

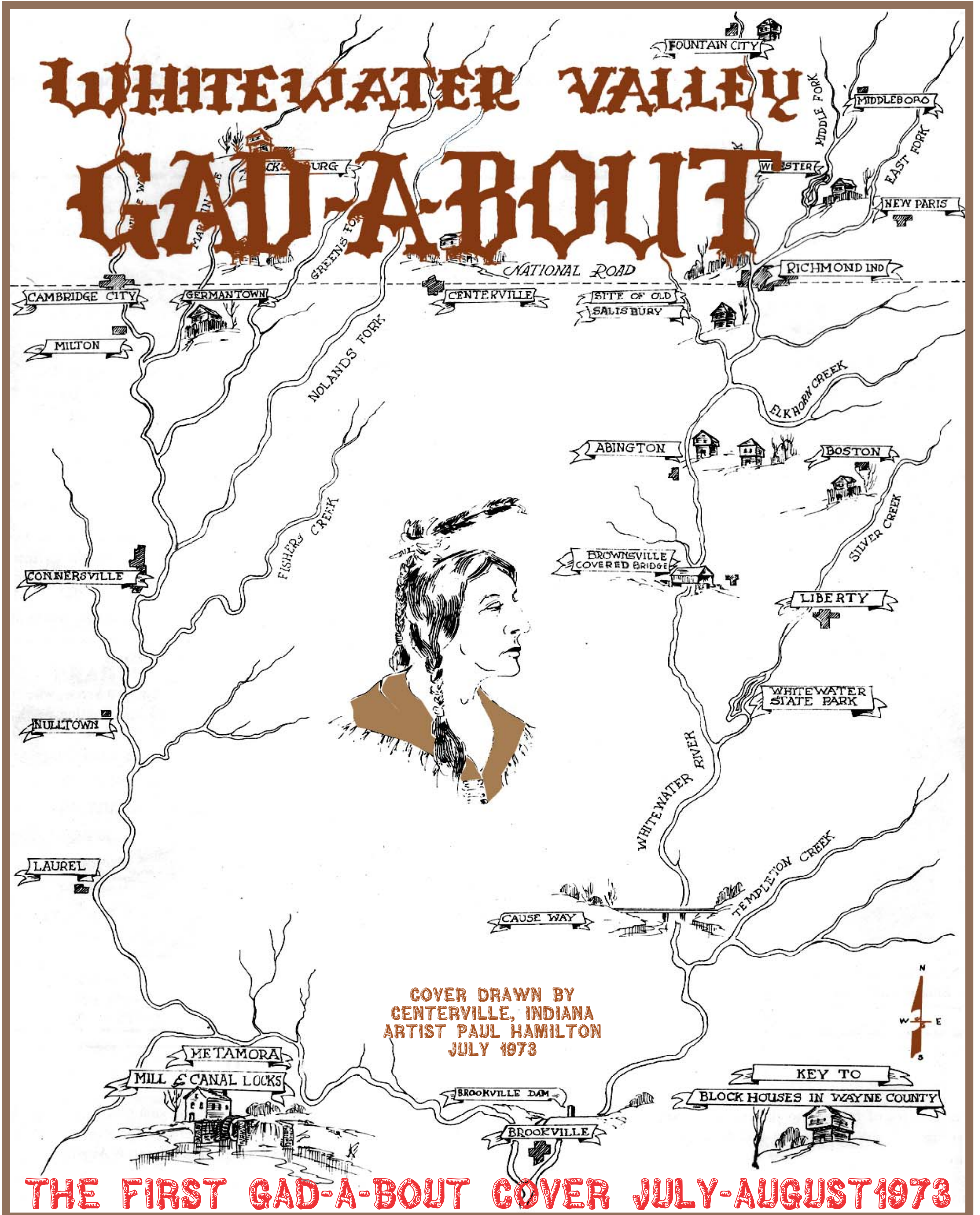


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## Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson  
The Gad-a-bout

### THE GAD-A-BOUT MUSEUM, FRONTIER POST & OUTDOOR INFORMATION

I'm beginning a new chapter in my life and The Gad-a-bout. After ending my printed version of The Gad-a-bout with the October 2020 issue due to many reasons I'm now as they say, "Back In The Saddle Again!"

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#### Take A Ride Back in History All Aboard

##### The Whitewater Valley Railroad

It was written by Paul Moffett one of the fellows who was involved in helping get the train that still carries visitors from Connersville to Metamora operating for the first time.

Mr. Fred Bunzendahl was chairman of the board and Paul W. Moffett was President. The corporate office was at 217 East 6th Street in Connersville, Indiana.

On May 19, 1974 I and my wife, Sherry Dickerson, rode along on the Whitewater Valley Railroad on it's second official run along the old Whitewater Canal bed, upon which part of the rail rests. This second run was VIP day and guest from all parts of Indiana and south western Ohio were aboard. Lieutenant Governor, Robert Orr, as the official guest, was presented a golden spike similar to the one driven at Promotory Utah when the rail from the east met the rail from the west in days gone by. After an exchange of congratulations and presentations of awards, the immortal words "All Aboard" were given by Lt. Governor Orr, and every one boarded the train. We run the complete route for back in the beginning from Connersville to Brookville and back.

The train was pulled by a Lima diesel number 25. One hundred and seventy three passengers were aboard the three coaches, nineteen of whom never before ridden a train. Shortly, movement was felt as the newly restored tracks shuddered under the weight of the train.

Approaching Laurel, the train slowed and behind us appeared about a dozen cowboys, masked and waving their guns, they followed us on their horses until the train came to a stop.

The outlaws tried in vain to convince the conductor, Richard Wilkes, that they wanted aboard the train. Meanwhile, as the train came to a stop, Indians boarded the train and captured a willing victim from the seat close to Lt. Gov. Robert Orr. With all this excitement going on white settlers sneaked aboard and collected money for a worthy cause.

It was an eventful day as we pulled into Metamora Lt. Governor Orr disembarked as well as other passengers. The rest of us traveled on to Brookville. Once we arrived in Brookville the trip was half over and there was time to get out and stretch our legs. The return trip was pleasant and equally as beautiful as the entire trip back to Metamora and then eventually arriving back in Connersville.



The Gad-a-bout Museum in the not too distant future if everything goes as planned. I've got a lot of work ahead of me to turn my barn on South Street into a museum. I got my work cut out for me. First I've got to get it cleaned out. We moved into the house behind it in 1946. The attic is full of everything stored in it since back then and downstairs has all the items I need to store upstairs. Once I empty the attic and move every thing I want to keep downstairs, upstairs I can begin deciding how I want to arrange the museum set ups and static displays.



Charles "Chuck" Blevins, owner of CB Home Maintenance standing on the new stairs he was building in my barn. See story on this page. As you can see they are big and sturdy. (Author Photo)



Here's my new stairs Charles built from the floor to the attic. They are not only sturdy, but the steps are wider and broader than the steps that I remember climbing back when I was younger. Plus I now also have a railing!

The Whitewater Valley Railroad continues operating to this day, but only travels as far as Metamora and back to Connersville.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad depot is located in Connersville, Indiana at 455 Market St., Connersville, IN 47331. Their phone number is 765-825-2054 and mailing address is P.O. Box 406 Connersville, IN 47331. You can contact them on line at the following addresses:

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<http://www.facebook.com/wvrrinfo/>  
<http://twitter.com/wvrailroad>  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/whitewatervalleyrr>.

#### GAD-A-BOUT MUSEUM & FRONTIER POST

In the above photo is the barn that sits in front of the house we moved into in Centerville in 1946, I think. It was either 1946 or 1947. Prior to that we lived with relatives during WWII while Dad served in the United States Navy in the Seabees both in Alaska and the South Pacific. He returned home from Okinawa in 1946 and I attended Kindergarten in 1946 and I think I remember walking to school from this house at some point in time.

