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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson
The Gad-a-bout

RICHMOND POLICE OFFICER SHOT DURING A TRAFFIC STOP

Richmond, IN (August 10, 2022) - At the request of Chief Michael Britt of the Richmond Police Department, the **Indiana State Police** is investigating an officer-involved shooting that left a Richmond Police Officer in very critical condition. This evening at approximately 6:30 p.m. Richmond Police K-9 Officer Seara Burton responded to a call from other officers to assist with a traffic stop in the area of North 12th Street and C Street. Officer Burton located the vehicle, which was a moped being ridden by an adult male, and made a traffic stop at that location. During the traffic stop, Officer Burton's K9 partner Brev was used to conduct an open-air sniff around the moped and indicated the possible presence of narcotics. The suspect was identified as 47-year old, Phillip M. Lee of Richmond. While officers were speaking with Lee he allegedly pulled out a firearm and shot several rounds toward officers. Officer Burton was struck by the gunfire. Other officers on the scene returned fire and Lee fled on foot. After a brief foot chase, Lee was apprehended. He was treated for gunshot wounds by the officers and later transported by ambulance to Reid Hospital in Richmond.

28-year year old, Officer Burton was transported by ambulance to a local hospital and later airlifted to a hospital in Dayton Ohio where she was listed in very critical condition. She has served with Richmond Police Department for four years.

This investigation is active and ongoing. Detectives expect to be on the scene for several more hours. All information released is preliminary and subject to change as evidence dictates.

The suspect in custody has been arrested on probable cause, the Wayne County Prosecutor will determine actual criminal charges upon review of the case.

*All charges listed are merely accusations at this point. All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

There is no further information to release at this time.

*Additional Charge: Judge Gregory Horn found probable cause for Lee's charges about 8:00 p.m. Thursday. The judge obliged a prosecution request by setting Lee's bond at \$1 million.

*Additional Information A Level 1 felony conviction carries a 30-year advisory sentence and a sentencing range of 20 to 40 years.

No further information was available at this time. We all need to say a pray for this courageous young Richmond, Indiana Police Officer Seara



Officer Seara Burton and K-9 Brev (Photo provided to The Gad-a-bout by Indiana State Police, Pendleton District)

Burton, for a speedy recovery.

PETER (PETE) MCDANIEL

A very special friend to all Veterans and civilians alike passed last week, Peter A. McDaniel. Read

about him on the next page. I went to his calling at the Community Family Funeral Home Sunday August 21st. It was a special moment being able to see him one last time. He was a very special friend

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Wayne County Veteran Service Officer
Peter A. McDaniel (Photo by Ray Dickerson Dec. 2019)

Peter A. McDaniel of Richmond, Indiana Passed Away on Tuesday 8-16-2022

I first met Peter (Pete) McDaniel when I visited the Wayne County Veteran Services Office in the Courthouse Annex at 401 East Main Street in Richmond, Indiana. He and Ronald Weadick had recently opened their new Veteran Services Office in the Courthouse Annex. I officially announced in that issue that both Pete and Ron would be contributing articles to the Gad-a-bout concerning area Veteran stories and also Veteran information vital for their well being and current communications on their behalf. Their first column appeared in my January 2020 issue.

They both continued alternating the sending information up until Pete had to take a leave of absence due to a health issue. Ron has continued sending information when he has time to do so. See their current advertisement below.

I want to tell you readers about how Pete helped me join the Veterans Administration (VA).

I made frequent visits to their Veterans Office. One time in particular I was talking to Pete and mentioned to him that several years before, I had filled out the paper work to get into the VA. It was a long while before I heard back from them. When I did I was denied membership due to my wife and I were making too much money. Since then though we've both retired and receive social security.

Pete asked me if I had tried again. I told him no. He reached into one of his desk drawers and handed me a couple VA forms telling me to fill them out and bring them back to him.

I took them home so my wife and I could fill them out again.

A couple days later I went back to his office and handed him the two forms. He checked them over and said he would file them for me.

I thanked him for helping me. He and Ron were both quite busy so I left them alone.



Veterans and Patriot Guard Riders Mark Moody on left and Ronald Weadick on right standing their honor guard post at the entrance to Community Family Funeral Home in Richmond, Indiana on Sunday August 22, 2022 for the funeral of Peter A. McDaniel who passed away on Tuesday August 16, 2022. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

This is unbelievable, a few days later I received a letter from the VA telling me I had been accepted into the VA.

I returned to Pete's office and thanked him, telling him how grateful I was and shocked. Little did I know it was one of the last times I would see him sitting in his office.

When Pete left the office due to his health, some time later, February 16, 2022 to be exact I visited Ron's office to meet Buddy Strunk who was hired to fill Pete's position.

My one regret is that I never got to fulfill my request prior to Pete's leaving, I wanted to write his military story. On the wall next to his desk he had five family member photos, all Marines in their uniforms stair-stepped at an angle facing where he sat. I was told later by someone, a sixth Marine photo, his son, was to be placed on that wall had he been able to return there.

Obituary

Peter A. McDaniel, 57, of Richmond, Indiana passed away peacefully in the arms of his family to be with the Lord on August 16, 2022. He was born October 30, 1964 in Honolulu, Hawaii to Orville "Pete" McDaniel and Allien Hengstler McDaniel. Pete served 4 years in the United States Marines Corps and 22 years with the Richmond Fire Department while serving as the Battalion Chief, Training Chief and Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention, he was on the Richmond Police Department and Richmond Fire Department Dive Team and RFD Honor Guard. After retirement Pete volunteered as a study buddy for Richmond Community Schools, a substitute teacher at Northeastern Schools, worked as the Work Crew Supervisor

for Wayne County Community Corrections/Probation Department and was the Wayne County Veteran's Service Officer. Pete loved working in his yard doing landscaping, exercising, remodeling houses, classic cars, the Dallas Cowboys and had a special love for his pet "Bentley". Pete absolutely loved life, his community and was a life long public servant. He is survived by his wife Angela McDaniel; his children: Ashley McDaniel (Jake Varble) and Pete McDaniel (Tate Snodgrass); his granddaughter: Addison Varble; 3 brothers Jeff McDaniel (Cherry), Mike McDaniel (Cathy) and Danny McDaniel (Sylvia); aunts: Sheryl Hengstler, Ada (Danny) Fletcher, Marlene Berry, Faye Price, Merlien Farmer and Patty DeSonie; uncle: Earl Michael "Mike" McDaniel (Paula); mother and father-in-law: Jerry and Linda Peacock; sister-in-law: Sherrie Richey (Ken); brothers-in-law: Robert Peacock and Jerald Peacock (Vicki); special friends: Nick and Amy Hughes, Billy Pierson, Jon Duke, Tim Brown, Derek DeSonie, Dale Wise, his friends since 2nd grade Mike Ripperger, Jack Stottlemire and Ritchie Alley and all of his work friends in the Annex Building; he also leaves several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Orville "Pete" and Allien McDaniel. Service for Pete will be held on Sunday August 21, 2022 at 3pm at Community Family Funeral Home, where visitation will be held on Sunday August 21, 2022 from 11am-3pm. Following services there will be a funeral procession for Pete's last ride. Condolences may be made via the guest book at www.communityfamilyfh.com



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Misfires And Snags



by Dan Graves
"Humorist Writer"

FISHING SOCIAL HOUR

As a rule, fishermen enjoy the solitude of a quiet lake or stream where the only sounds are the whirl of reels or gentle lapping of water on the hull of the boat. On the other hand, my favorite fishing hole in Florida is a fifty acre fresh water lake situated behind our lodgings. Surrounded by high rise buildings and spanned across the middle by a long boardwalk, it's sometimes like fishing at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Broadway in New York city. The boardwalk is a popular walkway for fitness walkers and those going to and from the condos surrounding the lake. Since the boardwalk offers the best access to the deeper water, it's necessary for the fisherman to clear the area before casting in order to avoid hooking someone's fluffy little dog or an unaware senior citizen.

The lake has a generous supply of large mouth-bass and husky pan fish, so a few hours with the right lure will produce a lot of catch and release. An added benefit is the curiosity of the walkers, many of whom stop to question the fisherman.

"You ketchin' anything?", to which you answer, "Yup, a few." The next question is inevitable. "What kind are they?" "Large mouth bass." "Are they good to eat?" "I guess if you would eat a fish caught in a favorite tourist attraction next to a golf course. We practice catch and release to be on the safe side."

