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SPECIAL FEATURE

Mike Schoonveld has a detailed article about 2022 Cincinnati Boat, Sport & Travel Show January 14-16 & 19-23, 2022 at Duke Energy Convention Center (There is a detailed map on Page 13 & 28 showing where the Convention Center is and how to get to it using the interstate routes and side streets.) Page 12-13
Mike also has a detailed article about the 2022 Indianapolis Sport Show and Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo at the Indiana State Fairgrounds February 18-20 & 23-27, 2022. The Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo is February 24-27, 2022 Page 16-17

Changes & Activities At The Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park in Richmond, Indiana
A new walking trail has been added on the east side of the Whitewater Valley Gorge and a Covered Overlook & Rest Area where visitors can sit and see the entire Park from this vantage point. See two photograph views, one looking down at the park from the overlook and one from the park looking up at the overview and trail.

On October 27-29, 2021 A replica of The Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier visited the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park. Bill King a representative of the Exchange Club of Rome, Georgia Americanism Committee brought it here from Georgia. Bill noted that Indiana has had more showings than any of the other states he has visited. From Richmond he was traveling to Salem, Indiana. Carol Weatherholt, a Regent with the Christofer Harrison Daughters of the American Revolution from Salem, Indiana attended this showing in Richmond. A photo of the her and Bill is on page 18. Bill Kings contact information is also on page 18 for anyone who might be interested in having the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier visit their community. Pages 18-19

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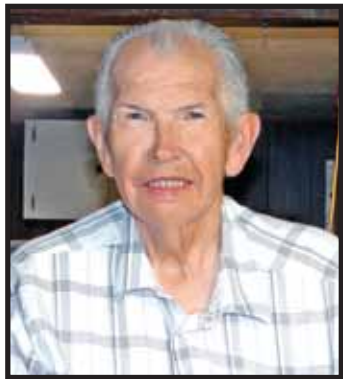
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Roaming The Ourdoors



by Ray Dickerson
The Gad-a-bout

BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

Toward the close of 2021 I decided to try my hand at publishing The Gad-a-bout again beginning with the January 2022 issue.

A great number of my former readers have been wondering if I could publish it again. My last response to them was I was going to see if I could begin putting it back on my website with the January 2022 issue, this one.

Hopefully all will go well.

WHAT IF?

Mark Levin said something last night on his Fox News program. I don't remember his exact words, but it was something like this, that the American People could do something about the way President Biden has practically ruined America in less than one year in office.

Take a second look at my cover on this issue, it is exactly the same one I had on my May Gad-a-bout in 2021 and similar to my April issue in 2020 and my April issue in 2019.

I love living in America, I've been on this earth for 80 years, soon to be 81 in April if I live that long! I spent close to four years in the United States Air Force helping to defend my country, the Greatest Country in the World as far as I am concerned. My only question is, "What if we.....?"

BOB & PAULA MINOR OCT. 18, 21 VISIT

My cousin Bob Minor and his wife, Paula visited with us on October 18, 2021. They live in Titusville, Florida and came here to visit their families in our neck of the woods. Bob called us that day to set up a get together lunch on the east side of Richmond, Indiana. He picked the east side of Richmond due to a bridge south of Liberty, Indiana that closed his route back to Florida he had planned earlier. His new route took him to Columbus, Ohio, which is east of Richmond.

We met at Applebee's Restaurant and spent an hour or two reminiscing the past. We visited them in Florida back in 2005 and I think once before when they were up here visiting their families a few years ago. Back in what we use to refer as the good ole' days when we were just kids, Bob's mom and dad lived on North 19th Street in Richmond, IN. I told Bob when I was home on leave from the Air Force I was going south on 19th Street and found that I was going south on a one-way north bound 19th Street. It had been a two-way street before I left for the Air Force. A school now sits where Bob once lived also.

I wrote about Bob in an earlier Gad-a-bout when he sent me a copy of a book he wrote and had published entitled "Colors Running." I had



My Gad-a-bout Van has about 395,000 miles on it, I figure it's just about broken in by now. It's the last of several vehicles I've used to deliver the first and second gad-a-bout publications that was printed and delivered and I delivered in person. The first Gad-a-bout publication was published by me from 1973 to 1978 and the current one was from April 1990 to October 2020 printed and delivered. Since February to September 2020 it has only appeared on my website www.thegadabout.com. This issue, January 2022 I'm again putting it on my website.



One of my First Cousin's who lives in Florida, Bob Minor and his wife Paula, visited Sherry and I on October 18, 2021. We met them at Applebee's Restaurant in Richmond and spent a couple hours or thereabouts enjoying each others company and talking about the older days and what we've been doing since our last get together. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

no clue that he had written several books that were in publication.

The Applebee's waitress was kind enough to let us sit and talk for as long as we wanted too.

As we concluded our visit we told them that we would like to visit them in Florida if at all possible. We went outside, took a couple more photos and said good bye until we could meet again.

TWO OF THE MOST IGNORRED SIGNS BY TOO MANY DRIVERS IN INDIANA ON A DAILY BASIS

I have lived in Indiana all my life except when I was in the Air Force. Back in July 2021 I wrote about a pet peeve of mine, Drivers in Indiana who disobey Stop Signs and Speed Zone Signs on a daily basis. On the cover of that issue I had a photo of one of the four Stop Signs at the four way

stop intersection of 3rd Street and East School Street, the four way stop adjacent to where I live. I had another photo on the cover showing our Town Marshall's Truck when he had stopped a driver on 3rd Street several feet north of that intersection. Inside that issue on Page 3 I had an article entitled "Do You Stop for Stop Signs? / Do You Obey the speed limit?"

Too many times here in Indiana the answer to those questions is no! I see them every day ignoring stop signs and speed zone signs when I'm driving.

I stop at every stop sign and I observe the speed limit. I'm sure many drivers hate to follow me home in town or follow me out of town at 30 mph, at least until we reach the 50 mph sign! Most pass me long before we get to that sign! A few don't.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

PUT "TIP" NUMBER IN YOUR CONTACTS LIST

How many phone numbers do you have committed to memory? I still recall many, but those who grew up using "smart phones" that easily save or store phone numbers may admit to being unable to recall very many, if any, numbers if they aren't stored on their cell phone in a contacts list or on speed dial.

One number any hunter, angler or regular user of the outdoors should either memorize or add to their phone's contact list is **1-800-847-4367**. Businesses and other entities learned long ago to purchase phone numbers which convert their name or initials to the alphabet letters on each of the number keys, for example call 800-GoFedEx



Above Photo: Add 800-847-4367 to your phone's contact list so it's handy when you need it. (Author Photo)

to send a package or 800-WALGREENS to check a prescription. **800-TIP-IDNR** is the easy to remember alphabetized phone number to call the Indiana DNR's Turn in a Poacher/Turn in a Polluter desk. The TIP program is similar to 911 except calls to 911 are targeted to immediate emergencies. While calls to Indiana's DNR Enforcement Division could be an emergency and Conservation Officers can and do respond to emergency situations, most calls to the TIP Line are likely to be classified as urgent, not life threatening. For a life threatening emergency, call 911.

Operators at a 911 call center have many assets at their disposal. Depending on the situation, they can contact local, county and state police agencies; fire departments, ambulance and rescue services and others. Depending on where a person lives in Indiana, a call to 911 could elicit a response from one of dozens of people in a rural area to one of hundreds of potential first-responders in urban areas.

A call to the DNR's TIP program will most likely get a response from an Indiana Conservation Officer. There are just over 200 ICOs statewide. Compare this with over 1200 Indiana State Police officers. This is why the TIP program was started.

Thousands of Hoosiers are outdoors every day of the year and while these citizens are hunting, fishing, hiking or otherwise enjoying the outdoor opportunities abundant around the state, it's possible they could encounter someone who is taking advantage of the limited number of Conservation Officers to poach fish or wildlife - including keeping undersized fish, hunting outside of established seasons, trespassing on private or restricted property or otherwise trying to get away with something, just because they think they can. It's also possible a private citizen could be the "first contact" when a chemical spill or other environmental accident occurs. So remember **800-TIP-IDNR** or add **800-847-4367** to your phone's contact list. You are can be the eyes and ears for Indiana's outdoors.

The existence of a TIP program in itself is a deterrent. Poaching and polluting incidents are down since the TIP Program was started. Many callers to the TIP Line make the call just because they are a concerned citizen. Calls can be anonymous, are kept confidential and if the call leads to an arrest, a reward of up to \$500 can be awarded to the tipster. Commit it to memory: **800-TIP-IDNR**.

