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throughout the United States. This potentially life-saving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 4,327 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations. (Indiana State Police Photo) **Bottom Left:** Sherry and I attended the Liberty Festival on Saturday July 3rd. All festivals and other community activities have suffered from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. But this year The 4th of July Liberty Festival parade was spectacular and the crowd packed Union Street on both sides to watch it. See photos on Page 12-13. (Photo by Ray Dickerson) **Bottom Right:** July 8, 2021 Centerville Town employees on left is Chris Sharp and at right is his father Bob Sharp standing behind load of tree limbs they had just put in the dump truck. Centerville Town Manager Kevin Slick and his crew Bob and Chris Sharp as well as Bruce Crabtree, Virgil Shaw and Chris Shaw finished cleaning tree debris in Centerville after high winds plumed the town on June 18, 2021. I think they deserve a big Thank You from from all of us who live in Centerville. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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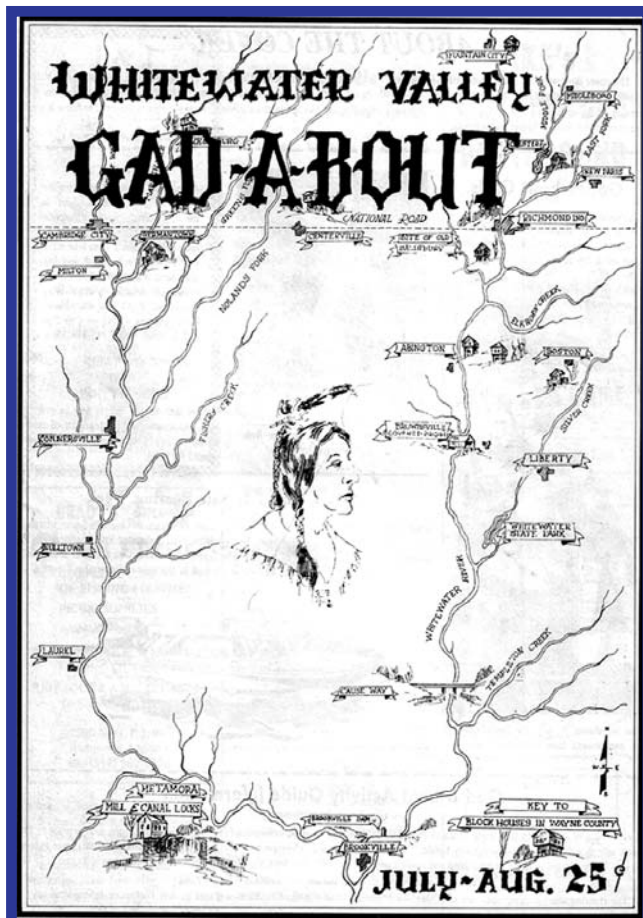
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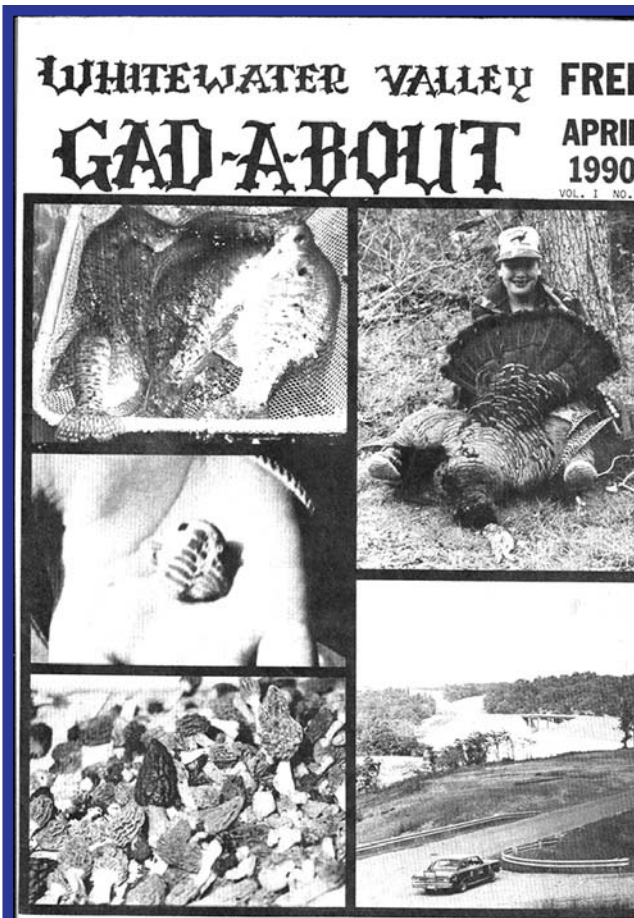
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My first publication The Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout 1973. Cover was drawn by Centerville Artist Paul Hamilton.



My second publication The Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout April 1990. Cover photos by Ray Dickerson.



My third publication, a Newspaper, The Centerville Truth. I March to October 2001. It merged with Western Wayne.

## Roaming The Ourdoors



by Ray Dickerson  
The Gad-a-bout

### SPECIAL NOTE:

Dan Graves is resting comfortably at home not being able to send articles at the present time. Until he is able to resume his column with his permission I am publishing articles he has sent in the past. I know you will enjoy this one he wrote about "Gnats" in the August 2013 issue. Dan has been writing humor articles appearing in The Gad-a-bout since January 2000 as well as many other publications. His first article was entitled, "Tree Stands, A great Place to Sleep" The subtitle was "The theory behind a tree stand is that deer never look up." I hear from readers all the time about how much they enjoy Dan's humor articles. Look for his return later on this year.

### TAKING A DIFFERENT DIRECTION

Beginning with this issue a large segment of The Gad-a-bout will be News Releases I receive on the internet from many sources. This is due mainly to The Gad-a-bout only appearing on my website and no longer printed and distributed state wide. I've also lost several writers I've been unable to replace with it just being on line now.

I'm still trying to find writers who own a business of some kind, who would be interested in trading their article for advertising their business in The Gad-a-bout. The writers currently appearing in The Gad-a-bout trade their article (s) for my advertising their business in it at no cost to them. I can do the same for you. I still put all the advertisers that supported me for many many years by advertising with me in the last issue I published and will do so for as long as I can do so. They helped keep The Gad-a-bout afloat up until October 2020. When the Covid-19 pandemic fell upon the country every one and everything changed. It is slowly but surely getting back to normal at least here locally. Since I'm not selling space to advertisers now the only advertising added will be with writers who want to trade their article to me for advertising their business or if I'm advertising a business or entity who is promoting an area activity such as Trade Show, Festival, Fireworks or an organization promoting an activity that my readers would like to attend. I will continue getting the word out on special activities so if you know of something going on that would be of interest to readers of The Gad-a-bout, by all means let me know.

I, like everyone else I know was born here in America, attended school, we love our country, some of us joined or was drafted into the service, returned home, went to work, got married and are living ever after until the end comes.

When I was settling in after being honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force I had this urge to write about one of my first loves, hunting and fishing. I also at about that same time I needed after reading several letters to the editor of the local daily newspaper against hunting, I wanted to set that reader straight as to my thinking on hunting. One especially entitled, "The Wanton Killing of Deer." So moved me I wrote my objection to the letter in a letter to the editor expressing my opinion. For a time I read and rather enjoyed

expressing my opinion in letters to the editors of the different papers they appeared.

At about that same time in my life I decided to apply to try to become a Conservation Officer in Indiana. One of our neighbors was an Indiana Conservation Officer whom I admired and enjoyed talking too. He told me to go for it.

I applied for selection in 1965, 1968 and 1970. In 1970 I was selected to attend recruit school. But as luck would have it I didn't make it. I applied again the following year, but due to a change in the age limitation in 1970 when I would have taken the test I was 29 years old, if I was selected to attend the school, by the time of graduation I would be 30, a year too old according to what I was told by the Officer in charge that year. So that was the end of that. Later on after I began writing I was able to work closely with the IDNR and probably accomplished more that way than I would have being a Conservation Officer.

I still had a yearning to write about the outdoors so in July 1972 I stopped by the Graphic Press newspaper office which at that time was owned and operated by Vic Jose and his wife, Faye. I asked the front desk if I could talk with the Publisher about the possibility of my submitting an article about Hunting and Fishing to be published in his paper.

The lady called Mr. Jose and asked if he could talk to me and why. The lady told me I could go up to his office.

She showed me where to go, so I walked upstairs and knocked at his door, which was open. He asked me to sit down and tell him why I wanted to see him.

I don't remember exactly what I said, but this should be close enough, "Mr. Jose I am an avid hunter and fisherman, have been all my life. There is a great need for someone to write about hunting and fishing in Wayne County. I told him about my effort to become a Conservation Officer

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## Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

### RAPALA'S SHAD RAP DEMON

Rapala's Shad Rap lure was developed around 1980 and unlike most body baits, was designed for walleyes, not bass or other species. They were an instant hit and worked so well it took a half-decade or so for the Norwegian balsa carving machines to keep up with the demand.