As soon as he got home and we moved here he opened Dickerson's Garage in this building and continued for some time. Later on he closed the business and he rented the building out to several people who used it for their business. In 1992 after he passed I took it over for my business. And today it is still known officially as Dickerson's Garage and home of The Gad-a-bout.

Later on this year I hope to open it still as Dickerson's Garage, but it will be a Museum in side Dickerson's Garage plus a Frontier Post.

Beginning with this issue, which is exactly opposite from what I intended to do when I ended my printed Gad-a-bout Outdoor newspaper with the October issue, is I'm beginning again except

this time you can only read it on my website, [www.thegadabout.com](http://www.thegadabout.com).

Between now and then I have some major rehab and cleaning out of all the things stored in it since the 1940's.

Last week and early this week began phase one of rehab in the barn. I hired Charles "Chuck" Blevins who is owner of CB Home Maintenance to replace the stair steps to the attic in the barn. After I left home many years ago there was steps to the attic, but sometime in between they were removed. As you can see in the above photos the stairs that Chuck constructed in the barn. He done an excellent job as you can see. He built them out of really good and solid lumber. The step pieces are much broader also. The first time I climbed them I was really impressed how solid they were and since they are broader and wide they were easier to get a footing when I stepped onto them going back down from the attic. He didn't waste any time getting them done either.

I whole heartedly recommend him to anyone that needs to hire a good dependable carpenter. I expect to be calling him again in the not too distant future.

Chuck's phone number is **765-969-1044**. He did a great job as you can see in the photos on this page. I have been using a step ladder to get into the attic for quite some time and believe me these sturdy steps are a great improvement.

#### THIS FIRST ISSUE IS MORE OF A NEWSLETTER THAN A MAGAZINE

Next month, March, I will have more substance in it for readers, more like I published previously. I've got myself a new writer, who is well known in this area, Eugene Fannin. He will be writing about Indians in Indiana, mostly in the Whitewater Valley. Tag Nobbe's "So You Wanna Catch More Fish," Ron Weadick will be writing about the

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# Whitewater Valley Indian Trails



by Eugene Fannin

## David Hoover

When David Hoover and several others seeking land followed the section lines, 8 or 10 north of Dayton to the Whitewater river in 1806. Four of the first people they met were Delaware Indians. Two men and their wives were tending their fish traps where the railroad bridge crosses the Whitewater river at the present time. With words and sign the Indians were able to tell David's party that white people lived on the next creek south.

David and his group found the Kentucky settlement on short creek and spoke with Rue and Holman learning some of the geography of the area. They returned to the Dayton settlements by a old Indian trail.

Source: **Memoirs of David Hoover 1857**

## Jeremiah Cox

Jeremiah Cox and his family were one of the first Quaker families to move to Richmond. They lived in Ohio for about a month, then started for the Whitewater river. They followed the old Indian trail David Hoover had learned of from Rue and Holman to the Eaton, Ohio area. Eaton at that time was a lot of trees cut down to make room for a town and lots staked off for homes. Mr. Cox followed a road cut a few weeks earlier by John Harden and Owen Darby as they settled on the Elkhorn near the Ohio boundary. From there the Cox family cut the road to where Richmond now is located. Fifty-four years later, Jeremiah Cox Jr. described the trip.

Source: **Luther Feeger, Palladium Item June 15, 1956**

## Cornelius Ratliff

Cornelius Ratliff and his family came to the Whitewater area in 1808. They were also members of the Society of Friends. They followed the old Indian trail that Cox family had cut to Richmond. He purchased a quarter section just north of present day Fairview. To get to his land he forded the Whitewater River. He and two sons worked a whole day cutting a road wide enough for wagons on a Indian trail that went up the bluff where the west end of the old Doran Bridge was built years later. This road was used by many farmers who settled west of the Whitewater River.

Cornelius lived next to about 100 Potawatomi Indians for several years without any problems. There were two good springs on his land.

Source: **Mrs. Harry Bertsch, Palladium Item August 5, 1976**

Wayne County Veteran Services Office and things that matter to Veterans. Rich Creason who writes about everything "Outdoors" is in this issue.

The rest of this issue will be information from the DNR and like subjects.

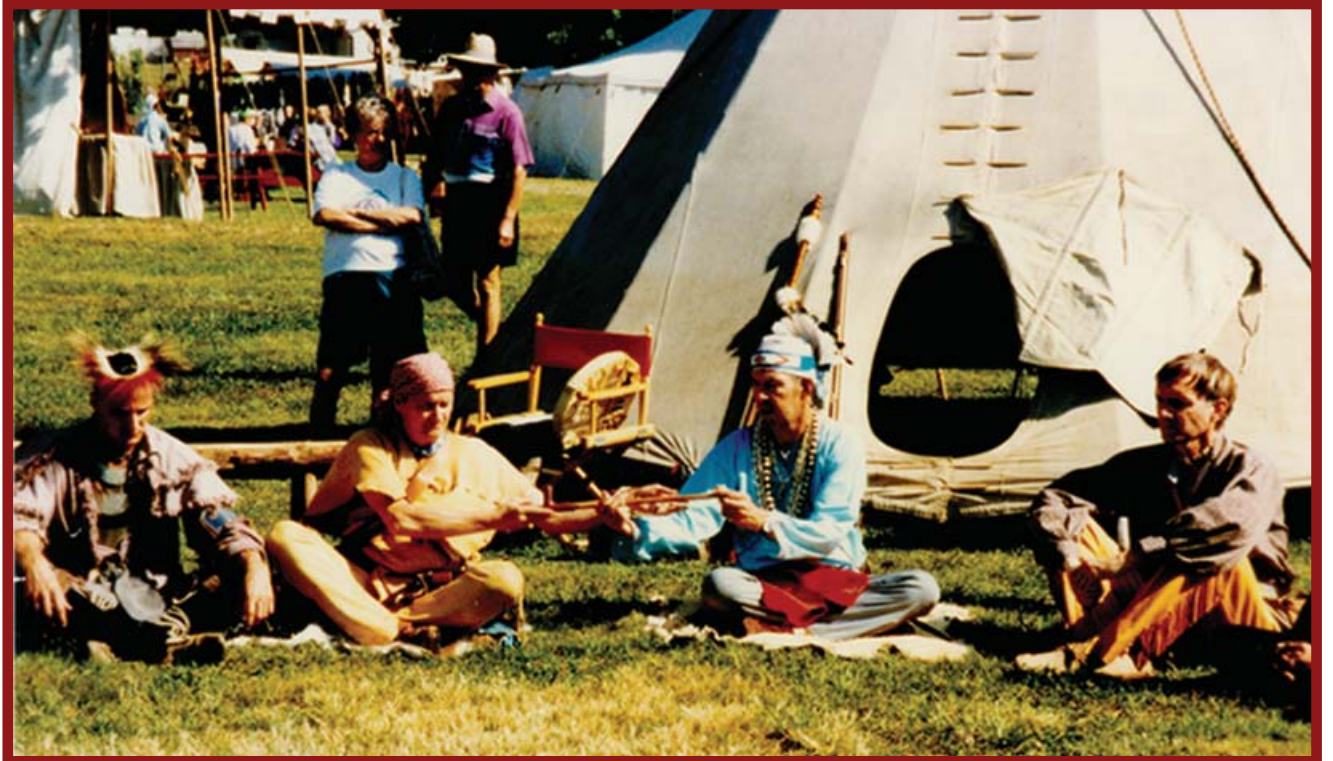
### DNR STATE PARKS NEWS

Winter Exploration Hikes, February 3 and 17, 2021

Our Winter Exploration Hike Series features off-trail hiking through lesser-known areas of Monroe Lake. These are exploratory in nature so there is no "set" path; we'll have a general route in mind, but plenty of freedom to veer off as things



Eugene and Gladys Fannin at the Wayne County Museum. The Museum has Eugene's Trace and Trails Map on display at the Museum. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



September 1995 Frontier Days Rendezvous. Eugene second from left, participating in peacepipe ceremony at Treaty Line Pioneer Village. Left to right: Dan Rothrock, Eugene Fannin, Dallas Whipple and Rev. Malcolm Greene.