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville Lake in January

Your biggest obstacle with this time of year is snow and ice. I have never tried to my boat in the lake when the boat ramp was covered with snow, but I have taken it out a time for two. I had a couple guys out walleye fishing in January 2012. The bite started out slow, but when it started to snow the bite turned on. We were catching big female walleye, a few catfish and some small striped bass. All the while we were commenting on how pretty the snow looked and how well the fish were biting. It was kind of hard to tell that the snow was building up sitting in the boat on the water, but it was pretty apparent when we pulled up to the boat ramp. As I slowly made my way down the ramp on 3 inches of fresh snow it didn't appear to be that bad. As I turned the truck and trailer around at the edge of the water to back in, the front of the truck slid straight towards the water. This was when I got that sinking feeling in my stomach. Like holy crap I'm in a tight spot.

I had let the guys on my boat that day to believe that this was no big deal, it happens all the time. I'm sure at the time I was just trying not to look like an idiot. So, they thanked me for the great day fishing and headed to the parking lot. That was another one of my bad decisions, do you see a pattern here. Anyway, I got the boat loaded on the trailer jumped in the truck made sure it was still in 4-wheel drive. When I tried to go the truck just spun all 4 tires. It didn't slide towards the water it just didn't go forward. So, I backed up into the water a little bit to get my back tires out of the snow. As luck would have it, I started to move. The only problem was all 4 tires were spinning like crazy, but I had to stay committed at this point. As I slowly moved up the ramp, I could tell I was drifting sideways at a 45-degree angle. This was all happening at Bonwell Hill boat ramp that is a really wide ramp and trust me I was using all of it. At one point the truck and trailer seemed like it was going to spin around and head straight back down the ramp towards the water truck first. I was pretty sure I was not breathing. Once I got up onto the black top part of the ramp the truck got more traction and I was able to get it straightened out.

As I pulled into the parking lot at the top of the hill the guys that I had taken fishing that day had been sitting in their truck watching all this unfold on the ramp. They both got out and high five'd me and said they were not going to leave till they saw me at the top of the hill. Thank God for intelligent people.

We have been fishing quite a bit this month and catching a lot of nice walleye. If you go, look for them holding off steep drop ledges, underwater brush piles, or just look for big schools of bait fish holding close to the bottom walleye, white bass, catfish and striped bass will be close. In the summer time all the predator fish have their own little places they like to leave and eat. But in the winter, they all live together.

With the way the weather has been the last few years anytime can happen in January though. Two years ago, the water temperature in the lake never was below 40 degrees all winter. That was a first for me. Most of the time in January the water temperature will be close to freezing. When the lake does first start to freeze it freezes in spots. The north end is usually first, then the coves and then the main body. Also, remember the lake has been lowered to winter pool, so be careful. The flats like Garr Hill flat will only have a foot of water over them. So, if you don't know the lake take your time moving around them.

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CRITICAL NEED FOR THE GADABOUT

One big problem that remains for me is that since postponing The Gad-a-bout back in September 2021, the last issue I published on line I've lost several of my regular writers. This issue I have put on my website again and only have five former writers in it out of eleven I had previously to that.

If any one reading this has an itch to write a column in The Gad-a-bout I would certainly be glad to hear from you. I don't pay for articles since I don't have any kind of an income from it any more.

However I can give you an advertisement in trade for your article if you have a business or other activity, i.e. like Donna Schroeder who is a member of the Fayette County Historical Museum and she writes about the history of Fayette County in The Gad-a-bout. I give her a quarter of a page advertisement for the museum in trade for her column. Her column is on page 11 in this issue. Captain Mike Schoonveld's article is on page 5 along with his advertisement for the Lake Michigan North Coast Charter Association. Tag Nobbe who is on Page 6 trades his column for his business ad at the bottom of that same page. Dan Graves who appears on page 7 has been sending articles to me for the past twenty some years just to be able to appear in The Gad-a-bout.

When I began sending articles to The Graphic Press way back in 1972 I wrote for free just to get my name in their paper. Later when I began screen printing caps, T-shirts and jackets I traded my column to them for my articles. I did the same trade with Hoosier Outdoors, The Whitewater Explorer, Midwest Outdoors and The Brookville Democrat.

However before contacting me you might consider reading some of my comments on this page before contacting me. I do get a little bold in some of the subjects I write about, depending on my opinion on certain subjects that matter to me!

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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

THE COST OF BEING A SPORTSMAN

Have you ever really considered the costs of being a sportsman or woman? For instance, a bird hunter misses a shot and says, "Drats. That bird just cost me a buck-and-a-half for a shell". How often have you considered using snorkeling gear to retrieve an expensive lure off an underwater log? This month, as I watched our grass shrivel from a lack of rain I thought back to a previous Sport, Boat and Travel show where my son and I decided to see how the other half, the half that knows what it's doing, lives. With a press pass that gave us unlimited access to the show, not to mention free parking, it sounded like a smart financial thing to do. It was time to start planning for that years upcoming fishing season.

The show covered acres of square feet in six buildings. On display were myriads of fishing, hunting, boating and camping gear. While some hawked their wares or services, others conducted action displays of their equipment. One gentleman demonstrated a fish filleting device by placing a scrawny bluegill in a box and drawing a double bladed knife through it. Opening the box he with drew two fillets about the size of postage stamps. "I've beat the water to a froth in an attempt to keep critters like that away from my bait" I whispered to Tony. I wondered if the device, although quite ingenious, could handle a fish longer than three inches.

We walked by row after row of booths displaying guided fishing and hunting trips and fishing gear of every shape and description. Of course, being purists of the fly rod discipline we scoffed at such artificial baits as "The Hawg" and other disdainful names. Imagine bringing a nice catch home and bragging about catching them on "The Hawg". Fly fishermen live by higher standards, using such creations as "Wooly Boogers" and "Humpy Hairwing". Eventually we found the display we were looking for. A rack of hand made fly rods held a fine selection of sticks that felt good in the hand. A salesman approached and began extolling the merits of his wares as I whipped a seven foot six over his head. "How is this one" I asked. That one is an exception-

ally fine model at only \$xxxx" he replied.

"How much?" I shouted. "I didn't pay that much for my last used car. Do the people who buy these things use them to unplug their back yard oil wells?"

"You have to realize sir, that these are hand made rods."

"So is our patio deck but I couldn't get that much out of it."

Somewhat sarcastically, he replied, "We have some split bamboo models that are slightly more if you care to see them. The maker splits his own bamboo."

"So does a panda" I growled. When I asked him if he had anything in the \$29 range he moved to another prospect who had picked up the \$xxxx model and was waving it around like the radio antenna off a 1967 Volkswagen.

Next came the boating section. At one display sat a monstrous cruiser, a gleaming fiberglass sculpture that seemed to defy all laws of physical probability in getting it into the building. At the stern sat an attractive young lady by a sign that said "Please remove your shoes before boarding. Wait until a sales representative is available to accompany you". Standing on the fantail I asked her if she knew how

difficult is was to get our galoshes off and back on. She smiled and apologized but said, it's the rule. "What's the price on this little tub" I asked.

Cheerfully she replied, "We have a show special at only \$xxx,xxx."

"How much? The Sheik of Kuwait couldn't afford this thing. What's the matter with you people? First it's \$xxxx fly rods and now a boat worth my entire income for the next 20 years. Haven't you noticed how many people come in here with mud on their shoes?"

"Yes sir, we have. That's the reason for the sign."

Next was a pair of hulls 25 to 30 feet long, each sporting engine compartments with a pair of huge V-8's. Another awe struck show goer asked a sales rep how fast the thing would go. "About 90 miles per hour and with a tweak of this hyperbolic modulating attenuator, over a hundred". There is an old saying that if you have to ask you can't afford it, so Tony asked. "Around \$xxx,xxx" or \$xxx,xxx less than the shoes off model.

"Now we're talking", Tony replied. "They're getting cheaper and if we look a little longer we'll find one in our price range". A half hour later we found it. Twelve feet from stern to bow it sported a pair of metal bench seats, a flat bottom, oarlocks and a price tag of \$xxx. "Do the oars come with it?" I asked. "Probably not, but if you'll buy one I'll buy the other and we'll save up for the boat."

Finally, we roamed into the camper section and available to those who wish to rough it. One unit even had a small garage just large enough for half of a Honda Civic. Muttering in disbelief, we left knowing that we had saved about three quarters of a million dollars that day by resisting temptation. Being poor isn't a sin, but having a garage in your camper is.

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Game Bird Seasons and Regulations webpage at wildlife.IN.gov/hunting-and-trapping/waterfowl-and-migratory-game-birds/migratory-gamebird-seasons-and-regulations, or by calling Patoka Lake at **812-685-2464** between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and asking to speak to the property wildlife specialist.

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

See more DNR releases in my Roaming The Outdoor releases beginning on Page ?

