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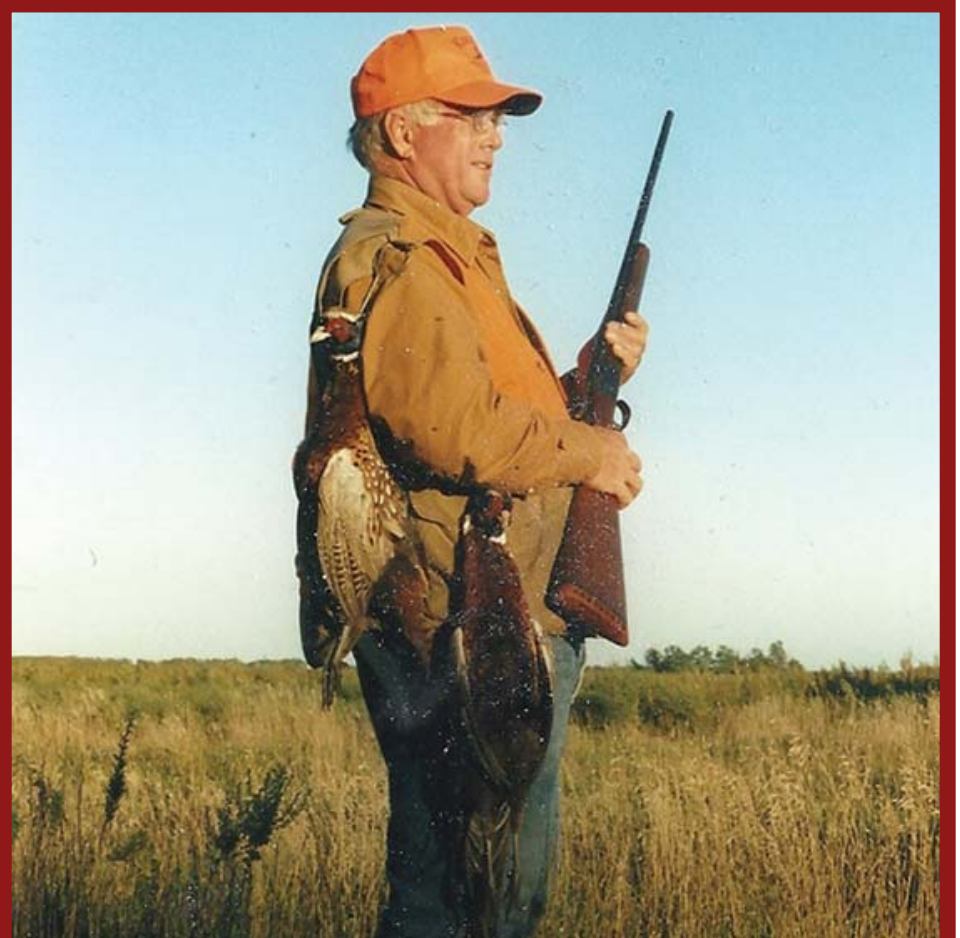
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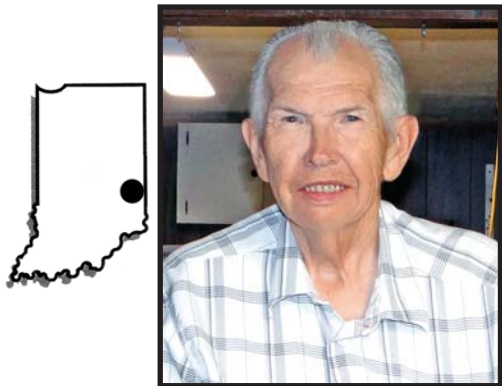


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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson
The Gad-a-bout

IGNORING STOP & SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

I've got a message for all the drivers who are reading this who ignore Stop and Speed Limit Signs here in Indiana or in whatever other location you are reading this, who might fit in this category.

Stop and Speed Limit Signs save lives. Their purpose is to regulate traffic so drivers and their passengers can travel from here to there without mishap.

Every day while I am driving here in Centerville, and wherever I am driving at the time within what I call the my Gad-a-bout Territory a ever increasing number of the drivers I am sharing the road with are ignoring Stop Signs and Speed Limit Signs.

The number of wrecks are increasing especially on the major highways like I-70, I-74, I-65, I-69; State Routes 27, 35, 36, 40, 44, 46, 50, 52, 421 and other major local routes.

I obey Stop Signs and Speed Limits (Zones) whenever possible. Sometimes you other drivers who aren't obeying these signs cause me and other drivers to alter our driving habits to safely avoid being hit or run off the road by your bad driving habits.

If I had my way everyone of you would be stopped and be given tickets from police officers that cause you to pay at least a fine or better still lose your license for a period of time commiserate with the law that you broke.

Another item maybe you fail to recognize is when you have passengers with you, possibly a son or daughter who one day will be learning to drive a vehicle. Will your driving habits have an affect on how they drive? Do you want them to run stop signs and drive too fast for conditions and possibly die due to your failure to obey drivning laws?

