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by Ray Dickerson
The Gad-a-bout

DUE TO A SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE ARISEN IN MY LIFE I WILL BE POSTPONING THE GAD-A-BOUT FOR A TIME

Just last issue I distributed poster's to all my advertiser's of many years to post in their shops. It read at the top the name of the business letting their customers know The Gad-a-bout could still be read on line for free at www.thegadabout.com.

However things can change rather abruptly when it comes to folks like myself who have reached 80 years of age. I told everyone that I was shooting for publishing The Gad-a-bout through December 2021. Then at the beginning of January 2022 I would decide what I was going to do.

Let's just say due to a circumstance that happened unexpectedly I have decided to postpone The Gad-a-bout for a time. When the time is right I will hopefully resume it. Until then I will announce when it will resume on my Facebook page. The same place I have announced on Facebook each month when it was on line since our lives were all affected by the Covid-19 disruption.

My plans now are to clean out my building here in Centerville and hopefully accomplish my second goal I wrote about several months ago. I've done many things as The Gad-a-bout and my plan is to put together a museum of all my activities since I graduated high school in 1959. If you could see the contents of the building right now you would just shake your head and laugh. He's going to do what? Ha, Ha, Ha - right, that boy sure has some pipe dreams or an imagination that needs to be corraled.

I've really enjoyed publishing, starting out with my first publication, The Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout July-August 1973 to June-July 1978, this one The Gad-a-bout April 1990 to September 2021. And even the Centerville Truth which only lasted from March 2001 thru October 2001. The current one has been very rewarding both in knowledge and friendships made along the way.

The Gad-a-bout will remain on line and you can still read it from January 2010 through September 2021. When will it begin again? That remains to be seen, it depends on what lies ahead. But for the time being it is best for me to sit back and take it easy for awhile.

I may publish one more thing if I can find enough to write about, I would like to write my biography. The one thing that could hamper that is the same thing that has made me make this decision, remembering details crucial to publishing

The Gad-a-bout.

One of the things I've missed since only having it on line. I miss meeting with all my friends I visited each and every month I delivered the printed copy. At one time it was distributed to most of Indiana, the southern part of Michigan, Western part of Ohio, northern part of Kentucky and just a little piece of eastern Illinois.

Working with the countless writers who appeared in it from 1990 to 2021. They will all have a place in my biography, their unselfish loyalty sending articles, photos and unique subjects monthly. The writers who have appeared in The Gad-a-bout I owe a debt of gratitude that I can never repay them.

Words can't express my true gratitude to them.

The subject below though is what has been on my mind for quite a long time. It's not political, it's my thoughts concerning the direction too many people who are currently in a political office who aren't true Americans anymore, they are socialists. Their actions put them in the category of treason against American ideals and way of life.

THE WORLD IS CHANGING AROUND US AND UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE TO CHALLENGE THEM OR REGRET IT!

It's a shame the way things are happening in America today. Our forefathers would disown us! They risked everything to set us on a path to independence, freedom and a future filled with possibilities.

I tried to voice my opinion on my Gad-a-bout Facebook page a few days ago and posted it. A very short time later it had been removed from my Facebook page, evidently our Freedom of Speech is being infringed by those who publish Facebook.

Fortunately I can still write my opinion in The Gad-a-bout and get it published thanks to our Bill

Of Rights, but for how long?

In grade school prior to starting our class day our teacher had us stand up, place our right hand over our heart, face the American Flag and repeat in unison "I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag Of The United States of America And To The Republic For Which It Stands, One Nation Under God, Indivisible, With Liberty And Justice For All."

(Note: *Under God* wasn't officially included in the Pledge of Allegiance until it was signed into law on Flag Day - **June 14, 1954** by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. I included it above because I wanted to do so!

Efforts to include *Under God* in the Pledge of Allegiance was championed by Rev. George Docherty from Scotland who came to the United States in 1950 to become pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in downtown Washington D.C.) Reverend Docherty back in Scotland recited "God save our gracious queen and king, but here in America the word God wasn't in our Pledge of Allegiance. He sermonized about the need to insert "under God" into the pledge and found his prime audience in February 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower attended his service.

In the United States of America today we have the largest form of protection in the world. Out of a United States Population as of Friday August 13, based on the Worldometer elaboration of the latest United Nations data of **333,161,957** for 2021 we have several Million armed hunters who every year kill large and small game and will continue to do so for as long as we protect our precious Bill Of Rights which includes our Second Amendment which is our right to keep and bear arms.

I've been told by those who know a lot more than myself that the main reason the Japanese did not try to invade America back in WWII was the fact that Americans have that right to bear arms as guaranteed by our Constitution. We still have that right and we are not only armed to the teeth in our homes, but most of us are well trained and can hit what we shoot at, how else would we ever bring game home for supper. Included in that number are former Veterans who served in time of war and peace who are trained marksman one and all. Hunting is enjoyed by all, gender has no bearing on loving to hunt as well as loving America and being an American Citizen.

As Patrick Henry said on March 23, 1775 at the Second Virginia Convention which convened on March 20th, who was there to press resolutions to raise and establish a militia to defend Virginia, he said: "I know not what course others may take; but for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

Anyone reading this who whole heartedly disagrees to what I have said here, please feel free to send me a rebuttal and I will gladly print it in The Gad-a-bout for as long as I am publishing it!

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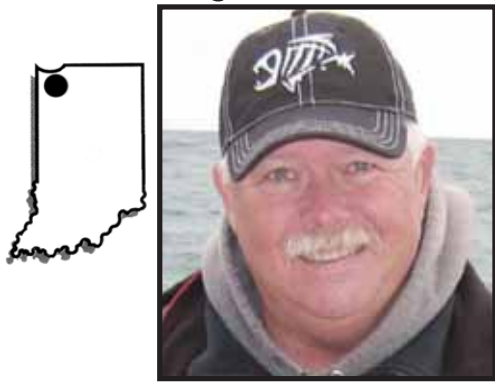
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

SHOXS SHOCK ABSORBING SEAT PEDESTAL

The Great Lakes and even large inland lakes and reservoirs are bumpy places. Sure, I've been out on lakes, great and small when they were mill-pond smooth, but I've been out many more times when the boat I was in was bouncing through, up, over and ultimately down in lumpy waves, wakes, chop and rollers.

With over five decades of boating experience, I've learned some boats are worse than others, some wave conditions are worse than others and some of the lumps and bumps are painful. What you might not know is every time your boat splashes down hard enough to make you go "oof," whether it throws a spike of pain into your butt or up your spine, you are doing damage, often permanent damage to your spinal column and other joints.

Many factors feed into any particular person's susceptibility to lower back pain. Some people have backs of steel and can ride bucking horses or bouncing boats for a lifetime and never have a problem. Others end up with chronic back problems for seemingly no reason at all. Everyone else is somewhere in the middle, but one thing is for certain - my tolerance for rough water boating has gone down over the years.

Instead of giving up on fishing on all but the calmest days or buying a larger boat which might smooth the ride, I looked for a "shock mitigating seat" (or seats) to upgrade my current boat and make riding across a bumpy lake surface significantly more tolerable.

I quickly learned most of the available pedestals are huge, almost like bolting a Lazy Boy recliner at the helm, some of them require cutting holes in the boat's deck to utilize the space between the deck and hull, some require swapping out both the seat and the seat's mount or pedestal and a few require professional installation. Add more \$\$\$ as complexity

increases.

The brand and model I got to save my back and butt is made by Shoxs, an established leader in the shock-mitigating boat seat industry. Called simply the X4, it's the most compact of any brand I investigated, took up the least amount of room in my boat and was a simple, DIY installation.

Though Shoxs does sell seats to fit atop the X4 pedestal, all I wanted to do was remove the existing seat at my helm from my existing pedestal, then remove the pedestal, then fasten the X4 to the floor and put my old seat on the X4. It was easier than I expected; in fact, removing the original pedestal which had been in place for more than 20 years was the most difficult part of the process.