THE LATEST EDITION OF THE INDIANA STATE POLICE ROAD SHOW

Indiana - Catch the latest edition of the "Indiana State Police Road Show" radio program on the Indiana State Police YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu5Bg1KjBd7H1GxgkuV3YJA>

This weeks show features Sergeant Mike Wood of the ISP Bloomington District and Sergeant Matt Ames of the ISP Putnamville District. The two give an update about what is happening in their districts and we discuss impaired driving.

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Some of Susie's prizes from Arkansas treasure hunt. (Author Photo)



A few of my finds from KaDoHa Fest #3. (Author Photo)



Brandon Sutton and author at KadoHa Fest #3. (Photo by Susie Creason)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Ka-Do-Ha Treasure Fest 3

Susie and I met a couple from Tennessee a year ago at a metal detector hunt in Mississippi. They invited us to a hunt in Memphis this past spring and we met them again at that event. While there, they asked if we were interested in going to a big metal detector hunt in Arkansas in October. I'm always on the lookout for new places to go and things to do, so I asked for more information.

Our new friends told us they had been to the Ka-Do-Ha Treasure Fest 2 last spring after the Memphis hunt. When they said it cost \$300 per person for the two day event, I said there was no way I would pay that much to attend a hunt. Normally, it cost about \$120 to \$150 each. Then, they started telling us

about the prizes available at the Murfreesboro, AR fall event. I looked at Susie and told her we were going to this function.

We have attended metal detector hunts in many states (and Canada) over the last 40 years. The first one was only five miles from our house and cost \$15 for two days. I had never attended a hunt before, knew almost nothing about what they did at one, but decided to find out.

These are paid, or "seeded" hunts. The entrant pays an entry fee and the people putting on the event bury old coins and metal tokens with numbers on them to redeem for prizes with the corresponding number. Prizes could be anything from a valuable coin, a coupon good for some product or service from a local merchant, or even a brand new metal detector. I did extremely well on this first hunt and came home with lots of prizes.

I told Susie there was going to be another event the following weekend about two hours away from our house. I then told her we were going! We had a four-year-old daughter and were going to camp out two nights at this hunt. I spent the next few days buying a tent, sleeping bags, and all the other assorted necessities for beginning camping. I did well at this hunt also, told Susie we were going to another one the following weekend, and we continued this almost every week all summer. I bought her and our daughter both a new metal detector and we have been hunting together ever since then.

I was given a website for the Arkansas hunt and starting looking at what they had to offer. The event organizer, Brandon Sutton, was putting on information about the hunt on Facebook and other places. There was to be over 2000 prize tokens, plus Civil War relics, Native American artifacts, old silver coins, jewelry, Roman coins, gold nuggets, and many other items buried in the huge hunt fields. There was also 20 tokens buried good for \$100 in cash, and 10 tokens each redeemable for \$1000 in cash.

The searching would begin at 9 AM and continue until 5 PM each day. Participants could come and go off the field as necessary, stop for a break or lunch, or hunt until they drop. The second day would be an entirely different field with more targets to be found. Lunch was served on Saturday and entry names were drawn for a large variety of prizes including five new Garrett metal detectors.

I finished the two days with a pouch full of Civil War bullets, assorted "V" and buffalo nickels, a few silver dimes, two outstanding arrowheads, and eight prize tokens. I took my finds to the prize table to see what I had won. My token numbers matched with a Civil War spoon, a very fine 140 year old Morgan silver dollar, a one ounce silver round, three gold nuggets, an 1820 large cent, and one small and one large military button from the mid-1800's.

Susie found some Civil War musket balls and Minie balls, Mercury and Liberty head

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Two Civil War guns and sword on prize token table. (Author Photo)



One case of many century old dimes on prize table. (Author Photo)



A case of old Morgan silver dollars, just one of over 2000 prizes. (Author Photo)



More prizes for treasure hunt. Civil War relics and buttons. (Author Photo)



North American artifacts and Civil War relics. (Author Photo)

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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dimes and six tokens. Her prizes were a three piece hunting knife set, three great looking arrowheads in a display case, one gold nugget, two Roman coins and an 1838 dime. While neither of us hit any of the big prizes, one of our friends found one of the \$1000 tokens and another one dug a \$100 prize.

When we weren't digging, we visited the Ka-Do-Ha museum and gift shop. It was full of Native American artifacts, Civil War relics, rocks, gems, and fossils. This museum was located at the hunt site, so we didn't have to go far to look. I wanted to stay another day. On Sunday, they announced they were taking entries for the Ka-Do-Ha Treasure Fest 4 to be held next spring. Early bird sign-ups received a \$50 discount on the hunt fee.

We had decided to return in the spring even before they announced there would be many more prizes next year and

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including one buried token good for \$5,000 cash. Google Ka-Do-Ha Treasure Fest or go to their Facebook at Arkansas History Unearthed. You can also e-mail me for more information.

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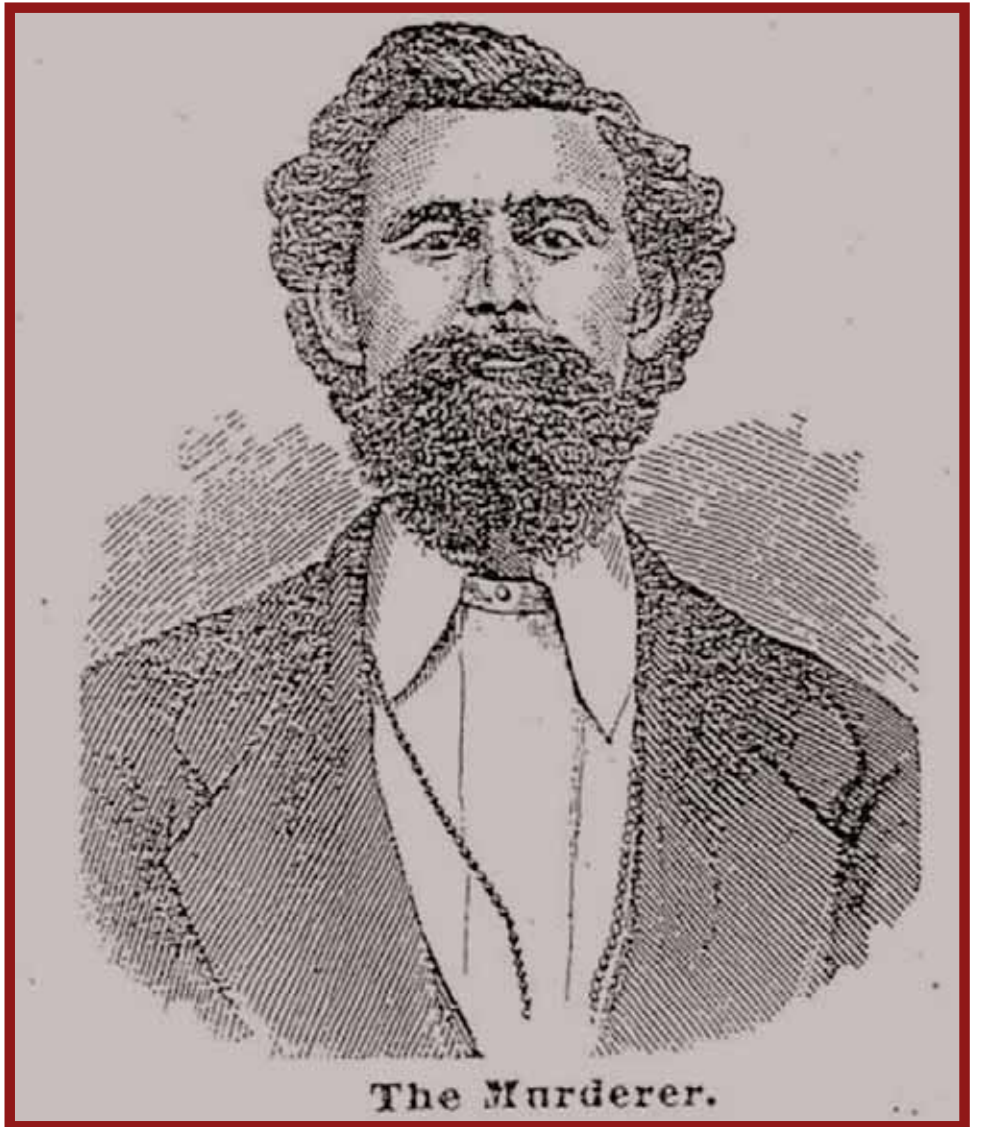
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Julia Paul Merrick. (Author Photo)



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Whitewater Valley History



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Murders Most Foul

While updating the records for our pioneer cemeteries, I can't resist the urge to find out as much as possible about Fayette County's early settlers. One of the smallest burial plots in the county turned out to have one of the most interesting, and definitely the most gruesome, stories to date.