September 1995 Frontier Days Rendezvous. Left to right: Re-enactors Bill Yarbrough, Eugene Fannin, David Graves, Dan Rothrock and Dallas Whipple all participants in the many activities. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

3:30 p.m. daily. See [forestry.IN.gov/3631.htm](http://forestry.IN.gov/3631.htm) for contact information.

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### DNR SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSED WILDLIFE RULE CHANGES

DNR seeks input on proposed wildlife rule changes.

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is seeking public comment on proposed wildlife rule changes.

Those changes include updates to rules regard-

ing legal equipment for turkey hunting, muzzle-loaders for deer hunting, and beaver trapping season starting and ending times. For a complete list of proposed amendments with additional information about each proposal, see [wildlife.IN.gov/2362.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/2362.htm).

There are three ways to comment on the proposed changes. A virtual public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. ET on Tuesday, Feb. 9 using WebEx.

Individuals may join the public hearing in two ways:

1) To join by phone using only audio, please dial **415-655-0001**. When prompted, enter access code **180 633 9948##**.

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# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**

Professional Fishing Guide

## Fishing In February

One of the best places to fish in the winter is the stilling basin aka the tail water. One of the reasons I say this is because it's always available. On the lake side of the dam is a tower. At the bottom of this tower is a big concrete culvert pipe. That culvert pipe runs completely under the dam. This culvert pipe then dumps straight into the stilling basin. The stilling basin slows the flow of water as its released from the lake. The flow is regulated by gates and valves with in the tower. The gates are located on the back side of the tower. 1 at the bottom, 1 mid-way up from the bottom, and 1 close to water level. The valves are located at the bottom of the tower, the gates are also



One of the best places to fish in the winter at Brookville Lake is the stilling basin aka the tail water. One of the reasons I say this is because it's always available. (Author Photo)

how the water temperature is regulated in the stilling basin and beyond. In the summer if the gate at the surface is open further then the bottom two the water will be warm. If the gate at the bottom is open more the water will be colder. In the winter it will be the complete opposite. For example, in June the surface temperature in the lake will be around 85 degrees, while the water temperature at the bottom of the lake will be somewhere around 45 degrees. If you take a little water from each gate and disperse it through the valve at the tower, the water in the stilling basin could be around 65 degrees. Another scenario is in the winter when the lake is frozen, the ponds are frozen, the water in the stilling basin will be 45 degrees. Not frozen and very fishable.

Have you ever wondered why trout are stocked in the river below Brookville lake, and not in all the other numerous rivers around the state? It's the ability to control the water temperature. As the water streams away from the stilling basin on its journey to the Ohio river and beyond, it gets warmer in the summer and colder in the winter. As far as trout goes, they thrive in cold water and die in warm water, so they're always looking for that sweet spot that this stretch of river provides.

Since the lake, stilling basin, and river system are all part of a flood control project things can change in a minute's notice, so you will need to be informed. On my website [www.brookvillelakeguideservice.com](http://www.brookvillelakeguideservice.com) I have the caption lake report on the home page. Click on that and it will take you to the US Army Corps of engineer's web site. On their home page they have a caption View lake levels. That will take you to the Louisville district daily lake report. The Louisville district controls all the flood control projects in this area. Look for Whitewater / Brookville. From here you can see things like Brookville lake winter pool and summer pool and flood pool . If your going to fish the stilling basin you want to look for the out-flow CFS. CFS stands for cubic feet per second. The bigger the number the more water coming out of the lake into the stilling basin. Anything around 100 CFS or less the water in the stilling basin is flat calm. When its like this you can fish in the stilling basin or

the entire river for that matter.

When there is very little water coming out of the lake, say 100 CFS or less the stilling basin looks like a rectangle concrete box till where the walls end. From There down there is a sidewalk on the east side of the river and a steep riprap shore on the opposite side. There is another water way coming into the river just after the stilling basin walls end. This water is coming from relief wells all along the bottom of the dam. Not to worry though an earthen dam is designed that way. About half way down river to 101 bridge there is another little creek coming into the river. What makes this creek important is that it creates what is known as a wing dam. When the river is running high this wing dam will create an Eddie or a calm spot below it. This Eddie is a good place for small fish to rest and a great place for bigger fish to eat. And this is where you come into play.

This actual stilling basin itself is like big concrete box. When the water from the lake comes through culvert pipe the leeward part of the stilling basin slopes down to a flat concrete bottom of the box till the end of the concrete walls. The box itself is about 30 feet deep. The aft part of the box comes straight up about 25 ft. when the water is coming out slow the entire stilling basin box is fishable. The hard part is getting the fish up the wall and over the fence. This is going to take some ingenuity on your part.

When the Corp of engineers get the call to dump more water from the lake into the stilling basin, they will sound an alarm. When this happens you better prepare. If your down steam standing in the river fishing for trout you better get out of the water. The siren tells you more water is coming but does not tell you how much. Now if your standing up on top the stilling basin walls you should be fine, but if you have baits in the water things are about to change. As the increase water flow comes through the stilling basin it hits the 25-foot concrete wall that is under water at the aft end of the stilling basin. What this does is makes the water roll back on itself causing it to slow down a bit. In doing this it makes this stilling basin like one great big washing machine. At this point what you can do is fish the ends of the walls.

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by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

## FISH PHOTOS - PROOF POSITIVE OR RISKY EVIDENCE

I once watched a TV fisherman catch a bass while sitting in the front of his boat. He held it up and announced, "This is a solid little fellow - maybe 2 or 2 1/2 pounds." Then he stepped to the middle of the boat (closer to the camera man), unhooked the hot bait and commented it wasn't "unusual to hook 2 1/2 to 3 pound fish like this using this lure." Once the fish was off the hook, Mr. TV Fisher moved in to provide a close-up look at the fish and the camera man showed the release and the fish bolting into the

depths.

As the fish went back into the lake the star of the show made one last comment. "Let's see if we can get another one. I love catching those three or four pounders like the one I just let go."

According to the angler, the fish went from "maybe two pounds" to as much as four pounds in about half a minute. Obviously, it didn't actually double in size (except in the fisherman's mind) but realistically, it did look a bit larger as the fish was held closer to the camera.

The same phenomenon seems to occur every time fish, fishermen and cameras all get in the same vicinity and that has occurred with increasing frequency in the last decade or more with the widespread use of phone cameras. Also, thanks to the popularity of social media, fishing specific websites and phone apps, there are a staggering number of places for lucky anglers to share the photos of their noteworthy catches.

One might think photographic evidence would make anglers better - I hesitate to say more honest - when guessing the size of the fish they just pulled from the water. It's one thing to "claim" to have caught a big fish, it's another thing to have a photo of it to back up the claim.

So is a photograph really good evidence of how much a fish really weighs? About the best one could say is it's better than a guy with no photo claiming to have caught a whopper and just holding his empty hands spread out to show the nose to tail length. Slightly!

grip of the angler and being weighed on a scale.

So they ran a test. They displayed a bevy of known weight fish being held in grip and grin poses by fishermen and women then asked people to guess the weight of each bass. Called the Eyeball Challenge, thousands of people participated in rounds one and two to qualify for round three. The round three group consisted of anglers with a lifetime of experience as well as novices. Each person was shown 24 photos of eight-pound or larger bass and asked to judge the weight from the photo.

The average deviation from the correct weight was 2.22 pounds - plus or minus. So for every participant who guessed a 10.22 pound fish weighed eight-pounds even, there was another who thought that fish weighed 12.44 pounds! Some people were more spot on than others but even the guesses from the top five percent of the participants were off an average of 1.35 pounds.