Installing my existing seat was a snap. The mounting boat holes at the top of the X4 aligned perfectly with my existing seat and the holes to fasten the pedestal to the floor matched perfectly with the original bolt holes. I did increase the size of the lags I used to secure it to the floor from the 1/4" originals to 3/8" suggested by Shoxs. Easy-peezy. The amount of cushion effect on the X4 is adjustable and what adjustment needed depends on both the size of the person sitting in the seat, the waves being encountered and the ride of the boat on which it's installed. I'm a big guy and need a stiffer setting than if my petite wife would be in the seat. My 21 foot fiberglass boat has a better ride than your 19 foot aluminum model. Adjust as needed.

Adjusting is simple by adding compressed air, or letting out a bit of air through a Schrader valve - like the valve stem on you vehicle's

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Installing a Shox, shock absorbing seat pedestal will save wear and tear on your back and smooth your boat's ride in bumpy conditions. (Author Photo)

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

September Fishing on Brookville Lake

September fishing can be tricky, your timing has to be spot on, as the lake is full of bait. To stay alive the bait has to stay on the move. The bait fish will stay in big bait balls constantly jockeying for position within the ball trying to stay in the center. This is done as a trick to fool all the predator fish into thinking they are one big thing instead of 10,000 little things. These bait balls vary in size like clouds in the sky. They can be deep or shallow from one end of the lake to the other. As the bait ball moves into shallow water it will compress from the water surface to the bottom and spread out in every direction. This makes them vulnerable to all kinds of predator fish like walleye, white bass, black bass, crappie and catfish. The tricky part is be in the right place at the right time. Just like the bait ball themselves we as fishermen have to stay on the move as well. There are a couple ways to do this, trolling or spot hopping.

A lot of people think trolling is just casting a pole out the back of the boat and moving forward with your outboard. Well, I guess that's the basic premise of it. The biggest factor is knowing how the fish feed on the particular body of water you're fishing. On lake Erie for example you can catch walleye trolling over open water for suspended walleye feeding on suspended bait, but not on Brookville. This has to do with the way the bottom is made up within these two lakes. The fish are the same the lake is what's different. Lake Erie has a relatively smooth bottom with very little depth change. While Brookville Lake has a lot of up and down bottom changes. Lake Erie is a very big shallow lake. While Brookville is a very deep small reservoir.

If you would drain Brookville Lake you would see it's still a lot of fields, hills and valleys. The walleye in Brookville Lake use these fields, hills and valleys to feed on these bait balls. The way a walleye feeds in Brookville Lake is they move on to these under water fields or hills and lay motionless on the bottom using the coloration of their skin as camouflage. From here they wait till something comes close to them and they just flick their

tail and catch it. So, in your mind imagine There are 200 walleyes laying on a flat and an unsuspecting bait ball moves up onto the flat. The bait ball starts to compress and gets wide one walleye flicks its tail, and it on. Now as a fisherman if you're here you'll get a few of these walleyes, but if your there after the feed you'll get nothing. This is why I say it's tricky.

Trolling is a pretty efficient way to get bites from walleye in September on Brookville Lake, but a lot of people just don't like to do it. What you do is stop at your local bait shop like 52 Pik-up in Brookville and buy a hand full of different size and color crank baits. Get some that run 10 feet deep and some that run 12 feet deep when trolled. Remember these baits will only run true at low speeds. If your big motor will only run no less than 3 or 4 mile an hour, you're going to need a smaller kicker motor on your boat. Another option is to use your electric trolling motor. Either way your trolling speed should be between 1 and 2 mile an hour. What you do is stay in the depth of water that is the maximum depth your crank bait will run and just tick the bottom. The reason this is effective is your crank bait is in the strike zone 100% of the time and you're covering a lot of water.

If your spot hopping, fish with a jig and night crawler, a spoon or blade bait. The jig a night crawler is if you're trying to look like a night crawler. The spoon and blade bait are if you're trying to look like a dying bait fish. There both affective as the walleye are feeding on both crawl dads and shad. What you're looking for are these bait balls with fish arcs below them on the top of

the hills or spread out on these under water fields (flats) another place to look are the drop off edges. But don't stay in one place to long if you're not getting bit, as things are happening fast. Keep moving with your eyes on your fish finder looking for those giant bait balls.

Good Luck Tag

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Fishing Lake Michigan

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tires. A bicycle tire pump will do the work.

Does it mitigate the shock? A friend and I tested it out on a windy day on Lake Michigan. The 20 mph wind was pushing steep sided two to fours - mostly three footers. I powered up to a speed a bit faster than the maximum speed I'd usually go in those conditions - for safety and to keep from breaking something. My GPS hovered between 23 to 27 mph.

I'd trimmed the boat to cut through most of the waves, but occasionally it would slam down into the wave troughs. In the seat with the X4 I could feel the waves, but I could also feel the seat cushion the bumps and smooth the ride. My friend (another big guy) and I switched places, I rode in the passenger seat next to the helm and Tom drove the boat at the same speed.

We agreed, the ride in the drivers seat was "significantly" smoother than in the passenger seat. "Significantly," in this case means money well spent to make my days on the lake more comfortable and save wear and tear on my spine and other joints in the long run. That's what I think and that's what other customers including the U.S. Coast Guard and Navy think and have installed on many of their fast response vessels.

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves



TRIPPING ON TWO WHEELS

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

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

There followed a summer of short trips and trying to keep the thing mobile as I learned how to handle a wobbly, cantankerous leg shortening machine. It's inevitable that every new rider eventually feels confident enough to move up to a bigger, faster machine and my time came. A co-worker had a British made 650cc bike for sale at a reasonable price. Unfortunately, he had lost the title but assured me that there would be no problem proving ownership and getting the license.

Obviously, he hadn't tried to deal with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. After a fruitless hassle with the Bureau I informed the seller that he either get the title issued or take back the bike. He made a trip to Indianapolis, threatened a clerk with bodily harm at the central branch of the BMV, and came back with the necessary documents. I now moved into the ranks of the big boys. It was now time to plan a road trip.

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

I bought a 500cc, two stroke triple cylinder machine that was rated as the fastest stock quarter mile bike on the market. As Forrest Gump would say, "Stupid is as stupid does". There fol-

lowed too many instances of "trying to keep up with the gang" until one dumb move put me in the E.R.. Inspection showed some leg damage that could possibly require some skin grafting. The doctor decided to dress the wound and decide later whether a graft would be required. He asked me if I knew where he would get the skin for the graft. "I'll get it off your butt. Then, you'll not only be unable to stand, you also won't be able to sit". He then proceeded to read me a riot act on being crazy enough to ride one of "those ---- machines".

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

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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard
Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

more. Volunteers earn free admissions by signing up and taking part in these activities.

This event is held in a wooded area beside U.S. 31 on the banks of the Tippecanoe River. The Fulton County Historical Society owns 35 acres on the west side of U.S. 31 north of Rochester, with about 5 acres of historic area at the south end, and the museum and 14 historic buildings at the north end. A big open field is the parking lot of about 20 acres.

Volunteers are needed to host the historic buildings because everything is open instead of locked up. You can sit and visit with the public while you watch that nobody walks off with the artifacts.

Contact FCHS at 574-223-4436, or email fchs@rtcol.com. Contact us for application to camp historically for the weekend.

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work from K-12 students from The Indiana Electric Cooperatives' Calendar of Student Art Contest.

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CHIP SEAL OPERATIONS TO TAKE PLACE ON S.R. 362 NEXT WEEK.

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Chip seal operations typically last around two to four days per location depending upon weather. Work is completed under lane closures with flagging to prevent damage to both vehicles and the roadway. During operations, existing pavement is coated with liquid asphalt, which seals cracks and provides waterproof protection. This extends the service life of the roadway and lowers maintenance costs. Once the seal coat is complete, loose aggregate is applied and swept from the road. After a curing period, crews will return to fog seal the new driving surface and apply pavement markings.

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Motorists should slow down, watch for stopped

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Outdoors



With Rich Creason

My Early Days of Beach Detecting

Many years ago, my wife, Susie, and I spent two weeks every Christmas visiting her family in southern Florida. I would drive about 90 minutes to the closest saltwater beach to see if I could find any treasures with my White's Coinmaster IV. I hunted the dry sand, then, searched the water about a foot deep. The machine didn't like salt water, and I listened to a lot of weird signals. I found a lot of junk, a few new coins, and occasionally, an earring or cheap kid's ring.