If you show an interest in talking (like I do), some of the walkers see an opening and begin rambling off into various subjects about themselves and their personal lives. I know it sounds odd, but the only thing I haven't heard are stories about Aunt Gertrude and her sewing club. One elderly lady related a lengthy description of a broken bone in her foot and how determined she was to walk it back to health. I was tempted to tell her I was an orthopedic surgeon, but I was afraid she would ask me to examine it.

Another young gentleman stopped to ask the inevitable questions on fishing and within five minutes launched into a description of his life as a potential NHL (hockey league) player in Canada. He then described an altercation he got into with another player and ended up with a possible skull fracture and a split upper lip. As a result, he would have had to sign waivers to play on any team and decided to pursue another profession. I didn't ask about his present skills for fear he might have to strangle me to keep it quiet. After numerous other encounters I was tempted to make a sign and hang it on the hand rail next to me that would read:

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Another fellow stopped and as he asked his questions, an F-35 fighter aircraft from a local air base thundered over. He asked if I could identify it. When I did, he assumed I was a steel nerved ace. When I said I had flown for many years the flood gates opened as he explained his ongoing project of constructing a small amphibious aircraft. Thirty minutes later I was completely up to date on his progress, but I didn't mind since the subject was very interesting to me. I loathed him though, as I hadn't flown for a number of years. I think he must have sensed my past and decided to rub my fur the wrong way.

Next on the agenda was the well worn subject of weather. Normally, the conversations opened by asking where each of us were from. Then came a description of the weather back home when we each left for the sunny south. Visitors from Minnesota, Wisconsin, or Canada made me wonder why anyone would want to return to their homes. Call a Realtor long distance, put the house on the market and start beating the bushes down here. These talks always ended with expressions of sympathy and with the knowledge that the average buyer couldn't afford an outhouse in this area.

The most commonly asked question normally came from the strutter with a blonde wife, fresh off the golf course. "Well, where are all the fish, heh, heh."

I would look him in the eye with a gentle smile and tell him that the pickup truck with the latest-load had just left for the fish processor and would be back for the next batch in half an hour. He would be welcome to come back then. I was tempted to ask what he shot on the back nine, but decided not to press my luck. Most golfers can't take a little ribbing.

There were more conversations on sports such as football and basketball, but since I have no interest in neither, all I had to do was listen and occasionally nod my head and say "Uh huh." Another couple asked for advice on methods for

their seven year old grandson. I was tempted to suggest a light weight rod, five to seven pound test line, a couple of split shot for weight, a Red Bug artificial worm, sink depth of four to six feet, a light stripping action on retrieve and a wad of chewing tobacco in his jaw. Instead, I recommended a light rod, a floater and grubs for bait. I have to admit that sometimes discretion is the better part of valor.

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to so many people and organizations. Read about all the organizations listed. Pete served 4 years in the United States Marines Corps and 22 years with the Richmond Fire Department while serving as the Battalion Chief, Training Chief and Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention, he was on the Richmond Police Department and Richmond Fire Department Dive Team and RFD Honor Guard. After retirement Pete volunteered as a study buddy for Richmond Community Schools, a substitute teacher at Northeastern Schools, worked as the Work Crew Supervisor for Wayne County Community Corrections/Probation Department and was one of the Wayne County Veteran's Service Officers.

Need I say more? I am so glad that I indeed had the good fortune of knowing such a man so dedicated to help others before himself.

47ND FARMER'S PIKE FESTIVAL

See pages 18-19 for all the information you need to know about to enjoy the 42nd Annual Farmer's Pike Festival taking place at 1965 South CR 850 East near New Castle, Indiana Labor Day Weekend. For information call **765-332-2576** or [website www.farmerspike.com](http://www.farmerspike.com).

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When complete, the Big 4 will span nearly 30 miles and connect five communities in two counties, with plans to later extend northwest to Tippecanoe County and Lafayette.

"The Town of Colfax is thankful for the many partners that have made the successful completion of the Thorntown-Colfax section of the Big 4 Trail possible" said Liz Stitzel, executive director for the Clinton County Area Plan Commission. "Numerous residents use the trail on a regular basis, and Colfax looks forward to the economic development and recreational opportunities the trail has the potential to bring to town in the future."

As part of Gov. Eric J. Holcomb's Next Level Connections initiative, NLT is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. The \$150 million program is administered by the DNR and facili-

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News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard

Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Coyotes & Potawatomi At The Trail of Courage

Have you ever met a coyote? I mean the human kind, the American Indian kind.

A coyote is a shape-shifter. That is, he/she can change from being a person to an animal, usually a wolf. Or they can become invisible.

I once knew a coyote. He was a school teacher in Chicago. I stood beside him and asked my husband Bill to take our picture, which he did. I kind of felt that the picture would not take. And sure enough, the film when developed had 24 pictures but the one of me and the coyote was not there. Nor was there a missing photo. Bill swears he took the photo correctly.

This coyote's name was Jerry. He had a brother named Mike but Mike was not a coyote. Mike was killed in a wreck the day he retired. Jerry is deceased now too.

They were both at the Trail of Courage and I asked Mike to go with me and help me put lights in the out-houses. We took light sticks and cracked them so they produced a low light and put them in the privies. At that time (1980s) we did not pay for porta-pots but used old out-houses we had moved to the Trail of Courage grounds. This was during the nine years the Trail of Courage was held in Bob Kern's pine woods on the south side of the Tippecanoe River and east side of U.S. 31. In 1985 the Fulton County Historical Society bought 35 acres on the north side of the river, where it continues today.

Down through the years we have worked with many American Indians and many Potawatomi. Most of the Potawatomi were members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi, many of whom are descendants of the Trail of Death forced removal from Indiana to Kansas in 1838.

There are four historic bands of Potawatomi: the Pokagon in northern Indiana and Michigan, the Prairie Band of Potawatomi in Kansas, the

Citizen Band in Oklahoma, and the Hannahville Band in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. You can look them up on the Internet as each one has their own web page.

Each band gave us a tribal flag which we display during the Trail of Courage Living History Festival at the dance arena. A couple more bands have been added in recent years but we don't have their flags.

The Trail of Courage will be September 17-18, 2022, always the third full weekend of September. Come join us and learn history the fun way, the living history way. ■

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LARE GRANTS TO BENEFIT 25 LAKE AND STREAM PROJECTS

Twenty Indiana counties will receive funds for improving local bodies of water, thanks to \$1,291,900 in grants awarded by DNR Director Dan Bortner through the DNR's Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program.

The grants will fund projects benefiting seven lakes and 17 rivers and streams across Indiana. Most of the projects aim to improve water quality by addressing sediment and nutrient inputs into lakes and streams. Improved water quality helps

maintain sustainable fish and wildlife populations as well as improve recreational opportunities in Indiana.

One new wetland construction and one wetland enhancement project will be completed with this round of grants, creating around 25 acres of wetlands. Wetlands have many beneficial functions including flood retention, water filtration, and providing critical habitat for a variety of birds, amphibians, and reptiles.

LARE grants are funded through the annual LARE fee paid by boat owners when they register their watercraft with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This user-funded program benefits boaters all over the state. The grants allow for the completion of projects that would be difficult for local organizations to fund on their own. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis, and local sponsors share a portion of the cost.

The list of projects by water body, county, project type, and grant award can be found at lare.dnr.IN.gov.

DNR MONITORING FISH KILL AT CLEAR LAKE IN STEUBEN COUNTY

DNR fisheries biologists visited Clear Lake on Aug. 4 after receiving reports from residents of numerous dead fish. Several species of fish were affected, including rock bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, pumpkinseed, warmouth, crappie, bullheads, and bass. Biologists estimated approximately 500 dead fish were between the North and Big basins.

Due to recent weather, this fish kill is likely being caused by natural events. Hot weather, warm water temperatures, and calm (i.e., no wind) days lead to low levels of dissolved oxygen in the water. Without dissolved oxygen, fish are unable to breathe and can die rapidly and in large numbers.

Biologists will continue to monitor the lake in case the situation changes.

While the threat to public health is considered very low at this time, DNR always recommends common sense when recreating in natural waterways, especially during periods of hot weather. For more information on safe water recreation, visit the Center for Disease Control website at cdc.gov/habs/prevention-control.html

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FALLS OF THE OHIO STATE PARK TO DISCUSS GEORGE ROGERS CLARK HOME SITE AT AUGUST 30 OPEN HOUSE

Falls of the Ohio SP to discuss George Rogers Clark home site at Aug. 30 open house

An open house for those interested in sharing ideas for the future interpretation of the George Rogers Clark home site along the Ohio River in Clarksville will be offered by Indiana State Parks on Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 5:30 p.m.

