chips. The hours of the Martindale House are limited to Friday 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m, and Saturday 11:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. Finally, visitors who find themselves in the village on a brilliantly sunny spring day may choose to enjoy a picnic at one of the many picnic tables or grassy areas along the canal or in the park. Pavey's Grocery on US 52 offers carry out food and picnic supplies. Lingering along the canal, visitors are likely to see newly hatched ducklings swimming in the water and eagles flying overhead.

Check back each month for more festival and event information as well as highlights of the shops which are striving to continue Metamora's tradition

as a destination where visitors can find unique, hand-crafted treasures, and enjoy live music in various venues throughout the village. Metamora is just a 20-minute drive from Brookville Lake and to other area attractions such as Wolf Creek Habitat, Salt Creek Ranch, and Haspin Acres, so make us one of your summer outdoor adventure destinations. ■

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turkey hunting in the first place. But that eleventh bird could just be the one that comes in running, ending the hunt n minutes. You just never know. Whether it is the first bird or the twelfth, when things do come together, it is a sweet feeling.

So, if you have yet to anchor a gobbler and your hopes seem to be dashing, don't give in. More often than not, it is simple grit and stick-with-it-ness that gets the job done – even though at times you can surely feel as if you've reached you're breaking point. ■

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EVERTON VFD BASS TOURNAMENT

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The Entry Form is on page 24 and the Rules are on page 23 of this issue. This is an official entry form, The Everton Volunteer Fire Dept sent me the forms to publish here.

The Gad-a-bout can only be read on line now at www.thegadabout.com.

Good Luck to all of my readers who participate in this very worthy cause. The Everton Volunteer Fire Department relies on money raised by special events to fund their volunteer fire department such as this Bass Tournament. I hope to see you at the Bass Tournament. If not, send me a photo of your bass to raythegadabout@gmail.com or mail to Ray Dickerson, 105 East South Street, Centerville, IN 47330 . If you want the photo back also send me a self addressed stamped envelope to return it to you.

Sure hope we have good weather for the event.

STATE PARKS, INNS ARE HIRING SUMMER WORKERS

Indiana state park properties and inns are hiring approximately 1,300 workers for the summer season.

Positions available include gate attendants, laborers, naturalist aides, security, housekeeping, dishwashers, cooks, guest services, and camp store attendants. Most positions will be seasonal, but some are full or part-time year-round positions.

To apply for a position at one of the properties, see WorkforIndiana.IN.gov. To apply for a position at one of the seven Indiana state park inns, see indianainnsjobs.com. See stateparks.IN.gov to see which property or inn is closest to you.

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Left Photo: Trinity Anglican Church and Parish House currently located at 518 North Eastern Avenue in Connersville, Indiana. Right Photo: Fr. Richard Tarsitano, Wife Meghan, Children Madeline and Hugh seated in front of the organ of the former Trinity Episcopal Church that was in service at this location from about 1902 until 1922. (Author Photos)

Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder
Fayette County Historical Museum

Times and Places Change Over The Years

Times and places change over the years. The oldest church building in the city, the German Presbyterian, is being demolished. It was inevitable. The cost of repairs would have been astronomical, and it wasn't safe to use. That's the sad news.

Now for the good news regarding another church building. Services at Trinity Episcopal were discontinued a few years ago, and Indiana Landmarks took ownership of the property. It was offered for sale, and there were ideas thrown around about what it could be. Some folks suggested turning it into a home, while others talked about a restaurant or brewery. My hope was always that it would again be used for its intended purpose.

The church has an interesting history. Mary Ann Sherwood (1807-1888), teacher and author, was first married to Elias Wightman, and they shared an adventurous life. They went from Kentucky to Texas where Mary Ann taught school, and they founded the town of Matagorda. When Elias's health failed, they returned to Kentucky where Elias died in 1841. In 1845, Mary Ann married Meredith Helm (1796-1859), an early settler of Fayette County who was also from Kentucky.

Meredith Helm was president of the canal company, as well as being a merchant and prominent member of Connersville business and society. He had come to Connersville with his father, Judge William Helm (1771-1836), and his brother, Dr. Jefferson Helm (1803-1888), a physician who was the founder of the town of Vienna between Rushville and Connersville. Vienna was built on both sides of the Rush/Fayette County Line and is now known as Glenwood. Another brother, Robert Helm also located here for a time and then moved to Wabash County, Indiana.



Mrs. Mary Ann Helm, teacher and author traveled from Kentucky to Texas and back to Indiana. Her husband Meredith Helm was president of the Canal Company as well as being a prominent member of Connersville business and society. (Author Photo)

The Meredith Helm home is located on Third Street Hill. The couple owned the entire hillside which was terraced and had gardens, a vineyard, and an orchard. The house faces the canal, and the balcony offered a place for Mr. Helm to view the activity below.

The Helms had no children, but their home was a place for young people to gather and enjoy music and socializing, as well as a place to host festive dinner parties for the Helm's contemporaries.

Prior to Meredith's death, Mary Ann had begun collecting the funds to build a new Episcopal church. The Episcopalian Church here had commenced in 1850 and met at the town hall. The parish was organized in 1852, and a small chapel was built in 1855. Rev. William Miller was the first pastor in 1850 and continued to serve the parish until about 1860. By November of 1856, plans were underway for a new church and a cornerstone was laid.

Mary Ann appears to have been relentless in her efforts. One local lady says that her ancestors were convinced by Mrs. Helm to sell their milk cow and donate the money to the church.

The architect for the Gothic style building was Frank Wills of New York. He was evidently an acquaintance of a parish member with connections back east. Mr. Wills passed away sometime before



Side stained Church glass window. (Author Photo) the church was dedicated. The beautiful brick church was finished and consecrated November 1, 1859. The first chapel still stands near the brick church and was used as a rectory or parish house from the time the new building was finished. So, there you have the history and the past. Fast forward to the present. There was a rumor that it had sold. I saw lights in the church, illuminating the beautiful stained glass windows, and I thought about stopping and



The beautiful front entrance of today's Trinity Anglican Church. (Author Photo)



A second entrance to the church. (Author Photo)



Close up photo of the beautiful Church entrance stained glass window. (Author Photo)



Another of the beautiful Church stained glass windows. (Author Photo)

introducing myself, but I didn't. I knew I wouldn't be able to hide my disappointment if the new owner told me that he/she was making it a business or a residence.

A few days later, we received a message at Historic Connersville from a lady who said she and her husband are the new owners, and they are starting a church! Plans were made to meet, and she said they had questions, particularly about the beautiful windows. A little research led me to this item from November 10, 1859, in the Connersville Weekly Times, written by one of the visiting clergy:

Consecration of Trinity Church

On Tuesday, Nov. 1st, Trinity Church, Connersville, was consecrated to the "worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, and the

Son, and the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America".