Her mom and dad moved to central Florida into a small community on a 20 acre lake. It had a nice roped off swimming beach and I planned on detecting that while we were visiting. It was in walking distance of their house. Christmas morning, I opened a present from Susie. It was a White's underwater machine. After a reasonable amount of time with her family, (a couple hours), I grabbed my new machine and headed for the beach. She got her detector out of the truck and followed me down the road.

She started hunting the dry sand, while I waded into the water. I was wearing tennis shoes and jeans and even in central Florida, the water was cold in late December. I set the buttons on my new detector and began swinging. I thought the thing wasn't adjusted properly because I began getting two or three signals on every swing. If these were actually real targets, I hoped they weren't all pull tabs.

They weren't! I slid my sand scoop behind the first signal, lifted, and came up with a basket full of black mud. After a few seconds of shaking in the water, I saw a black coin in the bottom. I thought because of the color, it might be old silver! I soon found everything I brought up from this muck was black, including my hand and arm.

I kept scooping, several times bringing up two targets at once. A few pull tabs, some bottle caps, but very little junk. But, I did find a lot of coins, although nothing old. I brought up a lot of Hot Wheel cars and other assorted toys. Being in a fishing lake, I did find a few



Box with just a few of my many assorted chains, earrings, medallions, etc.. (Author Photo).



After my first ring find in Florida, I have added many more to my collection. (Author Photo)

fishing lures. This is one (of several) reasons I always wear shoes when hunting the beach. Many of the targets turned out to be sinkers. They kept falling through the holes in my scoop, and I kept trying to find them. Back then, the detectors didn't have ID screens to tell me to which items to ignore.

Even though the water was cold, I kept looking all around me while listening for signals. I knew during warmer times, the lake was full of alligators and snakes. I was hoping they were all hibernating. Two old guys came by in their boat fishing. They were bundled up like they were in Canada. I heard them talking about that crazy fool wading around in the water. I guess they were talking about me.

After about an hour of scooping up assorted keepers from the muddy lake, I shook the mud off of my latest find. As the mud fell away, I saw the gold gleam. It was a large man's ring. Just the gold would pay off my new detector. More swinging, more scooping, and more targets in my pouch. Then, another ring. This one was silver, but nice size and design. Three hours after I started, my hands were getting numb and my legs were tired. I hated to do it, but I had to stop for the day.

Rain kept me off the beach for the next three days. Family outings took up several more days. I was the designated cook for three meals a day for 14 people. I was able to get away to do some ocean fishing a couple days. But, I had to get back to the beach

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Two watch fobs found on the Florida beach. (Author Photo)



Even small beaches like this one can yield great finds if no one has beat you to the spot. (Author Photo)

before time to go home.

Back in the water, I continued as before, Coins, toys, some tools, a little junk. The water became deeper as I searched further out. I was getting water in my face bending over so far to get my scoop to the bottom. It was worth it. I uncovered three more rings, all gold! Several earrings, broken chains, religious medals, and necklace pendants showed up in my basket. A nice pocketknife was also added to my collection. (Maybe the old guys dropped it over the side while cutting fishing bait.)

Susie was not doing quite as well as I was, but not bad. After the two days, she found over 40 coins, plus all the other items like I had. She came up with one silver ring, and a heavy silver belt buckle with the design of a

man riding a horse around a barrel. My two day total was four gold rings, one silver ring, 122 coins, and dozens of other keepers.

We returned to Florida every Christmas for five or six more years. I hunted the beach every time. Many of the coins and toys magically replenished themselves each year, but I only found one more silver ring. While I often detected the saltwater beach, I usually ended up with a pouch full of trash and a few new coins. Someday, maybe I will find another great unhunted beach like this one. Who knows? Maybe if I go back with one of my new machines that detects more than twice as deep, I will find all the things I missed years ago.

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traffic, and drive distraction-free through all work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

S.R. 46 PAVING TO IMPACT TRAFFIC AT TRACKVILLE ROAD

DEARBORN COUNTY, Ind.—Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc. will be milling and paving at the State Road 46 bridge over East Fork Tanner's Creek starting on or after Monday, August 23.

While work on the bridge has been taking place, the intersection of State Road 46 and Trackville Rd has remained open. This intersection will also be resurfaced at the same time, and heavy congestion and long wait times are expected. Paving should take approximately two days, weather permitting, and motorists are encouraged to avoid the area during that time. The detour for State Road 46 continues to follow State Road 1, I-74 and State Road 101.

The State Road 46 bridge has been closed since late March for a deck replacement and widening project that is expected to wrap up in the next couple weeks. This work is part of a \$2.3 million rehabilitation contract that also includes a bridge replacement on S.R. 46 over Laughery Creek near Batesville that was completed last year. The contract was awarded in January 2020 and is scheduled to be complete by October 31, 2021.

Motorists are reminded to slow down, use extra caution and drive distraction-free in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

LT. GOV. CROUCH ANNOUNCES \$1.58M TO ASSIST ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

STATEHOUSE (Aug. 19, 2021) – Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch today announced 12 communities that have partnered with non-profits will receive more than \$1.58 million in federal funding through Round 2 of the Community Connections for People with Disabilities grant program. CCPWD is offered through a partnership between the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the Indiana Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS).

"Hoosiers once again are working together to ensure all people are included as Indiana pushes forward," Crouch said. "Through this collaborative grant program, individuals with disabilities are receiving critical support to promote their everyday lives. The technology and resources being made available with these funds will further boost social, economic and health aspects by keeping these individuals connected to their support networks."

The program aims to help develop innovative technology strategies and cultivate strong community partnerships to address the negative social, economic and health effects of COVID-19 on

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We Are Looking for Metal Detecting Sites by Rich Creason

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

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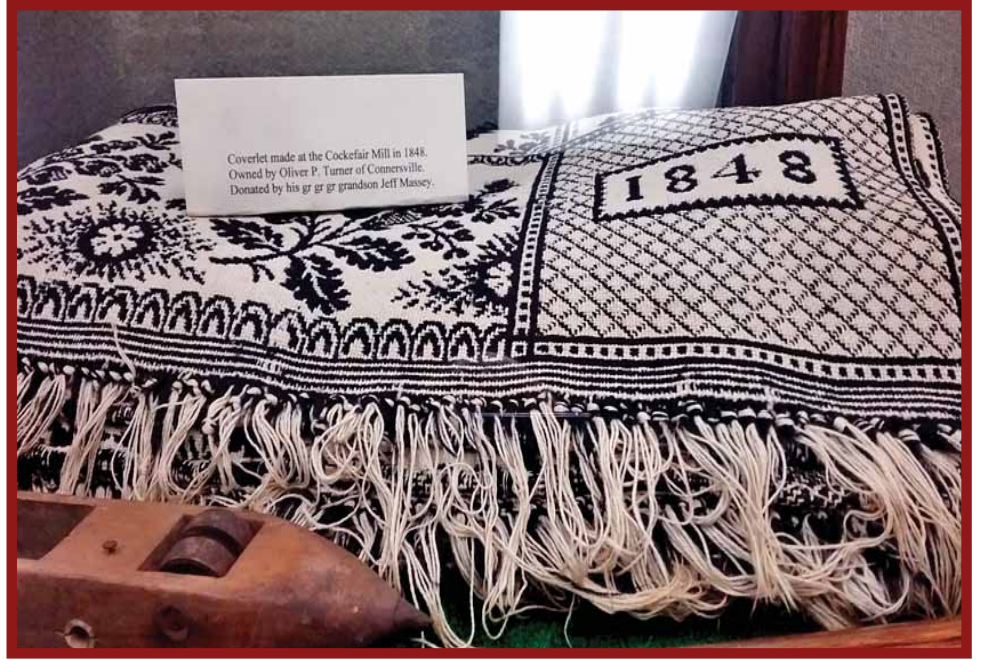
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Initials on Overby quilt. (Author Photo)



Cockefair coverlet. (Author Photo)

Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder
Fayette County Historical Museum

Crazy Quilt

Mrs. Louise Overby recently stopped by the Fayette County Historical Museum and made a unique and somewhat mysterious donation in the form of a “Crazy Quilt”.