The event is an opportunity to meet the consultants involved and learn about steps in planning. The program will also include a look at the future of services and facilities at Falls of the Ohio State Park.

The log cabin that was built in 2001 to represent Clark's home on the river's bluff was destroyed by arson during the summer of 2021. Only its chimney remains, along with a nearby

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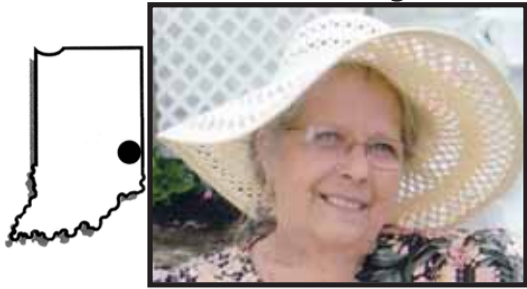
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Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder
Fayette County Historical Museum

Welcome to Connersville and Fayette County!

For this month I have included several photos I took here in Connersville.

There's always something to do in Fayette County! Hike, fish, explore! The museum features exhibits spanning two hundred years of history, from a pioneer cabin to horse drawn and motor vehicles manufactured right here! **For more information, visit historicconnersville.org or tourconnersville.org or call (765)825-0946.**

Since I have devoted my space in this Gad-a-bout to highlight Connersville and Fayette County activities, Ray contacted me to see if I would be interested in including an article he wrote back in 1975 entitled **Connersville, Indiana "Hub of the Whitewater"**. The article is about Henry H. Blommel a good friend of mine also.

He sent it to me to read and I agreed that it would fit right in with this months column. We both hope you will enjoy reading it also.

CONNERSVILLE, IN "Hub of the Whitewater"

Henry H. Blommel, born in Connersville, Indiana January 17, 1924, is a fifth generation son of Fayette County. Henry's father operated a Model T repair shop in 1920 at 2201 Grand Avenue. The building, which is still standing on



Welcome To Connersville, Indiana. (Donna Schroeder Photo)

the same spot, is now the M&G Bike shop (In1975).

Henry's love of auto's kindled into a flame at his father's shop. At the age of four Henry began his hobby of collecting automobile paraphernalia. Through out his lifetime he has added to this collection.

Henry's son, John Blommel, is an artist employed at one of the local plants in Connersville. John, reared in the auto atmosphere, developed a fondness for cars too. Majoring in art at Purdue University, he developed a style in painting the autos of the period when Connersville bloomed in exhaust fumes. Examples of prints of these fine paintings was illustrated on the outside back page of the Dec/Jan 1976. The cars are so real looking it would seem natural for them to roll off the page.

Henry graduated from Connersville High School in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943-46, graduating from the Detroit-Cleveland ordinance school in 1943. His unit, which served in Europe from 1944-1945, received the George S. Patton Jr. Citation.

As an author, researcher, historian and collector, Henry has amassed information on the

American Automobile industry since 1928. He has appeared in and written for the following publications: Automobile Quarterly-Since 1928. He has appeared in and written for the following publications: Automobile Quarterly-Since 1962; Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Newsletter-Since 1962; Connersville Sesquicentennial Book 1963; Outdoor Indiana "Indiana's Little Detroit" 1967; What was the McFarlan 1967; Car Life Dec. 1968; Motor Trend Feb. 1969; Antique Auto Club of America-Since 1966; Post Era Books-Since 1968; The American Car 1775-1971; Historic American Building Survey-Since 1972; The Society of Automotive Historians-Indiana Collections-Since 1974; The Classic Car-Since 1974; Cord without Tribute to Tradition (L-29) 1974; Special Interest Autos Jan./Feb. 1975.

Henry is the recipient of the Connersville JC's award of Merit for 1966 and the Antique Auto Club of American-Merle J. Duryea Memorial Award-1969.

Henry has lectured on the Automobile Industry of U.S.-Indiana and Connersville; John Conner and the Whitewater Valley; The Whitewater Canal and Industrial Connersville. He is a member of the Warren Lodge #15 F. & A.M. and Connersville



Fayette County Historical Museum 5th and Grand (Author Photo)



The Whitewater Valley Arts Association Building. (Author Photo)

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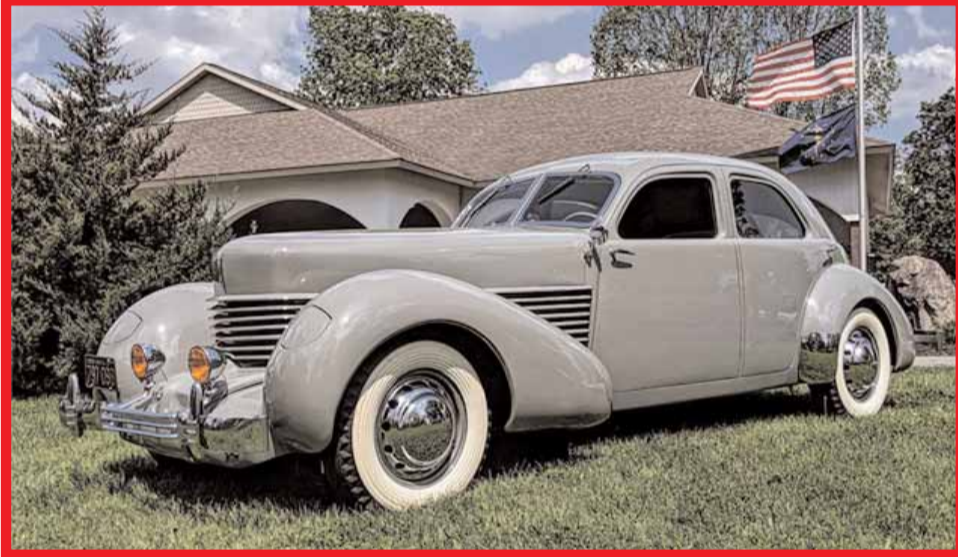
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Hike and Enjoy nature at the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary. (Donna Schroeder Photo)



Historic Connersville's Cord Auto also in the Museum. (Donna Schroeder Photo)



Historic Connersville's 1924 McFarlan being loaded and headed to Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California this week. They had to get the half million dollar Ferrari off to make room! There were also a couple of antique Ferraris on the trailer as well. Just one of the Connersville built cars on display at the Fayette County Historical Museum. (Donna Schroeder Photo)

Yorkrite Bodied-Scottish Rite Indianapolis; East Side Methodist Church; American Legion Post #1; Amvets Post #11; Fayette County Civil War Centennial Commission 1961-65; National Assn. Letter Carriers (Mail Carrier since 1956); Antique Auto Club of America; Auburn-Cord-Dusenber Club; The Society of Automotive Historians - Director 1976; Indiana Historical Society-Contributor materials to the State Library; The Society of Indiana Archivists; The Society of Indiana Pioneers; The upper Whitewater Historian Assn.; Historic Connersville, Inc.; The Indiana Covered Bridge Society; The Whitewater Valley Railroad Restoration Assn.; and the Fayette County Free Fair Assn.

In addition to all these accomplishments, Henry conducts classes in his basement for visiting

school children as they come to relive Connersville's past. They learn the downfall of the automobile industry in Connersville, as far as car production is concerned. The problem was "MUD".

Why Mud, the cars produced in Connersville were built lower to the ground than the Model T Ford produced in Detroit. Every time it rained, the local cars became axle deep in mud, there weren't roads like I-70 and U.S. 40 present. All roads were dirt and turned into slimy mud holes during inclimate weather. The Model T, on the other hand, sat high off the ground and had skinny tires, thus it traveled better in inclimate weather.

Several students doing graduate and post graduate studies in the automobile field have utilized both Henry and his library to complete their work.

He is always available for a helping hand to who-ever asks.

Henry H. Blommel is a credit to his communi-ty. He is deserving of the gratitude of his fellow men. As a man he is unselfish with his knowl-edge. He is a teacher, a dedicated worker and the driving force of a fine family. We must hope that Henry is a prime example of American timber, a man who thinks first of others before himself. He does not measure his accomplishments in terms of money, pride in his wealth. A man of his qualities could earn huge sums through his love of the au-to-mobile field, but instead he gives of himself freely, open heartedly and cheerfully.

I am proud to say I knew Henry, he was a good friend.