I've got a good supply of Shad Raps in my arsenal of walleye lures and a few of them have migrated into my boxes of body baits reserved for cohos in Indiana. It used to be easy to pick them out. The Shad Raps were fire-tiger or chartreuse colored – my favorites for walleyes. Almost all the ThinFins, Hot 'n Tots and Jointed Rapalas are mostly fluorescent red.

No color pattern on a lure is better for coho salmon (or steelhead) than one predominantly fluorescent red. It's not uncommon for me to run a 12 rod spread and have a fluorescent red lure at the end of each line. On a particularly slow day, I might pull out a chartreuse Shad Rap to see if that would flip the switch. On a particularly fast day, I might put on a fire-tiger Shad Rap just for variety. The non-red lures certainly catch fish but seldom out pace the hot red plugs.

A couple seasons ago Normark added the Demon color to their Shad Rap line-up, I guess to lure bass used to eating bright red crawdads. (The only bright red crawdads I've ever seen were cooked, but that's another story.) The body is painted fluorescent red overlain with a black pattern reminiscent of a crawdad's carapace. In the wild, a cross between a bright red shad and a crayfish would be something of a demon.

Regardless, one morning I tied one on to match it against 11 other tried and true coho lures. It hooked the first fish of the day, then stayed in the mix half the morning. I kept track and it accounted for five of twenty catches that morning, so it more than held it's own. But I "retired" it after it's fifth catch because the tail hook broke off. Otherwise, it probably would

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and failed in the attempt. I told him about the need for someone to write about hunting and fishing in order to keep the outdoors person informed about changes in hunting and fishing laws, give his readers all the latest rule changes, write about all the opportunities for the outdoors person to enjoy the state parks and other state facilities throughout Indiana.

Mr. Jose listened seemingly interested in what I had to say. I told him I would write for free.

He thought about it for a while. Than told me okay, write a sample article and drop it off for me to look at. We can discuss it after that.

I thanked him for talking to me and promised to have an article written as quickly as possible.

A couple days later I returned with the article and waited downstairs in the office waiting till he could see me. I had a short wait and was told Mr. Jose could see me. I wasted no time getting to his office.

He took the article and read it. Looking up from the article he said he would discuss it with his wife and then make his decision about using it.

I thanked him and left hoping I would hear from him again, but unsure if I would. Patience had never been one of my virtues, but in this case I was willing for it to end either way.

I can't remember for sure, but I think Vic's office contacted me the following week and for me to visit his office, he had made his decision.

I arrived with mixed feelings, hoping this might be my chance to write for him, or not!

Vic got right to the point and said he believed I had a good suggestion and the article was okay, (again not too sure exactly what was said.) He told me he would give me a chance. It wouldn't be every week. I was to drop off

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Plan on cohos to void the warranty on Rapala's Demon colored Shad Raps.. (Author Photo)

have done better.

I checked on the Rapala website and it indicated their products came with a warranty. So I downloaded the warranty form, mailed in the mangled lure and waited to see what would happen. A few weeks later, the chewed up lure was returned with a note saying while it's true Rapala products (including their lures) are warranted for quality and workmanship, they had no control over what sort of fish would bite them and how much the fish would or could abuse them.

Remember, the lure has a balsa wood body and was designed for walleye, not salmon. Pound for pound (or most any other measure) salmon fight harder and cohos in particular are predisposed to twist in a landing net.

Since then, I've used Demon-Raps that lasted for way more than five fish but the important thing is they only get broken because fish like to eat them. That's not a bad thing. They are widely available. The ones I use are Size 06, 2 ½ inches in length.

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# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**  
Professional Fishing Guide

## Fishing Brookville Lake In August 2021

Keep an open mind when fishing Brookville in August. The reason I say that is all the fish are done spawning in the lake for the season. What this means is the fish can be almost anywhere except below the thermocline. A thermocline is where the warm upper layer of water meets the cold lower layer of water. The reason the fish can't be below the thermocline is there is not a sufficient amount of oxygen for them to survive. To find out where the thermocline is, just look at your fish finder in deep open water. You will notice that there won't be any fish below a certain depth. Another way is to turn your sensitive up on your fish finder and you should see a dark band. What this does is eliminate time wasted on trying to catch fish below the thermocline.

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

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

If you're a troller, now is your time. The fish are feeding on shad and not so much on crawdads. So, stick with baits that look more like fish than crawdads. What trolling does is enable you to cover a lot of water while keeping your crank bait in the strike zone.

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

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

Temperate Bass like striped bass and white bass will lay near the bottom in the main lake just above the thermocline. When it's time to eat, the entire school will roam the main lake looking for those big schools of shad like one big eating machine. Look for these fish in the deeper part of the lake feeding on suspended shad schools. What a striped bass will do is try to feed in the coolest water it can. It would be very rare to see one on the surface in August. Whereas a white bass will just about go anywhere. While a walleye will move up in a likely feeding spot like a flat or hump and just lay with its belly on the bottom using the coloration of its skin as camouflage. Catfish on the other hand will just roam all over the lake feeding on anything that they can get in their mouth. To them it doesn't matter if its dead or alive. To catch 1 to 5-pound catfish all you have to do is put something on a hook and throw it in the water. If you want to catch 30 lb. catfish you have to be fishing specific spots. Big catfish don't get big swimming around they get big from laying around in a good feeding spot.

Good Luck Tag

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the article (s) and he would use them when he had the space.

I was so happy I could hardly find words to express myself.

My first article appeared in The Graphic Press on July 20, 1972, it was titled "Why Exhaust Yourself Driving to Recreation?" The Column Title was "Outdoor Indiana" by Ray Dickerson. I told the readers about all the recreation opportunities here in Indiana.

I have one trait that would see me falter and fail in several venues throughout my adult life - Impatience!

In the Spring of 1973 I received a copy of the Wabash Valley Leisure which was an outdoor recreational book for Clay County. My cousin Wade in Spencer, Indiana gave it to me. The more I looked at it I began to think that I could do something like that in the Whitewater Valley, especially with the new Brookville Lake coming, if I set my mind to it.

Shortly thereafter I was sitting in Eck's Drugstore in Centerville, my sister, Kathy was working behind the soda fountain. I told her about my wanting to publish an outdoor paper, but didn't know what to call it.

Kathy turned and said, why don't you call it the Gad-a-bout, that's all you do anyway!

So the first ever July-August Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout was published in July 1973 printed by the Graphic Press. It was a Bi-monthly publication, six issues a year. I gave them the material I wanted, they laid it out and printed it. Thanks to Vic Jose and his staff over the course of a year or two I learned how to publish a magazine, how to lay it out and market it. It sold for twenty-five cents a copy.

In 1975 I began working for General Telephone in Connersville. I had been working in Winchester as a Pinkerton Security Guard at a strike at a General Telephone office and my brother-in-law who worked for them told me of an opening in Connersville and I should apply for it. It would be more regular work then part time

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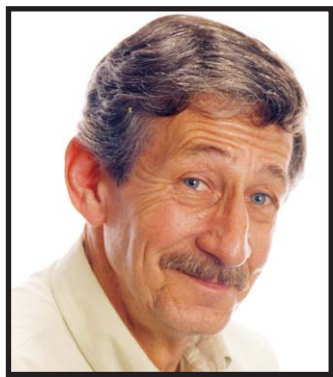


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# Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

## "GNATS"

### What are they good for?

(They say that Mother Nature knows best and never makes a mistake. That may be so, but sometimes I think the old girl has been hanging around in the local saloons too long.)

Have you ever wondered what purpose some things have in the natural order of nature? For instance, what role does poison ivy play? It isn't edible by any known species, it isn't attractive to the eye, and its only purpose seems to be as a means to keeping us poor homo sapiens scratching and cussing. Cut it down and it grows back. Burn it and the fumes put you in the emergency room with poison ivy of the lungs. Spray it with weed killer and the two hundred year old oak tree standing next to it dies a year later. But the next spring, the ivy shows up right on time.

Next, you have the chigger. Here is a critter that can't even be seen but can inflict more misery than an unexpected visit from your mother-in-law. Normally found in wild strawberry and blackberry patches, the little fiends are invisible to the eye but can make life miserable by finding the most embarrassing parts of the anatomy to make themselves at home.

Just a word of advice. Don't pick berries on Saturday and go to church on Sunday. There is nothing like the misery of sitting on a hard pew and having the little devils raising havoc in areas that don't lend themselves well to public scratching. Especially in church. So what is their purpose in nature? Birds don't eat them and they don't pollinate flowers. And, as far as we know they don't act as parasites on other insects. Apparently their only purpose in life is to make us as miserable as possible while we try to enjoy wild strawberry short cake. As kids, we used to grab pails and head for the berry patches, but not before mom doctored us up. She would rub sulfur powder around our ankles and waist to discourage the little miscreants. When that didn't work (which it didn't), she would then



The gnat is good for one thing, food for other insects.

dab fingernail polish on the welts caused by our scratching, to suffocate them. She said the reason they go in head first was because they like to get their bums scratched. Her attempt at humor didn't help much, when right at the belt line was covered with red welts smothered in finger nail polish.