If you aren’t familiar with crazy quilts, they are made from irregular shapes, are usually embellished with fancy embroidery, and knots of yarn are used to tie the layers together.

The quilt was given to Mrs. Overby by the late Helen (Mrs. Omer) Auxier who said the quilt was made by Helen’s mother, Alnetta (Mrs. Edward) Cain from upholstery. The story goes that Mr. Cain worked at either the Rex or McFarlan company and brought home scraps of the upholstery used to cover the seats of horse drawn vehicles. From what we have learned so far, we believe the fabrics came from the McFarlan factory.

The fabrics in the quilt are remarkably bright and the intricate embroidery around each piece is amazing. It is certainly made of upholstery.

The mystery lies in the middle of the quilt. One block has the letters R. N. A. and the date 1921 stitched in it. What do the letters mean? The initials for Mrs. Cain could have possibly been A. L. C., as her maiden name was Leming, and a search of both the Cain and Auxier families revealed nobody with those initials.

We will continue to try to “unravel” the century old mystery of this beautiful example of textile art. In the meantime, the quilt is on display with the horse

drawn vehicles, and we are grateful to the Overby family for their thoughtful donation.

While we’re on the subject, we have other crazy quilts on display. One bears the statement “Nov. 11. 1918 War Closed. The gentlemen who donated it didn’t know who made it, but thought it belonged with the WWI memorabilia in the museum. It, too, is a beautiful example of someone’s handiwork.

A little research leads me to believe that many quilts were made during World War I. They were often raffled or auctioned to raise money for the Red Cross or families who had sons or husbands, as well as other war efforts.

Our other crazy quilt rests in the log cabin. It was made by Huldah Jones Goodbar while she lived in Rushville, but it spent many years in Fayette County when she came to live with her daughter, Mildred Goodbar Turner, and family. Grace Turner Clifford, Huldah’s granddaughter, says the quilt covered her parents’ bed for many years on their farm.

I can’t pass up the opportunity to tell a little about the cradle that holds the quilt. The cradle was handmade for Mary Cole who was born in North Carolina in 1794. It passed down through generations of her family. Her descendants donated it to the museum in 1998. It is undoubtedly the oldest item in our museum, and we are lucky to have it.

There are lots of other textiles and related items in our collection. There are quilts made by the Extension Homemakers to honor milestones in the community.

Around the time the Whitewater Canal came into being, allowing shipment out of the area, textile mills were constructed in the area. The best known were those of the Roots brothers,

founders of the Roots Blower Company, and the Cockefair Mill. The coverlet pictured was made there in 1848.

In the background of one photo, you can see



1794 Cradle with Goodbar quilt. (Author Photo)



Cash Register. (Author Photo)

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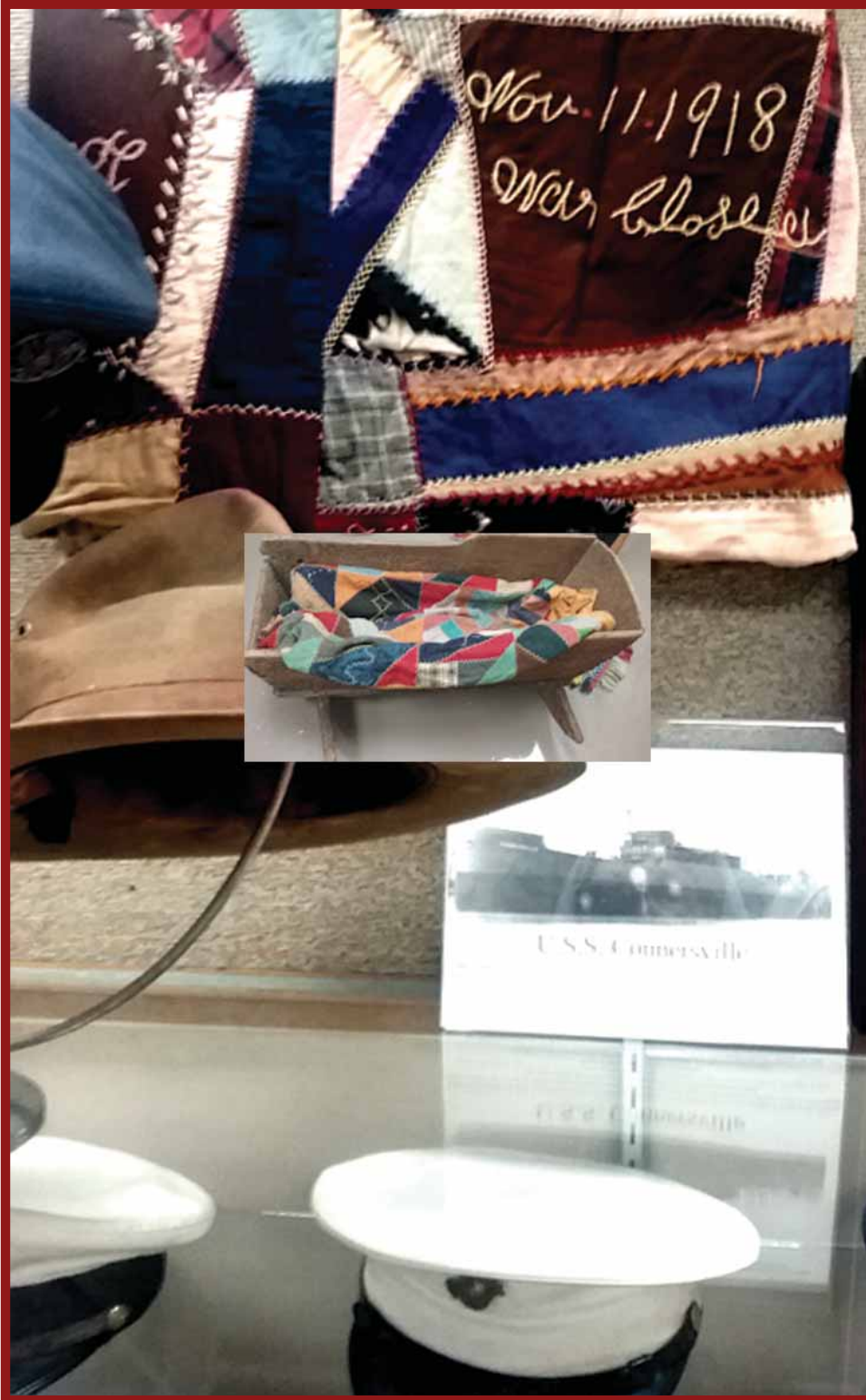
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World War 1 quilt. (Author Photo)



Joyce Harris and Ken Overby with their mother, Mrs. Louise Overby. (Author Photo)

a 1913 wedding dress, all made by hand and beautifully preserved, as well as a loom that was used to weave cloth. We have spinning wheels used for flax, wool, and cotton and several very early treadle sewing machines.

Another piece of history currently on display is a cash register that spent many years in the shop of longtime Connersville barber Charles Brown. "Chuck" and wife Troy are now living in Florida, but they were kind enough to return it to Connersville.

The National brand cash register was manufactured in Dayton, Ohio, for Pepper & McCann of Connersville in 1903. The McCann of the partnership is thought to be Quince McCann.

The Pepper half of the duo is John Augustus

"Gus" Pepper who was born in Peppertown in Franklin County in 1863. His father was German immigrant Augustus Pepper, a calico printer who settled there in 1851, and the village is named for him.

Gus was the owner of the Lodge Saloon on East 5th Street in Connersville, and the cash register was used there. The Lodge was more than a saloon. According to ads in the newspaper of the day, lunch and dinner were available, as was almost any kind of alcoholic beverage imaginable. One advertised "special" was pigeon pot pie and fourteen year old whisky for ten cents - Saturday night only! The highest amount key on the cash register is one dollar, so most purchases must have been small.

Gus Pepper also managed two bowling

alleys downtown, and the Lodge boasted of having four billiard tables. He was described as an affable man who always put his customers first.

Mr. Pepper moved his establishment at least twice between starting his business in 1896 and retiring due to ill health in 1908. He passed away at his home in Connersville in 1909.