Henry passed away in March of 2001. ■

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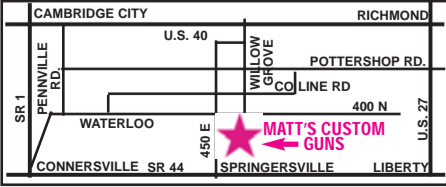
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by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville Lake In August

First things first find the thermocline. The thermocline is where the warm upper layer of water meets the cold lower layer of water. The reason the fish won't be below the thermocline is there is not a sufficient amount of oxygen for them to breath. To find out where the thermocline is, just look at your fish finder in deep open water. You will notice that there won't be any fish below a certain depth. Another way is to turn your sensitive up on your fish finder and you should see a dark band. What this does is eliminate time wasted on trying to catch fish below the

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thermocline.

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

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

If you're a troller now is your time. Probably the hottest crankbaits to troll right now is the flicker shad.

The reason being is there cheap, they catch fish, and they run true right out of the box.

Right now, the fish are feeding on shad and crawl dads both. So, whatever your trolling stick with baits that look like fish or crawl dads. What trolling does is enable you to cover a lot of water and keep your baits in the strike zone 100 % of the time.

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

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

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

Good Luck Tag

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cabin built to represent the structure that Ben and Venus McGee, indentured servants of Clark, might have occupied.

Landstory, a landscape architecture firm from Indianapolis, will guide the process. The firm has worked on several other projects along the river in Madison, Clarksville, and New Albany.

"George Rogers Clark's home site is significant for Clark's presence and for its place in the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery story, but there are thousands of years of human, geological, and natural history that are also important," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for Indiana State Parks. "We look forward to working with this team of talented consultants and the communities along the river to determine the best ways to enhance this site and contribute to the many stories of life on the Ohio."

The open house will start in the interpretive center auditorium with a short presentation. An opportunity to talk with Landstory team members and DNR staff one-on-one will follow. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, courtesy of the Falls of the Ohio Foundation. Landstory will also meet individually with several stakeholder groups.

Admission to the interpretive center for the open house is free, and those attending will be welcome to visit the exhibit galleries.

Learn more about Falls of the Ohio State Park and the Clark home site at on.IN.gov/fallsoftheohiosp.

WALKING STICK WORKSHOP SET FOR SEPT. 3 AT PATOKA LAKE

Hikers can design and decorate their own walking stick at Patoka Lake's walking stick workshop on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 9:30 a.m. at its Nature Center. The cost for this program is \$5 per stick, and all supplies will be provided.

After the workshop there will be a short, guided hike to discuss Patoka Lake history at 10:30 a.m.

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents and \$9 for out-of-state vehicles is required for the Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area, located north of Wickliffe on State Road 164. For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

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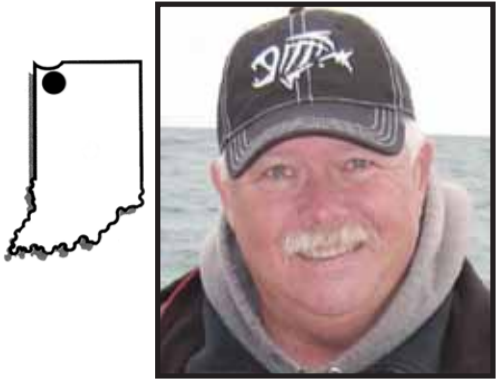
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STERN PLANERS ARE MORE THAN A DRAG

Perhaps this fishing tool would have a better following if Church Tackle could come up with a more descriptive name. The Stern Planer doesn't plane. It just drags along back behind the boat. Perhaps the name is just a marketing ploy. Would you buy a Stern Dragger?"

Regardless of the name, what does it do? You attach a planer to keep trolled lines from simply dragging straight behind the boat's stern. If a troller wants a lure to troll straight behind the boat, why not just let it out and stick the rod in a rod holder? What advantage does the Stern Planer offer? More than you might guess.

I didn't understand the concept of a Stern Planer until I fished with a walleye-guy who used a measured amount of line between his in-line planer boards and the lures he was trolling. The measured length of line kept his lures swimming at specific depths.

Bingo!

The light bulb in my mind clicked bright.

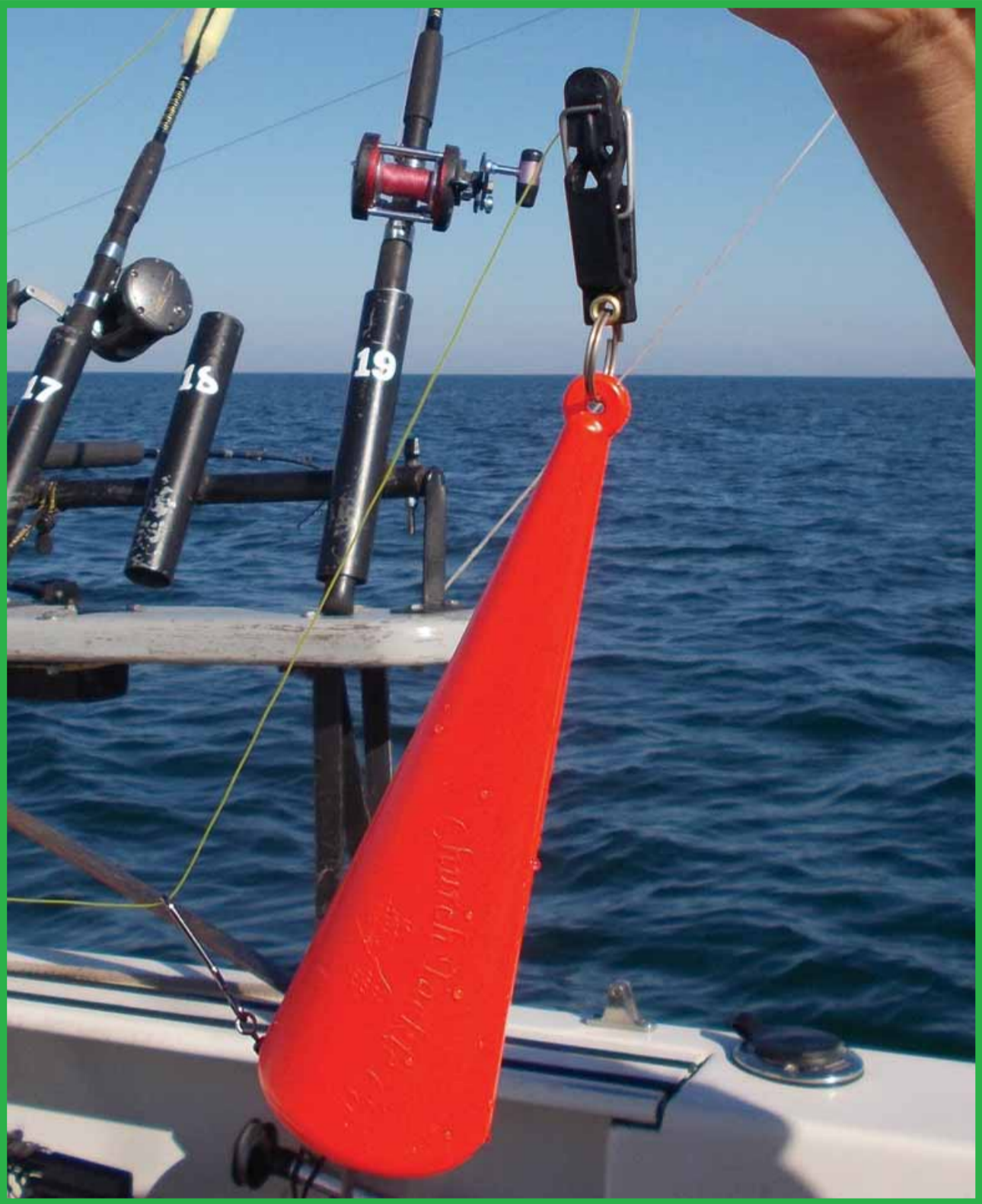
There are charts like Precision Trolling Data which lists the trolling depth various lures will achieve with more or less line is deployed (measured from where the line enters the water to the lure.) Say you want your lure to troll 12 feet deep. The chart for that lure shows you need 50 feet of line in the water. Let out 50 feet of line, attach a side planer (or the Stern Planer) and it's set perfectly.