Next in line for a useless critter is the gnat. Where this little assassin fits into the scheme of things is a complete mystery. At our place, at the first sound of a lawn mower, they suddenly show up in swarms like tiny buzzards on road kill. Buzzing around my head they make kamikaze diving attacks on the ears, up the nose and into the eyes. It can be embarrassing standing in the yard swatting around my head while neighbors drive by. Of course, they can't see the reason for my actions and assume that I'm suffering an attack of a rare affliction. Shortly afterward, my wife starts receiving calls of sympathy and offers to bring food to us in our time of stress. Recently, after smacking and swatting to no avail, I decided to try an electronic approach to mass extermination of the scrawny buzz bombs. My wife had purchased one of those little electrified tennis rackets meant to keep insects off us while we sat on the front porch. Using a good form in back hand and fore hand swats, I gloated at hearing the little snaps and sparks from the electrified assassination weapon as I fried them by the dozen. That is, until I tried to fry a gnat cruising between my eyes and got my nose instead. Now, those bug zappers may be powered by only two AA batteries, but they put out what must be around twenty five thousand volts. Now the neighbors were really concerned. Not only was I dancing a solitary jig, I sounded like I was performing an Indian war dance song, complete with "ows, wows" and "Yeehaws". To add insult to injury, I had a cloud of gnats still swarming around my head trying to fly up my nose. Later, I did accept a neighbor's offer to mow the lawn since I was apparently mentally incapable of doing it.

Perhaps some sharp eyed birds can see the little pests and dine on them, but there aren't enough of those kinds of birds in our neighborhood. Our neighbors will be calling the health authorities when they see me wearing mosquito netting to

mow the lawn. Speaking of mosquito's, that is another pest that must be an accident in the natural order of things. Their sole purpose seems to be to make us itch and sometimes make us sick. However, they do serve as a boon to our economy. Where would we be without those companies who produce rub-on mosquito repellents, candles that supposedly repel them on the patio decks, and those little battery powered fans carried on the belt that terrifies the nasty little winged vampires. I have one request. Would someone develop an electronic laser powered motion sensing device that would sense the presence of these things buzzing around our ears right after we go to bed and zap it with the laser. With my luck the nasty thing would be sitting on my nose when the laser fired. ■

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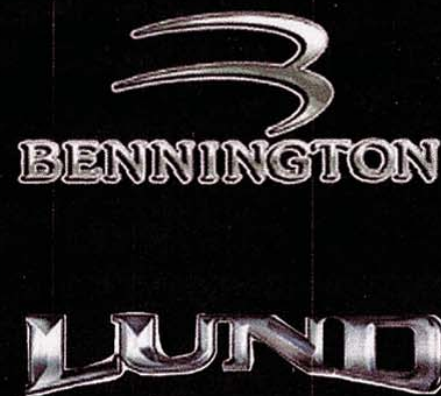
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# News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by **Shirley Willard**  
Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

## Is being a mascot an honor or insult?

I received on the Internet a notice that Twin Lakes High School, Monticello, Indiana, is being criticized for choosing an Indian as their mascot. A Potawatomi friend asked me to join the protest against this, saying that being a mascot is de-humanizing, de-grading, etc.

The protest stated that big feathered head-dresses, known as war bonnets, are not what the Indiana Indians wore. However, researchers have discovered that Indiana people did not save the earliest clothing worn by local Indians. To find the earliest outfits worn by Indiana Indians, one must go to Germany. The museums there show a big war bonnet labeled Potawatomi. European museums saved American Indian artifacts earlier than American museums did. It seems that American museums did not think the Indian clothing was worth saving.

What is a mascot? The dictionary defines it as a human, animal or thing that is considered lucky and adopted by a group to bring them good luck.

I think I would be honored if my person was chosen as a mascot for a school. So who am I? What is

my person?

I am a farm girl. Actually I was a farm girl in the 1940-50s. I am in my 80s now but I still live in a rural area.

What would my person look like if chosen for a mascot? I would wear my bib overalls like when I was 12 years old, straw hat and work boots. Not cowboy boots – they have high heels not made for walking. As a farm girl I had to do a lot of walking: bringing the cows from the pasture to the barn twice a day for milking. Also shoveling the manure out of the milking parlor, gathering the eggs from the hen house, hoeing weeds in the garden, hoeing thistles in the pasture, picking strawberries and radishes, then green beans and sweet corn, etc.

I suggest that this high school adopt a farmer as their mascot. I believe the farmers would feel honored. I know the farmers are one of Indiana's most valuable assets. The boys teams could wear overalls with the legs cut short. The girls teams could wear blue jeans cut as short shorts, kinda like the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders.

We need to think outside the box to come up with solutions that don't anger others. ■

## Roaming The Outdoors

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security work.

One thing that I found out the hard way was a fact that was hard to acknowledge, I didn't really like selling advertising, but I had to sell it for the publication to survive.

The June/July 1978 issue, now entitled Outdoor Gad-a-bout. It had grown from 14 pages to 40 pages, sold for 50 cents per copy and was distributed throughout Indiana by me and magazine whole-salers in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Michigan. Too much area for one guy.

I continued my outdoor column in The Graphic.

In 1980 I began screen printing part time at home as well as learning to develop black and white film in my own studio for me and The Graphic Press. My column appeared in the Graphic publications including special features in the Sunday Graphic with front page photos.

I had added columns in Hoosier Outdoors magazine, Midwest Outdoors, the Brookville Democrat and American newspaper plus their Whitewater Valley Explorer.

Than in April 1990 I decided to try my hand at publishing again having the Connersville News Examiner print the first issue, free this time at advertiser locations. And as everyone reading this knows it remains free today on my website [www.thegadabout.com](http://www.thegadabout.com).

If anyone reading this would be interested in writing a fishing, hunting or outdoor related article and appearing in The Gad-a-bout contact me either by sending me an e-mail ([raythegadabout@gmail.com](mailto:raythegadabout@gmail.com)) or calling my cell 765-960-5767. If you call my cell and I don't answer please leave a message and I will get back to you. You can also send me a letter addressed to Ray Dickerson, 105 East South Street, Centerville, IN 47330. Give me your contact info and I will con-

tact you.

Since 1990 I've had numerous people appear in The Gad-a-bout, most of them had never written a word for a publication before. I've found that many people who I've talked to concerning writing in a publication think they aren't qualified.

All a person has to do to write an article is to put their words into sentences and tell a story about something they know about. In this case, outdoor activities as well as indoor activities that people who enjoy your subject matter and are reading it will enjoy it more using the information you tell them about. It's that simple.

One very important thing you need to know before being published though, your subject matter must be yours to publish.

The computer is a very good source of information, however be very careful not to use copyrighted material unless you have permission from the writer or owner to use it. This goes for the written word, photos, artwork, etc.

Website computer pages will have their Copyright and limitations of it being used by anyone viewing it on their website. A word to the wise, if you can't find a website's use limitations, don't use any of it. The consequences can be costly.

Original ideas and writing it in your own words is the safest writing for you and the publisher. If any of you readers have any suggestions or comments about The Gad-a-bout that would help me better understand what my readers like and don't like, feel free to contact me.

One problem with only publishing The Gad-a-bout on line as compared to printing and distributing it in person. I've lost that contact with my reading public. I used to talk to my readers in person, now my only contact is with letters, e-mails and occasionally phone calls.

I've been a publisher for a long time, but it's always good to get the point of views from readers. Be safe.

Oh, I almost forgot, I still would like for you hunters and fisher persons to send me a photo of your next fish or game you harvest. I get so very few photos from readers and businesses in Indiana. I haven't included Gad's Corner now for several issues. It used to be one of the favorite things the outdoors person looked at, just to see how big, how many and what kind of a fish or game has been taken by Gad-a-bout readers who hunt and fish.

### HOLCOMB-CROUCH INAUGURAL EVENTS ANNOUNCED

Big & Rich concert Aug. 19,  
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A concert featuring country music legends Big & Rich will occur on Thursday, August 19 at the **TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park.**

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Two skids leaning against my shed waiting to be dismantled. (Author Photo).



I have stacks of boards like this from dismantled old skids. (Author Photo).



This skid is covered with plastic and sitting on two sawhorses. (Author Photo).

## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### Uses for Old Wooden Skids

Since I was very young, before my teens, I learned to scrounge almost anything which I could sell or use. Besides my mowing, raking, and snow shoveling regulars, I also had many neighbors who would set out their old newspapers for me to pick up to take to the junkyard to sell. (Now we call them recycling centers.) Many folks would also set out their empty pop bottles for me to return to the grocery for more easy money. I put many miles on my little red wagon hauling anything the junkyard would buy.