The register is on display in the lobby of the Fayette County Historical Museum, 200 W. 5th Street, in Connersville. We invite you to visit soon. Don't forget that we have a great collection of Connersville built automobiles and horse drawn vehicles, and too much more to describe in one article. We are open 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. ■

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Milestone Contractor workers and equipment removing Electric Interurban track from center line of U.S. 40 thru Centerville, Indiana in front of Library. (Author Photo)



Centerville City Building on U.S. 40 with two rows of concrete barriers placed by Milestone Contractors from the east edge to the west edge of town for track removal. (Author Photo)



Milestone Contractor workers Trent and Spencer working behind equipment as the equipment moves ever so slowly making sure the path is cleared and smoothed. (Author Photo)



Milestone Contractors, left Trent Persinger and right Spencer Callahan holding a piece of Interurban track. They handed it to me, talk about a heavy piece of metal! (Author Photo)

Interurban Railway Track Removed From U.S. 40 Through Centerville, Indiana

In the first decade of the 20th Century Indiana witnessed the quick development of a new fangled dangled invention known as the Electric Interurban Railway that passed across Indiana and Wayne County from one side to the other along U.S. 40.

It has laid there since that time undisturbed.

I first knew of its existence probably in high school, but it didn't really seem to matter until U.S. 40 needed to be repaired.

That is to say I first really got to know more about it when INDOT was repairing U.S. 40 thru Centerville just a few years ago. Me being a nosy kind of a guy, I was watching a young lady who worked for INDOT walking along U.S. 40 and I asked her why they weren't doing anything along the center of the road. She politely replied it was due to the Interurban Track that was still buried along the center line. They could only repair the road from a certain distance on either side of the center line.

Some time ago when I worked at the Union County Development Corporation in Liberty I got a letter from Nathan Riggs who was the Public Relations guy for Indot listing area towns that were slated to have road repair work done in the coming months.

I noticed in particular the town of Centerville which is my home town. U.S. 40 was to be completely repaired including removing the Interurban Railway track in 2006.

Well as it came to that time the project was skipped due to Centerville residents along U.S. 40 not wanting their trees trimmed or harmed in any way so the project was removed from the list.

I contacted Nathan, who I got to know and trusted asking when would Centerville be eligible again. He told me 2016 or later. Nathan has since retired and of course I only publish The Gad-about on my website, but still try to keep in touch with what's going on locally and in The Whitewater Valley mainly.

Well as the photos show above Milestone Contractors whom I'm very familiar with having been a fan of theirs for years are in the process of removing the Railway Interurban tracks and debris from under the center line of U.S. 40 through Centerville. It was a struggle getting

local residents convinced to let the project start, but common sense evidently prevailed.

I remember once, it's been a few years ago now I was in a conversation with One of Nathan's men via the telephone and internet concerning their repaving of U.S. 52 from Andersonville to Rushville, Indiana.

INDOT had finished the chip and seal process along the road and finishing up when I happened to be traveling that stretch of road. I couldn't believe they were finished leaving the roadway rather what looked and felt unfinished. I was driving from Rushville to Metamora. My van is small, but it sounded like I was driving a Mac truck going down the road, with the noise from the wheels. I knew as a fact that especially police officers were having a hard time negotiating the highway while performing their duties mainly keeping traction on it if they abruptly reversed their direction.

So I called Nathan's office and talked to another fella who answered the phone. Frankly I said something similar to this, "tell me your not finished paving U.S. 52 between Andersonville and Rushville." The fella replied, yes it was finished.

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Milestone Contractors removing the interurban track in front of the Mansion House and early 1800 Inn still can be visited and enjoyed today. (Author Photo)



As the crew moves west along U.S. 40 the Milestone Contractors steadily remove track and debris replacing it with a smooth new pavement complete with center line. (Author Photo)



Milestone Contractor workers and equipment paving new layer of pavement as they move into down town Centerville heading west. (Author Photo)



Milestone Contractors now out of sight I took this photo near 3rd Street looking west with the brand new, smooth fresh pavement with the yellow center line down the middle done.

phone conversations with INDOT concerning U.S. 52. On November 1st of that year I was present in Andersonville with camera in hand to film the first layer of new pavement, Milestone Contractors began laying from Andersonville to Rushville.

I know, but I've always had this problem of seeing things that seem crucial at the time and later have lived to regret some of my actions. But in the long run I'd say, you don't know what you can accomplish until you make the leap.....!! ■

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Hoosiers with disabilities. Additionally, the goal of CCPWD is to increase community and workplace inclusion for this population.

"These projects are providing important technology resources for Hoosiers with disabilities during a time where we have had to go virtual in many aspects of our lives," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "Even as we work to get back to normal, the assistance these projects will create will have a long-lasting positive impact on communities and help ensure no Hoosier is left

round also addresses the changing realities of the COVID-19 public health emergency by targeting activities designed to assist Hoosier adults with disabilities in preparing for a return to in-person interactions in the workplace and community.

"We are so excited that this Round 2 funding means 12 additional communities will be working with their local disability organizations to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on Hoosier adults with disabilities," said DDRS Director Kim Opsahl. "These funds will help communities re-engage Hoosier adults with disabilities in services, employment and community inclusion efforts."

The following applicants will receive funding for this round:

- **The City of Angola**, in partnership with EasterSeals RISE, is awarded \$195,585 to create a virtual Employment Readiness Academy to provide employment skills development to participants. Virtual employment activities will utilize 35-unit tablet lending library. The city will also install virtual meeting and videoconferencing technology in City Hall and Angola Training Center to enhance ability of participants to engage in community training and local government processes.

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Kallie Bontrager (Nursery Inspector & Compliance Officer) - KBontrager@dnr.IN.gov

After two months of mainly dealing with gypsy moth, I have been able to get out in the field and get some inspections done. In a nursery that mainly grows maple, I was seeing tar spot. It varied in severity from heavy on some of the Norway maple varieties to light on the red maple varieties. Other diseases I saw included Septoria leafspot on oak leaf hydrangea, juniper tip blight on juniper, apple scab on crabapples to varying degrees depending on the variety, apple scab on serviceberry, and powdery mildew on Diablo ninebark and serviceberry. At a daylily and hosta grower I saw hosta anthracnose and daylily leaf streak. Bagworm populations are high this year and I did notice them on arborvitae at one of the nurseries. Other insects include white pine weevil on Eastern white pine, oak leafminer and oak spider mites on bur oak, Japanese beetle on roses and serviceberry, lacebug on serviceberry, and flea beetle damage on weigela.

When I finished a nursery inspection I stopped to check out a walnut tree that was covered with gypsy moth eggmasses and was happy to find the egg parasitoid, *Ooencyrtus kuvanae*, busy at work. These parasitoids are small wasps that lay their eggs in the eggs of the gypsy moth, killing the egg before it has a chance to hatch.



Photo 1 - Gypsy moth eggmass parasitoid - *Ooencyrtus kuvanae*.

Ren Hall (Nursery Inspector & Compliance Officer) - RHall@dnr.IN.gov

I saw a group of pear trees with a bad case of fireblight with dark cankers, scorched leaves, and shepherd's crooks on the ends of the branches. These trees may still be saved if the grower prunes out the blighted branches several inches under the cankers when the trees are dormant this winter, although once it reaches the main trunk it's too late to save.

Last week, I saw a lot of larger bagworms while out doing nursery inspections. Other interesting finds were catalpa hornworm on catalpa trees and whitefly pupae on the undersides of leaves of many trees including maples, lilac, ash, and linden.

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Only 0.53 inches of rain in the last two weeks



Photo 2 - Larger Bagwork.



Photo 3 - Fireblight on pear.



Photo 4 - Whitefly pupae.



Photo 5 - Catalpa hornworm on catalpa.