It was a glorious day to many a thankful heart. At half past ten o'clock the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Reverend George Upfold, D.D., accompanied by the Rector and Clergy present, proceeded from the Vestry room to the front door of the Church, where they were received by the Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish. The solemn and imposing service of consecration was then commenced by the Bishop and Clergy repeating alternately the 24th Psalm, as the procession passed up the aisle.

The request to consecrate was read by the Rector; the sense of consecration by the Rev. Elisa Birdsall, of Logansport. Morning Prayer was

said by the Rev. Mr. Birdsall, and the Rev. Mr. High, of Indianapolis; the Bishop reading the Ante-Communion service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Teo Broeck, of Lafayette.

The account continues with highlights of the sermon and the schedule of services that followed that week. He then gives a detailed description of the building itself:

It is a specimen of pure Gothic architecture, built after the style technically known as "Early English" or "First Pointed", with open Truss-rafter roof, from a design furnished by the late Frank Wills, of New York. It has been constructed with great care, and in the most substantial manner. It consists of Chancel, Nave, Sacristy, and

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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard
Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Adventures of a Cow Kid

A cowboy or cowgirl rides a horse to round up cattle. A cow kid walks. I was a cow kid. I had a pony but she was always out with the cows so when it was milking time and I had to go get the cows, I walked.

In 1946 my parents bought a 100 acre farm south of Rochester near Mt Zion. It was on the Wabash Road, which old timers told me was often the scene of races to see who had the fastest horse, as it was a mile long straight road. Young men on saddle horses would race but so would people in horse and buggies. This would probably scare the ladies present but the temptation to race on such a nice straight strip of road was more than the men folks could resist.

Our next-door neighbor, Earl Gibson was the last man in our neighborhood to farm with horses. One time his team was next to our old Army truck. One horse reached over and took a bite out of the seat, leaving a big hole in the seat cover and foam rubber.

Gibby's house was set straight with the world, that means one side of the house faced north, one faced east, etc. Our house was set straight with the road, which meant it faced the road.

My father traded work with our neighbors. He helped them put up hay and thresh oats or wheat. The wives would gather to cook a big dinner (noon meal) at the house where the threshing took place. The men would set up tables in the yard, the tables being boards laid across the top of barrels. Dad set up a wash stand with basins of water, soap and towels so the men could wash up outdoors. They ate outdoors too, then some lay down on the shady lawn to rest. In later years Dad took the men all to eat at Hertha's Place on Madison Street in Rochester, west of the post office. It was torn down and there is a vacant lot now.

The neighbors Dad worked with include Fred See, Earl Gibson, Harley Beck, Merl Richter, Denny Smith, and Ed Fishback. Gibby was my favorite. He gave me the nickname of Tommy because I was a tomboy. That is why I named my first son Tom.

Walter Townsend owned the threshing machine. He was quite the jokester. One time he put chewing tobacco on the tractor seat so Helen

Beck would sit on it, making a dark stain on the back of her pants.

It was my job to carry water to the men making hay or threshing. I carried paper cups and a big glass jar with ice and water. The men preferred water to lemonade, claiming it was better for quenching thirst.

Another job I had was to bring the cows to the barn twice a day to be milked. That meant I had to get out of bed at 6:30 a.m., take my big stick and my dog Bear Fox, and walk across the fields to wherever the cows were, often across the creek. One time a calf had died and the cattle were gathered facing the dead calf and mowing sadly. The Holstein bull seemed to be a preacher and was kneeling on his front legs and bellowing. That scared me so I went back to our house to get Dad to go bring the cows to the barn.

One time I saw a meadowlark that had her nest on the hill next to our barnyard. She pretended she had a broken wing to tempt me to follow her away from her nest. Another time I found a bunny's nest. It was like a cup in the ground but filled with baby rabbits.

One time that hill was covered with ice, so I could not walk up it. So I lay down on my stomach and crawled up the hill. It is strange but after all these years I remember these details and can see them clearly in my mind's eye.

Red Trail Rendezvous

The Redbud Trail Rendezvous will be April 24-25, as usual the last weekend of April. Come and enjoy a relaxed version of the Trail of Courage. But sometimes it is quite chilly so being your long johns. Phone 574-223-4436.

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and financial donors who made it possible to give a "helping hand" to people in need in the Bandera community.

GENEROUS YOUTH IN INDIANA DONATES BUCK AND DOE TO FHFH

In 2019, Andrew in Indiana shot and donated a button buck to FHFH for the local food pantry. He also harvested a nice 13 point that he kept for a mount. With his donation Andrew was entered into a contest for a gift card which he won! The gift card was used to purchase a new hunting rifle that he used

in 2020 to shoot two does and another large buck – this time a 9-point that is in the process of being mounted as well. He donated the buck along with one of the does to FHFH. He just had both bucks measured and scored. The one from 2019 was 155 7/8 and the one from 2020 was 153 1/8.

Thank you Andrew for donating your buck and doe to FHFH and helping to feed the hungry people in your community!

(Three Cheers for FHFH from The Gad-a-bout) REMODELED WING NOW OPEN IN ABE MARTIN LODGE

East Wing Re-Opening in the Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park Inn near Nashville, IN. Inn has newly remodeled the East Wing rooms and are now open, give them a call and enjoy 2021 spring in Brown County, Indiana. Call 1-877/LODGES 1 or IndianaInns.com to make a reservation. The Abe Martin Inn is featuring large TV's, Coffee Makers and Refrigerators. Sherry and I (The Gad-a-bouts) have enjoyed staying at Abe Martin Inn many times.

INDOT REPORT S.R. 252 NOW OPEN EAST OF BROOKVILLE FOLLOWING SLIDE REPAIR

Indiana Department of Transportation contractor GeoStabilization International has completed slide repair work on S.R. 252 east of Brookville in Franklin County. The road is now open between the Whitewater River Bridge and Smith Road. Under the closure, crews constructed a soil nail wall to repair and stabilize a 920-foot section of roadway.

Signage indicating rough pavement has been installed near the repair site prior to patching and paving that is expected to take place next month once weather is more consistent. Motorists are reminded to slow down and use caution in the area until this work is complete. Guardrail installation and clean-up work took place last week.