After I took a shop class as a freshman in school, I started picking up any free lumber I could find. My dad had a very old Shopsmith, and I started using it to make assorted small

projects with the wood I had scrounged. I would make feed boxes for our horses and goats, replaced broken slats in our wooden fences, and made several dog houses for our family pets.

Many decades later, I still use free wood for a lot of my projects. Many years ago, I found wooden skids could supply me with an unending stack of small lumber. These skids come in many sizes and quality of wood, depending on what products they are used to hold. The average skid is about three and a half feet wide by four and a half feet tall. Usually, the slats are made from one inch wood about four inches wide. Occasionally, the wood is only a half inch thick, but sometimes it is over an inch. There are usually three runners made of two by fours which the slats are nailed to.

Wooden slats can be found in many different places. While driving through a business area, stacks of these items can be seen along loading docks of the stores. Stop at some smaller places, (they are easier to deal with than large businesses), and ask them what they do with their skids. Some places return them, some reuse them, while others just discard them. Ask if you could get a few and what would they cost. Usually, they tell me to just take some. Sometimes, they tell me \$1 each. Often they have some with broken slats which they can't use again and will give you those. Stop at several places and you can probably get enough free wood to last a long



This wooden smoker was built from skid wood. My neighbor scrounged all of this wood from my shed. (Author Photo).

time.

Depending on the size of the wood I need, I dismantle the skid in several different ways. If I need shorter pieces, about 18 inches long, I

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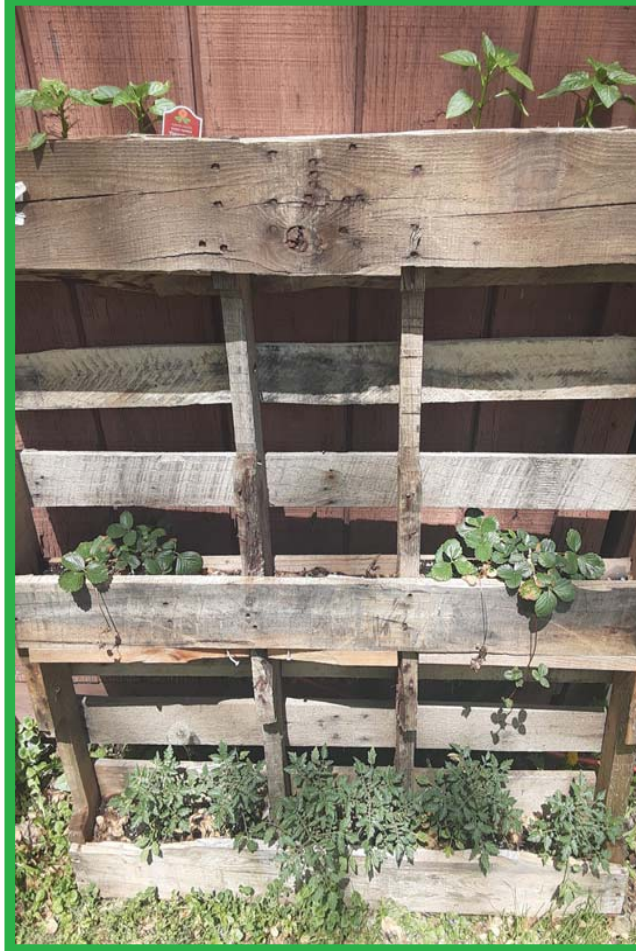
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Skid with plastic and filled with potting soil and growing plants. (Author Photo).



This vertical skid takes up almost no space and has peppers, tomatoes, and strawberries growing in it. (Author Photo).



One of many birdhouses I've built from scrap wood from old skids. (Author Photo).

take a chain saw and just cut the boards off along the side of each runner. If I want some 1 X 4's about three feet long, I cut the slats off the two outside runners, then, pry the boards off where they are nailed on the middle runner. For some reason, you will find the slats are nailed with about as many nails as they can hold. If you have the time and patience, you can remove the entire slat from the three runners and have a board about three and a half feet long. When I have removed the slats from the runners, I stack them in my shed according to size. Then, when I need a certain size for a project, I just pick from the correct pile.

I use many of these free boards to make bird feeders and bird houses. I have a lot of these hanging around my property. Many I make and give for gifts. Some I trade with neighbors to help me with work I need done but can't (or don't want to do) myself, like cleaning gutters, or moving heavy objects. If you make nice projects, and maybe paint them, you can probably sell them at craft shows or somewhere.

Sometime back, I saw a small garden made from a wooden skid in the reader's letters section of a magazine. I can't find it now, but I remembered enough about it to make one. I laid a skid flat on a pair of sawhorses and cut some heavy plastic sheeting as wide as the skid. I stapled one end, then, spread the plastic along the top, dropping it down about two or three inches into the opening between each slat. I stapled (or use a hammer and small

tacks) the plastic as I went, forming the valley between each slat until I reached the end. I then used a small screwdriver to poke a couple holes in the plastic valleys for drainage. When it was ready, I filled the areas between the slats with potting soil. You can plant small things like lettuce, radishes, herbs and other choices. With the skid on top of the sawhorses (or something similar), your garden will be easy to weed and harvest without bending over.

I took another skid and leaned the top against my shed. I nailed wood pieces on the bottom side of the three runners, creating three separate compartments which I filled with soil. I then planted some cherry tomatoes on the bottom, some strawberries in the middle section, and pepper plants on the top. The only problem I have noticed so far is because of the small amount of soil in the skids, they need to be watered frequently.

My neighbor came over and went through my stack of wood to gather boards to build a smoker for his wild game. In return, he helps me with many of my yard and garden work which is too difficult for me to do because of my health and age problems.

I'm sure there are numerous other uses for old wooden skids. With the current price of lumber in the yards, any free (or almost free) sources of this commodity is a good reason to stock on this wood. If you just

use it to burn for a campfire, free is good.

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## We Are Looking for Metal Detecting Sites by Rich Creason

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## Whitewater Valley History



by **Donna Schroeder**  
Fayette County Historical Museum

### A Healing Touch

The stories of the pioneer doctors of the region have always interested me. When I was very young, the doctor came to our house on occasion, but it wasn't long until house calls were a thing of the past.

I grew up hearing about Doc Sipe and Ole Doc Phillips. They had lived in the village where I grew up, and I never knew them, but I heard the stories of how my grandmother would go with Dr. Phillips to patients' homes and serve as his nurse and midwife, even though she had no professional training. Their houses still stood on the main street, and Dr. Phillips little office building was still there until a short while ago. It had long ago become a utility shed for the people who lived in his house after he was gone, but we all knew what it had been. Some of the babies he brought into the world are still living, most well into their eighties and some older.

Beyond my little corner of the county, there were several local physicians who gained prominence beyond the county and the state due to their service during the Civil War.

Joshua Chitwood was a surgeon during the war, afterward serving with General Custer's regiment. Luckily, he resigned some time before the battle at Little Big Horn. He came home to practice and lived a long and happy life in Fayette County.

Dr. Vincent Gregg is also remembered for his service during the war.

We have many other names of physicians who were prominent in the settlement and wellbeing of our county. I enjoy telling the story of Uriah B. Tingley whose shingle read 'U. B. Tingley'. Was that a diagnosis? We even had a Dr. Pepper!

We had dentists, too. Dr. James Doughty saved all the teeth he extracted. When he died, they were cemented together in a pyramid shape and placed atop his marker. Unknown vandals stole the tooth part of the monument at some point in time.

Every little town had a drug store owned by a doctor or druggist who often made his own concoctions. Elixers made of herbs and roots and unknown ingredients promised to cure everything from rheumatism to baldness. Morphine was available on demand and was sometimes the cause of accidental death when confused with other potions that looked somewhat the same.

The first hearing aids were horns that were held

up to the ear to amplify sound, and the first eyeglasses, varying in strength, were sold by local jewelers.

What do all these fine men have in common, aside from being healers? That's right...they were all fine MEN!

So, imagine my surprise when I came across the biography of Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts, M. D. of Fayette County who practiced medicine here for over thirty years!

Elizabeth Ranck was born in Abington Township, Wayne County, Indiana, on November 1, 1832. She was one of thirteen children of George Ranck, a farmer.

Elizabeth first taught school for three years and took up the study of medicine. She graduated from the Physio-Medical College of Indianapolis in 1882.

Shortly thereafter, she and her husband, William M. Roberts, came to Fayette County, and she began her practice in Connersville. Her home and office were located at 1033 Eastern Avenue, now the site of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

The doctor and her husband were members of the Spiritualist society. There are several notices in the newspapers regarding visits from spiritualists from other places who visited her home for days at a time while accepting appointments for readings.

About 1893, Dr. Roberts took on a partner, a Dr. Anna Davidson, a native of Pendleton, Indiana, the daughter of Greenleaf and Susannah Records Davidson. Anna seems to have settled into her new surroundings quite well. She joined the Daughters of Veterans and appeared in various community theater productions.