I am also starting to see symptoms of leaf blotch fungus on my red buckeye. Look for brown necrotic areas on the leaf tissue. This type of damage on buckeye can be caused by environmental leaf scorch as a result of dry conditions, bacterial leaf scorch (*Xylella fastidiosa*) or a fungal infection, *Guignardia* leaf blotch. These symptoms all look very similar to one another in the field and a lab diagnosis is needed to distinguish which problem you really have. Interestingly, I had an identification of a leaf spot on Yoshino cherry as a *Cercospora* /*Psuedocercospora* species. This is causing significant leaf drop on Yoshino cherries in my region, but the symptoms of this leaf spot are exactly the same as the shot hole fungus. However, there is also a bacterial leaf spot that can cause similar symptoms on cherries. Remember, what we see in the field is a plant reaction to something. In many cases, similar symptoms can result from different pathogens.

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Fall webworm populations are fairly high in scattered locations in northeast Indiana. The caterpillars make silken "tents" at the ends of branches on a wide variety of trees. Most of the tents I've seen have been on walnut, hickory, and persimmon. The caterpillars feed on the leaves inside the tents which help to protect them from predators. There are two generations a year of this insect in Indiana. The first generation appears in June with the second generation appearing in July and August. It typically doesn't cause a lot of damage to trees so control measures are rarely needed. While inspecting nurseries in Allen County I observed redbud leaffolder caterpillars on redbud. These caterpillars fold a leaf over a stitch it together with silk and feed inside the folded leaf. I also observed oak spider mites on bur oak; lace bugs on linden; moderate levels of redheaded flea beetle on hydrangea, Itea and weigela and pine needle scale on Scotch pine. As for diseases, tar spot has been getting heavier with the humid weather. Septoria leaf spot was heavy on ivory halo dog-

at my house. Many areas are becoming dry in the southern part of the state. I am seeing a lot of fall webworm,

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wood, as well as powdery mildew on flowering dogwood and possible Cercospora leaf spot on hydrangeas.

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I have included a photo this week of leaf galls on pecan caused by the feeding of the pecan phylloxera insect. For more information, please see Purdue Extension's publication Managing Insect Pests of Nut Trees. No reports this week

Editor's Note: Photo of leaf galls was left out of article due to a lack of space in this issue.



Photo 6 - Mimosa webworm on honey locust in a neighborhood.



Photo 7 - Mimosa webworm damage.



Photo 8 - Possible *Guignardia* on red buckeye.



Photo 9 - Shot hole leaf spots on Yoshino cherry (Several fungi or bacteris can cause this).

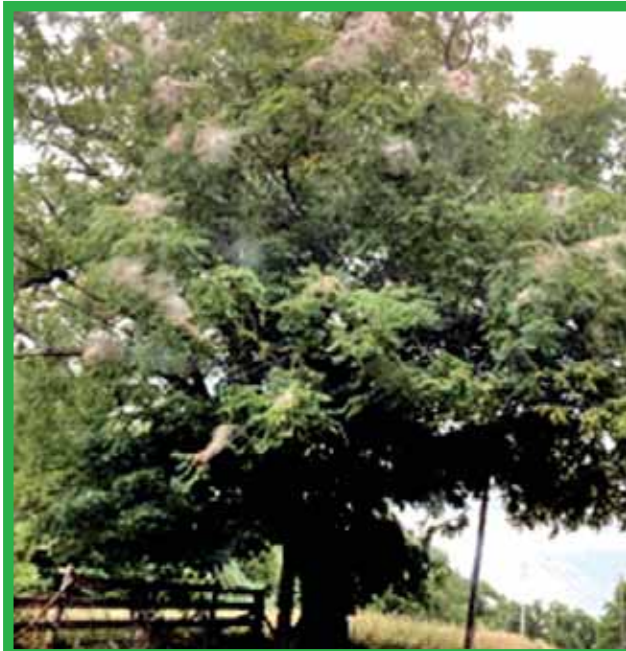


Photo 10 - Fall webworm.



Photo 11 - Fall webworm closeup.

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Photo 12 - Oak spider mite damage.



Photo 13 - Lace bug on linden.



Photo 14 - Redbud leaf folder.



Photo 15 - Pine needle scale.

This informal report by the Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology is a commentary on insects, diseases, and curiosities division staff encounter on a week-to-week basis. Comments and questions about this report are welcome and can be sent to your respective Inspector.

No Reports This Week

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DEAD BLACK BEAR FOUND ON ELKHART COUNTY ROADSIDE

DNR recovered the body of a black bear north of Bristol in Elkhart County on Wednesday.

The bear was found near a toll road and was in an advanced state of decomposition. DNR staff delivered the remains to the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) at Purdue for necropsy to determine cause of death. Preliminary results revealed the bear had many fractured bones, injuries that DNR mammalogist Brad Westrich says are consistent with a vehicle collision.

"It is unfortunate that for many in Elkhart County this was their first experience observing a black bear," Westrich said. "It's well documented that wild animals are commonly killed on roadways, and it's a shame that Indiana's fifth black bear in modern history met this fate."

DNR had not received reports of black bears in the area before finding this bear.

Hair and tissue samples will be analyzed to determine where the black bear originated. It was not the same black bear that had previously visited southern Indiana earlier this summer. Bear reports in that region have stopped coming to Indiana DNR, and Westrich says it has probably moved on to Kentucky, based on confirmed sightings received from Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources.

Indiana was once home to black bears. Bear populations in neighboring states are expanding, and Indiana's forests and hills, primarily located in the southern portion of the state, are excellent habitat for black bears.

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

Learn more about black bears, those that have visited Indiana, and tips for living with bears at wildlife.IN.gov/wildlife-resources/animals/black-bear/.

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

POLLINATORPALOOZA AT PROPHETSTOWN SP

Buzz over to Prophetstown State Park on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. for the Pollinatorpalooza!

We'll "bee" celebrating pollinators of all kinds! Join us for sessions on pollinator gardens, bees, plant ID, and more. Activities, workshops, and guided walks are available for all ages. The event is free with park admission. Workshops provided at added cost.

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FALLS OF THE OHIO SP HOSTS 'DIGGING THE PAST' EVENT AUG 28

Falls of the Ohio State Park is hosting its annual Digging the Past event on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will let visitors explore fossils, minerals, and archaeology with a variety of programs behind the Interpretive Center. Masks will be required to approach tables. Parking is \$2 per vehicle, and a discounted Interpretive Center admission of \$7 per person will be offered.

[Here's a list of activities:](#)

- The park will have more collecting piles this year with free ticketed times every 30 minutes to encourage social distancing.

- Refreshed Silurian and Devonian fossil piles will be available courtesy of Irving Materials, Inc. (IMI) & Bagshaw Trucking, with new minerals as well.

- IMI will also have a "make a fossil" activity.

An outer fossil bed hike will be at 9:30 a.m. for ages 12 and older.

- Hourly guided hikes of the grounds will take place hourly from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Roving naturalists will help you discover the fossil beds for those who don't want to join a hike.

- Create an "egg carton" geology collection.

- Make a weather rock or pet rock.

- Enjoy tabletop fossil and mineral displays.

- Dig "artifacts" in one of the park's archaeological mini-mock dig stations.

- Wade Tharp with the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) will have a presentation on "garbagology".

- Get unknown rocks and fossils identified.

Falls of the Ohio State Park (on.IN.gov/fallsoft-heohio) is at 201 W. Riverside Dr. Clarksville, 47129.

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MONROE LAKE SHOWCASES SALT CREEK VALLEY, SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2021

Monroe Lake is hosting its first Salt Creek Valley History Week from Sunday, Sept. 12 through Saturday, Sept. 18. The Salt Creek Valley is the name for the area around Monroe Lake and was given the moniker because of the many salt springs in the area.

The program schedule includes some activities that require advance registration (with limited space available) and others that have no registration requirements.