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ABOUT THE INDIANA HANDS-FREE LAW

In 2019, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute reported that distracted driving from mobile devices was a factor in at least 1,263 crashes and three fatal crashes. To make Hoosier roads safer, Governor Eric J. Holcomb signed the Indiana Hands-Free law to reduce distracted driving across the state. Beginning July 1, 2020, drivers are prohibited from holding a mobile device, except in emergencies, while their vehicles are moving. For more information on the new law visit www.HandsFreeIndiana.com. Hands-Free Indiana is a partnership between the Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Indiana Constructors Inc., Indiana Motor Truck Association and ACEC Indiana.

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Our daughter, Angi, and grandson, Benjamin both started detecting when they were four.

Right: Gold ring with three garnets found in a lake in Minnesota. (Photos by Rich Creason)

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With Rich Creason

with their new pastime. Perhaps, since my wife and I have been detecting for over 40 years, I can help with some tips for those who need some advice.

First, you need a detector which fits your needs. Frankly, most new (or fairly new) machines will do almost anything a beginner needs. If you already have a detector, study the owner's manual and begin to learn how to operate it. If you need a machine, I recommend going to a dealer. He can show you various models, give you instruction on how to use it, let you practice with it, and answer all of your questions, both now and later. If you purchase your first detector from a catalog, online, or in a discount store, the only question they can usually answer is the price.

After acquiring your machine, you will need a few more items. Some sort of digging tool is needed. This can be as simple as a flat bladed screwdriver or a garden trowel, but a long bladed hunting knife or a digger designed specifically for treasure hunting is best.

Another necessary item is something in which to put all of your found treasures. A simple nail apron, often free from your local hardware store will work, or a new pouch from your dealer which fits on your belt and has pockets (usually one zippered) to keep your good finds separate



These are just a few of the Civil War artifacts we have in our collection.

Getting Started Metal Detecting

Over the past many months, a lot of folks have been getting bored, sitting at home, watching TV or reading a book, because the dreaded virus has us avoiding other people. An advantage of watching television is there are a lot of treasure hunting shows on now. The Curse of Oak Island (one of my favorites!) is very popular. Also, any show depicting searching for sunken Spanish galleons off the coast of Florida attracts a lot of viewers. The have even been some episodes showing sunken Civil War gold in Lake Michigan, strongboxes full of loot buried by Butch Cassidy, and many more interesting shows.

Maybe those are the reason many people received a new metal detector for Christmas, or perhaps dug an old detector out of the closet, put in fresh batteries, and headed for the back yard. Whatever caused the recent interest in the hobby is welcome. Unfortunately, many of the new converts to our hobby have little idea what to do

from the trash you uncover.

An additional item, which is probably optional, although most people who use a detector find necessary, is a good pair of earphones. These can be plugged in directly to your machine, or in better models, can be wireless. If you are detecting in areas of woods or brush, I would go with the wireless to keep from hanging on branches, trees, etc. Earphones also reduce outside noise such as cars, wind, or kids asking you what you are doing.

The last item, again optional, is a pinpointer. For my first 25 or so years of detecting, we didn't have them. When they appeared on the market, they cost around \$150 and I said I would never own one. Then, I won one in a seeded hunt and tried it out. The next day, I bought my wife one! A year or two later, they came out with a

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Left Photo: This is my current "go-to" detector, a Minelab Vanquish 540. Right Photo: Author with Garrett Ace 400 detector won in a recent seeded hunt. (Photos by Susie Creason)

waterproof one, more expensive of course. I bought two. Then another for our grandson. Now, the price has reduced somewhat.

Once you have all of your new equipment, you need a place to hunt. Your own yard is probably the best. If your house is over 25 years old, coins, keys, toys, or something similar has probably been lost. Practice retrieving your target and soon you will be able to move on. Next, ask your friends, neighbors, or relatives if you can search their yards. ALWAYS get permission before detecting any property which isn't your own. Then, you can move on to beaches, playgrounds, schoolyards, campgrounds, etc. Remember to

ask first.

Your age shouldn't matter. We started both our daughter and our grandson detecting when they were four. We have several friends who are in their nineties who still hunt on a regular basis. Like me, they are just slower now than they were 20 years ago.

Fishing, hunting, golfing, bowling, and other hobbies require spending money to start, and then, more money every time you enjoy them. Metal detecting is the only hobby I know where once you purchase your beginning equipment, you actually make money almost every time you go out. A handful of clad coins dug out of the

ground will buy enough batteries to last a year. And, a nice ring, a special coin, or an unusual relic can actually pay for your detector with one dig!

The author may be reached

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and financial donors who made it possible to give a "helping hand" to people in need in the Bandera community.

GENEROUS YOUTH IN INDIANA DONATES BUCK AND DOE TO FHFH

In 2019, Andrew in Indiana shot and donated a button buck to FHFH for the local food pantry. He also harvested a nice 13 point that he kept for a mount. With his donation Andrew was entered into a contest for a gift card which he won! The gift card was used to purchase a new hunting rifle that he used in 2020 to shoot two does and another large buck – this time a 9-point that is in the process of being mounted as well. He donated the buck along with one of the does to FHFH. He just had both bucks measured and scored. The one from 2019 was 155 7/8 and the one from 2020 was 153 1/8.

Thank you Andrew for donating your buck and doe to FHFH and helping to feed the hungry people in your community!

(Three Cheers for FHFH from The Gad-a-bout) REMODELED WING NOW OPEN IN ABE MARTIN LODGE

East Wing Re-Opening in the Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park Inn near Nashville, IN. Inn has newly remodeled the East Wing rooms and are now open, give them a call and enjoy 2021 spring in Brown County, Indiana. Call 1-877LODGES 1 or IndianaInns.com to make a reservation. The Abe

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We Are Looking for Metal Detecting Sites
by Rich Creason

My wife, Susie, and I have been metal detecting together for over 40 years. We are always looking for new areas to search. If any of you readers have an older house, more than 80 years old, we would like to get permission to detect your yard for coins, buttons, relics, etc. We also are looking for farm fields which used to have a house site, cabin, school, church, etc. on the property where we can search when the crops are off. If you are interested, we would be glad to teach you how to use one of our detectors on your property while we are there.

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Tower. The Chancel is 20 by 16 feet; the Nave 61 by 26 ft. 6 inches in the clear. The tower stands on the north-west corner, and is 12 feet square at the base, supported by buttresses, and is surmounted by a Broach spire with gilt cross. The entire height from the ground is 94 feet. The side walls of Chancel and Nave are 14 feet high, and, like the Tower, are supported by substantial buresses. The height of Nave from floor to ridge is 36 feet.