A couple of miles southeast of Orange, on Coletrane Hill Road, lies a tiny burial ground. It has more names than markers. It's known as Dawson, McNeil, or Merrick Cemetery, even though it contains only two marked graves. Sarah

Dawson died at the age of fifty-seven in 1838. The other grave belongs to John Merrick.

John Merrick came from Delaware sometime after his marriage to his second wife, Margaret Carter, in 1832. They brought with them at least two of John's children from his first marriage, as well as two from his marriage to Margaret. Margaret also had a daughter from her first marriage who appears to have remained in Delaware.

The Merricks settled in Orange, known then as Fayetteville, and John started a business as a wagon maker. John was a faithful member of the Methodist Church which, at that time, had no house of worship in the village, and the congregation held their services in the wagon shop.

The Merrick family grew to include a total of eight children by the time John died at the age of forty-seven in 1841. Margaret and the children continued to live on the property on Broad Street, across from the Christian Church. To the west of them, on the county line road, lived the family of Robert Crawford, including his widowed daughter, Sarah Bovard, and her children, Margaret and John.

The older Merrick children married and were scattered across the country. In 1860, only four children remained with Margaret, two daughters and two sons. The older son, William, was twenty years old at that time.

Next door, Margaret Bovard, who was about William's age, had drawn his attention, but she

had no interest in a relationship with him. Instead, she was being courted by a young man named Tom Truesdale who lived in Rush County. On a balmy May evening in 1863, Tom and some of his friends had gathered outside the Crawford home, and Tom was serenading Margaret on his violin.

Suddenly, a shot rang out, and Tom Truesdale fell to the ground. He had been shot through the heart from behind and died within seconds.

According to those present, William Merrick was the murderer. The men rushed to the Merrick house and were met at the door by his sister who begged them not to kill him. He was located cowering in an upstairs bedroom with a borrowed rifle leaning against the wall.

Merrick was arrested and placed on trial in Connersville. He claimed that he had shot a stray dog and the bullet must have somehow also hit Truesdale. In spite of the testimony of the other men, as well as the fact that he had been jealous of the budding relationship between Margaret and Tom, he was acquitted.

This happened during the Civil War, and there were claims that William was a member of the group of southern sympathizers known as the Knights of the Golden Circle. It was said that the jury was made up mainly of other members of the organization, resulting in his acquittal. True or not, Merrick went free.

After the murder, William seems to have left

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Fayetteville and lived in various parts of the state, finally settling on the south side of Indianapolis where he established a successful livery stable around 1876.

In Indianapolis, he met a pretty seamstress named Julia Paul. She had also been a school teacher and had saved up a somewhat large sum of money. During their courtship, he managed to borrow all of it. She eventually brought suit against him for repayment, but he charmed her into dropping the lawsuit and coming to live with him, promising to marry her.

During the winter they lived together, Julia became pregnant. Merrick's promises of marriage continued, but she filed another lawsuit for paternity. This time, he smoothed the trouble by actually marrying her in July of 1878. They were married by a judge while sitting in one of Merrick's carriages. Within a month, she had filed for divorce, claiming he was cruel to her and had threatened to kill her.

Again, William begged for another chance, and she relented. Their baby was due to be born in September, and she was hoping for a change for the better. William continued to treat her badly, according to neighbors. There was trouble over a girl who worked for them in their home. Julia and the ladies in the neighborhood believed that William was having an affair with the girl. Julia wanted her sent away, but William refused.

On September 14th, 1878, Merrick was uncharacteristically kind and charming. He invited Julia to go for a carriage ride with him. A neighbor lady who helped her dress for the occasion said that Julia was excited to have been invited to go out for the evening. Julia never returned.

Two weeks later, a boy playing along Eagle Creek discovered the unclothed remains of a woman and a male infant under a pile of logs.

Once again, William Merrick was arrested and charged with murder. Newspapers all over Indiana were full of accounts of the murder and trial for weeks, although the Connersville papers didn't make as much of the story of a Fayette County native as might have been expected.

His trial began in December of 1878. Merrick claimed that Julia had left the carriage when they met up with another woman who was a midwife. He said Julia told him she would contact him soon. He testified he didn't know the midwife's name or where she lived, but he was sure the dead woman wasn't his wife.

In court, the evidence was damning. A saloon keeper said that William had come into his establishment and asked for a glass of beer and a glass of blackberry wine. He took a packet of white powder from his pocket and put it in the wine before taking it outside and giving the wine to a woman in a carriage. After they finished their drinks, he returned the glasses.

A doctor testified that there was evidence of strychnine in the dead woman's body and that the poison would have brought on muscle contractions, causing her to go into labor.

Another man testified that he had seen Merrick in a carriage with a woman who appeared to be asleep or unconscious.

Neighbors testified to the cruel treatment Julia endured, told of hearing William say he would kill her, and described how she said she feared for her life.

The woman's body was badly decomposed when found, but the prosecution brought the skull and a foot, preserved in alcohol, to court. People who knew Julia testified that the hair was the right color and that the gold teeth were hers. One of her stockings was brought in and shown to fit perfectly on the foot. Merrick appeared to read a document throughout that part of the testimony. Julia's father was overcome with emotion and left the room.

Other issues began to come to light. Testimony was given that Merrick knowingly rented horses and carriages to grave robbers at night. It was said, by a grave robber, that he intended to sell them Julia's body in hopes she would be dissected at a medical school and never discovered.

Questions were raised about an old man who had died while staying at Merrick's stable. The man owned a fine horse that Merrick took possession of after the man's death. The 1863 murder of Tom Truesdale was a topic of discussion.

The defense brought in a girl who was obviously a 'lady of the evening' to give Merrick an alibi for the night of the murder. She claimed she had been drinking and was the woman seen in the carriage. His attorneys produced a letter, allegedly written by Julia. In it, she said she had escaped from him, therefore he wasn't a murderer, but she hated him and wouldn't come to defend him in person.

The case went to the jury, and it took twenty-five minutes for them to return a guilty verdict.

Merrick and another convicted murderer were hanged on January 29, 1879.

After the trial and hanging, the notoriety continued. An Indianapolis newspaper offered an eighty page illustrated booklet about the murder and trial for fifteen cents, postage paid. A letter Merrick wrote to his sister Ann, the wife of Reverend Jacob White who lived at New Salem, Indiana, was published. In it, he denied all the things of which he was accused.

It was learned that he had left the livery and all other property to the girl who lived at the house. She said she had been sent to Indiana from Kansas to live with the Merricks to attend school. She admitted to the alleged affair. She was Merrick's niece, the daughter of his sister who had begged the men to spare his life fifteen years before in Fayetteville.

A man bought Merrick's pocket watch and took it to a jeweler for cleaning. A note was found inside the case. In it, Merrick admitted to killing Truesdale for coming between him and Margaret, as well as an admission to the killing of the old man at the stable. He hinted that he had successfully "got rid of" another woman named Fan. He expressed regret at not being more careful when murdering Julia, but said he was sorry for killing their baby son.

It was noted in the news that the marriage of William and Julia began and ended in a carriage.

There was one bit of poetic justice in the end. Merrick was buried at Greenlawn Cemetery, and body snatchers stole his remains that very night. ■