Details and registration links (for programs requiring advance signup) are at bit.ly/scv-history-2021. Following is a list of activities by date:

- Sept. 12, "Then and Now" Challenge from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; free event, no registration required; Paynetown SRA, Campground Playground

- Sept. 12, Explore Monroe paddling trip at 5:30 p.m.; \$10 per person and limited to 10 people, advance signup required, kayak rentals available; Pine Grove SRA

- Sept. 13, Underwater Cemeteries at 6:30 p.m.; free public presentation, no registration required; Lawrence County Museum of History in Bedford

- Sept. 14, Explore Monroe paddling trip at 9 a.m.; \$10 per person and limited to 10 people, advance signup required, kayak rentals available; Pine Grove SRA

- Sept. 15, Friendship Baptist Church Hike at 10 a.m.; free event but limited to 15 people, advance signup required; church is located on Friendship Lane

- Sept. 16, Hughes Cemetery Tour at 10 a.m.; free event but limited to 20 people, advance signup required; Paynetown SRA

- Sept. 17, Bald Eagle Hacking Tower Hike at 10 a.m.; free event but limited to 20 people, advance signup required; Northfork Service Area

- Sept. 17, Buzzsaw Pioneer Toy from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; free event, no registration required; Paynetown SRA, Campground Playground

- Sept. 18, Marble Games from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; free event, no registration required; Paynetown SRA, Campground Playground

- Sept. 18, Southern Indiana Folk Music at 8 p.m.; free event, no registration required; Paynetown SRA Activity Center and Amphitheater

For programs at Paynetown State Recreation Area, the daily entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle with Indiana license plate and \$9 per vehicle with out-of-state license plate applies. Indiana State Park Annual Entrance Permits are also accepted.

Questions about Salt Creek Valley History week programming should be directed to Jill Vance, Monroe Lake's interpretive naturalist, at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or 812-837-9967.

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

GARY MAN RESCUED FROM LAKE MICHIGAN (PORTER COUNTY)

(Portage) A Gary man has been rescued after a lengthy multiagency search coordinated by Indiana Conservation Officers on Lake Michigan.

On Friday, August 13 at approximately 5 p.m., Jeremiah Merritt, 24, of Gary, left the Portage Marina on a personal watercraft (PWC) to go riding on Lake Michigan. After Merritt failed to return home, family located his vehicle parked Portage Marina and called 911.

Indiana Conservation Officers and the Portage Police Department immediately responded and

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determined Merritt may be in danger and requested additional assistance in the search. The Portage Police Department initially began searching the lakefront near Portage Lakefront Park utilizing an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).

The Portage Fire Department's Marine 1, United States Coast Guard (USCG), Lake County Sheriff's Department Aviation and Marine Units, Ogden Dunes Police, and Indiana Dunes National Park Rangers responded and expanded the search by utilizing off-road vehicles, emergency watercraft, UAVs, and helicopters.

At approximately 1:45 a.m. Saturday morning, a USCG Helicopter spotted Merritt adrift on his PWC approximately 5 miles offshore from Portage Lakefront Park. A USCG vessel made contact and brought Merritt to safety.

Merritt reported having mechanical issues with his PWC at 8 p.m. and was unable to return to shore. He did not have a cell phone or any other means of communication to call for help.

Indiana Conservation Officers strongly encourage recreational watercraft users to carry a variety of safety equipment, including communication devices, with them while boating. It is also important to always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return when going on the water. For more on boating safety, please visit our website at the following link: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/law-enforcement/education/boating-education-and-safety/>

In addition to the agencies that assisted on scene, the Porter County Central Communications 911 Center, Lake County Communications 911 Center, and Indiana Conservation Officers Central Dispatch Center played vital roles in the rescue effort.

DOANE RETIRES AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE (MARTIN COUNTY)

Corp. Eric Doane is retiring from DNR Law Enforcement after serving 28 years.

Doane was recognized for exemplary service on multiple occasions, including receiving the 2007 James Pitzer Indiana Conservation Officer of the Year Award. He also received the 2017 William J. Nattkemper Brotherhood Award in 2017, and the 2018 Director's Leadership Award in 2018, and was selected as a District Officer of the Year four times.

During his career, Doane served on many specialty teams for DNR Law Enforcement, including Scuba, Peer Support, Cave Rescue, Wildland Firefighter, Field Training Officer, Search and Rescue, Firearms and Patrol Rifle Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and Use of Force



INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICER
CORPORAL ERIC DOANE

Instructor. In addition, he attended more than 50 specialty schools and was a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership Academy. In 2015 he was promoted to corporal and became a field supervisor to the officers in District 7.

His first county assignment as an Indiana conservation officer was in Union County in District 9. After five and a half years there, he transferred to Martin County in District 7, where he has served since 1998.

On July 30, Doane accepted a faculty position at Vincennes University, his alma mater, as the department chairman of the Conservation Law Enforcement Program.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is an honor for me to say Indiana Conservation Officer Corporal Eric Doane was a very good friend of mine and I've missed seeing him in the years I've not had the good fortune of seeing him patrolling the Brookville Lake area.

Roaming The Outdoors

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- **The City of Auburn**, in partnership with EasterSeals RISE, is awarded \$174,870 to create virtual employment and training programs, utilizing a device lending library of 100 tablets and 100 MiFi devices. The city will also establish a virtual Employment Readiness Academy to provide employment skills development to participants and virtual Job Clubs to connect participants to potential employers.

- **The City of Lebanon**, in partnership with ARC Greater Boone County, is awarded \$25,648 to create virtual learning and networking content, including videos, discussion groups and classes. This includes the creation of a device lending library and a device access training program.

- **The City of Noblesville**, in partnership with Janus Developmental Services, is awarded \$193,067 to create a multi-prong outreach, training and community access strategy. The city will offer sensory-friendly community activities. Janus will develop a virtual version of workforce train-

ing programs and employment training videos. Partners will leverage a device lending library of 24 Chromebooks and 24 Hotspot devices to deliver grant activities.

- **The City of Vincennes**, in partnership with the YMCA Betty J McCormick, is awarded \$200,000 to create virtual and hybrid social inclusion activities focusing on health and wellness. This includes activities such as sensory biking trail, virtual grocery shopping assistance, online wellness classes, exercise classes, drum classes, etc. The city will utilize 30-unit device lending library to facilitate grant activities.

- **The City of Westfield**, in partnership with Westfield Washington Schools, is awarded \$53,255 to expand virtual and in-person employment training, and school-to-work transition activities. The city will increase the number of job coaches available to students and purchase interactive video panels to enhance transition program curriculum.

- **Fountain County**, in partnership with Child-Adult Resource Services, is awarded \$55,500 to develop online zoom classes on a wide range of topics, including music, art, employment skills, social hour, self-care, cooking, advocacy, health and wellness, leisure and hobby exploration, technology skills, fitness, finance, and home care. Funds will be used to hire program specialist to coordinate the delivery of classes and purchase a 10-unit device lending library.

- **Hendricks County**, in partnership with Sycamore Services, is awarded \$112,763 to create a device lending library to facility access to a virtual suite of services. Services can include exercise and recreational therapy, career counseling, employment preparation, health, and wellness.

- **Huntington County**, in partnership with Pathfinder Services, is awarded \$156,464 to create a multi-prong hybrid employment and training program. The program will include mentorship opportunities, work experiences, job site tours, a device lending library and the purchase of barcode scanner technology for participant training purposes.

- **Knox County**, in partnership with Knox County ARC, is awarded \$146,300 to create a new outreach and basic employment services program, connecting previously unreached individuals with disabilities to employment and training opportunities. The county will purchase smart boards, projectors, VR devices and tablets to facilitate project activities.

- **Noble County**, in partnership with ARC Noble County, is awarded \$68,381 to create a new video series titled "Discover Your Path in Our Community," which allows for virtual exploration of jobs located in Noble County, tailored to individuals with disabilities as the target audience.

- **St. Joseph County**, in partnership with LOGAN Community Resources, is awarded \$200,000 to develop a community employment initiative with the local South Bend airport. Funds will be used for staff support. The county will create a device lending library and purchase smartboards to facilitate virtual reconnection with the community and natural support networks.

Eligible applicants included local units of government, such as counties, cities, or incorporated towns, both entitlement and non-entitlement communities. Each applicant partnered with a qualifying non-profit community disability organization

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DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

As the Labor Day holiday weekend approaches, the Indiana State Police Indianapolis Post is warning Hoosiers against drinking and driving impaired.