Dr. Davidson had graduated from the same college as Dr. Roberts, but she began the practice of medicine much earlier in life, being twenty two at the time.

After a period in practice with Dr. Roberts, Anna set out on her own, opening an office on Western Avenue.

During the 1800s, townships employed doctors to take care of the indigent citizens. Dr. Davidson applied, and was chosen, for the job of physician for Columbia and Connersville Townships, which would have included Connersville, the site of the county poor asylum. She was selected over two of her male counterparts. This appears to have gained some notice, as she was the first female in Indiana to hold such a position.

On Christmas Eve of 1895, Anna Davidson



Dr. Elizabeth Roberts of Fayette County who practiced medicine here for over thirty years! (Author Photo)

married Ulysses Michener, a farmer from Carmel, Indiana, in Connersville and moved to his farm. As far as can be determined, she gave up her practice of medicine and raised a large family. She died in 1930.

Elizabeth Roberts died in Connersville in 1916. She is buried with her husband and their daughter in City Cemetery.

These two pioneers in their field had a lot in common. They attended the same medical school. Both had at least one sister who was also a physician. They were respected members of the local, state, and national medical associations. The newspapers of the day gave both of the ladies good reviews. Both seem to have done well with establishing a clientele of female patients and earning the respect of the community, as well as that of their male counterparts.

Other things they had in common: In almost every newspaper article, they were called Miss Dr. Davidson and Mrs. Dr. Roberts. Their death certificates and census records list them housewives with no mention of their accomplishments. Women have come a long way in the medical profession in the last one hundred plus years.

Stop by the Fayette County Historical Museum and learn more about our doctors and their instruments. We have an extensive display. Hope to see you soon!



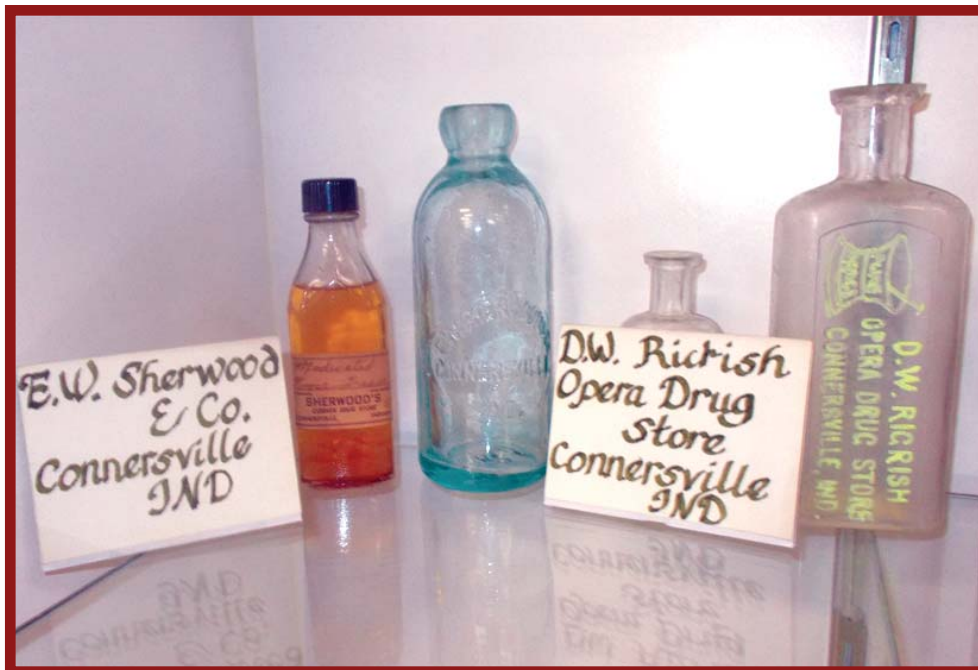
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Medicine bottles from doctors and druggists. (Author Photo)



Pill Bags used by early Doctor to carry medicines on horseback and Doctor's Bag used for house calls. (Author Photo).

## Roaming The Outdoors

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A black-tie **Inaugural Gala** will occur on Saturday, August 21 at the **JW Marriott** in Indianapolis.

Sponsorship opportunities and ticket information is available at [ImagineIndiana.org](http://ImagineIndiana.org).

Tickets for Big & Rich go on sale Friday, July 23 at 10:00am Eastern Time. A link to buy tickets will be available at [ImagineIndiana.org](http://ImagineIndiana.org).

“These events aren’t just to celebrate our governor and Lt. governor, this is a way for us to bring together the entire Holcomb-Crouch team that worked so hard to make the governor’s historic reelection happen and to celebrate all Hoosiers for their sacrifice and resilience during the global pandemic,” said Hupfer. “These events will be a great opportunity to remember our shared victories and reaffirm our commitment to helping Governor Holcomb con-

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Hearing the cannon at the school the parade arrives downtown led by Police Officers.



Don Clevenger, Parade Grand Marshall and family leading the parade. (Author Photo).

## 2021 Liberty Festival A Huge Success & A Parade For The Record Books

Sherry and I attended the Liberty Festival on Saturday July 3rd. All festivals and other community activities have suffered from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. With the Vaccine more readily available and a lot more common sense being observed I think we will be almost back to normal in 2022.

I've hardly ever missed the Liberty Festival since I worked for the Union County Development Corporation (UCDC) some years ago when it was part of my job taking care of the festivals. It is one of my favorites. Of course too, I promote it and all local festivals basically in the Whitewater Valley and some other places.

Speaking of UCDC I had the pleasure of visiting with Terry Sheaff who we met in front of her Beauty Shop when we were waiting for the parade to start. Terry owns Terry's Beauty Shop located at 25 W. Union Street in Liberty. She has operated the shop for many years. Back when I worked at UCDC Terry was the President of the UCDC Board of Directors and I was the Executive Director. Terry



Terry Sheaff, long time owner of Terry's Beauty Shop located at 25 W. Union Street in Liberty, Indiana is retiring. Her daughter Sarah Sheaff will be running the shop

and her daughter Sarah operate the shop along with two additional Hair Designers in the shop. They are Angie Ballinger and Becky Ann Ripberger.

I told her I would put the above photo in my August Gad-a-bout. If I remember right we were a

good team beginning in 1995 until I left in 2001. I think we and the members of the Board of Directors got some good things done for Union County. I would put a list of the names of all those I worked with, but I'm afraid I would leave someone out so I better not do it. If I knew where I put my paperwork, I would be able to do it. I have a bad habit of storing everything some where, just can't find it when I want it. You would think after working in an office for years I would know how to file by now!

Believe it or not I have a copy of every publication I've ever written in and quite a few I wrote in school (I do know where those are though). Yes, I've always been very opinionated and I've probably been called other things too! ■

## Roaming The Outdoors

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tinue building One Indiana for All."

The cost of events for the Holcomb-Crouch inauguration are covered by private donations and ticket sales and are organized and executed by [Imagine Indiana, Inc.](#), a 501(c)(4).

In November 2020, Hoosiers historically endorsed Governor Holcomb's leadership by overwhelmingly reelecting the Holcomb-Crouch ticket to a second term. Governor Holcomb

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Liberty's Old Fashioned 4th Of July Festival on the Courthouse Square. (Author Photo)



Lots of booths set up around the square and courthouse. (Author Photo)



American Legion Post 122 all decked out in the Red, White & Blue. (Author Photo)



Liberty Fire Department Fire Truck carrying L.F.D. Retired members. (Author Photo).



Union County Youth League parade entry and a cute youngster picking up candy.



If you like to eat, the Liberty Festival should be on your list every year. (Author Photo)

received the most votes for governor of any candidate in the history of the state and his margin of victory was the widest ever recorded. Shortly after the 2020 election, Hupfer announced that traditional celebratory events related to the swearing in of the governor and Lt. governor would be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The legal swearing in of Governor Holcomb and Lt. Governor Crouch into their second terms occurred on January 11, 2021.

**UPDATE: INDOT to Close Bridge On SR 101 South of Liberty For Construction**

Project timing changed to early Fall for construction.

**Editor's Note:** The bridge is located on SR 101 just south of Roseburg over Hanna Creek.

**LIBERTY, Ind.** - The Indiana Department of Transportation will close a bridge on SR 101 for construction near Liberty. The bridge is about 4 miles south of US 27 and SR 101 intersection in  
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Rittri noted the water stations dispensed a total of 48,400 litres of free purified water over the four days of The 149th Open, which is equivalent to around 100,000 standard 500 ml plastic bottles of water. (Photo D Noble)

**The R&A averts need for around 100,000 single-use plastic water bottles with unique sustainability model at the 149th Open, harnessing Bluewater water stations and bottles**

Stockholm, July 20, 2021 – A unique combination of water stations and refillable water bottles from Sweden’s Bluewater helped The R&A, golf’s governing body and organiser of The Open, avert the need for around 100,000 single-use plastic water bottles at The 149th Open at Royal St George’s in Sandwich, Kent.