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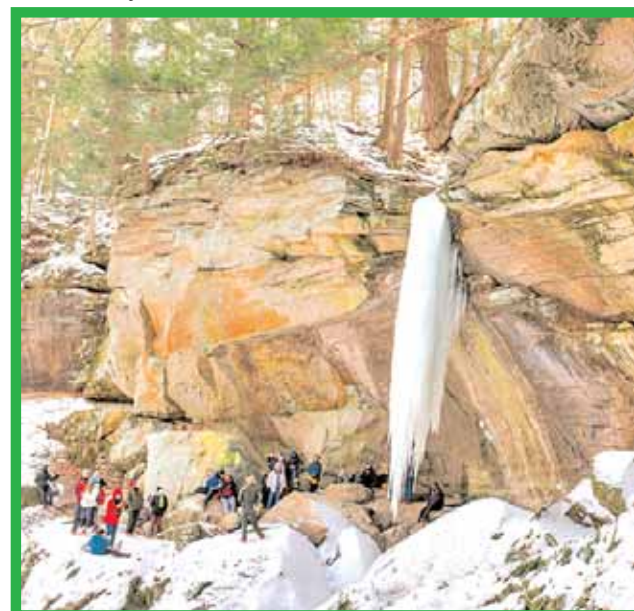
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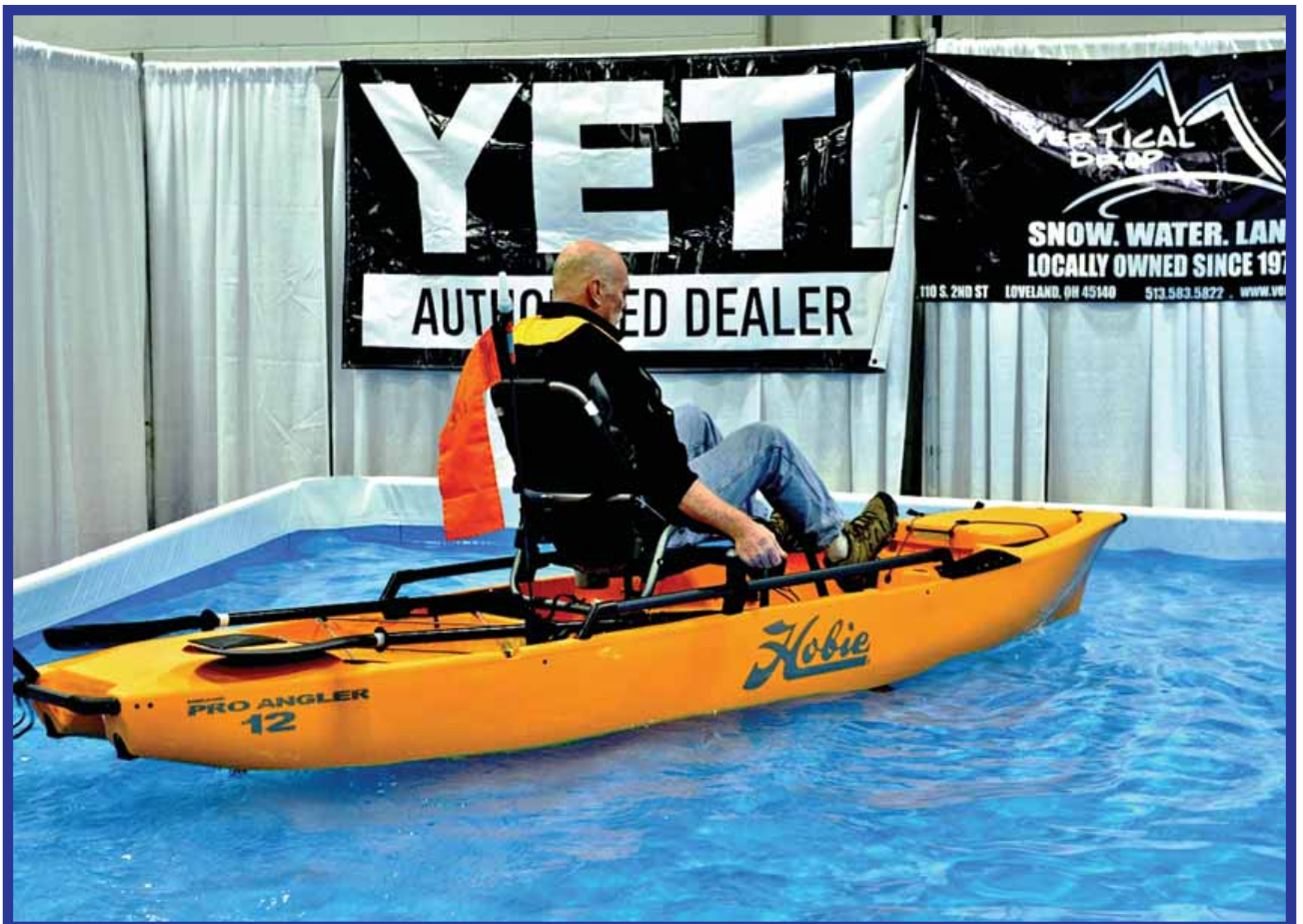
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CINCINNATI SHOW BACK AND ON TRACK

Everyone remembers 2020 as the "Year of the Covid," but most forget that during the first couple of months of 2020 it was business as usual in most parts of the country. The virus was just coming on the radar and no one would have predicted it would take the rest of 2020 and most of 2021 for both individuals and governments to work their way back to normalcy.

Let's go back to January of 2020, actually a few months earlier, to September of 2019. That's when the announcement was made public that Indianapolis-based, Renfro Productions had purchased the Cincinnati Travel, Sports and Boat Show from Hart Productions.

Both Renfro Productions and Hart Productions were family-owned businesses that were pioneers in the outdoor sports and recreation exposition business. Hart Productions had been producing the Cincinnati show for more than 60 years. The Renfro family has been producing the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel show even longer than that.



2020 Cincinnati Ford Boat, Sport & Travel Show Photo of a Kayak. (Renfro Productions Photo)

By the time the acquisition and transfer was complete, planning for the 2020 Cincinnati show was well underway. Todd Jameson, media coordinator for Renfro Productions, told me, "At the end of each year's show, we all take a few days to decompress, but then work begins immediately on the next year's show." So when the Renfro's took over at Cincinnati, there wasn't time to make many changes, not that many changes were needed.

Kevin Renfro, president of Renfro Productions said in an interview in late 2019, "There's not

much difference in the demographics of the people attending the Cincinnati show and our show in Indianapolis. There won't be any drastic changes for the 2020 show. In 2021 and on into the future, we'll transition in many of the features and direction which has made the Indianapolis show one of the largest in the country."

The pandemic didn't allow that to happen. With Indiana, Ohio and the rest of the country still under strict pandemic restrictions in January and February of 2021 both the Indy and Cincy shows were canceled.

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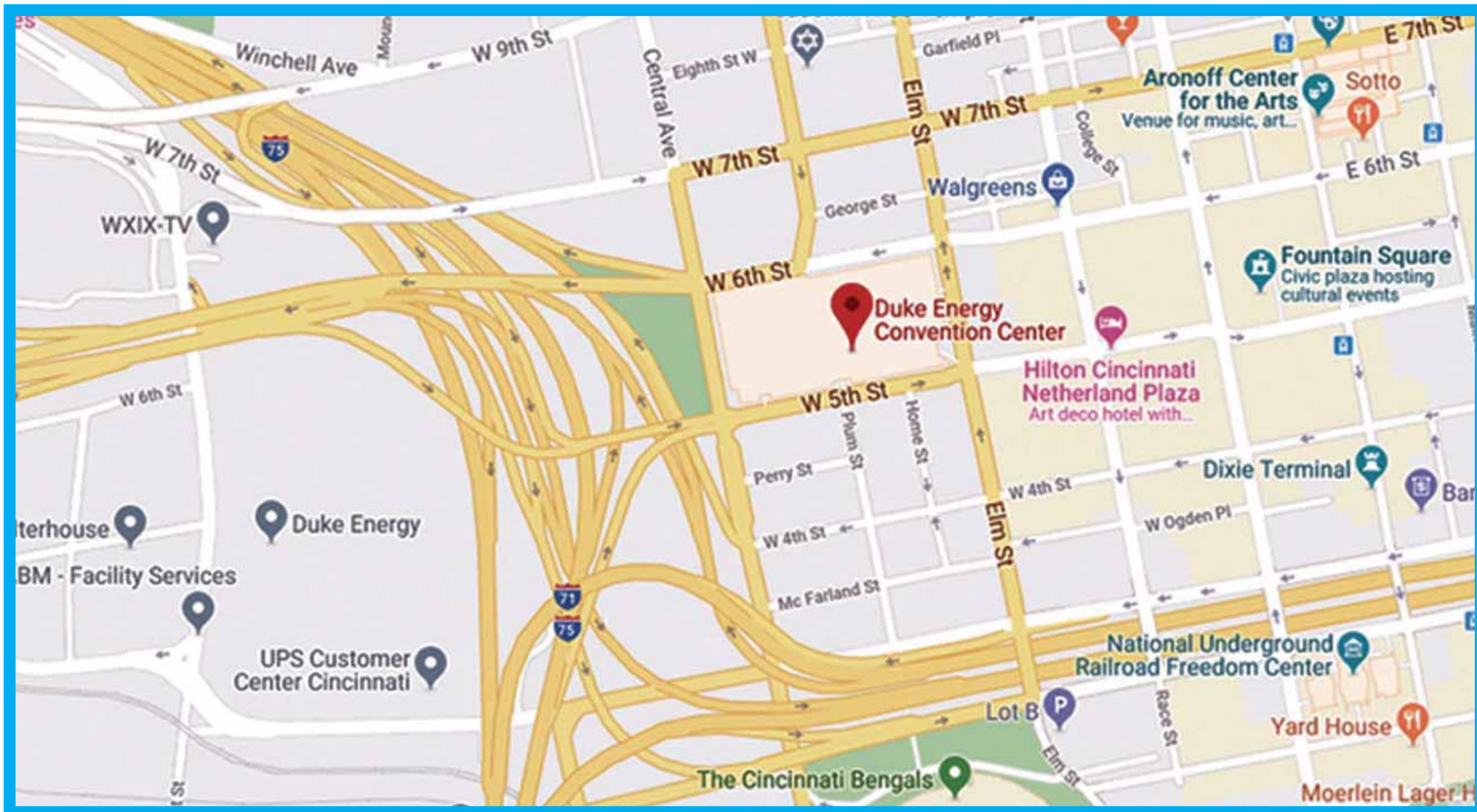
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At the time of this writing, there are no state, city or facility covid mandates in effect. Most exhibitors from past shows are planning to be in attendance and several new vendors will be in attendance, as well.