Let out 50 feet of line without the SP, then put the rod in a stern-mounted rod holder and 20, 25 or 30 feet of the line will be out of the water. So let out more line - but how much more? There's no chart for this. The depth of the lure on the stern line is little more than a guess.

On my boat, I don't often run an unweighted stern line, but I do often put a six to ten color lead core line "right down the chute." Right down the chute often means "right in the way" when a fish bites one of my other lines and the fish is being reeled into net range. So I hook the line to a Stern Planer and get it out of the way.

The Stern Planer comes in two sizes (TX-005 is small, TX-007 is large). The TX-005 will tow any sort of crankbait or other light-weight lure. The large size will pull 10 colors of lead core line. When I have a chute line out, the Stern Planer not only makes it easy to spot where the chute line enters the water, but makes it possible to just let out 25 or 30 more yards of line when a fish bites some other line. The stern cone slides back so the fish being caught on other lines can be fought under the stern line, not along side it. No tangle, no mess - the Stern Planner isn't just something else dragging along behind the boat.

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The Stern Planer is as effective as it is simple. (Author Photo)

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Our grandson, Benjamin surface searching for diamonds. (Author Photo)



This is one of the wash stations for screening dirt from the diamond. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Diamonds For The Picking

It's said that diamonds are a girl's best friend. That may or may not be true, but most girls do like them. Not all know however, there is one place in the United States where the public can actually search for diamonds which can literally be picked up off the top of the ground. Crater of Diamonds State Park near Murfreesboro, Arkansas is that place.

This area is the location of an ancient volcano which brought diamonds and many other gems to the surface. Diamonds have been found on this property for over a century. In 1972 the state turned this into a 911 acre park and opened it to the public. For a small fee, visitors from all over the world come here and search for real diamonds in their original volcanic source.

My wife, grandson, and I were attending a metal detector hunt at Murfreesboro last March. Benjamin saw a brochure on the Crater of Diamonds and he wanted to see if he could find one. We left the treasure hunt about 2 PM and drove the three miles to the park. Inside the building was a gift shop where we paid an entry fee to enter the 37 acre diamond hunting area. We checked out the displays and videos explaining how to search for the diamonds and other gems.

We weren't going to stay long because the site closes at 4 PM so we didn't rent any of the search tools which were available. They had small box screens, folding army shovels, buckets, kneeling pads, wagons, and other

items. Visitors can bring their own tools if they wish. While we saw several groups of people with awnings or canopies to keep the sun off, those items are not rented at the park.

We looked at some uncut diamonds in the visitor center so we would know what they looked like before heading to the field. We learned diamonds come in three colors in the park, white, brown, and yellow. Many different gems can also be found in the park. These include, but are not limited to, Amethyst, garnet, jasper, agate, quartz, and others. Park staff provide free identification for any of your finds. Whatever you find, you get to keep.

There are three different ways to search for diamonds in the park. Instructional posters are located in various spots around the grounds. Surface searching is the most common, and that is what we did. Just like it sounds, visitors just walk around looking at the surface of the ground. Many diamonds and gems have been found in this manner. Dry sifting is another method of prospecting. Dirt is added to a screen sifter and the dirt is shaken out through the screen, leaving larger items behind. Hopefully, one of those items is a diamond. Wet sifting is the third method. That is done at the washing station. Dirt is placed in a screen and is washed out, leaving the goodies behind.

Over 30,000 diamonds have been found since the park opened in 1972. Over 600 are found each year, averaging around two per day. The largest found was in 1924 and was over 40 carats. In 1990, a diamond named Strawn-Wagner was found in the park. It was graded "perfect", the first diamond ever to be awarded that grade by the American Gem Society.

On an unscheduled basis, the park has a bulldozer plow the 37 acre hunt field to bring new material to the surface for searchers to find. This procedure happens about every month or so through spring, summer, and

fall. This bulldozer is shared with other parks so the plowing only happens when it is available. If possible, the area is plowed when dry, but a day or two before a rain is due. The rain then washes off the new material which was brought to the surface, making it easier to see.

Benjamin ended up finding a handful of assorted colorful stones from his search. We didn't take the time to have them identified, but I was sure none were diamonds. Back at the gift shop, I purchased two large bags of unsearchable dirt which is obtained from the field and then sold in the shop to take home by visitors. I had a screen at home and we

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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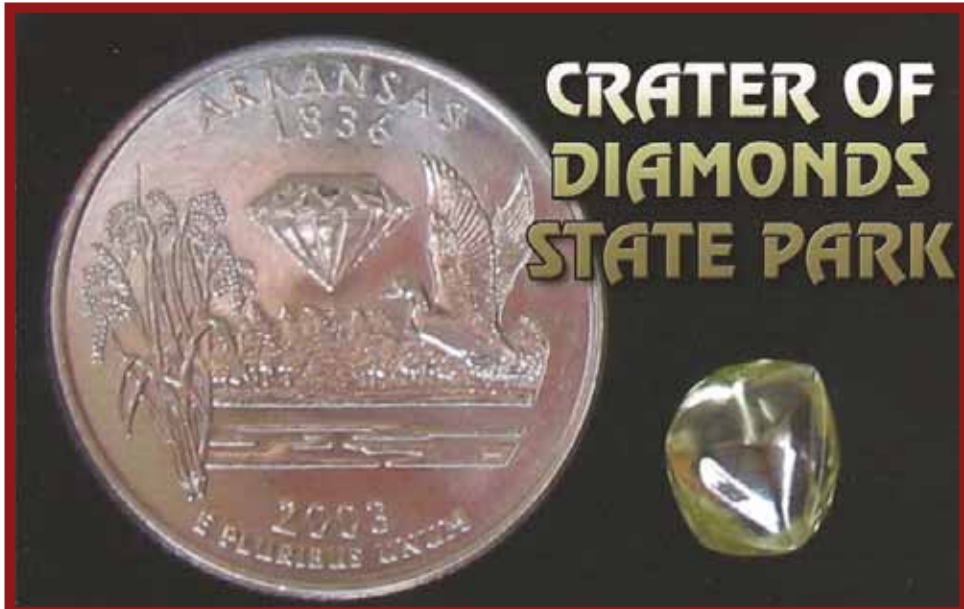
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Large diamond found at Crater of Diamonds State Park. (Photo by Glenn Worthington)



State quarter of Arkansas with a diamond in the center. (Photo by Glenn Worthington))



Diamonds in the park can be found in 3 colors as seen here. (Photo by Glenn Worthing-ton))



Bulldozer plowing diamond field. (Photo by Glenn Worthington))



Plowed dirt makes walking difficult. (Author Photo)



Benjamin walking field looking for a likely search area. (Author Photo)

washed the material through the screen to check for possible diamonds. We didn't find any, but there was some small gems of some sort which I will have to go through my rock and gem guide to determine what they are. We will be visiting the area again sometime this fall. Maybe we will try our luck again.

I want to thank Glenn Worthington, a friend who lives near the State Park, for a lot of the information in this story. He has written a book about Arkansas diamonds titled "Genuine Diamonds Found in Arkansas" and

a DVD by the same name. If you plan on visiting this area to search for diamonds, this book would make an excellent read before your trip.

The author of this story may be reached at eyewrite4u@aol.com.

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**DIVISION OF
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MONTH EVENTS

Indiana Archaeology Month events begin Saturday, August 27. Here are a few of the first upcoming events being held in honor of Indiana Archaeology Month 2022.

Digging the Past

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Rob in the process of cutting off another section of a larger tree one piece at a time. Author Photo.



Rob finishing a section of one of the larger trees. It takes a lot of cutting to get where he is at this point, as you can tell by the pile of tree limbs on the ground. Author Photo.



Rob, Rod and Jassen resting after they cut down two walnut trees. Author Photo.



Rob's helper, Rod Congleton taking a load of tree limbs to their dumping location.

Who Do You Call For a Big Job?

In May of this year I became aware of a big job ahead of me. Finding someone to tackle some problems that had developed over time on South Street that I wasn't aware of needing to be done.

Out of the blue after I was talking to my wife about it, she told me that she worked with somebody whose husband trimmed trees. She gave me the phone number. So I called the number and got a recording to leave a message. So I left a message explaining why I called and would like for him to call me as soon as possible. I was looking for someone to remove a porch, trim and cut down some trees. I gave him my cell phone number and house phone.

It wasn't too long before I got a call back from Rob Doty, owner of Doty Tree Service.

I told him I needed to get some trees trimmed and others removed, plus I needed the porch removed from the house, first if possible. I suggested he stop by so I could show him what needed to be done and an estimate for what it might cost.