Though this contest was held using large-mouth bass, it's not just bass lovers who take photos of the big fish they catch and make claims about the weight (or length) of the fish in the photo. Walleye fishers do it, salmon anglers do it, pike, perch and bluegill guys and gals deservedly like to photograph their trophy catches.

How the fish and angler are posed makes a difference. Holding a fish at arm's length closer to the camera usually makes a fish look larger, but that pose also produced the best "guesses" from the participants in the Eyeball Challenge. Ultimately, the only way to positively "prove" the length or weight of a trophy catch is to actually weigh it on a scale or lay it on a ruler.

In actual practice - except in a tournament situation - does it really make much of a difference? Catching a nice fish, whether it's a nine-inch bluegill or a nine-pound walleye, should be a source of pride to the angler and snapping a photo of the fish is a quick, easy method to preserve that memory.

THE END

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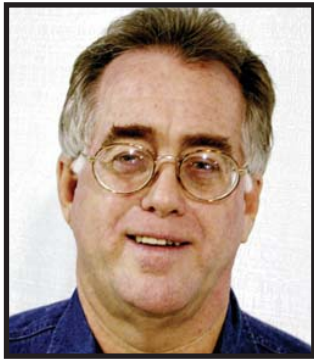


Chicken dinner at Champy's. They must grow huge chickens down here. Our favorite diner when in the area. (Photo by Rich Creason)



Left side of spiral staircase at the Coldwater Inn in Tuscumbia, Alabama where we always stay. (Photo by Rich Creason)

## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### Unscheduled Trip is a Success

March, 2020—Florida fishing trip canceled due to virus. April—Alabama vacation canceled. May—Canada and Michigan metal detecting hunts canceled. June—New York fishing trip canceled. July—Indiana camping trip canceled. August—Minnesota/Ontario fishing trip canceled. September—Michigan outdoor writer's conference canceled. October—West Virginia outdoor writer's conference canceled. Every trip we had on the calendar this year was canceled due to the pandemic.

Fortunately, we were able to find a few things we could do which weren't canceled. Actually, three of these were metal detecting hunts which were not on our original schedule. The first was Treasure Week in Pennsylvania in July. This is an

annual week-long event where participants pay an entry fee and compete several times a day with other folks to find buried old coins and tokens stamped with numbers which correspond with the same number on prizes too large (or expensive!) to bury.

We took our grandson, Benjamin, to this event for two of the seven days. He is very interested in the Civil War, and one day there were relics from this war to be found. My wife, Susie, and I, along with Benjamin found bullets, buttons, buckles, and other items, and they both found a token for a prize. Susie's was for a Civil War book and an old ginger beer bottle. Benjamin's token was good for a display case with relics and an 1840 half dime in extra fine condition.

In September, Susie and I went to another hunt in Kentucky. This event had some relics, a lot of old silver money, and lots of prizes. The first hunt on the first of two days, I found a token which turned out to be the best prize of the weekend. I won a Garrett 450 metal detector package worth around \$450.

October found us at a Civil War relic hunt in Mississippi. Several of our friends have been to this event many times and told us we should go. Usually, this hunt conflicts with one of my outdoor writer conferences, preventing us from attending. The conference was canceled this year so we headed south to try our luck.

After looking at several road maps (I still use those), I noticed an area in northwest Alabama was about an hour away from our hunt in

Mississippi. We decided to spend two nights in Tuscumbia, Alabama, and drive further for the one day event. We wanted to stay at the Coldwater Inn, a hotel we had visited on several other occasions. It is an outstanding lodging place with clean rooms, great breakfast, and helpful staff.

But first, I called our friend Susann Hamlin in the Colbert County Chamber of Commerce, (colbertcountytourism.org.) With many businesses closed due to the health situation, I wanted to be sure the places we planned to visit were open. She assured me the Coldwater Inn was running as normal. I then asked if the Champy's restaurant in Muscle Shoals was open. They offer outstanding chicken, tamales, and lots more. This is one place we try to stop whenever we are in the area. It was still operating and we punched it into our GPS.

Colbert County Alabama has many attractions for visitors to enjoy. We have fished in Wheeler and Pickwick lakes, hiked through the 700 acre Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve, visited the Coon Dog Cemetery, enjoyed the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, toured the Helen Keller home and birthplace, dined in the Rattlesnake Saloon, and still have many more places in the county to fill several more trips.

We got up early on Saturday morning and headed for Booneville, Mississippi. Our GPS unit told us the hunt site didn't exist. Luckily, we had written directions on the hunt flyer and Susie was able to locate it on her phone. After finally arriving, I think the GPS was right. You can't get there from here!

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Some of the Civil War bullets we found in the Mississippi hunt are shown above. (Photo by Rich Creason)



Author holding gold coin won with a token found in the MS relic hunt. (Photo by Susie Creason)

In past years, this event had around 80-100 entrants. This year there was 125. I guess we weren't the only people trying to find something to do. When we got out of the truck and looked around, I knew I had a problem. Almost everyone had short shovels to dig the targets from the ground. We had hunting knives which we always use at the hunts we attend. Usually, the item is buried around one to two inches deep. I soon found out these targets were around six inches deep.

Everyone lined up around two large fields. When the horn sounded, the detectors started swinging. I quickly heard a "beep" from my machine and began to dig through the deep grass. After digging about five inches deep and not finding the target, I figured it was a piece of trash and

left it. The next signal was also that deep, but I found a Civil War bullet in the bottom of the hole. I knew I had just missed the first target. When I heard the third signal I reached for my knife and it wasn't there. I had dropped it somewhere and couldn't find it. I ran (walked fast) back to the truck and grabbed a spare knife, then returned to the field. We searched for 90 minutes when the horn sounded to end the first hunt. I found a pouch full of bullets and one token for a prize. Someone else had found my knife and it was returned to me.

We had an hour break for lunch and to rest up for the afternoon hunt in the woods. We hunted another 90 minutes in trees, brush, briars, and vines. Susie and I found more bullets, but no buttons, other relics, or prize tokens. We returned to the registration tent where the prizes would be

given out. There were a couple spurs, a bayonet, some other neat relics, several metal detectors, and some metal detecting accessories. I was hoping for a great relic prize. When my number was drawn, it had nothing to do with the Civil War. It wasn't a detector either. But it wasn't a bag or coin digger. I had won a one tenth ounce gold coin. Not the top prize of the weekend, but probably one of the top five. No complaints here.

We followed Susie's phone back out the way we came in, returned to the Coldwater Inn to spend the night, then, we headed back home the next morning. About an eight hour drive, but another enjoyable, successful trip.

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**CORRECTED RELEASE:** The release sent earlier today incorrectly said that firewood could be cut and removed daily, which is incorrect. Firewood can be cut and removed only Monday through Friday. The error has been corrected in the release below. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**FIREWOOD CUTTING PERMITS AVAILABLE AT SUMMIT LAKE STATE PARK**

Firewood cutting permits available at Summit Lake SP

The public is invited to cut up and remove certain downed trees at Summit Lake State Park

for firewood.

Trees eligible for firewood have fallen as a result of natural causes or have been dropped by property staff. They are along roadsides or in public areas such as campsites and picnic areas.

Permit sales and cutting both begin Jan. 25 and end March 12.

The cost of one pickup-truck load is \$10. All proceeds will be used for resource management and restoration efforts, including replacement of trees in campgrounds and other public areas.

A firewood permit must be obtained for each load at Summit Lake's office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Permits are not available on observed

state holidays.

Firewood may be cut up to 30 feet from roadsides in designated areas; however, vehicles are not allowed off roads. The use of tractors, UTVs, and ATVs is prohibited. Wood may be cut and removed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 765-766-5873.