The windows are all of stained glass, the work of Robert Carse, of Chicago, and reflect great credit on the manufacturer. The Chancel window is a triplet, significant of the Holy Trinity, and is a beautiful specimen of the language of signs. The center light contains the emblems of the Passion - the Dove, the sacred monogram, the cross and crown, and the Agnus Dei, or Lamb of God. The side lights contain the Alpha and Omega, with the emblems of the sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and appropriate texts of scripture. This window was furnished by the ladies of the Parish at a cost of \$100.00. The windows in the Nave are arranged in couplets, two windows in each bay: four of the couplets are memorials. There are single couplets on either side of entrance door in west front. Over entrance door in west gable is a large wheel window, a gift in memorium, from a devoted church woman, a member of the Parish. The figures in this window are designed to represent the four Gospels, and are symbolical of the human and divine nature of our Lord, His kingly power, and priestly office. And here it may be asked, what more fitting tribute to the memory of the dead, than to have their names thus connected with a building separated from all worldly and profane uses, and devoted to the worship of Almighty God?

Even though she isn't named. I surmise that Mrs. Helm was the window's donor.

Thanks to Melissa Scott at the Fayette County Public Library, I was able to obtain a passage from an 1862 Chicago business directory describing the work of Robert Carse. He had made stained glass in New York for twenty five years before moving to Chicago about 1857. The article explains the process used by Carse, and it isn't at all what you might expect. Rather than pieces of colored glass, Carse glass was created by painting in oil paints on clear glass and heating the glass almost to the melting point. This process fused the oil paint to the glass, so each window is a beautiful painting!

The architecture of Frank Wills and the stained glass by Robert Carse are known throughout the United States. They obviously would have worked together on the building's design. Connersville is blessed to have this amazing structure in our city.

Beyond that, we are blessed to have a new family in town with a vision of serving the community, as well as preserving the tradition of the building. Fr. Richard Tarsitano, his wife Meghan, and their children Madeline and Hugh have moved to Connersville and are living in the 1855 Chapel, and the church is open. Services are held at 10 a.m. each Sunday. The church is located on the southeast corner of 6th and Eastern.

To learn more about the Anglican Church and related topics, visit Trinityconnersville.com, the church's official website.

While you're in town, the Fayette County Historical Museum, 5th and Grand, is open from 10 a.m. til 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The original organ from the Episcopal Church is on display. Come visit Connersville, a great place to be! ■

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Martin Inn is featuring large TV's, Coffee Makers and Refrigerators. Sherry and I (The Gad-a-bouts) have enjoyed staying at Abe Martin Inn many times.

INDOT REPORT S.R. 252 NOW OPEN EAST OF BROOKVILLE FOLLOWING SLIDE REPAIR

Indiana Department of Transportation contractor GeoStabilization International has completed slide repair work on S.R. 252 east of Brookville in Franklin County. The road is now open between the Whitewater River Bridge and Smith Road. Under the closure, crews constructed a soil nail wall to repair and stabilize a 920-foot section of roadway.

Signage indicating rough pavement has been installed near the repair site prior to patching and paving that is expected to take place next month once weather is more consistent. Motorists are reminded to slow down and use caution in the area until this work is complete. Guardrail installation and clean-up work took place last week.

Stay Informed

Motorists in Southeast Indiana can monitor road closures, road conditions, and traffic alerts any time via:

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ABOUT THE INDIANA HANDS-FREE LAW

In 2019, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute reported that distracted driving from mobile devices was a factor in at least 1,263 crashes and three fatal crashes. To make Hoosier roads safer, Governor Eric J. Holcomb signed the Indiana Hands-Free law to reduce distracted driving across the state. Beginning July 1, 2020, drivers are prohibited from holding a mobile device, except in emergencies, while their vehicles are moving. For more information on the new law visit www.HandsFreeIndiana.com. Hands-Free Indiana is a partnership between the Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Indiana Constructors Inc., Indiana Motor Truck Association and ACEC Indiana.

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I-69 PROGRESS CONTINUES

It's easy to track progress on I-69 Finish Line with construction photos updated weekly on our project website. See all of the progress that's been made this past year in Martinsville and Morgan County. As construction moves to the north, watch for more construction photos this spring from Johnson and Marion counties. We combined some of our favorite winter shots into a short video with our crews working through the snow, rain and cold weather.

There was a very visible sign of progress earlier this March with the installation of 14 large concrete beams for the new I-69 bridge over Sartor Ditch. It took crews only nine weeks after the State Road 37 closure in Martinsville to remove the old pavement, dig out the new ditch alignment and pour the concrete substructure to allow for beam installation.

About I-69 Finish Line

I-69 Finish Line is the sixth and final section of the Interstate 69 connection between Evansville and Indianapolis. The project will upgrade the existing State Road 37 to interstate standards between Martinsville and Indianapolis.

Governor Eric Holcomb's Next Level Connections program fully funded the project and accelerated construction by three years. I-69 Finish Line is expected to open to traffic in late 2024, improving safety and reducing travel time.

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SIGN UP FOR RESERVED YOUTH TURKEY HUNTS, MARCH 15-26

Youth hunters may apply for reserved turkey hunts during the special youth wild turkey hunting season on DNR properties from March 15-26.

The youth turkey season is April 17-18. Youth hunters who are under age 18 on the day of the hunt are eligible to apply. A limit will be placed on the number of youth hunters allowed to hunt a respective property on each hunting day in order to improve the quality of hunts for participants. Interested hunters or an adult representing them must register in person or by phone during the normal office hours for the property they wish to hunt. Hunters are limited to registering for one property.

To register a youth for one of the hunts, the following information is needed:

Hunter's name

Type of license and license number

Date(s) for which applying

Mailing address

Phone number

Parent or guardian's name, address, and phone number

Participating Fish & Wildlife Areas include Atterbury, Chinook, Crosley, Deer Creek, Fairbanks Landing, Glendale, Goose Pond, Hillenbrand, Hovey Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, Kingsbury, LaSalle, Pigeon River, J.E. Roush Lake, Sugar Ridge, Tri-County, Wabashiki, Willow Slough and Winamac. Two reservoir properties, Mississinewa Lake and Salamonie Lake, will also take part in the hunts.

Hunters interested in signing up for the Chinook FWA or Wabashiki FWA hunts may register at Deer

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Creek FWA. Those interested in signing up for Fairbanks Landing FWA or Hillenbrand FWA hunts may do so at Goose Pond FWA.

A drawing will be held on Wednesday, March 31 at properties where the number of registered hunters exceeds the spots available. A youth hunter may be drawn for either one or both hunt days, depending on the number of applicants. All applicants will be notified of drawing results by mail.

Turkey hunting hours for DNR properties are one-half hour before sunrise until noon CT or 1 p.m. ET. Youth hunters who are selected for a hunt may check in at any time each day until the end of legal hunting hours for that property. Properties will not have a daily "no-show" drawing. Hunters interested in possible unfilled quotas at a property should call that property for more information before arriving.