The water stations delivered free purified water on demand to visitors who were notified in advance that no single-use plastic bottles of water would be sold to the public during the prestigious championship. Instead, visitors were encouraged to bring their own containers or purchase Bluewater refillable bottles on site that were made of sustainable stainless steel, and utilising silicone rather than plastic for anti-leak fillers and carrying loops.

“This was the second time in succession we have helped The R&A to fulfil their sustainability mission by providing unique water stations and bottles to help show there are viable alternatives for major events to avoid single-use plastic water bottles,” said Bluewater founder and CEO Bengt Rittri, a Swedish environmental entrepreneur.

Rittri noted the water stations dispensed a total of 48,400 litres of free purified water over the four days of The 149th Open, which is equivalent to around 100,000 standard 500 ml plastic bottles of water.

Players competing in The 149th Open were also presented with their own name personalised refillable Bluewater bottles, keeping their water chilled for 24 hours. If desired, the bottles can also be used to keep hot drinks warm for up to 12 hours.

Each stainless steel Bluewater bottle comes with a lifetime warranty. Bluewater also collects one kilo of plastic waste from seashores around the world for every single planet-friendlier Bluewater bottle it sells, using a blockchain alternative to recycling



Top Photo: Bluewater provides unique vending solutions for major events seeking sustainable ways to end the need for single use plastic bottles (Photo D Noble)

Bottom Photo: The water stations delivered free purified water on demand to visitors who were notified in advance that no single-use plastic bottles of water would be sold to the public during the prestigious championship. (Photo D Noble)

where people are paid to return plastic waste to certified recycling centres.

For more information, please contact David Noble, Bluewater communications director at [david.noble@bluewatergroup.com](mailto:david.noble@bluewatergroup.com) or call on +44 7785 302 694. [www.bluewatergroup.com](http://www.bluewatergroup.com).

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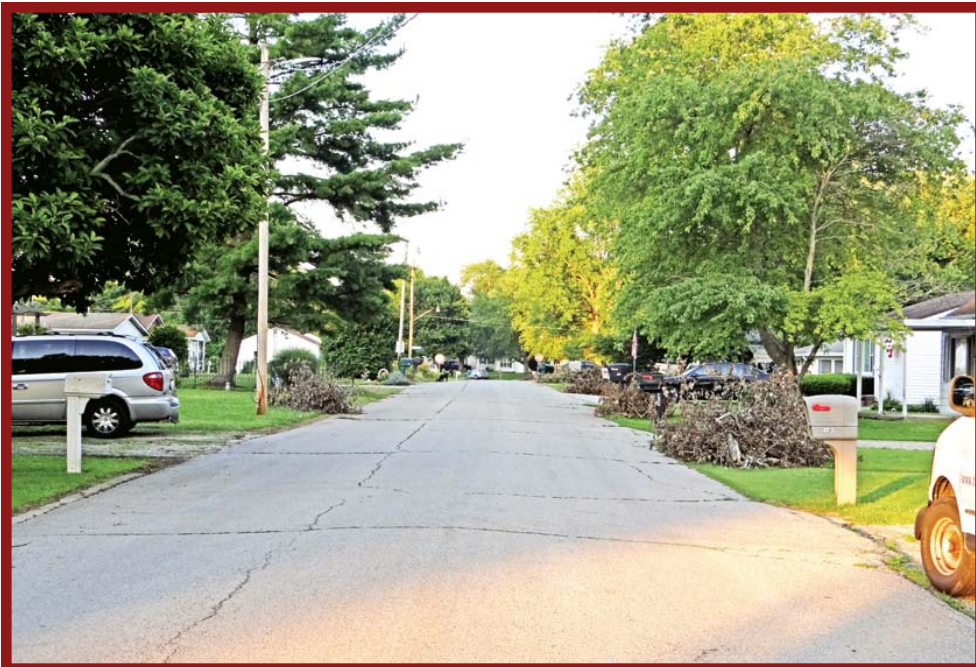
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Storm damage behind 403 and 405 East School June 18, 2021. (Author Photo)



Tree limbs stacked in front of homes just along East School Street. (Author Photo)



Town employees Chris and Bob Sharp behind truck load of limbs. (Author Photo)



Besides metal detecting, I was also giving lessons on dowsing. (Author Photo).

### Following The Damaging Storm That Downed Trees In Centerville June 18, 2021 Crews Finished The Cleanup On July 8, 2021

The photos above show graphically the phases of cleanup involved to entirely clear the residential area of tree limbs.

The initial damage in town was mainly centered on the eastern side of town mostly from Morton Avenue to Mattie Harris Road on both the north and south sides. On East Plum a large tree fell onto a house during the initial high winds that plummetered the town. On Sunday, July 4, 2021 I did a complete tour of the town, I was curious as to how many homes still had tree limbs remaining.

On July 8th Town Manager Kevin Slick assigned Bob and Chris Sharp as well as Bruce Crabtree, Virgil Shaw and Chris Proffitt to the task of removing all the remaining tree limbs and

debris that fell during the June 18th storm. Believe me when I say the town employees on July 8th had their work cut out for them to complete it in just one day. Especially using the only equipment they had to do the job.

Equipped with a Skid Loader with a grapple bucket and a dump truck the town employees removed every last limb from all the locations I saw on the previous Sunday.

Sherry and I was in Richmond earlier on that day doing some shopping when I got a call from Becky who works in the City building. She wanted to know if I could move my Van that was parked in the front of my house. The crew was their to pick up the limbs we had in our yard.

Sherry answered the phone telling Becky we were in Richmond but would be home shortly and hung up. I picked the phone back up and called Becky back telling her we were on our way home, could she relay that information to the crew. Becky told me she didn't have any way to contact them. I thanked her and hung up. I thought to myself, just my luck to be out of town on the one

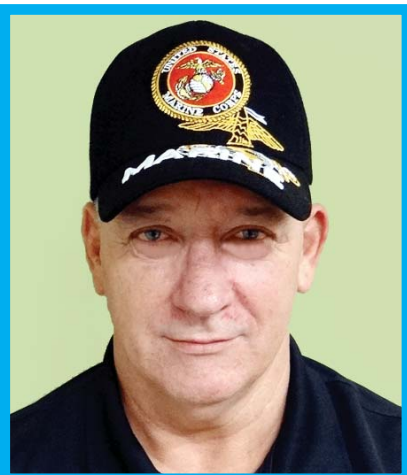
day I needed to be home. Oh well, if they can't pick them up, they can't pick them up.

When we got home I expected to see the pile of limbs still there. 'Lo and behold we were both surprised to see the limbs gone. Then I noticed the crew was still nearby loading up tree limbs in the back of a dump truck.

We quickly unloaded our groceries, I grabbed my wife's camera, and my notebook wanting to catch the crew before they left. As luck would have it I didn't have my camera or tape recorder with me.

I got to the workers in time. I waited while they finished loading limbs. As soon as they finished I asked if I could get a photo of them. They said it was okay. I snapped the photo then interviewed them. As it turned out it was Bob and Chris Sharp. If you read last month's Gad-a-bout Bob Sharp was in it, he and Bruce Crabtree the Town's Electricians fixed the power outage that put the town in the dark all evening. This time it was Bob Sharp and his son Chris picking up the limbs.

Town Manager Kevin Slick and his crews deserve a big Thank You from from all of us. ■



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# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## PATOKA FULL MOON 5K TO AFFECT PROPERTY TRAFFIC JULY 23

Night motorists traveling around the Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area at Patoka Lake may experience traffic delays on July 23.

Participants in the Patoka Full Moon 5K will be running on a few area roads through the property from 9:30 p.m. until about 11 p.m., and traffic will be halted for brief moments as participants race through these areas.

Areas of the property directly affected will be the beach and the modern campground road. The lower beach parking lot will close on Thursday for the event.

Spectators are asked to arrive at the beach no later than 9:15 p.m. to view the race from the beach area. They are also welcomed to watch from the grass along the road in the modern campground.

Patoka Lake ([on.in.gov/patokalake](http://on.in.gov/patokalake)) is at **3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513**.

## MONROE LAKE AUGUST 2021 E-NEWSLETTER

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- Monroe Lake Website: [on.in.gov/monroelake](http://on.in.gov/monroelake)  
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Monroe Lake on Facebook: [facebook.com/monroelake](https://facebook.com/monroelake)

### Daily Program Schedule

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, programs and activities are typically offered at Paynetown SRA (and occasionally at other SRAs around the lake) at least 5 days a week through the summer. Most of them are not featured in this e-newsletter due to space issues. We encourage you to check our **FULL ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR** prior to visiting Monroe Lake. *The online calendar is currently finalized through August 31.*

### Paynetown Activity Center, building schedule shifts from summer to fall hours in August

The Paynetown Activity Center, located next to the swimming beach, will continue with summer building hours (Wednesdays-Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.) through August 22. Beginning August 23, we will switch to our fall building hours; we will be closed on weekdays and open on weekends only (from 1 to 5 p.m.). Please note that this applies ONLY to the Paynetown Activity Center; other park facilities operate on different schedules.