Statewide, the Indiana State Police is taking part in the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement mobilization to educate motorists about the dangers and consequences of impaired driving. Now until Sept. 6, troopers will be increasing patrols showing zero tolerance for anyone caught driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The extra high-visibility enforcement is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"The horrific aftermath of a drunk driving crash has lasting effects on the victims, families, friends, communities and first responders. These crashes are all preventable and the Indiana State Police is committed to rigorous enforcement efforts year round. During the Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, Troopers from the Indianapolis District will conduct special dedicated patrols throughout the district, to include Marion, Hamilton, Boone, Hendricks, Johnson, Hendricks, Hancock and Shelby counties." - Lieutenant Josh Watson, Indiana State Police Indianapolis District Commander.

About 28 people die in drunk driving crashes every day. That's approximately one person every 52 minutes and more than 10,000 annually, according to NHTSA.

In Indiana, drunk driving has been on the rise. Of the 898 traffic fatalities that occurred last year in the state, 151, or 17 percent, were alcohol related. That's up from 130 in 2019. During Labor Day weekend alone, there were 12 fatal collisions with one involving a driver over the legal limit.

"Impaired driving continues to take a terrible toll on our state and nation," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "While these overtime patrols are effective and will undoubtedly save lives, we can't enforce our way out of this issue. It's up to everyone to drive sober and make smart choices behind the wheel."

In Indiana, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher. In addition, drivers under 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to one year.

However, impaired driving includes more than just alcohol. Drugs and even some over-the-counter medications can also cause impairment and can slow coordination, judgment and reaction times on the road.

Officers will be on the lookout for all forms of impairment, in which the consequences can include thousands of dollars in legal fees, increased insur-

ance rates, loss of license, a criminal record and possible jail time.

To avoid those, plan a safe and sober ride home before going out. Even if only one drink is consumed, designate a sober driver or plan to use a rideshare service, public transportation or taxi. Motorists that encounter a drunk driver on the road are encouraged to call 911.

To learn more about Indiana State Police, please visit our website at www.IN.gov/isp.

GOVERNOR HOLCOMB RECOGNIZES TOP OFFICERS FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT

LABOR DAY DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCED

INDIANAPOLIS — Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Executive Director Devon McDonald presented 65 Indiana police officers with the Traffic Safety All-Star Award for working to save lives and put a stop to impaired driving. To qualify, the officer must have made at least 20 OWI arrests and participated in one of the state's targeted enforcement campaigns during the previous year.

"I couldn't be more grateful for the work these officers are doing to keep our roads and communities safe," Gov. Holcomb said. "They've demonstrated their commitment day-in and day-out to curb impaired driving, and people are alive today because of their efforts. I want to congratulate these officers on their well-deserved, hard-earned achievement."

In addition to the 65 officers, three individuals received the Leadership Award for aiding in the fight against impaired driving: Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Detective Tim Abrams, Madison County Deputy Prosecutor Pete Beyel and Speedway Police Department Sergeant Mark Morgan, who recently passed away due to cancer.

In total, the officers recognized made 3,163 OWI arrests across Indiana in 2020.

The recipients were nominated by their departments as some of the top officers for OWI enforcement. In addition to their normal patrols, they often worked overtime picking up extra shifts during state and national enforcement periods – one of which is kicking off this week: the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mobilization.

Now until Labor Day, more than 200 police agencies throughout the state will be increasing patrols and cracking down on drunk driving, which claims the lives of more than 10,000 people every year in the U.S. That's approximately one person every 52 minutes or 28 per day, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Note to the media: The following list includes the 2021 Traffic Safety All-Star award recipients, who were recognized during a ceremony at Victory Field in Indianapolis.

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FIVE ISP TROOPERS RECOGNIZED AS TRAFFIC SAFETY ALL-STARS

This afternoon, Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Executive Director Devon McDonald recognized 65 police officers from around Indiana as Traffic Safety All-Stars for their efforts in working to save lives and put a stop to impaired driving.

Among those recognized were five Indiana State Police Troopers who combined, totaled 558 impaired driving arrests in 2020.

The five troopers were photographed with Devon McDonald, Governor Holcomb and ISP Superintendent Doug Carter.

The five ISP Troopers are as follows:

- Trooper Benjamin Beers
- Master Trooper Mick Dockery
- Trooper Dennis Griffin
- Trooper Justin Mears
- Trooper Israel Rosillo

Editor Note: Five photos were included on E-mail page but I couldn't reproduce them with this release. When I tried to prepare them for reproduction the images were too small and indistinct for publication.

ISP SENIOR TROOPER AND HANCOCK COUNTY RESIDENT PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

(Indianapolis, IN)-The Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, Douglas G. Carter, has announced the promotion of Senior Trooper Seth A. Tumey to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Tumey will serve within the Public Information Office as the Special Programs Coordinator and will oversee the Indiana State Police Youth Camp Program.



INDIANA STATE POLICE SENIOR TROOPER
SERGEANT SETH A. TUMEY

Tumey, who is originally from Franklin, Indiana, is a 2000 graduate of Franklin Community High School. On July 8, 2007, he graduated from the 67th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy and was appointed as a Trooper and assigned to the Indiana State Police Post in Pendleton where he served for three years before being transferred to the Indianapolis Post. During that time, Tumey served as a Counselor for the 74th, 75th and 76th Indiana State Police Recruit Academies.

During his career, Tumey has served the Indiana State Police in the following disciplines: Field Training Officer, Control Tactics Instructor, Firearms Instructor and Taser Instructor.

Tumey, his wife and three children are residents of Hancock County.



INDIANA STATE POLICE DETECTIVE
SERGEANT THOMAS BAXTER
ISP DETECTIVE RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE

Today, August 13, 2021, Sergeant Thomas Baxter, a 34 year veteran of the Indiana State Police-Versailles Post, will work his final shift and go off duty for the final time.

Sgt. Baxter graduated from the 45th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy on December 19, 1987. After completing the academy, he was assigned to the Versailles District where he was a road trooper from 1987-1997. In 1997, he was assigned to the Gaming Division where he conducted gaming enforcement on a casino located in the district. Sgt. Baxter returned to the Versailles District in 2000 and was selected to become a detective in the district in 2003. In 2011, Sgt. Baxter was promoted to sergeant where he supervised a squad of detectives at the Versailles Post. Sgt. Baxter served in that position until his retirement.

During his career, Sgt. Baxter served ten years as an Indiana State Police Diver. He was also trained as a Forensic Sketch Artist and served eleven years on the Southeast Indiana Crimes Against Children Board. In 1997, Sgt. Baxter was awarded the Superintendent's Award for Outstanding Criminal Investigation.

Sgt. Baxter's supervisor stated, "Sergeant Baxter has had a long and distinguished career serving the citizens of Indiana. His dedication to the Indiana State Police and the community he served should not go unnoticed. We thank him for his service and wish him an enjoyable retirement."

ISP SELLERSBURG INVESTIGATING HELICOPTER CRASH NEAR CORYDON

Corydon: August 4, 2021. The Indiana State Police in Sellersburg is assisting in the investigation of a helicopter crash that occurred Wednesday afternoon in rural Harrison County.

Around four o'clock Wednesday afternoon, The Indiana State Police in Sellersburg was notified of a helicopter crash off Big Indian Road NE, a short distance northeast of Corydon. When officers arrived, they found the wreckage of a Bell 206 helicopter in a cornfield a short distance off the roadway and near a rural residence. The pilot, 29-year-old Zane Lightner of Billings Montana, was already transported to the Harrison County Hospital by private vehicle. Lightner was later transported to University Hospital in Louisville with non-life-threatening injuries.

The preliminary investigation reveals that the helicopter is owned and operated by Southmark Aviation in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The copter was being used as a crop duster and accidentally struck a power line running across the cornfield where the copter was dusting.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been contacted and will be conducting a joint investigation with the National Transportation Safety Administration Board (NTSB).

This crash is still under investigation. ISP conducted the preliminary investigation and is maintaining scene security until the arrival of federal investigators.

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graphical area.

According to Crouch, the state has now awarded 23 grants to Hoosier communities through this program, totaling more than \$3.2 million. To learn more about the 11 grants awarded earlier this year,

This grant opportunity is made available through supplemental Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds authorized under the CARES Act. For more information, visit [in.gov/fssa/ddrs/community-connections-for-people-with-disabilities](https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/community-connections-for-people-with-disabilities).



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