Show goers have plenty to see and do at this year's show. Twiggy the Water Skiing Squirrel will be in attendance to wow audiences with wake boarding antics; the Buckeye Big Buck Club will display a Trophy Buck Wall and conduct Deer Scoring; Bird Down Retrievers is leading demos, and so much more!

One of the unexpected results of the pandemics lockdowns, stimulus checks and families having increased opportunities to recreate together, was a boom in the boating industry. From kayaks to

cruisers, from the Ohio River, to inland lakes to Lake Erie, individuals and families turned to water sports.

Existing boat dealer inventories were snapped up as fast as a truck load of toilet paper showing up at Walmart. Orders for new boats from manufacturers quickly created a backlog that went from weeks to months, to indeterminate, since boats rely on key parts from numerous suppliers.

Those issues are clearing, but the question is, how quickly? There's no better place to get those questions answered than at the Ford Cincinnati Boat, Sport & Travel Show. Over fifteen boat dealers will be there with boats on display and the latest information about when other models will be available.

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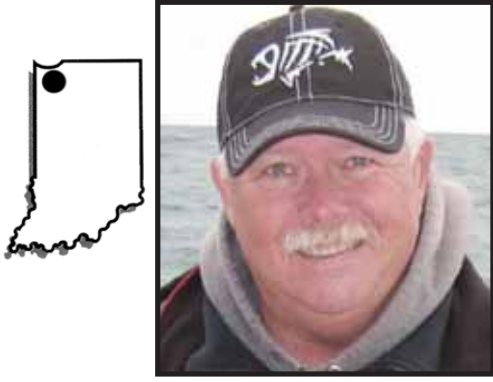
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THE "BOAT SHOW" IS BACK

The last big, crowded event I attended before the first Covid-19 lockdowns where instituted in 2020 was the Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show. I've attended the "boat show," as it's commonly called across Indiana, for more years than most of you have been alive. In my annual calendar of things to do, this show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds was one of the things looked forward to most so it was also one of the events I missed most last year as we self-distanced from many, once-taken-for-granted opportunities during the pandemic.

Things are still not normal compared to pre-pandemic times, but far better than in the early days of the outbreak when little was known and few options were available. So when I got the news the "Boat Show" is returning to Indianapolis in February of 2022, it seemed a giant step towards normalcy. I couldn't have been more excited and I'm sure thousands of Hoosiers across the state are equally excited about the show.

Normal, however, doesn't mean the show is going to be just like the shows of past years or past decades. One year's show has never been identical to the previous year's show as new things are phased in while others disappear. The most notable for some people for 2022 will be the disappearance of Monday and Tuesday in the show schedule. Previous year's shows always ran ten continuous days. This year, the show will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Feb 18 to 20; then Wednesday to Sunday, February 23 to 27.

This new schedule isn't expected to cut the overall attendance. The Ford Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show will continue to be the largest show of its kind in the country and will still allow the full allotment of days for the traditional "first weekend" Indiana Motorcycle and Powersports Expo and the final four days featuring the Indiana Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo. Each of these events will be held in the fairground's Exposition Hall.

The split dates will also allow some attractive options for the exhibitors in the other five buildings of the show. Most of the exhibitors and ven-



Visitors can get a close look at all the boats in the West Pavillion at the Indy Sport Show. (Renfro Productions Photo)






A Fishing Pro is giving an in depth demonstration at the Hawg Trough and answering questions from the audience. (Renfro Productions Photo)

dors will be at the show all eight days, answering your questions and displaying their opportunities. Some however, will be there only on the first few days, after which their booths will be refilled by providers of other outdoor services for the final five days of the show.

This is a great opportunity for the thousands of people who purchase the discounted two-day tickets. Go on one of the early days, then come back during the final segment and see something new. All types of tickets are available at the box office entrances but additional savings are offered to

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people who buy tickets online ahead of time. Check it all out at: www.indysportshow.com.

One of the surprises of the pandemic - a good surprise - was that individuals as well as whole families turned to the outdoors to satisfy their recreational desires. Boat sales were up, in both the new boats and previously owned boat segments of the boating industry. This includes everything from paddle-sports - canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and rowboats - to motorized boats in all sizes and categories. RV sales were up. Campgrounds were full.

This also included an unprecedented spike in fishing and hunting license sales. Prior to 2020 the DNR's license sales were stagnant or declining.

I learned this personally in the spring of 2020 when I went to marinas and boat ramps in my area to go fishing. I adopted the motto, "Wednesday is the new Saturday," and when I was gathering a few fishing friends to head out for a day on the lake, I made sure we left extra-early to ensure we could get launched ahead of the crowds, as well as to find a spot for my truck and trailer in the parking lot.

I also realized my first "supply chain" issues. I stopped by a Cabela's store to pick up a few snap-swivels and other general supplies in early summer and found them sold out in most of the popular sizes with no good guess of when the re-supplies would show up - and it wasn't just snap-swivels.

Things are better now, but still not normal and a trip to the boat show will be a great chance to find out how close to normal things are. Make a trip through Tackle Town USA (Blue Ribbon Pavilion) to stock up on staples you know you'll need for the upcoming season, then if plans for something "bigger" is in your future, visit the RV section, any of the 25 boat dealers who will be there or stop by any of the dozens of resorts, outfitters and destinations to plan a fishing or hunting trip, a family vacation or perhaps that trip of a lifetime to Alaska, Canada or even Africa. I know you have questions - the boat sport and travel show is where to get the answers.

One of the reasons the DNR and private conservation organizations sponsor special hunts and beginner fishing events is because they know many people, given the chance to participate in hunting, fishing or other outdoor activities, will "try it and like it." One of the few silver linings to the covid pandemic was how many new participants were recruited to traditional outdoor sports. If one of those new recruits is you or if you are one of the thousands of Hoosiers who go to the "boat show" every year, the doors will be open for eight days in February. Tickets are available at the door or save a few bucks and order them in advance at: www.indysportshow.com.



The Indianapolis DTWE Hoosier Record Buck Wall is a must see for all deer hunters. (Renfro Productions Photo)



Everyone who enjoys trailer camping will want to see the latest models on display at this years show. (Renfro Productions Photo)



EAGLES IN FLIGHT WEEKEND, JANUARY 28-30, 2022

Roaming The Outdoors

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when seeing bald eagles in western Indiana took timing and looking in the right places. Now, bald eagles have recovered, and their population is growing. Although seeing one may not be as challenging as in the early days, this event has much more to it than our national symbol. Tickets are available online while they last.

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The Wayne County Veteran's Memorial Park in Richmond, Indiana now has an Overlook and Walkway where visitors can walk up and view the entire Park from.



Bill King at right (facing visitors) telling the crowd who have assembled in the Park shelter about the story of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier replica (behind him) he is taking around the country. It was constructed by Phillip Burkhalter Builders of Rome, Ga, which is owned by a member of their club. the Artwork was done by Chuck Schmult (Author Photo)



At left Bill King represents the Exchange Club of Rome, Georgia Americanism Committee and at right is Carol Weatherholt who is a Regent with the Christofer Harrison Daughters of the American Revolution from Salem, IN where the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Replica went to after it left Richmond, IN. (Author Photo)

Changes & Activities At The Wayne Co Veterans Memorial Park

On October 27-29, 2021 a Replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier visited the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park in Richmond, Indiana.

I didn't get to visit the Park and the Replica until October 29th due to my erratic schedule lately.

I met with Bill King, a representative for the Exchange Club of Rome, Georgia Americanism Committee and Carol Weatherholt a Regent with the Christofer Harrison Daughters of the American Revolution from Salem, Indiana where they were both very busy, especially Bill who was at that time telling the crowd assembled in the park shelter about the Tomb of the Unknown

Soldier. See their photo above.

There was a lot of visitors attending the event with most of them listening to Bill King tell them about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Replica. Of the 30 states Bill has visited so far, Indiana has had more showings than any of the other states. Bill noted that fact and said "Hoosiers' patriotism, love of country and appreciation of veterans simply outstanding."

About the Americanism Committee of the Exchange Club of Rome, Ga

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a monument dedicated to American service members who have died without their remains being identified.

This replica is owned and managed by the Americanism Committee of the Exchange Club of Rome, Ga. It is available to for exhibit, with certain requirements.

It is the hope of the Exchange Club of

Rome and the National Exchange Club that the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform are never forgotten, for without their supreme sacrifice of their lives, and in the case of the unknowns, their identity, our way of life would not be possible.