Applicants must possess a 2021 Youth Consolidated Hunting & Trapping License, a 2021 Non-Resident Youth Spring Turkey License with a gamebird habitat stamp privilege, or a Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting License. Apprentice hunting licenses of the types named above also may be used.

Youth hunters can take a bearded or male wild turkey. The youth must be accompanied by someone 18 or older. The youth hunter may use any legal shotgun, bow and arrow, or crossbow. The adult accompanying the youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field. The accompanying adult must be licensed if they are assisting by calling or if the youth is using an apprentice license.

Find more information about reserved youth turkey hunts at wildlife.IN.gov/9713.htm. For property contact information, visit on.IN.gov/dfwproperties. To purchase a license, visit on.IN.gov/inhuntfish. For resources related to turkey hunting, including previous seasons' harvest numbers, processing videos, safety tips, and more, visit wildlife.IN.gov/8695.htm.

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

FISH & WILDLIFE'S TOP PERFORMERS GET AWARDS

The Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife recently recognized its top-performing employees for their contributions to conservation, mentoring, and teamwork during 2020.

Award winners were Jeff Thompson, Anna Smithey, Elizabeth Middleton, and the Shrubs for Shrikes program team.

Thompson was awarded the Fish & Wildlife Mentor of the Year Award. In his long tenure as a wildlife biologist in the west/southwest part of the state, he has guided many staff members, providing them with the practical training needed to manage Indiana's wildlife for present and future generations of Hoosiers. Thompson's mentoring efforts carry forward a tradition of conservation excellence.

Smithey earned the Conservation Cornerstone Award, which is given annually to one support staff member to recognize excellence advancing the division's programs. Smithey took on many roles as an office manager in 2020, supporting staff in three different offices in addition to her regular duties at Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area, and provided exceptional customer service.

Middleton received the Fish & Wildlife Champion Award, which is given to one biologist or program manager to recognize their outstanding contributions to fish and wildlife conservation. In her two-year tenure with DFW as the stewardship out-

reach specialist, Middleton has increased collaboration across divisions and offices within DNR, partnering with state parks staff, wildlife biologists, and property managers. During the height of the pandemic, Middleton adjusted quickly, creating virtual programming and digital content to help Hoosiers connect to Indiana's fish and wildlife resources.

The Director's Team of the Year Award went to the Shrubs for Shrikes program team. Last year, DNR Fish & Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, and the Indiana Audubon Society began working with private landowners to create nesting habitat for state endangered loggerhead shrikes. Their collaborative partnership provided the funding necessary to purchase, plant, and maintain cedar trees favored by shrikes for nesting and shelter. Landowners received monetary incentives to protect the shrikes' nesting areas for years to come. Shrikes born in spring 2020 were observed later in the year using the newly planted trees for shelter. Learn more about loggerhead shrikes at wildlife.IN.gov/3370.htm. Find out more about the Adopt-a-Shrike program at indianaaudubon.org/adopt-a-shrike/.

The division also recognized employees for their years of service with the State of Indiana:

—Five years: Rachael Stouder, Andrew Fairchild, Sadie Dainko, Alexander Ingersoll, Savannah Vaughn, Erica LeRose, Steve Rumade, Susan Myers, Leticia Trevino, Allisyn--Marie Gillet, Andrew Buelmann, Jonathan Roales, Jodi Daugherty, Dawn Johnson, Byron Getz

—Ten years: Matthew Bredeweg, Jason Mirtl, Timothy Records, JoAnne Cummings, Douglas Green, Timothy Shier, Martin Daugherty

—15 years: Sam Whiteleather, Robert Bonewitz, Matt Buffington, Michael Rhoades, Adam Phelps, Dennis Workman

—20 years: Ken Hasselkus, Christie Stanifer, Brian Boszor

—25 years: Robert Ackerson, Brant Fisher, Patrick Mayer, Shannon McMillan, Linnea Petercheff, Bill Seegers

—35 years: Jeffrey Bott, Scott Lane, David Potts, Gregory Rainford

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WHITEWATER CANAL BYWAY ASSOCIATION

The Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway has achieved National Byway Designation status and became the fourth nationally designated byway in the State of Indiana. The Whitewater Canal Byway Association (WCBA) received an email yesterday stating:

Congratulations! On January 19, 2021, the U.S. Department of Transportation approved the 2021 designations to America's Byways®. On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP), I am pleased to inform you that the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway has been designated as a National Scenic Byway and will officially join the collection of America's Byways®.

In 2020, 63 nomination applications were submitted. Forty-nine byways in 28 states were designated, including 34 National Scenic Byways and 15 All-American Roads. This determination takes into account evidence of intrinsic quality(s); demonstration of national or regional significance; overall visitor's experience; and demonstration of longterm sustainability.

All newly designated byways will be featured in a commemorative 2021 National Scenic Byways Program Designations Booklet, and will also be added to the America's Byways website. For a list of the All-American Roads and National Scenic Byways designated in 2021, please view the 2021 Summary of Designated Byways.

Thank you for all you do to preserve, promote, and enhance America's Byways.

Congratulations again and best wishes,
Danielle E. Blackshear
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The WCBA is thrilled to have achieved national significance and realize the many opportunities this designation offers the 6 counties in southeast Indiana that line the historic Whitewater Canal. The WCBA looks forward to continuing the work and partnership we have formed with these counties in a new and exciting way.

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- Preparing technical analyses and field documentation including artifact analysis, field investigation summaries, and photographic documentation.
- Providing Quality Assurance/Quality Control for fellow colleagues in the archaeological department.

Skills / Qualifications

- Qualified candidates should possess a master's degree in Archaeology, Anthropology, or a related field, and have completed an accredited archaeological field school
- Candidates must meet the Secretary of the Interior Standards (36 CFR 61) in archaeology and be eligible for Register of Professional Archaeologists
- Candidates must be listed/or eligible to be listed on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) Qualified Rosters list for archaeological consultants.
- A minimum of five years of demonstrable supervisory experience in CRM is preferred.
- Basic knowledge of cultural resources management and Section 106
- Experience with the policies and procedures with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Cultural Resource Office as directed in the CRM Manual is preferred.
- Midwestern experience is preferred.
- They must also be capable of skills directly associated with the IDNR/DHPA standard archaeological survey and excavations, including familiarity with historic and prehistoric artifacts and archaeological features, standard documentation of field investigations, preparation of archaeological reports including site descriptions, and feature descriptions
- A thorough understanding of archaeological site significance recommendations and justifications
- A technical skill specialty is preferred, such as, but not limited to, historic or prehistoric artifact analysis, GIS experience, archival research, or geoarchaeology/geomorphology
- Must have good organizational skills, and familiarity with standard office computer applications.
- Archaeologists are lead authors and coauthors on technical reports that document the results of the investigation and should be able to write well; a writing sample may be requested.
- The applicant must be able to demonstrate the ability to address project research questions through a synthesis of data from the field, laboratory analysis of artifacts, and incorporation of relevant published research.
- They must possess a valid driver's license, be able to operate a four wheel-drive vehicle.