Firewood cut at Summit Lake is for personal use only and cannot be sold.

Summit Lake State Park ([on.IN.gov/summit-lake](http://on.IN.gov/summit-lake)) is at 5993 N. Messick Road, New Castle.

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# Wayne County Veteran Services Office



## These Are the Real Brothers Behind 'Saving Private Ryan'

We Are The Mighty  
by James Elphick

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The 1998 movie "Saving Private Ryan" is one of the all-time great war movies. While much of the movie is a fictional account, the premise behind Capt. Miller's mission is based on a true story. That is the story of the Niland brothers — Edward, Preston, Robert, and Frederick — from Tonawanda, New York.

The two middle brothers inspiring the "Private Ryan" film, Preston and Robert, had enlisted prior to the beginning of the War. After America entered the war the oldest, Edward, and youngest, Frederick, known as Fritz to his friends, joined up in November 1942.

Because of the tragedy of the Sullivan brothers aboard the USS Juneau earlier that year, the brothers were split up and sent to different units around the Army.

Edward became an enlisted pilot, with the rank of Technical Sergeant, of a B-25 Mitchell bomber flying in the Burma-India-China theatre.

Preston Niland Grave Marker, one of the Niland brothers, in Normandy American Cemetery, in Colleville sur Mer (Wikipedia)

Preston was commissioned into the infantry and assigned to Company C, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. Robert and Fritz both became paratroopers. Robert served with Company D, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. Fritz joined Company H, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division.

As fate would have it, three of the brothers found themselves preparing for the invasion of mainland Europe.

However, before the brothers could start their "Great Crusade" to liberate Europe, Edward was shot down somewhere over Burma. He was listed as Missing in Action, but this usually carried a presumption of death at the time, especially if he had fallen into the hands of the Japanese.

Then, in the early morning hours of June 6, 1944, Robert and Fritz joined over 23,000 Allied paratroopers in cracking Fortress Europe.

Although Fritz's unit, 3rd Battalion, 501st PIR, was supposed to be the division reserve, the misdrops meant they were thrust into action in ad hoc groups. These forces were able to secure vital causeways, bridges, and locks allowing the 4th Infantry Division, and Niland brother Preston, to exit Utah beach later that day.

This was not quite what happened in Private Ryan, but the movie still draws from these events.

Elsewhere, Robert Niland had landed outside of Ste. Mere-Eglise with the rest of the 505th as part of Mission Boston. After the 3rd Battalion was able to capture the town early in the morning, the 2nd Battalion linked up with it to establish a defensive perimeter.

When a strong German counterattack came from the south, Robert Niland and the rest of D Company's 3rd platoon were left to guard the northern approaches to the town in a small village called Neuville.

When two companies of Germans came at their position, they fought tenaciously to hold them off to buy time for their comrades to the south. When the position became untenable, Robert Niland, along with two other paratroopers, volunteered to stay behind and cover the platoon's retreat toward Ste. Mere-Eglise.

While manning a machine gun in the face of the German onslaught, Robert Niland was killed in action. That very same morning, Lt. Preston Niland led his men onto the shores of Utah beach as part of the seaborne invasion of Normandy. Though casualties were relatively light for the men of the 4th Infantry Division on Utah beach, the battles beyond would be much tougher.

Despite having made it off the beaches, the men of the 4th Infantry Division still had numerous gun batteries of Hitler's Atlantic Wall to clear. The task of capturing the Crisbecq battery, which had already sunk the destroyer USS Corry, fell to Lt. Niland and his men.

On June 7, Niland led his men against the German position. During the heavy fighting

Niland fell mortally wounded. The rest of his unit was repulsed. The battery would not fall until several days later to units of the 9th Infantry Division.

The Niland brothers' parents received all three notifications in a very short amount of time. Their only condolence was a letter from Fritz informing them that "Dad's Spanish-American War stories are going to have to take a backseat when I get home."

Fritz was unaware of the fate of his brothers. If only the brothers could have known that their story would turn into Saving Private Ryan, one of the most classic war films in history.

When the War Department received word of the tragedy orders were dispatched to return Fritz Niland to the United States. That task fell to the regimental Chaplain, Father Francis Sampson. Sampson located Fritz, who had been searching for his brother in the 82nd and began to paperwork to send him home.

Returning to the United States in 1944, Fritz served for the remainder of the war as an MP in New York. Then, in May 1945, the Nilands received some rather unexpected news. Edward was found alive in a Burmese POW camp when it was liberated by British forces.

He had survived bailing out of his plane, several days in the jungle, and nearly a year as a prisoner of the Japanese. During his captivity he had lost significant weight and returned to New York at a meager 80 pounds.

The other two Niland brothers, Preston and Robert, are buried side-by-side in the American cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer.

Wayne County has received our new DAV 2020 Ford Transit van which we will use to transport veterans to Dayton VA Medical Center. Call 765-277-4245 to schedule a ride. As a result of COVID-19, we are limited on passengers so call as soon as you get an appointment to be assured a ride.

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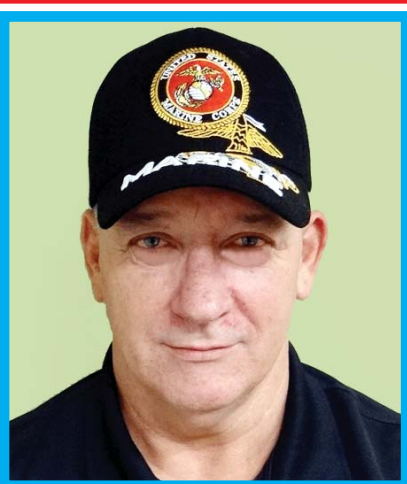


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Joe Martino holding a big northern pike he caught on their ice fishing trip to Wisconsin last year. (Photo by Nicholas Martino)



Nicholas Martino caught this real nice crappie through the ice in Wisconsin too. (Photo by Joe Martino)

# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## Nothing is quite like ice fishing Author finds joy in winter's coldest time

The frigid temperatures that are finally hitting us should lay down a safe blanket of ice for those of us who enjoy hard water fishing a chance to trek out onto our favorite lakes and ponds.

You either love it or you hate it, there isn't much in between. Or perhaps, some just don't understand it? Mention that you're an ice fisherman and you get either a thumb's up or a look that insinuates that you

may have a mental disorder. Honestly, ice fishing may just be my favorite outdoor activity of all.

I'm not alone. There are plenty of us out there who love – no – cherish the chance to get on the ice for a day of drilling holes and dropping frozen lines.

Why love ice fishing, you say? For me anyway, after a long season hunting deer in nearly complete solitude, quiet, focus and deep concentration (Which I love, by the way,) it is a total (and welcome) change of pace to get with some buddies for time on the ice.

Unlike deer hunting, ice fishing is usually a social event, with several conversations, jokes or memories being told at once. Heck, to be honest, sometimes I spend as much time sliding from one hole to the other just to chat it up with people (I know, a real shocker, huh?) as I do with a line in the water. That is a part of the sport I enjoy.

My son Nicholas, thinks taking a grill out on the ice to fry up some fresh, firm winter fillets is the best thing in the world. He may just be right! Fish just taste better when plucked from frozen water. Their flesh is firm and full of flavor.

Good friend Jacob Ireland feels that, "Ice fishing is kind of like bowhunting for me. I like the challenge it presents." And there is a challenge to it. You can't cruise the lake with side imaging and find all the best spots and fish with ease. You have to work for them, drilling holes and dragging your stuff around. But success found through effort is always much sweeter than that found with ease.

Ice fishing also does something that open water fishing generally does not; it brings fisherman together. Creep up on a guy fishing a point in May on your favorite lake and you're likely to get an ear full. On the ice, however, I may holler over and ask you to come join us.