Yes I tried to become a police officer myself, but wasn't able to do so. It wasn't in the cards I was dealt.

That doesn't have any bearing on my concern here, safety and driving habits are a matter of using common sense when you are behind the wheel of your vehicle. It is imperitive for you and your passengers lives and all the drivers around you that you all, **obey traffic laws!**

A word to the wise, read releases in The Gad-a-bout sent to me from the Indiana State Police concerning those of you who have a tendency to disobey driving laws and read the result of their encounter with the law. The State Police releases can be read in my Roaming Indiana Column and also on The **State Police Column on pages 22-23.**

Also for all the outdoors enthusiasts be sure to read the **Indiana Department of Natural**

Resources Releases on pages 20-21 and also those located in my Roaming The Outdoors scattered throughout The Gad-a-bout.



Centerville Utilitie Electrician's Bruce Crabtree & Bob Sharp came to the aid of Director Kim Young at the Centerville Senior Center to put her American Flag pole back up in time for Memorial Day, 2022. (Author Photo)

I happened to be visiting the Centerville-Abington Senior Center when Kim, the Director mentioned that their flag pole fell down and she wanted to have it put back up before Memorial Day. I suggested her calling Ron Weadick at the Veteran Services Office, I gave her their number. She called them but they didn't have anyone available. Than someone suggested calling the city building. I gave her their number, she called them.

Within a few minutes after her call here came Bruce Crabtree and Bob Sharp, the Centerville Utility electricians. Kim gave them the flag pole which was in two pieces, the rope and the American Flag.

I thought, oh no, I didn't have my camera. Then I thought about my phone which has a camera, problem was I've never tried to use it for the Gad-a-bout. Then I remembered Sherry showed me how to use it some time ago so I attempted to take photos of Bruce and Bob putting the pole together and place it in a receptacle in the ground. Then they fastened the flag onto the rope and gently raised the flag to the top of the pole. While they were doing their work I was having a great deal of trouble taking photos, several times I must have hit the wrong button and was taking a video. After they had fixed the flag they went on their way to their next job. See another photo on the cover.

When I got home I asked Sherry if she could help me. I wish I knew as much about these new fangle-dangled telephones as she does. It's amazing to me that when I was in the Air Force I managed okay with the model T versions of the computers and also when I worked for General Telephone, but these new contraptions (hand held 3 x 5.5) gizmo's leave me in the dark for some reason. Anyway when I got home I had Sherry look at my phone to see if I actually got any photos. She kind of frowned as she opened the first photo,

which actually turned out to be a video. Then she found a couple of photos and another lengthy video, than another photo.

As it turned out after she sent some of them to my e-mail address I went over to my office and worked on trying to get a photo of Bruce and Bob putting up the American Flag at the Senior Center. I was able to retrieve this one on this page and another one that you can see on the cover of this issue.

I still have to learn how to transfer the actual photos I accidently take on this dadburn phone to where I can get them into my photoshop software. Once I get there I'm in familiar territory.

I blame my 9th grade teacher for my taking up publishing and writing all these years since. Mrs. Picket* asked me to write stories and read them in class. I have no clue as to why she did that back then. I never did get any comments from the class on listening to war stories I wrote about back then.

Fortunately when I began writing for The Graphic and all the other local newspapers and some further away outdoor publication I wrote about hunting, fishing, travel, etc.

THAN ON JUNE 13, 2022 CENTERVILLE WAS IN THE PATH OF A VIOLENT STORM

I was over on South Street working on this paper when the storm hit. I called Sherry asking what it showed on the weather channel about the storm, it was coming hot and heavy. The wind felt worse than I'd ever witnessed, I wasn't home when the storm back in 1976 knocked the fair-ground buildings down, but this one a bad one to say the least. Sherry was home alone that day!

When this storm was over I still had power and so did Sherry back at our house on School Street.

Unfortunately though a tree limb from one of our two trees in our back yard fell and knocked my neighbor's power out. After the storm moved on it got extremely hot again. She called and reported the storm had knocked her power out. We invited her to come into our house until she got her power back on.

Soon the two town electrician's Bruce Crabtree and Bob Sharp was in our driveway checking our neighbor's power supply on her house and in the-back yard, they told her they would be back to turn her power back on. Being the only electricians in Centerville they were extremely busy to say the least having the task of taking care of everyone who lost power that day.

By early evening Bruce and Bob was back in our driveway turning our neighbor's power back on, what a relief. This time a Virgil Shaw also from the Centerville Utility was with them also. I enjoyed a conversation with him in our back yard while Bruce and Bob was fixing the power line up at the pole. We compared our experiences at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas when we were a bit younger. I enjoy talking to fellow Air Force guys. It brings back memories of another time. In no time the line was fixed and the crew was headed for another outage.

DID YOU EVER GET ONE OF THOSE DAYS?

I said I would have some of the photos I took of the vehicles and walkers in the Centerville Veterans Day parade in this issue. But some how I lost all of them by either erasing them or possibly misplaced a camera photo chip. Either way they are missing.

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by Pastor Ted Chalk

MARK 6:30-34

The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. 31 Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat.