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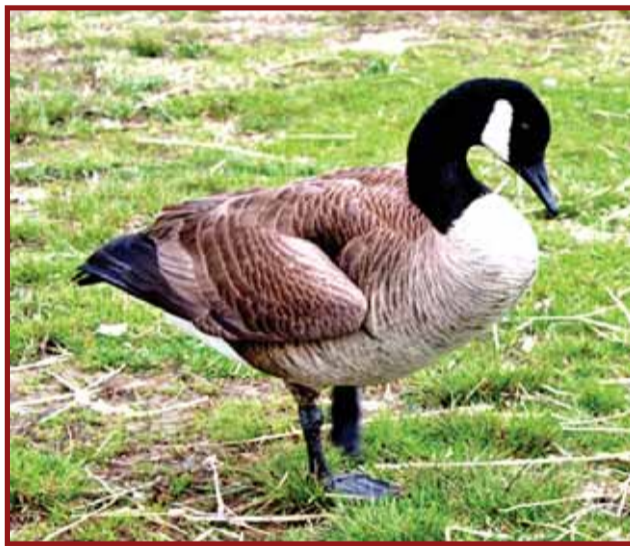
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Canada Goose (IDNR Photo)

HOW TO PREVENT OR REDUCE CANADA GEESE CONFLICTS

Changing habitat now can help prevent human-goose conflicts later.

Once Canada geese have started using a site, it can be difficult to discourage them from staying there through the season. Preventive action is the best way to deter Canada geese.

Many breeding pairs of Canada geese start looking for nesting locations this time of year. Geese frequently return to areas where they've been successful nesting before. They prefer areas within 150 feet of open water that are surrounded by turf grass, which is their favorite food.

If geese are being fed by people, this only encourages them to congregate in large groups and renders attempts to manage them useless. Feeding Canada geese — or any other wildlife — causes the animals to lose fear of humans, increasing the likelihood of conflicts with humans, especially those who have no food for them.

To discourage Canada geese from nesting at a site, before they nest, you can dissuade them at any time, without a permit from DNR, as long as you don't harm the birds and don't violate any local ordinances. Effective techniques can be auditory, visual, or physical to include airhorns, whistles, motion sensor lights, predator decoys, and sprinklers. A complete list can be found at wildlife.IN.gov/3000.htm.

The pre-nesting period is also the ideal time to consider installing temporary or permanent barriers. Common physical barriers include fences, rocks, and strips of native plants. Indiana's native plants are those that have grown in the state for thousands of years and have adjusted to Indiana's climate and landscape. Learn more about physical barriers at wildlife.IN.gov/3002.htm.

Once nests are established and for the rest of the nesting season, adult male and female geese will actively defend their nest — this is when most conflicts with humans occur. After the last egg is laid, Canada geese incubate eggs for approximately 28 days. Eggs hatch throughout late April and June. In June and July, adult Canada geese molt their flight feathers around the same time their newly hatched goslings emerge. During this time, using discouragement techniques will not work because neither the adults nor the goslings can fly away.


Canada goose egg and nest management can limit the number of Canada geese produced after nesting. If a Canada goose nest does not have eggs or birds in it, it can be destroyed at any time without a federal permit. Once eggs have been laid, you can take no further action without first registering with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at epermits.fws.gov/eRCGR/geSI.aspx.

Remember, using several techniques in combination will be more effective than using just one. Short-term techniques can relieve immediate problems, but long-term solutions are more likely to reduce future conflicts.

Canada goose management plans that have clear actions, community buy-in, and long-term commitment are most likely to be successful. DNR district wildlife biologists can help individuals and communities develop their plans and provide advice specific to the situation. Their contact information is at wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm.

More information on Canada goose management is at wildlife.IN.gov/2996.htm.

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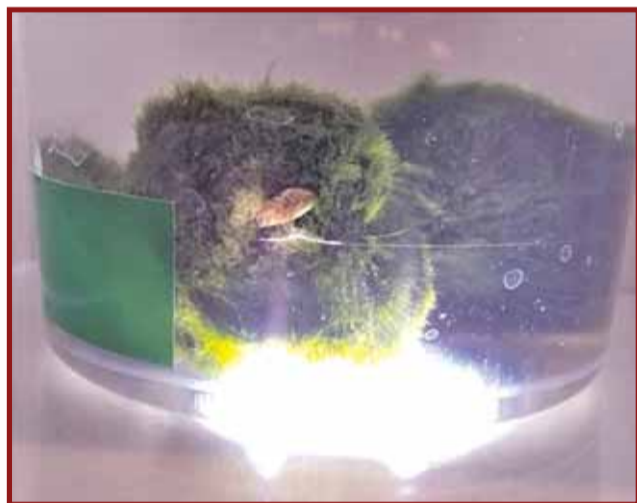
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Check Moss Balls For Zebra Mussels (IDNR Photo)

AQUARIUM OWNERS: CHECK MOSS BALLS FOR ZEBRA MUSSELS

Aquarium owners: Check moss balls for zebra mussels

Zebra mussels, which are an aquatic invasive species, have been found in Marimo moss balls, a product sold at many aquarium and pet supply stores. Moss Ball

Zebra mussels have the potential to harm Indiana's aquatic environment. They are identifiable by the light and dark stripes on their shells, which look like the stripes on a zebra.

These mussels can be tiny and are easily overlooked. If you have purchased Marimo moss balls from any aquarium or pet supply store this year, destroy the moss balls, dispose of them in the trash, and clean your aquarium. Complete instructions are at fws.gov/fisheries/ANS/zebra-mussel-disposal.html.

In addition, email AIS@dnr.IN.gov with the source of the moss balls, the approximate date of purchase, and photographs of zebra mussels on the moss balls.

DNR is working with aquarium and pet supply stores to remove and properly destroy all affected inventory.

For more information on zebra mussels or other aquatic invasive species, see dnr.IN.gov/6348.htm.