Also, let's be honest, even during the raw, blustery days in the middle of winter, Mother Nature still shows off her splendid glory. Glimpsing a sunrise or sunset, or the frozen, almost eerie beauty of icicles hanging from tree limbs are wondrous sights to behold, and they just don't look the same through a window. Being right out there with them makes you appreciate them more, makes you feel as if you a part of them.

Think of ice fishing as somewhat of a party on the ice; something akin to the sand bars on the lakes during the summer. While this is a bit of an exaggeration, the feeling and the atmosphere can be the same. Camaraderie, food, slushy adult beverages – and most importantly – the chance to go fishing in the middle of winter – all set the stage for why us ice fisherman don't just look forward to the freezing temperatures, we pretty much yearn and beg for them.

With all of this being said, ice fishing still probably isn't for some people. If you don't like having fun, laughing or catching fish, then you should probably stray away from it.


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And on a much less light note, half-dozen people have already died by falling through the ice in Indiana this winter. This should in no way deter you from ice fishing. It should deter you from making dumb decisions. Always play it safe, first and foremost. Have the proper safety gear, never risk venturing out onto safe or questionable ice, and always know the condition of the ice before you ever step on it by using a spud bar. If you don't know how to check for safe ice or conditions, then wait until you can have someone who can go with you.

If you have a 2020 fishing license, it is still valid until March 31st, 2021. ■

## So You Wanna' Catch More Fish

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For technical assistance, please contact Billie Franklin at **317-232-0156** or [bifranklin@nrc.IN.gov](mailto:bifranklin@nrc.IN.gov).

Public comments can also be submitted online at [IN.gov/nrc/2377.htm](https://www.IN.gov/nrc/2377.htm). Locate the "comment on this rule" link in the Rules Docket for the FW Deer and Turkey Hunting Equipment Amendments. Comments submitted in writing are equally as important as comments given at the public hearing. The deadline for public comments is Feb. 12 at 11:59 p.m.

Comments can also be mailed to:

**Natural Resources Commission  
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Indianapolis, IN 46204**

The NRC will review the public comments before voting on final adoption of the changes in March. Rule changes that are given final adoption must still be approved by the Indiana Attorney General's and Governor's offices and filed with the Indiana Register before taking effect.

### SHOOTING RANGE HOURS CHANGE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Through February, all shooting ranges operated by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife will operate under adjusted hours.

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

of interest catch our eyes. Hikers should be prepared for the possibility of rugged terrain, lack of formal toilet facilities, and lots of fun. Each hike lasts about two hours. Registrants will be sent an email with driving directions to the exact meeting location and additional details at least one day prior. Hikes are recommended for ages 12 and older, free, and each is limited to 15 people.

Wed., Feb. 17 at 9:30 a.m.: Fairfax, Sign up at [bit.ly/web-feb17-2020](https://www.bit.ly/web-feb17-2020) by Feb. 14. \*1 spot open

A Very Birdie Valentine's, Feb. 14 (Paynetown SRA) [bit.ly/web-feb17-2020](https://www.bit.ly/web-feb17-2020).

Valentine's Day is for the birds! Join the naturalist to make two different types of heart-shaped treats for wild birds, craft a bird-themed Valentine's Day card, and learn about common backyard birds as we observe them at a special feeder station. This is an indoor program; masks (covering mouth AND nose) must be worn by everyone, no exceptions.

Session Start Times: 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:15 p.m. \*All sessions currently open.

Session lasts 45 to 60 minutes. Recommended for families with children ages 5 to 12. Each session is limited to ONE HOUSEHOLD of 2 to 6 people. Work area will be sanitized between each session.

Sign up at [ly/birdvalentine2021](https://www.ly/birdvalentine2021). Program fee is \$5 per person (including adults). Registration required by February 10.

Facebook LIVE Lunch and Learn: Underwater Cemeteries on Tuesday, February 23 at 11:30 a.m.-Before Monroe Lake was built, the Salt Creek Valley was full of small towns, farms, and ... family cemeteries. When the Army Corps of Engineers decided to build a reservoir here, they identified eight cemeteries that needed to be relocated. This is the story of those cemeteries, how the graves were disinterred, and where they ended up.

Monroe Lake hosts 'A Very Birdie Valentine', Feb. 14

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Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist Jill Vance will host an event called A Very Birdie Valentine on Sunday, Feb. 14, at Paynetown State Recreation Area, 4850 S. State Road 446 in Bloomington.

Six 60-minute sessions are available during the day with the first beginning at 9:30 a.m. The last session begins at 4:15 p.m. There is a fee of \$5 per person. Registration is required by Feb. 10 at [bit.ly/birdvalentine2021](https://www.bit.ly/birdvalentine2021).

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For more information, contact Vance at [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov) or 812-837-9967. There is no gate fee to enter Paynetown SRA during the winter season.

### DIVISION OF FORESTRY HOSTS VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 11

The DNR Division of Forestry will host a virtual open house through Microsoft Teams on Feb. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. ET.

The open house will feature a brief state forest overview of 2020 and include what to expect in 2021. During the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on ideas and issues. Those who want to can submit written comments or questions after the meeting can do so at [dnr.IN.gov/forestry/8122.htm](https://www.dnr.IN.gov/forestry/8122.htm).

Overviews for each property and instructions for attending the virtual event can be viewed at [forestry.IN.gov/3631.htm](https://www.forestry.IN.gov/3631.htm).

"These open house events provide Hoosiers with a chance to receive first-hand information about how the state forests are working to provide diverse wildlife habitat, forest products and recreational opportunities," said State Forester John Seifert. "They also allow us to receive valuable feedback from our neighbors and users about state forest management — I encourage everyone who has an interest to participate."

Property staff members are also often available during normal business hours, which are 7 a.m. to

is \$5 per person (including adults). Registration required by February 10.

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Each session is restricted to a single household, with a maximum of six people, and the work area will be sanitized between sessions. This is an indoor program, and masks (covering both mouth and nose) must be worn by everyone.

For more information, contact Vance at [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov) or 812-837-9967. There is no gate fee to enter Paynetown SRA during the winter season.

### DNR SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSED WILDLIFE RULE CHANGES

DNR seeks input on proposed wildlife rule changes

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is seeking public comment on proposed wildlife rule changes.

Those changes include updates to rules regarding legal equipment for turkey hunting, muzzleloaders for deer hunting, and beaver trapping season starting and ending times. For a complete list of proposed amendments with additional information about each proposal, see [wildlife.IN.gov/2362.htm](https://www.wildlife.IN.gov/2362.htm).

There are three ways to comment on the proposed changes. A virtual public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. ET on Tuesday, Feb. 9 using WebEx.

Individuals may join the public hearing in two ways:

1) To join by phone using only audio, please dial **415-655-0001**. When prompted, enter access code **180 633 9948##**.

2) To join using video, go to [ly/39sp38C](https://www.ly/39sp38C). Enter the meeting number **180 633 9948** and password **KxfcMPqS932**. Note: Those who have never used WebEx before should log on at least 10 minutes early to allow the application to download prior to joining the meeting.

For technical assistance, please contact Billie Franklin at **317-232-0156** or [bifranklin@nrc.IN.gov](mailto:bifranklin@nrc.IN.gov).

Public comments can also be submitted online at [IN.gov/nrc/2377.htm](https://www.IN.gov/nrc/2377.htm). Locate the "comment on this rule" link in the Rules Docket for the FW Deer and Turkey Hunting Equipment Amendments. Comments submitted in writing are equally as important as comments given at the public hearing. The deadline for public comments is Feb. 12 at 11:59 p.m.

Comments can also be mailed to:

**Natural Resources Commission  
Indiana Government Center North  
100 North Senate Ave., Room N103  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

The NRC will review the public comments before voting on final adoption of the changes in March. Rule changes that are given final adoption must still be approved by the Indiana Attorney General's and Governor's offices and filed with the Indiana Register before taking effect.