Inquiries To Host An Event

For more information or to inquire about hosting the exhibit please contact:

Bill King, Maj., USAF (ret.), Project Mgr.

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OVERLOOK WALK WAY
AWNING & REST AREA

This photo was taken of the Veterans Memorial Park from above the walkway looking west over the park. You can see most of the park. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



This replica is owned and managed by the Americanism Committee of the Exchange Club of Rome, Ga. It was constructed by Phillip Burkhalter Builders of Rome, which is owned by a member of their club. Bill King represents the Exchange Club of Rome, Georgia Americanism Committee. He noted that the replica has been shown more times in Indiana than the other 30 states it has visited so far. (Author Photo)



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a monument dedicated to American service members who have died without their remains being identified. It is located in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, adjacent to Fort Myer just across the Memorial Bridge from Washington, D.C. Tomb guards have a motto, "Soldiers never die until they are forgotten and Tomb guards never forget." (Author Photo)



I took this photo on October 29, 2021 just prior to my having to leave the event. Unfortunately I neglected to get their names in my haste to leave. My thanks to Joe and Barbara Goebel who I called today (Dec 26th) asking if I could bring them this photo and if they could tell me who the ones are for those I didn't have names. Fortunately they also corrected the spelling of their last name for me. Sitting from left to right: Adam Cecys, Joe Goebel, Unknown Lady, Barbara Goebel and Roger Stinson. Standing from left to right: Gary Franklin, Mark Rohe and Bill King (Representative of the Exchange Club of Rome, Georgia Americanism Committee). These Veterans and many many more who attended the "A Call To Honor - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Replica" collectively are responsible for these events and many many more possible due to their continued support of the Wayne County Veteran's Memorial Park. I have had the pleasure of attending countless numbers of Veteran activities and look forward to many many more in the coming years. God Bless the American Veteran who has kept and will keep America the greatest country on this earth. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

WAYNE COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE



Left Photo: Veterans Parade, November 6, 2021 Richmond Police Officers out in front followed by a Wayne County Sheriff Department Officer.
 Right Photo: Boy Scouts of America proudly carrying the American Flag and another Flag followed by their Leaders and fellow scouts. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Left Photo: Motorcycle Riders followed by Corvettes being watched by hundreds of people along the side walks from East 14th to East 5th Street (City Building).
 Right Photo: Corvette Brickyard 400 Chevrolet passenger waving with large white glove. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



The Veterans Day Parade was on Saturday November 6, 2021 beginning on Main Street at East 14th Street going west to 5th Street and ending at the City Building. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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Left Photo: VFW - Kirk - Little Post 1108 Richmond, IN. Van.



Right Photo: Harry Ray Post Squadron 65 Richmond, IN.

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Left Photo: Boy Scouts Troop 100, Church of St. Mary Richmond, Indiana



Right Photo: Richmond Pack 115 Cub Scouts Richmond, Indiana

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These photos were taken across Main Street kitty cornered from the Civic Theatre. I had a clear view of all the motorized and walkers.

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Left Photo: Veterans in Pick-up Truck decked out with American Flag and riders.



Right Photo: American Legion Howard Thomas Post Members walking & riding.

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Left Photo: Veteran Dennis Rigsby saluting as he walks by me taking this photo.



Parade Truck with Uncle Sam Elephant sign behind the cab.

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Left Photo: Very large Military Truck



Right Photo: Military Ambulance

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Left Photo: Veteran family members walking in parade. Boy is pulling a wagon.
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Right Photo: The American Red Cross fit right in this parade.



Left Photo: Veteran Ron Hill driving his Jeep in Parade with his wife, Sue at his side.
(Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Right Photo: Following Veteran Ron was Army Veteran Joe Goebel and his crew.
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Left Photo: Military Jeep with a canvas top on it.



Right Photo: The Parade had a lot of antique vehicles near the end of it.
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MONROE LAKE TO HOST 9TH ANNUAL FIRST DAY TRAIL RUN AND WALK

Monroe Lake will host its 9th annual First Day Trail Run and Walk at Fairfax State Recreation Area on Saturday, Jan. 1 at 3:30 p.m. The event is non-competitive and offers distance options of 1.3, 2.9, and 3.7 miles. Registration is \$15 per person and includes a post-event grab-and-go meal and a ticket for the prize drawing. Advance registration is available until Dec. 30 at bit.ly/firstdayrun2022. That web location also includes course maps and additional info. The first 300 people to register will receive a \$15 gift certificate for the restaurants at the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn and an embroidered iron-on commemorative patch. Participants can also register on the day of the run from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m., cash or check only. The First Day Trail Run and Walk is co-sponsored by Monroe Lake, the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn, and the Indiana Trail Running Association. Proceeds support public events, programs, and interpretation at Monroe

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

TWO HUNTERS SURVIVE AFTER BOAT SINKS ON WEBSTER LAKE (KOSCIUSKO COUNTY)

MA hunter is hospitalized after his boat sank on Webster Lake this morning.

At approximately 11:16 a.m., Kosciusko County Dispatch Center was contacted by a residential alarm company after they were alerted to an unauthorized residential entry to a home on Webster Lake.

Despite frigid temperatures and wind gusts forecast to reach up to 50 miles per hour, Trenton Stackhouse, 27, of Milford and Darick Stiles, 27, of Warsaw, set out to waterfowl hunt on Webster Lake near Epworth Forest.

After getting underway, the men quickly realized the conditions were too difficult to overcome.

The men attempted to gather their decoys and

return to the boat ramp, when large waves overtook their jon boat and it began to sink.

Moments before their boat became fully submerged, Stackhouse and Stiles unsuccessfully attempted to don their lifejackets and were forced to grab several waterfowl decoys and a floating gun case for buoyancy to swim the several hundred yards to shore.

Once on shore, Stackhouse became unresponsive due to severe hypothermia. Stiles then entered an unoccupied home to find shelter to save Stackhouse.

Stackhouse was transported to Kosciusko Community Hospital with severe hypothermia.

The incident is still under investigation.

Indiana Conservation Officers remind the public that Indiana law requires life jackets to be readily accessible and in good condition for all boat occupants while underway. Hunters utilizing watercraft should also plan for severe environmental conditions associated with strong winds and storms.

Responding agencies include North Webster Police Department, North Webster Fire Department, North Webster EMS, and Indiana Conservation Officers.

F&W SANDHILL CRANES WEBPAGE UPDATE ON INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WEBSITE

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ICE HIKES RETURN TO TURKEY RUN SP IN 2022

January and February beginning Jan. 8 except Jan. 29 and 30, which are the dates of the park's Eagles in Flight weekend. All hikes will begin at 11 a.m. and last until approximately 12:30 p.m.

Hikers will have four options. Naturalists will lead participants through Rocky Hollow and the Punchbowl, Box Canyon and Gypsy Gulch, the Ice Box and Bear Hollow, or Turkey Run Hollow and the canyon along Trail 7. Advance registration for the popular hikes can be completed at turkeyrunicehike.eventbrite.com. Boot spikes will be available for free during the hikes if needed. Participants need to be able to lift both legs to a 90-degree angle. The spikes are also available to rent throughout the winter from the Nature Center for \$3 for two hours, and adult and youth sizes are available. A naturalist will be available to help hikers put the spikes on. The hikes and routes are subject to change due to weather. Standard park entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply. Turkey Run State Park

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HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING LICENSE FEES INCREASE STARTING IN 2022

For the first time since 2006, Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) has increased fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. Commercial license fees also increase, some for the first time since the 1980s.

The increases will be applied to personal licenses starting with the 2022-2023 license year (April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023) that will go on sale in January. The fee increase does not affect licenses for the remainder of the 2021-2022 license year (April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022), even if those licenses are purchased after Jan. 1.

The new fees allow DFW to maintain core programs including habitat restoration, maintenance of public lands, scientific research and education, and expansion of other services to manage Indiana's fish and wildlife for everyone to enjoy.

Funds will also go to the DNR Division of Law Enforcement to ensure it is equipped to provide public safety and enforce the laws governing natural resources.

The new license prices were determined by comparing license fees among other Midwestern states and balancing the rising costs of resource management.

More information on these changes, including a full list of the new fees, can be found here: dnr.IN.gov/fish-and-wildlife/licenses-and-permits/fee-changes.

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FEES INCREASE STARTING IN 2022

The 2022 Waterfowl Workshop for Waterfowl Control Operators (WCOs) will take place Jan. 25, from noon to 3:30 p.m. (ET). The workshop will be held virtually.

The workshop is required for all contractors who want to become qualified as WCOs to conduct waterfowl trapping, transporting, relocation and/or euthanasia for hire in Indiana during 2022.