Rob came by and I showed him what had to be done, which entailed removing a fence, debris, some accumulation of metal, odds and ends plus some piles of wood and limbs. Also the trees that needed to be cut down and others trimmed. He told me he could do all that. Afterwards he quoted me a cost and set the date for just as soon as he finished another job. I told him it was imperative to have the porch removed first, he nodded and said he would do that first.

Rob and his helper made quick work of removing the porch on the house.

After they left I concentrated on removing debris from what was left of the wood and roofing on the cement floor of the porch. I stacked it on top of the debris pile between the side walk and fence. I then set about to remove as much of the screws and metal hardware attaching the fence to the wood posts. I also moved as much of the few things along the barn into the barn that I wanted to keep.

I can't remember the circumstance exactly, but I couldn't be there when they removed the fence and other items from the yard. But when I returned all of that was removed when I got back over there. The yard was completely void of all that was to be removed.

When Rob and his helper Rod returned

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Here the dust is still settling after Rob and Jassen dropped a complete walnut tree in one piece. I was hoping my photo would be of it before the tree hit the ground. Author Photo



Rob is cutting off the upper walnut tree limbs. He had already cut the trunk in several pieces as you can see one of the cuts behind him. Author Photo



David Short, Lawn care professional illustrating how he would be measuring off the areas that would need to have grass put back after Rob finished his work. Author Photo



Back yard after David Short and Rob spread the new grass seed over the entire area of the yard that needed replanted. Than he and Rob covered the area with straw. Author Photo

they began working on the trees.

Rob drove his bucket truck with the boom onto the yard and began trimming a tree that was in the back yard between my property and the house to the west of mine. After it was trimmed he moved to one of the large trees between my barn and house.

I was amazed with how skillfully he handled the saw while slicing through the tree limbs as they fell one right after the other as he moved his truck boom so effortlessly until all the limbs he cut were lying on the ground.

Also on June 5th a friend of Rob, David Short who owns Short and Sons Enterprises LLC and is a lawn care professional came to talk to me about putting grass seed and straw back on the bare spots left after Rob had cleared the trees and other obstacles from my

property. David was showing me how he would measure the bare spots in preparation of spreading the grass seed and than cover it with straw. Than it would be my job to keep it watered. He said it was imperative to keep it watered for a length of time.

One of my next critical problems to fix was to call **Jay Poor at Roto Rooter** to see if he could come install an outdoor faucet on the back of my house so I could spray water on the new grass. My last faucet was broken before I returned to use the property as my headquarters for The Gad-a-bout. I got Jay's business card out and called him. Jay and Justin Ehresman responded coming as soon as they could. They removed the kaput faucet and installed a brand new one for me. If you

ever have a drainage problem I highly recommend you call **Jay Poor at Roto-Rooter**, his cell phone number is **765-400-2055**. Tell him you were recommended by Ray Dickerson The Gad-a-bout. A couple years ago they completely replaced the plumbing in and under our home on School Street.

While I'm recommending experts in their chosen occupations I highly recommend **Rob Doty Tree Service**, you can call him at **765-914-1481**, leave a message and tell him you were recommended by Ray Dickerson The Gad-a-bout.

Well all I need nowat 105 East South Street is a lot of free time so I can do what I said I was going to do back in 2020 - Clean out my big red barn and turn it into the Gad-a-bout Museum. Wish me luck!

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SPECIAL HIKES OFFERED IN STILLWATER-NORTHFORK WILDLIFE AREA, SEPT. 25

Monroe Lake will offer two special hikes through the primary focus of its wildlife management program, the Stillwater-Northfork area, on Sunday, Sept. 25. Both hikes are recommended for adults.

The first hike, at 9:30 a.m., winds through the Northfork fields, an area that includes open woodlands, ponds, riparian forest, and managed levees. See several seasonal marsh areas, learn about ongoing research projects, and check out small-scale habitat projects. Registration for the Northfork Fields Hike is at bit.ly/northforkfields-2022. Space is limited to 15 people.

The second hike, at 1 p.m., travels along the levees and boundaries of the largest seasonal wetland managed by Monroe Lake, Stillwater Marsh. Learn about the summer crop-planting program, how the marsh is filled and drained, and other projects that support wildlife populations. This hike should take around one hour and 45 minutes. Registration is at bit.ly/stillwaterhike-2022. Space is limited to 20 people.

Registration for both hikes closes on Sept. 23, or when all spots are full. Questions should be directed to the Paynetown Activity Center at 812-837-9967 or Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov.

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

CLARKSVILLE MAN PULLED FROM CHRISTMAS LAKE VILLAGE BEACH WITH LIFE THREATENING INJURIES (SPENCER COUNTY)

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a water-related incident that resulted in a Clarksville man suffering life threatening injuries.

Yesterday at approximately 3 p.m., officers with the Santa Claus Police Department responded to a call regarding a man missing in the water at the Christmas Lake Village Beach. Upon arrival, officers entered the water and started searching the last known location of the man.

Officers found the man and removed him from the water. Life-saving efforts including CPR were performed before the man was transported to Memorial Hospital in Jasper. He was later flown to Louisville for treatment.

This incident is still under investigation, and the identity of the man is being withheld pending family notification.

Responding agencies included Santa Claus PD, Santa Claus Fire Department, Spencer County EMS, Indiana State Police, and Indiana Conservation Officers.

2022 INDIANA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH COMMEMORATIVE POSTERS NOW AVAILABLE

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This year's design highlights examples of sherds from the Late Precontact period, and the maps indicate where within the state these ceramics generally manifest. Pottery vessels were used for cooking, serving, and storing food. The wide-

However, precontact pottery can be fragile and is often identified from archaeological contexts as broken sherds. You can read more about the poster design. Also on that page, the upcoming Archaeology Month events are listed. Check back often for additional events which will be added.

The Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology wishes to thank the poster designer, Adam Cox with the DNR's Division of Communications, as well as those who provided permission to use their images in the design. ■



Photos sent to The Gad-a-bout for Gad's Corner Activity Photos should have enough information as possible. Send Photos to: **The Gad-a-bout, 105 E. South St., Centerville, IN 47330.** Send Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to return photo. or E-mail jpg photos to: raythegadabout@gmail.com

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We apologize if the schedule may be slightly altered due to circumstances beyond promoter's control.

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THREE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN DIRT BIKE ACCIDENT (BROWN COUNTY)

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a dirt bike accident that injured an adult and two juveniles yesterday in Brown County.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, officers were dispatched to the area near the 8200 block of Highland Drive for an accident with serious injury.

Initial investigation has revealed that Cody Cooper, 30, was operating a dirt bike with a juvenile passenger in a wooded area when they collided with a second dirt bike being operated by a juvenile.

The juveniles were wearing helmets at the time of the accident.

All three sustained serious bodily injuries and were transported by I.U. Health Lifeline to Riley and Methodist Hospitals in Indianapolis.

Assisting agencies include Indiana Conservation Officers, Brown County Sheriff's Department, Hamblen Fire Department, I.U. Health Ambulance Service, and I.U. Health Lifeline.

INDIANA DIVISION OF STATE PARKS IMNs.

It is finally here, the info and registration for the 2022 IMN Gathering in Indy is Sept. 9-11.

Below are the details and registration. Friday will be at Fort Harrison State Park with a special celebration of the 20th anniversary of the IMN program. Saturday will be at Indy Parks-Eagle Creek and Holliday Park.

Deadline for registration is **Aug. 22**, limited to 100 people.

Hope you can join us!

There are several one-day celebrations also happening around the state. Great way to see these sites and meet other IMNs. Programs designed with IMNs in mind. Great for education time.

August 20 at Versailles State Park - info and registration below

August 27 at Mounds State Park - info and registration below

October 8 at Kosciusko County - held at Koinonia Environmental Retreat, just south of Pierceton, info coming soon

October 15 at Pokagon State Park - info coming soon

November 5 at Indiana Dunes State Park - info coming soon

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION & ARCHAEOLOGY

INDIANA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH EVENTS WILL BE STARTING LATER THIS MONTH

On August 27, the "Digging the Past" event will take place at the Falls of the Ohio State Park (201 W. Riverside Drive, Clarksville, IN 47129; on.IN.gov/fallsoftheohio) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET.

"Digging the Past" is an annual event that highlights archaeology & geology. It features family activities including collecting piles, fossil bed hikes, information booths, crafts, and more. Archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams will represent the Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology at the event.