### Dog Days of Summer, July 17-18 (Paynetown SRA)

Programs celebrating dogs, for dogs, and

explaining what the “dog days” are! For program descriptions and locations, please refer to the July 17 and 18 listings on our **ONLINE CALENDAR**.

### Flora Field Day, August 3

Want to work on your flora identification skills? Practice with a naturalist! Field day emphasis is on proper use and application of an ID key, which opens the door to identifying thousands of species. The naturalist will work with each attendee based on their prior experience. If you’ve never worked with flower ID before, this is a great way to learn. If you have prior experience, this is a fun way to practice your skills (and maybe add some new blooms to your life list!).

• **Tuesday, August 3 at 9:30 a.m. (Pine Grove SRA): Registration required by July 31 at [bit.ly/florafieldaug2021](http://bit.ly/florafieldaug2021)**

### Beginner Kayaking, multiple dates (Paynetown SRA)

If you love seeing wildlife, or just enjoy exploring, kayaking is for you! Kayaks let you reach backwater areas and quiet bays that aren’t otherwise accessible; it’s a wonderful way to experience Monroe Lake. This workshop is specifically designed for beginners with zero (or very little) paddling experience. We’ll teach you basic paddling and safety skills and provide supervised paddling time in a quiet water area to practice. *Kayaks, paddles, and lifejackets are all provided. Each session is limited to 8 people, ages 10 and up. Workshop fee is \$10 per person. 2 hours*

• **Sunday, July 25 at 10 a.m. (register by July 20): [bit.ly/beginkayak-jul18-2021](http://bit.ly/beginkayak-jul18-2021) \*3 spots open**

• **Wednesday, August 4 at 10 a.m. (register by July 30): [bit.ly/begkayak-aug4-2021](http://bit.ly/begkayak-aug4-2021) \*4 spots open**

• **Sunday, August 15 at 10 a.m. (register by August 10): [bit.ly/begkayak-aug15-2021](http://bit.ly/begkayak-aug15-2021) \*FULL, follow registration link to add yourself to waiting list!**

### Explore Monroe Paddling Trips, multiple dates

Explore the quieter side of Monroe Lake during these guided paddling trips that journey through backwaters, wetlands, bays, and/or slow-moving streams. Trips highlight beautiful views, hidden wildlife, aquatic plants, and unique land features. Find your new favorite place to kayak! *2 hours... Each trip is limited to 10 people, restricted to ages 16 and up. All participants must have at least 2 hours of prior paddling experience OR have completed one of our Beginner Kayaking workshops. Trip fee is \$10 per person. You can bring your own canoe/kayak, or rent a kayak from us (\$20 per kayak rental fee).*

• **Sunday, August 15 at 6 p.m. (register by August 11) at Allens Creek SRA: [bit.ly/explore-aug15-2021](http://bit.ly/explore-aug15-2021) \*3 spots open**

• **Tuesday, August 17 at 9 a.m. (register by August 11) at Allens Creek SRA: [bit.ly/explore-aug17-2021](http://bit.ly/explore-aug17-2021) \*7 spots open**

### Campfire Cooking Mini Workshops, August 29 (Paynetown SRA)

Sign up for just 1 session, or register for all 3 and spend the day cooking with us over the fire! *Each session is limited to 8 people and restricted to ages 12 and up. Registration for all sessions is required by August 22.*

• **Breakfast over the Fire at 8 a.m. (\$15 per person): <https://bit.ly/campfire-breakfast-2021> \*5 spots open**

• **Dutch Oven Quick Bread at 11 a.m. (\$10 per person): <https://bit.ly/campfire-bread-2021> \*3 spots open**

• **Simple Desserts at 2 p.m. (\$10 per person): <https://bit.ly/campfire-dessert-2021> \*8 spots open**

### Upcoming Virtual Programs

• **LIVE PRESENTATION! Eastern Coyotes, Adaptation = Survival on Thursday, July 22 at 11:30 a.m.-** The success of the eastern coyote centers on its willingness and ability to be flexible. Monroe Lake’s naturalist, Jill Vance, will explore the history of the coyote in the United States, how adaptation has made their current dominance possible, and look at how these traits may guide their further evolution. *This live stream will be hosted on the Monroe Lake Facebook Event* (For those unable to watch live, a video recording will be available on the [Monroe Lake Facebook Videos tab](#), as soon as the live stream concludes.)

• **LIVE PRESENTATION! Invertebrate Investigation on Tuesday, August 31 at 11:30 a.m.- KID FRIENDLY!** Go out in the woods (virtually) with Monroe Lake’s interpretive naturalist, Jill Vance, to search for invertebrates! She’ll share techniques and tools to aid in your search and end by demonstrating how to make a simple “bug hotel” to temporarily keep and observe invertebrates that you find. *This live stream will be hosted on the Monroe Lake Facebook Event* (For those unable to watch live, a video recording will be available on the [Monroe Lake Facebook Videos tab](#), as soon as the live stream concludes.)

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# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Application period opens for DNR urban forestry grants

Communities throughout Indiana have the chance to advance their urban forestry goals through the Indiana DNR Community and Urban Forestry Assistance (CUFA) grant program, which has opened its 2021 grant application period.

CUFA funds are provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS) Northeastern Area.

CUFA grants support a variety of urban forestry projects throughout Indiana. A sampling of activities that CUF seeks to promote includes public tree inventories with urban forestry management plans, urban tree canopy assessments, storm response planning, tree planting, public and/or staff education, program outreach, and the establishment and strengthening of local urban forestry programs.

Communities interested in applying should note the following:

Grant awards are available for a minimum \$1,000 and a maximum \$25,000.

Indiana municipalities, townships, tribal governments, counties, park districts, and 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply.

Projects must be on public lands or in public rights-of-way.

This grant requires a 1:1 match.

Grant funds are awarded on a reimbursable basis.

Grant-funded activities will start in early 2022 and end by June 30, 2023.

Applications are due Friday, Aug. 13, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

All application materials are available for download at:

[dnr.IN.gov/dnr/forestry/programs/community-and-urban-forestry/grants](https://dnr.IN.gov/dnr/forestry/programs/community-and-urban-forestry/grants)

Additional information and applications are available from:

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Three juveniles involved in ORV accident (Posey County).

(Mount Vernon) Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating an off-road vehicle (ORV) accident that occurred yesterday afternoon.

At approximately 2:07 p.m., Posey County dispatch received information of an ORV accident with injury that occurred on private property near Copper line and Blackburn roads.

A responding conservation officer rendered aid and applied a tourniquet to an injured juvenile before EMS arrived. That juvenile was then transported to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville for treatment and later flown to Louisville.

The other two juvenile passengers had minor injuries. None of the riders was wearing helmets nor any other safety gear when the accident occurred.

Initial investigation has revealed that the side-by-side ORV was being operated by a 16-year-old juvenile who lost control and the vehicle overturned. She suffered significant leg and hand injuries in the accident.

Other responding agencies included Posey County EMS, Black Township Fire Department, and Posey County Sheriff's Department.

Conservation officers remind everyone to always wear a helmet and protective riding gear when operating or riding on an ORV and to always use a seat-belt or safety harness when present.

For information on ORV laws and safe operating procedures, please visit <https://www.offroad-ed.com/in/handbook/> and <https://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4431.htm>.

**Secure trash to protect roaming black bear and your property**

The black bear that has been seen in Pike County has gotten into garbage there and is likely still roaming around southern Indiana.

If trash or recycling containers are easily accessible, the bear could start to associate people's homes with a place to find food. To protect the bear and personal property, residents of Pike and surrounding counties should secure those and other potential human-generated outdoor food sources.

"Seeking out easily accessible food is normal behavior for many wild animals," said Brad Westrich, DNR mammologist. "Unfortunately, bears can become sick or even die when they eat items from our garbage."

Westrich says that when bears discover food around people's homes, they can damage personal property trying to get at it and begin to lose their natural fear of humans, which can put both in danger. In these situations, DNR must then implement a technique called aversive conditioning to correct this behavior. Aversive conditioning methods, such as spotlights and airhorns, are stressful for the bear. Once a bear regularly seeks food sources near humans, these techniques can become necessary for the safety of the bear and people. Residents can help DNR avoid needing to use these methods by removing potential food sources.

DNR's last confirmed report of the bear was in Pike County on July 8; however, bears can travel up to 20 miles a day. For that reason, residents in Pike and its surrounding counties should:

- Store garbage cans and recycling containers inside a garage or shed.

- Put garbage cans and recycling containers on the curb the morning of pick-up rather than on the night before.

- Avoid putting meats, sweets, bones, or grease in compost piles.

- Remove or secure other potential food sources for bears, such as livestock feed or pet food.

Other potential food sources such as beehives, grills, and vegetable gardens can also attract bears. Securing them is quick and easy. Tips are at [wildlife.IN.gov/wildlife-resources/animals/black-bear](https://wildlife.IN.gov/wildlife-resources/animals/black-bear).