All first-time WCOs must attend the workshop to be eligible to work as a WCO in 2022. Attendance is also encouraged for all WCOs, but those who have attended the workshop in previous years may opt to test out. Those interested in taking

the test should contact Debbie Walter at dwalter@dnr.IN.gov or 812-789-2724. The 2022 exam will be available Feb. 1.

Employees of WCO contractors are welcome to attend the workshop, but it is required only for individuals who will physically conduct waterfowl trapping, transporting, relocating, and/or euthanizing for hire.

Individuals pursuing qualifying status for goose euthanasia for the first time will also need to provide the division with a certificate of attendance to the Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA) goose management course or complete a Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) approved eight-hour equivalent goose course. Before any waterfowl management activities can legally be conducted, WCOs must ensure that the DFW has received all necessary paperwork.

Registration by Jan. 17 is required to participate in this virtual workshop. Once registered, participants will be provided the webinar link and training materials. To register, or for more information, contact Jessica Merkling, Urban Wildlife Biologist, at jmerkling@dnr.IN.gov or 260-244-6805.

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Registration by Jan. 17 is required to participate in this virtual workshop. Once registered, participants will be provided the webinar link and training materials. To register, or for more information, contact Jessica Merkling, Urban Wildlife Biologist, at jmerkling@dnr.IN.gov or 260-244-6805.

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

2022 LARE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JAN 15

The deadline for submitting Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) applications for 2022 projects is Jan. 15, 2022.

The LARE program strives to protect and

enhance aquatic habitat for fish and wildlife while ensuring the continued viability of Indiana's publicly accessible lakes, rivers, and streams. The program accomplishes this through measures that reduce non-point sediment and nutrient pollution.

Technical and financial assistance for qualifying projects is provided to applicants through the LARE program. Wetland enhancement, stream-bank stabilization, and logjam removal are just a few projects that LARE funds can be awarded for. To view a full list of qualifying project types, along with additional information about LARE, see lare.dnr.IN.gov.

Applications must be completed and submitted electronically.

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PATOKA LAKE WATERFOWL RESTING AREA HUNT DATES FOR 2021-2022

Wildlife Management staff at Patoka Lake have selected the 2021-2022 waterfowl resting area access dates for the 2021-2022 Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Seasons. Patoka Lake's 8,800-acre body of water and 17,200 acres of land offers waterfowl hunters abundant opportunities to hunt open water, tributaries, marshes, and fields for various migrating waterfowl. Patoka Lake has three managed Waterfowl Resting Areas (WRAs) that can offer distinctive opportunities for hunters.

Similar to past years, the Sycamore Creek WRA will be closed to all forms of waterfowl hunting through Feb. 28, 2022. In addition, the Sycamore Creek WRA will have public access restrictions. There will be no legal access for hunting, fishing, trapping, or boating (motorized or non-motorized) within Sycamore Creek WRA through Feb. 28, 2022. The intent of this public access restriction is to allow Sycamore Creek WRA to act as a temporary wildlife refuge for waterfowl, offering them a place of minimal disturbance.

Wall's Ramp WRA and Allen Creek WRA will be open to hunting (including waterfowl hunting), fishing, trapping, and boating (motorized or non-motorized) on the following specific days through Feb. 28, 2022.

**Patoka Lake
Wall's Ramp & Allen Creek WRA Open Dates**
January
1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27, & 28
February
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, & 13

All hunters must sign in at one of the 19 hunter sign-in stations on the property. Failure to sign in and return a One-Day Hunter Check-in Card properly may result in a fine. All game taken must be recorded on a One-Day Hunter Check-in Card that is to be carried with you as you hunt. The card is to be turned in at the end of the day, even if no game were harvested. Please be sure to return the card to the same hunter sign-in station where you originally signed in. This system provides valuable wildlife management information.

Special federal, state, and property regulations must be followed — visit Hunting.IN.gov for details. Hunters are encouraged to contact DNR Law Enforcement at 812-837-9536 regarding specific questions on federal or State laws, statutes, and/or rules. Maps of the Waterfowl Resting Areas can be picked up at the Patoka Lake Main Office.

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**INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT WELCOMES
SIX NEW TROOPERS**

Indianapolis, IN - Six new Indiana State Troopers reported for duty to the Indiana State Police Post in Indianapolis. The troopers are from a class of 29 recruits who just graduated from the 81st Indiana State Police Recruit Academy Thursday December 2, 2021. During the 25 week training period the recruits received over 600 hours of classroom instruction as well as nearly 400 hours of hands-on practical and scenario based training exercises. These troopers will now be assigned to train with veteran troopers for the next 13 weeks before receiving their own patrol cars for solo patrol. The Indianapolis District consists of Marion, Hamilton, Boone, Hendricks, Johnson, Shelby and Hancock Counties.

Indianapolis District Commander Josh Watson said, "We are proud to welcome these men and women to the Indianapolis District and look forward to them joining our veteran troopers who serve each of the communities in our district."

Trooper Maxwell Alexander is a native of New Palestine Indiana and a 2014 graduate of New Palestine High School. After high school he attended both IUPUI and Ivy Tech. He also served six years with the United States Marine Corps Reserves and currently serves with the Indiana National Guard.

Trooper Allison Bolde is from Valparaiso Indiana and is a 2013 graduate of Wheeler high School. She continued her education at Indiana University where she graduate in 2017 with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science. Bolde currently serves in the Army National Guard.

Trooper Michael Eurglunes is a native of Center Grove and a 2018 graduate of Center Grove High School. After high school he received a Criminal Justice Scholarship to attend Indiana University Bloomington. He also attended IUPUI where he studied Marketing.

Trooper Keith Martin is from Lebanon Indiana and a 2014 graduate of Lebanon High School. After high school he attended University of Indianapolis where he received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology in 2018.

Trooper Ryan McKnight is a native of Indianapolis Indiana and a 2014 graduate of Warren Central High School.

Trooper Damon Munn is from Franklin Indiana and a 2015 graduate of Franklin Community High School. He went on to study Criminal Justice and Forensic Psychology at Trine University from which he graduated in 2019. Munn is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force and has served one tour of duty to Afghanistan in 2020.

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What: Indiana State Police Trooper Hiring Seminar

Where: Indiana Tech- 1600 East Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46803

When: Saturday, January 15th, 2021 *9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (EST)

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ISP SELLERSBURG INCREASING PATROLS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Sellersburg — The Indiana State Police will be increasing patrols during the holiday season, as part of a statewide crackdown on impaired driving.

Starting this week until Jan. 1, officers will be on high alert for anyone driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Law enforcement will also be watching for seat belt violations and other forms of dangerous driving.

This is part of the Safe Family Travel campaign aimed at reducing crashes and traffic fatalities around the holidays, when statistics show an increased potential for drunk driving. The high-visibility patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

Every year, more than 10,000 people die in drunk-driving crashes in the U.S. That's approximately one person every 52 minutes. While driving under the influence is a daily concern, it's more prevalent around certain holidays, with Christmas and New Year's among the deadliest.

Last December, 73 people lost their lives in fatal collisions in Indiana. Of those, 11 involved a drunk driver, according to ICJI.

"It's important to remember that these aren't just numbers we're talking about," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "These are people with loved ones whose lives were cut short due to impaired driving. Your choices behind the wheel matter, and they can have serious consequences."

Throughout the campaign, officers will be working overtime to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving, which includes more than just drugs and alcohol. Certain prescription and over-the-counter medications can also affect a person's ability to drive safely, so it's important to read and follow all warning labels or consult with a doctor before driving.

The department is asking for the public's help to keep Indiana roads safe this holiday season by designating a sober driver or using a ride service, public transportation or taxi if alcohol is consumed. Motorists are also encouraged to wear a seat belt, slow down, put down the cell phone and to make sure kids are properly buckled up. In addition to being required by law, wearing a seat belt also reduces the risk of injury or death in a crash.

"If your holiday celebrations include alcohol, make arrangements ahead of time to get home safely – don't wait until after you've had a couple of drinks," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "One wrong decision behind the wheel is all it takes to cause a tragedy."

Motorists can report suspected impaired drivers by calling **911**.

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TROOPER MICHAEL DAMON MUNN

INDIANA STATE POLICE HOSTING TROOPER HIRING SEMINARS

The Indiana State Police will be hosting our annual *Trooper Hiring Seminars* which are geared towards helping those interested in joining the ISP. These are free seminars offering valuable insights on how to be successful in the applicant selection process, answer questions, and workout with Troopers.

Attendees will have an opportunity to meet with members of the Human Resources Division and additional ISP staff to better understand what to expect and how to best prepare for each phase of the applicant selection process. To accommodate those interested we will offer a variety of dates and times throughout the state. Spots will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Please respond quickly as availability at each location is capped at 40 participants.

To reserve a spot and for additional information

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