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

**NEWS FROM BOATUS
NEW BOAT ENGINE CUTOFF SWITCH LAW GOES INTO EFFECT APRIL 1**

Applies to boats less than 26 feet operating on plane or above displacement speed

SPRINGFIELD, Va., March 15, 2021 – There are new engine cutoff device wear requirements for recreational boat operators as part of the January 1, 2021, passage of National Defense Authorization Act that included a U.S. Coast Guard Reauthorization. These devices, commonly referred to as engine cutoff switches (ECOS), are designed to prevent a boat-strike injury if an operator is accidentally ejected overboard while underway.

Engine cutoff devices can be located at the helm of the boat or on the tiller or body of an outboard engine and typically connect a boat's operator to the cutoff switch with a lanyard. Some ECOS devices eliminate the lanyard and rely on wireless proximity devices to shut down an engine if the operator goes overboard.

Effective April 1, 2021, the new law requires a vessel operator to use either a helm or outboard lanyard or wireless ECOS on certain vessels less than 26 feet when traveling on plane or above displacement speed. These vessels include (1) boats that have a functioning engine cutoff device installed at the helm or on an outboard engine or have wireless ECOS, or (2) boats manufactured beginning January 2020. The Coast Guard increased the number of boats required to have ECOS installed after this date in an effort to reduce boating accidents and fatalities.

Exceptions to the ECOS requirement include if the main helm of the vessel is in an enclosed cabin or the vessel is not operating on plane or at displacement speed. Low-speed activities such as fishing or docking do not require use of an ECOS. The vessel operator is also exempt if the boat's motor produces less than 115 lbs. of static thrust – or about the size of a 2-hp engine.

The new law applies to all federally navigable waterways. As this is a federal law, states do not have the ability to enforce the new ECOS regulation —

though seven states (Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Nevada, New Jersey and Texas) currently have their own ECOS laws. BoatUS expects most states to amend their regulations to match federal law over the coming years. While boat operators who fail to follow the new requirement could face a \$100 civil penalty for the first offense, BoatUS expects the U.S. Coast Guard's initial focus will be education.

Boaters are encouraged to check the U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information on this new use requirement and other safety regulations and recommendations.

"BoatUS supports responsible use of cutoff devices and wants to get the word out to boaters to be aware of this new requirement so they can prepare," said BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. "We believe the new requirement allows recreational boaters to operate their vessels in a practical manner while increasing boating safety."

Kennedy suggests that boat operators double check to see that their engine cutoff switch is working and begin the season by getting into a good habit of wearing it.

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INDOT SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) AMENDMENT 20-46

Amendment 20-46 may be viewed online via the STIP web page at <https://www.in.gov/indot/3132.htm>.

The public is encouraged to review amendments to learn of state and local transportation infrastructure improvements impacting Indiana communities. Upon reviewing amendments, we encourage the public to also visit the INDOT construction map <https://www.in.gov/indot/> to view current and future INDOT construction projects.

Public comments regarding Amendment 20-46 will be accepted through **Thursday, March 25, 2021** and can be submitted via the public comment form located on the STIP amendment page <https://www.in.gov/indot/3132.htm>.

What is an Amendment?

Periodically, changes are made to a project's scope, cost and/or year of proposed construction. When these changes occur, they are evaluated to determine if the change requires an amendment or an administrative modification to the STIP.

Major changes to the STIP require an amendment. Examples of a major change would be:

- Adding a new project that was not included in the current STIP
- Adding a new phase of a project not currently included in the STIP (preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction)
- A significant increase or decrease in project cost

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•A change in project scope

What is an Administrative Modification?

Minor changes to the STIP require an administration modification, examples of a minor change would be:

A designation number change (this identifies what year the project was accepted into the production schedule)

A change in project schedule whereas the timing of activities is modified to occur within an adjusted timeframe (within the 4-year funding period)

Amendments to the STIP require FHWA and FTA approval, administrative modifications do not.

Why is this Important?

The STIP must be fiscally constrained. Only projects for which construction and operating funds can reasonably be expected to be available are included. If a project is not included in a STIP, it is not eligible to receive federal funding. As modifications and amendments occur, fiscal constraint must be maintained.

Public Input

INDOT welcomes public input regarding draft amendments to the FY 2020 thru 2024 STIP. The draft amendments are posted to a public comment web page <https://www.in.gov/indot/3132.htm> for a minimum period of 7 days (may be extended in some cases). The public is encouraged to review draft amendments and offer comment.

Generally, draft amendments are posted monthly and typically during the 3rd week of each month. Draft amendments may be reviewed by visiting <https://www.in.gov/indot/3132.htm>.

Once an amendment is approved, the STIP is updated accordingly.



Renew your license and enjoy the outdoors. (DNR Photo)

Remember, 2020-21 hunting and fishing licenses expire March 31. You can purchase your annual hunting or fishing licenses for 2021-22 now. About Fish and Wildlife Management in Indiana

WHO PAYS FOR OUR FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Sergeant Thomas Bennett II

CORPORAL THOMAS BENNETT II PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

Indianapolis, IN - Superintendent Douglas Carter recently announced to promotion of Trooper Thomas Bennett II to the rank of Sergeant to serve in the statewide Operations Center at General Headquarters.

Corporal Bennett is a native of Indianapolis and was a 2003 graduate of Pike High School. He went on to attend Ball State University where he earned a degree in Communication Studies. In August of 2020, Bennett earned a Master's Degree in Divinity from Indiana Wesleyan University. He is the son of retired Indiana State Police First Sergeant Thomas Bennett Sr. Thomas was selected to attend the 70th ISP Recruit Academy and graduated March 4th, 2011. His first assignment was to the Pendleton District where he worked until being reassigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. In 2016 Bennett transferred back to enforcement in the Indianapolis District where he patrolled northeast Marion County until his promotion to Corporal in 2019. For the past four years Bennett has worked diligently with the Indianapolis RightFit Program sponsored by the Indianapolis Indians where he dedicates time each week to mentor children at Indianapolis Schools.

Corporal Bennett currently resides in Marion County with his wife, two sons and one daughter.



A successful youth turkey hunter. (DNR Photo)

SIGN UP FOR YOUTH TURKEY HUNTS, MARCH 15-26

Youth hunters may apply for reserved turkey hunts during the special youth wild turkey hunting season on DNR properties from March 15-26. Hunts will occur on April 17-18. Youth hunters who are under age 18 on the day of the hunt are eligible. A limit will be placed on the number of youth hunters allowed to hunt a respective property on each hunting day in order to improve the quality of hunts for participants.



Leave young wild animals where they are. (DNR Photo)

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD THIS SPRING

It's nearly spring and baby animals are beginning to be born across the Hoosier state. If you find young wildlife, remember:

Rabbit nest

Adult animals rarely abandon their young. The parent may be out searching for food. Leaving young unattended is normal for many species.