### SHOOTING RANGE HOURS CHANGE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Through February, all shooting ranges operated by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife will operate under adjusted hours.

During this period, the ranges at the following fish & wildlife areas will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT, depending on their location: Crosley,

Deer Creek, J.E. Roush Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, Kingsbury, Pigeon River, Sugar Ridge, Tri-County, Wilbur Wright, and Winamac.

Regular shooting range hours will resume March 1.

Archery ranges at these properties remain open daily from sunrise to sunset.

The Division of Fish & Wildlife strives to provide clean, safe shooting ranges, with most of them being free to the public. These ranges are staffed by trained range safety officers during all operating hours, making them a perfect place to develop your skills with a new gun or sight in your firearm to prepare for your next hunting adventure.

For more information on shooting range hours, visit [wildlife.IN.gov/3648.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3648.htm).

#### **DHPA ANNOUNCES PRESERVATION MONTH PHOTO CONTEST**

Get out your cameras and find your favorite historic destination because DHPA's annual Preservation Month photo contest has begun.

The annual contest, run by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA), has been held since 2005 to promote Indiana's historic resources. All subjects of photos must be at least 50 years old, in Indiana, and must include man-made or designed elements. Photos of exclusively natural elements will not be accepted.

Photos can be black and white or color and must have been taken within the last two years. Each photographer may enter up to three images, and an entry form is required for each photo. Images should be emailed to [aborland@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:aborland@dnr.IN.gov) and must be JPEG files that are 10mb or smaller. Participants will only be able to send one photo and one entry form per email.

For complete rules and guidelines and for the required entry form, see [dnr.IN.gov/historic/2800.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/historic/2800.htm). The contest deadline is April 2.

Follow the DNR Instagram account (@indianadnr) in May. DHPA will be taking over for a week and featuring selected photos along with contest winners.

#### **LANDIS IS DISTRICT 5 CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR (SULLIVAN COUNTY)**

Landis is District 5 Conservation Officer of the Year (Sullivan County)

Indiana Conservation Officer Matt Landis has been selected as the 2020 District 5 Officer of the Year.

Landis is assigned Sullivan County and has been a conservation officer for 14 years.

In addition to his normal duties as a field officer, he has also served as a scuba diver, side scan sonar operator, and field training officer.

District 5 includes Clay, Greene, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Vermillion and Vigo counties in west-central Indiana.

The district award puts Landis in the running for the Pitzer Award, which is given to the top overall conservation officer in Indiana and is selected from the 10 district award winners.

The award is named for Master Officer James D. Pitzer, who was fatally shot while investigating illegal hunting activity on Jan. 2, 1961 in Jay County.

#### **INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICERS PROMOTED**

Three Indiana Conservation Officers were

recently promoted to serve as district commanders for respective operational districts 5, 8 and 9 by Col. Steve Hunter, director of the DNR Division of Law Enforcement.

The promoted conservation officers, each of whom now holds the rank of lieutenant, were **Cpl. Dale Clark** (District 5), **Officer Matt Percy** (District 8), and **Cpl. Brandon Shoultz**. Each will oversee and supervise the operations, budget and administration of their respective districts.

"These officers have displayed a high level of knowledge and dedication over the course of their careers," Hunter said. "We are confident those traits will help them lead Indiana Conservation Officers for years to come."

Clark was promoted to District 5 corporal in 2014. In 2012 he received the Pitzer Award as the state's top conservation officer that year. He is a 2014 Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Leadership Academy graduate.

Percy began his career in 2006 as a field officer assigned to Union County and later to Johnson and then Scott counties. In addition to his field duties, Percy also filled roles as public safety diver, background investigator and boat accident investigator.

Shoultz began his career in 2009 as a field officer assigned to Union County. He was promoted to District 9 corporal last year. In addition to his field and supervision duties, Shoultz also filled roles as peer support team coordinator, advanced boat accident investigator, standard field sobriety test instructor, handgun armorer and defensive tactics instructor.

Learn more about Indiana Conservation Officers at [on.IN.gov/dnrlaw](http://on.IN.gov/dnrlaw).

#### **WAGNER IS DISTRICT 3 CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR (CASS COUNTY)**

Wagner is District 3 Conservation Officer of the Year (Cass County)

Indiana Conservation Officer Jordan Wagner has been selected as the 2020 District 3 Officer of the Year.

Wagner is assigned Cass County, and has been a conservation officer for three years. In addition to his normal duties as a field officer, he is also a public safety diver.

District 3 includes Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White counties in west-central Indiana.

The district award puts Wagner in the running for the Pitzer Award, which is given to the top overall conservation officer in Indiana and is selected from the 10 district award winners.

The award is named for Master Officer James D. Pitzer, who was fatally shot while investigating illegal hunting activity on Jan. 2, 1961 in Jay County.

#### **STAFF ARCHAEOLOGIST JOB OPENING BALL STATE UNIVERSITY, MUNCIE, IN**

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#### **BRAUN IS DISTRICT 4 CONSERVATION**

#### **OFFICER OF THE YEAR (JAY COUNTY)**

Indiana Conservation Officer Rhett Braun has been selected as the 2020 District 4 Indiana Conservation Officer of the Year.

Braun is assigned Jay County and has served as a conservation officer since 2015.

District 4 includes the counties of Hamilton, Tipton, Howard, Madison, Grant, Henry, Delaware, Blackford, Noble, Randolph and Jay.

The district award puts Braun in the running for the Pitzer Award, which is presented to the top overall conservation officer in Indiana and is selected from the 10 district award winners.

The Pitzer Award is named after Indiana Conservation Officer James D. Pitzer, who was fatally shot while investigating illegal hunting activity on January 2, 1961 in Jay County.

#### **FIREWOOD CUTTING PERMITS AVAILABLE AT LINCOLN STATE PARK**

The public is invited to cut up and remove certain downed trees at Lincoln State Park for firewood. Trees eligible for firewood have fallen as a result of natural causes or have been dropped by property staff. They are along roadsides or in public areas such as campsites and picnic areas. Permit sales and cutting continue through Feb. 26.

The cost of one pickup-truck load is \$10. All proceeds will be used for resource management and restoration efforts, including replacement of trees in campgrounds and other public areas. A firewood permit must be obtained for each load at the Lincoln State Park office from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT daily.

Permits are not available on observed state holidays. Wood may be cut and removed between 8:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. CT daily. For more information, call 812-937-4710. Firewood cut at Lincoln State Park is for personal use only and cannot be sold.

Lincoln State Park ([on.IN.gov/lincolnsp](http://on.IN.gov/lincolnsp)) is on State Road 162, Lincoln City, 47552.

To view all DNR news releases, please see [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov).

#### **FIREWOOD CUTTING PERMITS AVAILABLE AT CLIFTY FALLS SP**

The public is invited to cut up and remove certain downed trees at Clifty Falls State Park for firewood.

Trees eligible for firewood have fallen as a result of natural causes or have been dropped by property staff. They are along roadsides or in public areas such as campsites and picnic areas.

Permit sales and cutting will be Tuesdays through Fridays from Feb. 1 to March 15. They will be available daily March 15-31.

The cost of one pickup-truck load is \$10. All proceeds will be used for resource management and restoration efforts, including replacement of trees in campgrounds and other public areas.

A firewood permit must be obtained for each load at the Clifty Falls park office or main desk at Clifty Falls Inn between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily. Permits are not available on observed state holidays.

Wood may be cut and removed between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For more information, call **812-273-8885**. Firewood cut at Clifty Falls is for personal use only and cannot be sold.

Clifty Falls State Park ([on.IN.gov/cliftyfalls](http://on.IN.gov/cliftyfalls)) is at 1501 Green Road, Madison.

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Archway Days Parade led by Boy Scouts, followed by CHS Blue Regiment Band.