If you see a bear, report it to the DNR at [on.IN.gov/largemammal](https://on.IN.gov/largemammal). Biologists use these reports to monitor bear activity and provide recommendations to local residents.

Indiana was once home to black bears. Bear populations in neighboring states are expanding, and southern Indiana's forests and hills are excellent habitat for black bears, so more are likely coming. Hoosiers need to work together now and into the future to protect bears. For tips on coexisting with bears, visit [bearwise.org/six-bearwise-basics/food-garbage/](https://bearwise.org/six-bearwise-basics/food-garbage/).

**Patoka Lake hosts birthday party for Smokey Bear, Aug. 7**

Patoka Lake will celebrate Smokey Bear's birthday with a party on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Patoka Lake Nature Center.

The party will include a chance to get a picture with Smokey, fire safety games, and a special craft to make and take home. The Orange County Southeast Township Volunteer Fire Department will give a special presentation on fire safety, including a jaws of life demonstration, at 11 a.m.

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents and \$9 for out-of-state vehicles is required for the Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area at Patoka Lake, which is located north of Wickliffe Indiana on State Road 164.

Patoka Lake ([on.IN.gov/patokalake](https://on.IN.gov/patokalake)) is at **3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513**.

## Roaming The Outdoors

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Liberty. SR 101 will be closed in both directions between Scratch Gravel Rd and W 725 N. The bridge is scheduled to close **Tuesday, September 7. It will remain closed until the end of November, weather permitting.**

Crews will be building new approaches to the bridge, giving it a new deck overlay and will be doing work under the bridge as well as new guard rails.

During the full closure, thru traffic will be sent on the detour routes. Local traffic will be allowed to access homes inside the closure.

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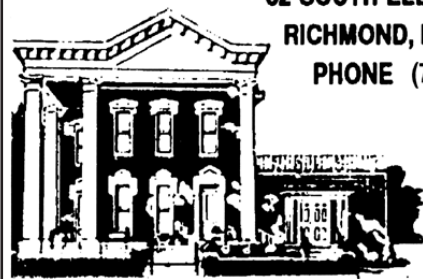
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# INDIANA STATE POLICE NEWS



**TWO FLOWN TO HOSPITAL AFTER HEAD-ON CRASH ON US-150**

Washington County - Troopers from Indiana State Police (ISP) - Sellersburg are investigating an injury crash involving a passenger car and a pick-up truck that sent both drivers to University Hospital with serious injuries.

At approximately 11:12 Saturday morning, Troopers Kevin Bowling and Brett Walters, along with officers from the Washington County Sheriff's Department and the Posey Township Fire Department, responded to a crash on US-150 just west of Kay's Chapel Road, located between Fredericksburg and Hardinsburg, Indiana.

When officers and first responders arrived, they found a beige 2014 Buick LaCrosse had collided head-on with a white 2013 Chevrolet Silverado. Both vehicles were stationary in the westbound lane of the highway. Air ambulances were called for both drivers, who were the sole occupants of their cars.

The driver of the Buick had to be extricated from the vehicle before being flown out.

Troopers on-scene called an ISP Crash Reconstruction Team to assist in the investigation.

The preliminary investigation reveals that the westbound Buick, driven by Linda J. Flock, 66, of New Salisbury, crossed over into the westbound lane and collided with the Silverado. The Silverado was driven by Heidi Nicole Cochran, 20, of Hardinsburg. Investigators are still trying to determine why the Buick crossed over into the westbound lane.

Both drivers were taken to University Hospital in Louisville. As of this news release, Linda Flock is listed in critical condition, and Nicole Cochran is listed in serious condition. Family members of both drivers have been contacted.

US-150 remained closed for approximately three hours.

This crash remains under investigation.

**DRIVER ARRESTED AFTER ALLEGEDLY FIRING A HANDGUN WHILE DRIVING ON I-70**

Indianapolis, IN - Yesterday, July 15, 2021 at approximately 10:26 a.m., Troopers were called to the report of shots fired from a vehicle on I-70 near Harding Street. The suspect vehicle was described as a tan Chrysler 300 and it had fled the area. A subsequent investigation led Troopers to a residence in

Indianapolis where 21 year old Tyreese Sutton of Indianapolis was located in a tan Chrysler 300, he was taken into custody and arrested.

Investigators do not believe anyone was injured in this incident, an alert motorist who was not involved or targeted was able to contact 911 with valuable information that began the investigation. Citizens are encouraged to immediately call 911 if they see any suspicious or dangerous activities on the highway, Indiana's 'Hands Free' law allows for drivers to utilize their handheld cell phone to call 911 in an emergency while driving.

The charges mentioned are preliminary and probable cause for arrest. Actual charges will be determined by the Marion County Prosecutor's Office upon review of the case. All suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

**ISP INDIANAPOLIS POST NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR REGIONAL DISPATCHER**

Indianapolis, IN -The Indiana State Police is accepting applications for three Regional Dispatcher positions at the Indianapolis Post to staff the Regional Dispatch Center which operates out of that facility.

Successful applicants must be able to receive, record, disseminate and accurately dispatch information to police personnel, other law enforcement agencies and other support services through the use of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, Records Management System (RMS), Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL), Geographic Information System (GIS) and other Regional Dispatch Center resources.

A high school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Two (2) years of public safety communications experience and emergency medical technician certification are preferred. Must become certified as a TDD/TTY operator and must have the ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

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Pay starts at \$38,532 per year.

The deadline for applications is July 30, 2021

For more information on the position and to apply visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/indianasp>

**ISP-SELLERSBURG NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR EQUIPMENT MECHANIC**

The Indiana State Police is accepting applications for the position of district Equipment Mechanic II at the Sellersburg Post.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:**

To serve as a civilian employee of the Indiana State Police whose primary responsibility is to keep

all state-owned vehicles in the best mechanical operating condition by performing preventative maintenance and assigned repairs.

**JOB DUTIES:**

Work is normally performed in a garage environment. Routinely requires standing on cement floor for extended periods, working in close confined areas, with exposure to hazardous materials and potentially dangerous equipment.

**JOB QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must be a high school graduate or possess equivalent GED. Must possess a valid driver's license and be able to operate a motor vehicle. Must be a graduate of an automotive trade school or have at least two (2) years professional experience in automotive maintenance and repair. Must have the ability to distinguish and determine colors and sounds. Must have the ability to lift and move heavy objects.

Pay starts at \$35, 126 annually.

The deadline to apply is July 30, 2021.

For more information and to apply, go to <https://www.in.gov/isp/3627.htm>. Equipment Mechanic II (Job Vacancy 2021055)

Persons that are interested may also contact First Sergeant Manville Nagle at the Sellersburg Post for assistance at (812) 248-4374, option 5.

**INDIANA STATE POLICE INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CIVILIAN DISPATCHER**

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State Trooper Eric Perkins and K9 Mika.  
(Indiana State Police Photo)

**INDIANA STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S  
K9 MIKA TO GET DONATION  
OF BODY ARMOR**

Indiana State Police Department's K9 Mika To Get Donation Of Body Armor

Pendleton, IN - Indiana State Police Department's K9 Mika will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Mika's vest is sponsored by a fundraiser hosted by Jessica Sutton of the

American Legion Riders Post #497 and will be embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of Dylan Michael Beck #43". Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially life-saving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 4,327 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$960 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,744-\$2,283, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org), or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

**TROOPER INJURED AFTER CAR FALLS  
FROM TRAILER AND COLLIDES WITH  
POLICE CRUISER**

Scott County - An Indiana State Trooper from the Sellersburg Post was injured this morning when a car being hauled on a flatbed trailer broke free from its cargo straps and rolled off a trailer on I-65 Southbound.

Shortly after seven Wednesday morning, Trooper Jonathan Cain was on-duty and sitting stationary in the median crossover on I-65 near the 33 mile-marker. Trooper Cain had just checked the interstate for stranded motorists and was monitoring for traffic violations. At the same time, a black 2007 Chevrolet pickup truck, driven by Andrew Tarr, 40, of Seymour, was pulling a flatbed trailer southbound on I-65 approaching the crossover where Trooper Cain was stationed.

The flatbed trailer was loaded with a black 2000 Volkswagen Jetta, which broke free from its cargo straps as the trailer traveled southbound from the Seymour area. As the truck and trailer continued southbound, the Jetta rolled off the back of the trailer entering the roadway, and then traveled off the east side of the southbound lanes and collided with Trooper Cain's police car.

Trooper Cain suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries and was transported by Scott County EMS to Baptist Floyd Hospital in New Albany before being transferred to University Hospital in Louisville.

The driver of the Silverado was not injured and immediately stopped at the crash scene. The driver was cited for Insecure Load and later released from the scene.

An Indiana State Police crash reconstruction investigator was called to assist in the crash investigation.

This crash remains under investigation. ■

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