Do not hover to see if a parent comes back. Give the baby animal space and only check back periodically. Adult animals will not return if a person is standing nearby.

Young wildlife should not be handled. They can carry diseases or parasites and are capable of inflicting damage by biting or scratching. Human scent can also alert predators to the young animal's presence.

While rescuing young wildlife is legal, keeping them is not. Truly orphaned or injured wild animals must be given to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator within 24 hours to maximize their chance of survival.

Rabbit nest photo courtesy of Shelly Johnson. ■

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Gad's Corner

Normally you will see fish and game photos in Gad's Corner, but due to recent developments mainly due to Covid-19 still lingering in our midst I've not been able to get fish and game photos. Last month I had a couple of black & white fish records here. This month I'm putting in a couple Frontier Days photos from the 1990's. I produced Frontier Days Rendezvous at Treaty Line Pioneer Village at the north end of Brookville Lake in Dunlapville from 1991 to 2001. 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. 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)



Here my good friend Golden Eagle, the late Hank Stock, who wrote articles in The Gad-a-bout beginning in 1995 was teaching re-enactors and visitors Indian dancing. Everyone who knew Hank admired him tremendously. (Author Photo)



This photo was taken at Treaty Line, a familiar activity that became a must at all of our rendezvous. A shotgun wedding (all in fun of course). The Reverend Malcolm Greene performing the wedding ceremony. At his left is the unfortunate new mother to be, at her right is her grieving mother. The unscrupulous father to be (a volunteer from the audience, well some times) is hidden from the camera in this photo. The soon to be wed mother's gun toting brothers and father are ready to see to it the culprit is married to the girl or else face an unfortunate future. This was one of our more popular activities in the eleven fall and two spring Frontier Days we did from the spring of 1991 through the fall of 2001. (Author Photo)

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Everton Volunteer Fire Dept Bass Tournament

Brookville Lake * Fairfield Ramp * May 1, 2021

RULES

1. **TRUTH VERIFICATION TEST.** Cheating will not be tolerated. Deceiving tournament officials or doing any act in order to obtain an unfair advantage will lead to disqualification. By signing the entry, contestants agree to submit to a truth verification test (polygraph or voice stress test). At the conclusion of each tournament a truth verification test may be administered to one or two teams placing in the top ten positions or winning the Big Bass award. Should a team placing in the top ten or catching Big Bass leave the tournament site making themselves unavailable if asked to take the truth verification test, their catch may be disqualified. Lastly, tournament director reserves the right to request any contestant to submit to a truth verification test within seven days of the conclusion of the tournament. Failure to submit to a test when requested or failure of the same shall result in disqualification and banishment from further tournaments.
2. **REGISTRATION.** There will be a short mandatory meeting approximately 15 minutes prior to take off. Entries and fees must be received no later than April 23, 2021. Starting positions will be determined by date of postmark on entry.
3. **PARTICIPANTS.** Everyone (male/female) is welcome to enter, however, the tournament director reserves the right to refuse entry from any contestant. Anyone under 18 years of age may fish only with parent, legal guardian or other adult if a signed statement is provided. ***ANGLERS MAY NOT FISH ALONE***
4. **BOATS AND MOTORS.** All boats must be equipped with a lanyard type kill switch. Boat must be at least 15 feet in length. Trolling as a method of catching fish is prohibited. Stick steering is considered dangerous and shall not be permitted. Jet motors and tiller steering is allowed. Every boat must have an aerated livewell large enough to maintain a live limit of fish. Altering a boat from factory specifications to gain length or height is not permitted.
5. **HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS.** Your motor must not exceed the manufacturers or Coast Guard horsepower rating for your boat. Jet drives are allowed, however motor power head rating must still comply. Any questions please contact tournament director.
6. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT.** Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork strips or rinds, etc. Only one rod and reel may be used at any one time, however, several may be rigged and ready for use. Rods shall not be more than 8 feet in length.
7. **SAFETY.** Safe boating conduct should be observed at all times. Competitors must have a US Coast Guard approved P.F.D. on and secured any time the gas engine is running. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. An operating lanyard type kill switch must be attached to boat and operator when gas engine is in operation. Boat operator must test kill switch prior to each tournament.
8. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS.** Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except areas designated by state or federal officials or any other water determined by the tournament officials. **ALL ANGLING MUST BE DONE FROM THE BOAT. Anglers shall not leave the boat to land a fish or gain access to fishing waters.** Anglers must be in contact with the boat at all times except in case of emergency or brief excursions in "nature calling".
9. **PENALTIES.** Only largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass will be weighted. At no time shall a team have more than a limit of five (5) fish in their livewells. Doing so is grounds for disqualification. The length for fish shall be 14 inches or otherwise regulated by the state. Fish will be measured with mouth closed on a "**Golden Rule**". As solely determined by tournament official, undersized fish will be penalized at the rate of one pound per fish and dead fish at the rate of one quarter of one pound per fish. The dead fish penalty applies only to the total creel weight and not towards any big bass weights/awards. A team who arrives at the official check-point area after prescribed check-in time will be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute. After 10 minutes all weight shall be lost for that day. Late penalties do apply to any "Big Bass" weights. At no time shall a bass be stringed and doing so will lead to disqualification.
10. **RULINGS.** The tournament officials shall reserve all rights for rule interpretations and to refuse an entry. Furthermore, tournament officials have the authority to announce or present any rule revisions (printed or not) as deemed appropriate. Violating tournament rules may be reason for disqualification.
11. **SPORTSMANSHIP.** Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Alcohol and abused drugs are not permitted in a boat during tournament hours. Fish must be caught in a sporting manner, therefore, snagging fish is not permitted.
12. **TIES.** All monies will be totaled and split equally.
13. **PROTEST.** Protest against another competitor must be in writing, signed and in the hands of tournament director within 15 minutes after scales are closed.
14. **REFUNDS.** Your entry may be refunded only if the tournament director is notified by entry deadline of April 23, 2021. There is a \$20 bank charge for returned checks.
15. **INSURANCE.** Adequate liability insurance is required of all contestants using their boats in the tournament.



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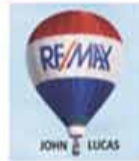
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<p>Make checks/money orders payable to: <u>Everton Volunteer Fire Department</u> 70% Pay Out - All proceeds will be donated to the Everton Volunteer FD</p>		<p><u>Mail Entries to:</u> Chip Ayers * 504 S. Poplar St. Greensburg, IN * 47240 * Questions? Call 812-593-8915</p>

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

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