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2 Shortridge Archway (2) located at 205 West Main St., c. 1820. (Author Photo)



3 Malone Archway (3) located at 11 West Main St., c. 1836. (Author Photo)

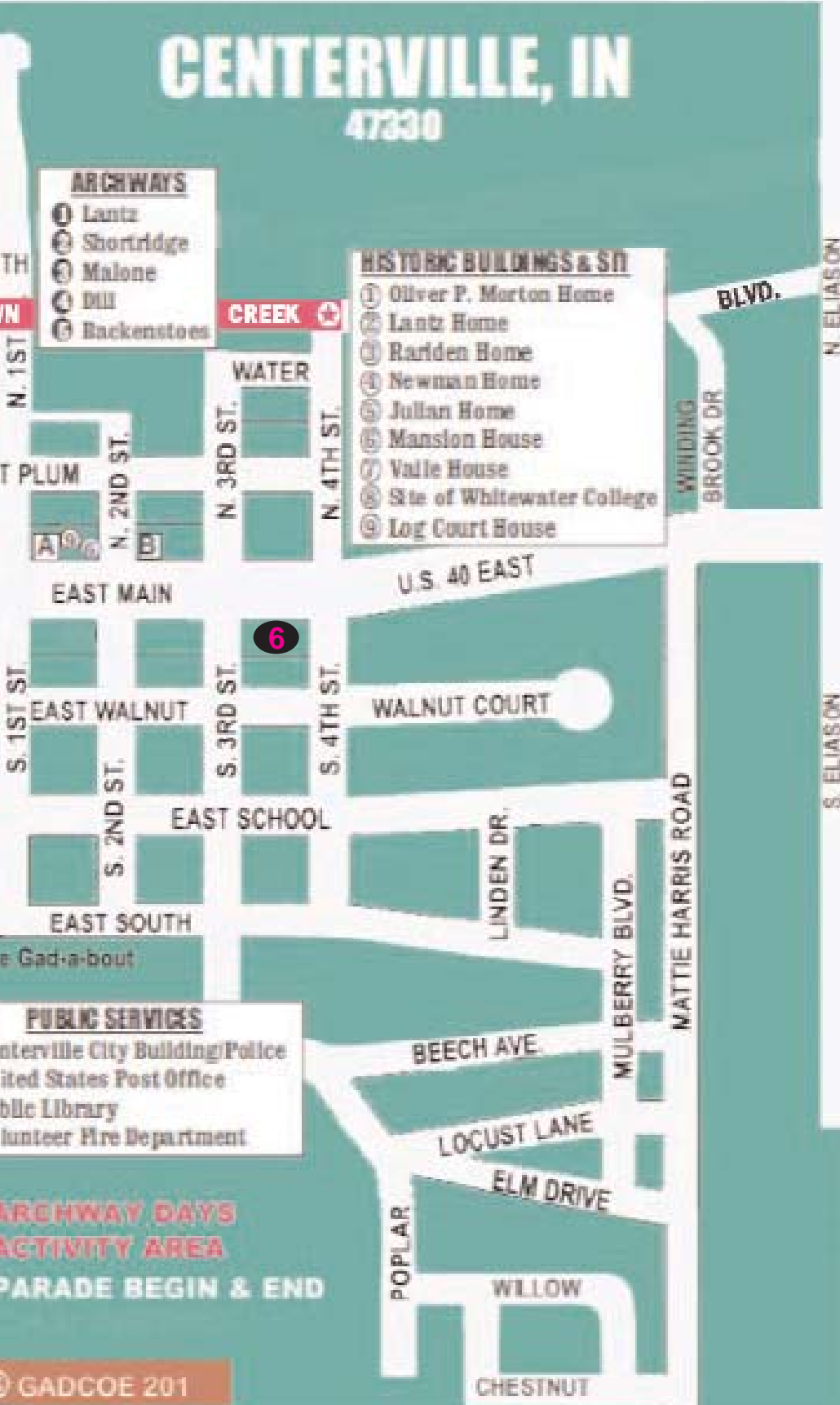


Jim and Marge Howell waving from Centerville Abington Senior Center car parade entry.



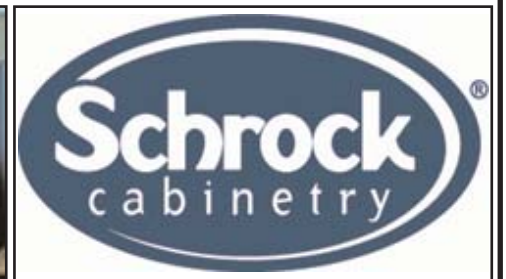
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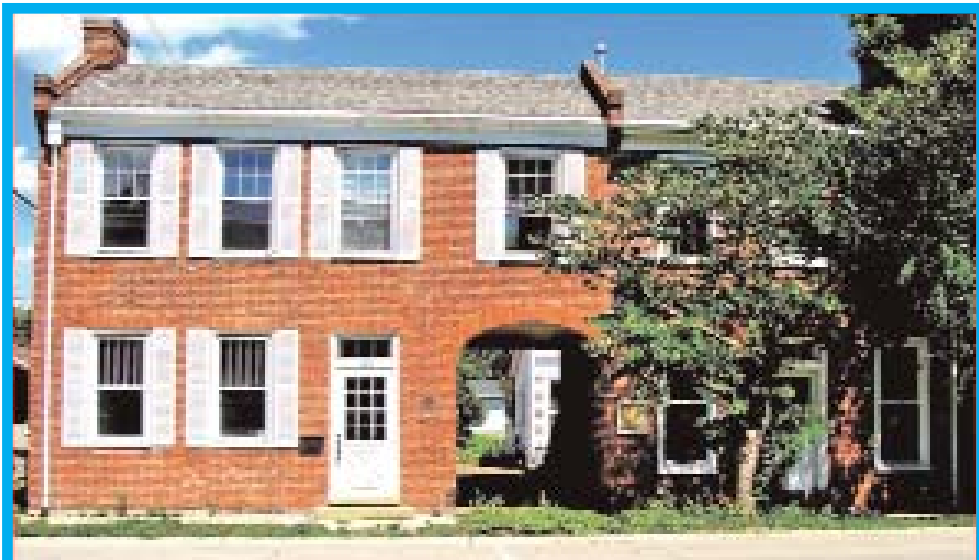


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**4** Dill Archway (4) located at 109 South Morton Avenue, c. 1830. (Author Photo)



**5** Backenstoës Archway (5) located at 139 East Main St., c. 1835. (Author Photo)

# Gad's Corner

Photos sent to The Gad-a-bout for Gad's Corner should have enough information as possible about the taking of the game so the reader can enjoy reading about your experience, especially if it's your first time hunting or fishing and also tell who you were with (Dad, Grand Pa, Mom or someone else) Include date taken or caught, number of points, length of beard, number of spurs, length of fish and bait used etc.

Send a phone number in case I need to contact you. Send regular size, i.e. square and horizontal rectangular photos. Large vertical photos can only be used when I have enough space to use them. Send Photos to: **The Gad-a-bout, 105 E. South St., Centerville, IN 47330** or E-mail jpg photos to: [raythegadabout@gmail.com](mailto:raythegadabout@gmail.com) Questions Call Cell Phone: **765-960-5767** (Leave message if no answer)



Natalie Jester took this deer opening morning during the youth season in Jefferson County hunting with her dad. This is her second deer. (Photo by William Jester)



Ross Greenwell took this 8 point buck the first morning of the 2020 youth hunt. Ross called the buck in off a bean field and harvested it with a Marlin 44 Magnum (Photo by John Greenwell)



My son got his first deer on Opening Day 2020!! Clayton Anderson (son of Richie and Kristy Anderson) took this buck on his grandparent's farm in Webster Township, Indiana November 14, 2020. Sent in by two very proud parents. (Photo by Kristy Anderson)

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