There is a \$2 fee for parking.

Check out the Calendar of Events at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/> for more upcoming Archaeology Month events.

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25 NEW CONSERVATION OFFICERS GRADUATE TRAINING - PHOTO PG 21

The DNR Division of Law Enforcement held graduation ceremonies today at the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis. Twenty-five new Indiana Conservation Officers officially joined the division during the event.

Conservation Officer Andrew Harmon, the 2021 James D. Pitzer Officer of the Year, administered the oath of office to the recruits, who will fill positions in various locations around the state.

The new officers represent the 39th recruit class of conservation officers, the oldest state law enforcement agency in Indiana.

The officers and assignment locations (by county in parentheses) are Thomas Adams (Marion), Bradley Barker (Brown), Jarrett Batliner (Ripley), Jacob Bolt (Starke), Draven Browning (Howard), Tyler Burton (Wayne), Connor Christman (Morgan), Kenton Crews (Parke), Austin Ely (Ripley), Nina Freund (St. Joseph), Michael Herr (St. Joseph), Gannery Htoo (Noble), Caleb Hutchison (Owen), Cameron Liden (Morgan), Dylan Mast (Noble), Matthew Mauder (Owen), Kensie Milner (Huntington), Michael Montgomery (Parke), Adam Nussel (Marion), Trevor Sager (Monroe), Michael Southerland (Union), Luke Tinch (Vigo), Tevin Tomlinson (Miami), Austin Walsh (Decatur), and

Matthew Williams (Monroe).

The new officers completed six weeks of recruit training followed by a 15-week basic law enforcement academy. Upon completion of the academy, officers completed additional specialized training before doing 90 shifts of field training.

The Indiana DNR employs 214 conservation officers who, in addition to enforcing state laws, are often called upon to help during emergencies and natural disasters. They also engage in non-law enforcement activities such as outdoor instructional programs that include boater, hunter, snowmobile, and trapper education. DNR Law Enforcement's river rescue, cave rescue, underwater search and recovery, and K-9 teams are specialty response units available statewide whenever needed.

(New Conservation Officer Photos at right.)



NEW CABIN AT MCCORMICK'S CREEK SP AVAILABLE FOR RENT TOMORROW

DNR Director Dan Bortner and Indiana State Parks staff dedicated a new family cabin at McCormick's Creek State Park on Aug. 5.

Called the Sunset Cabin, the new overnight option at the state park is available for reservations starting at noon tomorrow. Reservations can be made at camp.IN.gov or by calling 866-622-6746.

The 1,400-square foot cabin has a fully accessible entrance and first floor, sleeps eight and is air-conditioned and heated, so it is available for use year-round. It is located in the family cabin area and overlooks the McCormick's Cove Nature Preserve. The design and layout is similar to that of the Centennial Cabin, which was constructed and dedicated during Indiana State Parks' centennial year in 2016.

A portion of the funding for the Sunset Cabin was donated by the Luetkemeier family. The family has vacationed at McCormick's Creek State Park every year for 70 years, spanning four generations. The Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park also supported the project with funding and logistical work.

The rental cost for the cabin is \$199 per night Sunday-Wednesday, \$209 per night Thursday-

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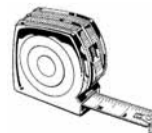
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Saturday, and \$219 per night on holidays, plus applicable taxes. From mid-June to mid-August, weekly rental is required. During the rest of the year, a two-night minimum is required. Reservations can be made up to a year in advance for this and all other Indiana state park-operated cabins.

McCormick's Creek State Park (on.IN.gov/mccormickscreeks) is at 250 McCormick's Creek Park Road, Spencer, 47460.

BIG 4 TRAIL OPENS, CONNECTS BOONE AND CLINTON COUNTIES

The Indiana DNR, Next Level Trails (NLT), and the Town of Colfax opened the recently completed Big 4 Trail extension in Clinton and Boone counties on Aug. 6.


The trail dedication was held as part of the community's Old Hickory Days Festival. The 4.7-mile asphalt multi-use trail was constructed by the town with help from a \$1,661,400 NLT grant. The new trail extends the existing the Big 4 northwest from Thorntown, in Boone County, to the Town of

Colfax, in Clinton County. The extension was built along and named after the old Big Four rail corridor. The project included a trailhead in Colfax and two repaired bridges.

"Next Level Trails was designed to connect communities and create regional trail systems" said Dan Bortner, director of the DNR. "The Big 4 is a perfect example of a trail that unites two counties to benefit its residents and create a regional asset that draws visitors."








The new section is part of the regional Big 4 Trail that stretches from Zionville to Colfax. NLT is funding three additional projects along this corridor in Lebanon, Whitestown, and Zionsville.

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HARRISON COUNTY MAN ARRESTED IN APRIL FATAL CRASH INVESTIGATION

Harrison County - August 23, 2022: On Tuesday, troopers arrested a Harrison County man on numerous felony drug and alcohol charges following an ISP fatal crash investigation.

At approximately 5:43 p.m., on April 10, 2022, Indiana State Police (ISP) Trooper Nathan Newton and officers from the Harrison County Sheriff's Department responded to a two-vehicle collision on SR 64, east of Gun Club Road Northeast in Harrison County, Indiana. ISP Crash Reconstructionist Tate Rohlfing also responded due to the severity of the crash.

The ensuing investigation determined a westbound Volkswagen Jetta, driven by 25-year-old Mitchell A. Jaso of Ramsey, Indiana, traveled left of center, crossing the solid, double-yellow center lines, and collided head-on with an eastbound Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck. Mitchell Jaso was transported to University Hospital in Louisville with serious injuries.

A family of four from Lanesville, Indiana, occupied the Silverado, including the driver, Haley Casey. Trinity Toops and the couple's two small children were also onboard. All were injured in the crash and transported to Louisville area hospitals. Tragically, a fifth passenger, Jeffrey S. Barnes, 44, of Charlotte, Michigan, was pronounced deceased at the crash scene.

Investigators believed alcohol to be a factor on the night of the collision, and Trooper Rohlfing submitted toxicology requests for both drivers. The driver of the Silverado had no trace of alcohol or drugs in their system. However, the driver of the Volkswagen Jetta, Mitchell Jaso, tested positive with a blood alcohol content of .15%. Jaso also tested positive for THC in his system.

At the conclusion of the investigation, Investigators turned the case into the Harrison County Prosecutor's Office for Review. As a result, on August 23, 2022, an arrest warrant was issued for Mitchell Jaso for the following offenses:

- Causing Death When Operating a Motor Vehicle with an Alcohol Concentration Equivalent (ACE) of .08 or More - Level 4 Felony
- Causing Death When Operating a Motor Vehicle with Controlled Substance - Level 4 Felony
- Causing Death When Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated - Level 4 Felony
- Causing Serious Bodily Injury when Operating a Motor Vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more _ Level 5 Felony
- Causing Serious Bodily Injury when Operating a Motor Vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more - Level 5 Felony
- Causing Serious Bodily Injury when Operating a

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• Causing Serious Bodily Injury when Operating a Vehicle with a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance - Level 5 Felony

- Causing Serious Bodily Injury when Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated - Level 5 Felony
- Causing Serious Bodily Injury when Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated - Level 5 Felony
- Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person - A Misdemeanor

On August 23, 2022, Trooper Nathan Newton arrested Mitchell Jaso on the warrant. Mitchell was transported to the Harrison County Jail without incident.

SINGLE VEHICLE SEMI CRASH ON I-70 CLAIMS THE LIFE OF A CAMBRIDGE CITY MAN

Indianapolis, IN - A Cambridge City man died in a single vehicle roll-over crash this morning on I-70 near Shadeland Avenue. Today at 8:47 a.m. Indiana State Police Dispatchers began receiving 911 calls about a semi roll-over crash in the westbound lanes of I-70 at the 88.4 mile marker. An INDOT Hoosier Helper was the first on scene and relayed information to dispatch that the driver of the semi was pinned under the semi and was unresponsive. Trooper Aaron Pfaff and Sgt. Tim James arrived on scene and were not able to access the man pinned under the wreckage. A large tow truck from Interstate Towing was called to the scene and assisted the Indianapolis Fire Department with extrication of the man. He was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

Preliminary investigation determined 70 year old Billy Ray Ervin Jr. of Cambridge City Indiana, was driving a semi-tractor trailer westbound on I-70 when he drove off the roadway, struck a concrete barrier wall then into the right ditch and overturned. Ervin Jr. was wearing a seatbelt but became entrapped under the semi when it rolled over. Investigators are not sure what caused Ervin Jr. to drive off the road, there were no skid marks to indicate braking. The Marion County Coroner's Office will conduct an investigation to determine the cause of death. Two lanes of I-70 westbound were blocked for several hours while the crash was investigated. There were no other vehicles involved in the crash and no other occupants inside the semi.

The Indiana State Police was assisted by the Indianapolis Fire Department, Indianapolis EMS, Hoosier Helpers, Marion County Coroner's Office and Interstate Towing.

POLICE PURSUIT LED TO A TWO HOUR STAND-OFF ON I-65

Indianapolis, IN - An Indianapolis woman has been arrested after leading police on a vehicle pursuit on I-65. This evening, at 6:33 troopers from

the Indiana State Police were called to the scene of a minor rear-end crash southbound on I-65 at the 128 mile marker, near the Boone / Hendricks County Line. Prior to troopers arriving the driver of a tan Nissan Altima fled the crash scene southbound on I-65. Trooper Kari Woodard located the vehicle still on I-65 southbound near Lafayette Road. The vehicle refused to stop for Trooper Woodard and continued driving at a slow speed on I-65. ISP Sergeant Chris Hanson joined the pursuit which continued at speeds of 35 miles per hour until the driver of the Altima struck the concrete median barrier twice causing the vehicle to become disabled near the 120 mile marker. It appeared the driver was the only person in the vehicle, however she refused to exit the vehicle when ordered to do so. Members of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police SWAT Team along with members of the Indiana State Police SWAT team responded to the scene to assist. All southbound lanes were closed during the stand-off.

At approximately 8:23 the female exited the vehicle and she was taken into custody by the SWAT Team. There were no reported injuries as a result of the stand-off, however the female was transported to a local hospital to be checked for injuries due to the crashes she was involved in.

The driver, 37 year old Natash Townsley of Indianapolis, is suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol, she was arrested on the preliminary charges of resisting law enforcement and operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

The southbound lanes of I-65 were closed for nearly two hours during this incident, the north bound lanes were also briefly closed during the stand-off.

Trooper Woodard was assisted in this investigation by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Indianapolis Fire Department, Indianapolis EMS, Zores Wrecker Service.

All crimes mentioned above are alleged and all suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in the court of law.

INDIANA STATE POLICE INVESTIGATING DEATH OF CONNERSVILLE MAN

(Connerville, Indiana) Detectives from the Indiana State Police are investigating the death of a Connerville man early yesterday morning.

Around 8:00 A.M., Indiana State Police detectives from the Pendleton District responded to Dale Cemetery ([807 N. Gregg Road, Connerville, Indiana](#)) for a report of a deceased male. When officers arrived, they located the body of a white, male in his early 50's. The victim, has been identified as 53-year-old Thomas Combs of Connerville. Combs was pronounced dead at the scene by the Fayette County Coroner Cord Coyle. His family has been notified.

An autopsy has been scheduled and a cause of death will be determined during that time.

Detectives are requesting that anyone who may have information about this incident contact the Indiana State Police Pendleton Post at (765) 778-2121.

This investigation is ongoing and there is no further information to release at this time.



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**ISP SERGEANT DALE REBER RETIRES
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(Fort Wayne, IN)- Indiana State Police Sergeant Dale Reber has retired from the Indiana State Police after 36 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Indiana.

Sergeant Reber, 58 of Fort Wayne, has spent his entire adult life in service to others. After his graduation from South Side High School in 1982, he spent the next six years with the 122nd Fighter Wing of the Indiana Air National Guard where he specialized in communications. During that same timeframe he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Tri-State University. Prior to becoming a State Trooper, Reber worked for two years with the Motor Carrier Division as a civilian Weighmaster until June 1988, when then *Weighmaster* Reber was selected to attend the 46th Indiana State Police Academy.

Upon his successful appointment as a Trooper in November 1988 he was first assigned to the former Redkey Post for one year before transferring to the Fort Wayne Post. During his time as a Trooper in Fort Wayne, he worked patrol assignments in Adams, Allen and Wells Counties. He has also served the Department as a Corporal (District Duty Officer), a Field Training Officer, a member of the Tactical Intervention Platoon, an Aircraft Crash Investigator, a Crash Reconstructionist, a First Aid Instructor, and a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). As a DRE, Reber has been certified to instruct at both the state and national level and has taught in numerous states, including the New York State Police Academy.

In December of 2009 Reber transferred assignments to the Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED), specializing in commercial truck and bus enforcement with certifications through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in truck inspections and hazardous materials. In 2011 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant to serve as a supervisor for a squad of CVED troopers covering the areas of the Fort Wayne, Bremen, and Toll Road Post(s), a position which he has held for the last eleven years.

Today, August 24, 2022 was Sergeant Reber's final day on the job as an Indiana State Trooper. "Out processing day" as we call it. On this day, a trooper will load up all his/her state issued police gear into their patrol car, drive down to the ISP Logistics Section in Indianapolis and turn it all in; every piece of gear that has been a part that trooper's daily life over the course of an entire career. For many troopers this is a very somber day, as we turn in our badge, gun, uniforms, lights, siren, along with the duty to protect and serve- in the process of reverting back to "civilian" life.

On behalf of Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter and your entire ISP family, we thank you Dale for 36 years honorable and dedicated public service. We wish you and your family - Kelli, Sarah, Chelsey and Audrey- all the best as you transition into retirement.



ISP SERGEANT DALE REBER



Weighmaster DALE REBER, circa 1988

**INDIANA STATE POLICE CONDUCT
INVESTIGATION INTO
OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING**

(Muncie, Indiana) At the request of the Muncie Police Department, the Indiana State Police Pendleton District is investigating an incident that led to an officer-involved shooting in Muncie, Indiana.

The preliminary investigation by Indiana State Police detectives revealed approximately 1:00 A.M. this morning, officers from the Muncie Police Department responded to the 1500 block of east Andover Street in response to an alleged

domestic disturbance call they received from a concerned neighbor.

When police arrived, they made contact with a male inside the residence while remaining outside. Officers began negotiations with that individual. Muncie Police Department then activated their Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team to respond.

At some point during the incident, officers heard gunshots from within the residence, and saw a man approach a window of the house, and allegedly pointed what appeared to be a firearm at officers. Officers fired at least once from their

department-issued rifles striking the subject.

The 45 year-old male, was immediately given medical treatment, however, was pronounced deceased by the Delaware County Coroner Gavin Green. No one else was injured in the incident. The family of the deceased has been notified .

The identity of the deceased, and of the officers involved in this incident will be released at a later time.

This is an active investigation by the Indiana State Police, and once completed, will be turned over to the Delaware County Prosecutor for review and determination of charges, if any, to be filed.

There is no further information to be released at this time.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

UPDATE

**INDIANA STATE POLICE CONDUCT
INVESTIGATION INTO
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(Muncie, Indiana) Detectives with the Indiana State Police Pendleton District have released the name of the man shot by police earlier this morning. His identity was determined to be Richard A. Skinner, 45 of Muncie, Indiana.

This is an active investigation by the Indiana State Police, and once completed, will be turned over to the Delaware County Prosecutor for review and determination of charges, if any, to be filed.

Please refer to the original news release attached above.

**SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH ON I-465
CLAIMS A LIFE**

Indianapolis, IN - A single vehicle crash has claimed a man's life and left two others seriously injured. This morning, around 5:15 a crash occurred on the ramp from southbound I-465 to Washington Street on the city's westside. When troopers arrived personnel from the Wayne Township Fire Department, along with Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, were on scene and had provided aid for the three injured adult occupants of the vehicle. One of the occupants was pronounced deceased at the scene, the other two were transported to an area hospital with serious injuries.

Preliminary investigation determined an SUV was southbound on I-465 approaching the ramp to Washington Street. The driver failed to navigate the curve in the ramp, continued straight through a grassy ditch, hit the embankment for the onramp and became airborne. The vehicle then landed on the other side of the onramp, overturned and came to rest upside down. It is believed at least two of the occupants, including the deceased male, were ejected from the vehicle. Indiana State Police Crash Reconstructionists were called to the scene to assist with the investigation.

This investigation is ongoing, and test results for impairment are pending. The ramp from Washington Street to I-465 southbound was closed for approximately six hours while the crash was investigated. The Marion County Coroner's Office responded to the scene and recovered the remains of the deceased.

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