So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. 33 But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them. 34 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Jesus and his Disciples were tired. They left by boat for a quieter spot to rest, debrief, and recharge. How many of us can say that this is what we need in our lives right now, time to rest, debrief and recharge? After all, the world we live in today is a 24/7 world. We too often need a break. Jesus and his Disciples needed a break.

What we read though is that even though a break was needed, Jesus had compassion on those who found him and wanted more. Compassion is both an emotion (we are moved by pity for someone) and an action (acting kindly to those in need). In many ways, compassion is a litmus test of our commitment and desire to love others as Christ loves us. If we are not moved by the incredible needs and pain all around us, we could be developing hearts of stone, which can lead to not responding at all to the needs and pain around us. We become detached and hard hearted. To be Christlike is to share his compassionate feelings and his response toward others, particularly those who are not able to help themselves.

This doesn't mean we are to never take a break and rest and recharge. It is really a question about our hearts. If we do not take care of ourselves, we cannot fully help others. But, where is our heart? Do we dismiss the needs and pain around us when we are overwhelmed and tired, justifying not engaging? Or, do we seek ways to open ourselves up to finding the rest we need and recharging so we are available to help those in need and in pain, allowing God to guide and restore us?

I believe this is the message we can learn from this scripture passage. Where is your heart? How do you rest and recharge? How do you balance and serve?

Roaming The Outdoors

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Veterans Day parade in this issue. But somehow I lost every one of photos except one that I was going to put on the cover of this issue but didn't. I don't understand how it happened but it did.

INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY AFTER KAYAKER DIES IN PRIVATE POND (RIPLEY COUNTY)

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating the death of a kayaker after he was recovered from a private pond.

Yesterday at approximately 6:45 p.m., Conservation Officers responded to the 2800 block of Old Michigan Road in the town of Holton for a kayaker that had fallen in the water and not resurfaced.

Braulio Bustamante, 45, of Indianapolis was recovered from the water and taken to shore prior to officer's arrival.

Lifesaving aid was rendered, but unsuccessful and Braulio was pronounced dead at the scene.

An autopsy is scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

Assisting agencies include Indiana Conservation Officers, Ripley County Sheriff's Department, and Ripley County EMS.

WALLEYE & SAUGEYE STOCKED THIS SPRING AWAIT ANGLERS

The outlook for walleye and saugeye fishing looks good for upcoming years after a total of 28.3 million walleye fry, 529,404 walleye fingerlings, and 101,800 saugeye were at various locations around Indiana this spring.

Stocking for these species is scheduled annually because they don't reproduce naturally in most locations.

Fry were stocked at the end of April, while walleye and hybrid walleye fingerlings were stocked at the end of May and early this month. Typically, walleye and hybrid walleye will reach 14 inches two years after being stocked and 16 inches after three years.

Because this year was successful for egg collection, hatching rates for fry, and fingerling production, hatchery staff and biologists were able to fully stock all requested locations, including a few that were on the surplus list.

"Expect good walleye fishing to continue in future years," said Tom Bacula, DNR fisheries biologist.

These lakes, with their counties in parentheses, were stocked as follows:

Walleye fry were stocked at Bass (Starke), Brookville (Franklin and Union), Eagle Creek (Marion), Mississinewa (Wabash), Monroe (Brown and Monroe), and Patoka (Orange, Dubois, and Crawford).

Walleye fingerlings were stocked at Cagles Mill (Owen and Putnam), Freeman (Carroll), Kokomo Reservoir (Howard), Lake of the Woods (Marshall), Pike (Kosciusko), Prairie Creek Reservoir (Delaware), Shafer (White), Summit (Henry), and Oakdale Dam on Tippecanoe River (Carroll).

Saugeye fingerlings were stocked at Glenn Flint (Putnam), Huntingburg (Dubois), Koteewi Park (Hamilton), and Sullivan (Sullivan).

The statewide bag limit for walleye, sauger, and

saugeye is six fish per day in combination. For walleye, the minimum size limit is 14 inches for waters south of State Road 26 and 16 inches for waters north of State Road 26. Lakes with walleye exceptions are Bass (Starke) and Wolf (Lake) where the minimum is 14 inches, Lake George (Steuben) where the minimum is 15 inches, and Wall (LaGrange) where the minimum is 16 inches with a two fish daily bag limit.

There is no size limit on saugeye (or on sauger) except on Huntingburg Lake (Dubois), Glenn Flint Lake (Putnam), and Sullivan Lake (Sullivan) where the minimum size limit is 14 inches. Ohio River has a minimum size limit of 14 inches and a six fish combination limit per day for walleye, sauger, and saugeye.

Learn more about fishing for walleye: wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/walleye-fishing. Read about fish stocking in Indiana: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/fishing/indiana-fish-stocking/>

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

INDIANA STOCKS 578,297 TROUT AND SALMON IN LAKE MICHIGAN AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

The Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife recently completed spring trout and salmon stockings in Lake Michigan and its tributaries.

Locations stocked include East Chicago Marina, East Branch Little Calumet River, Salt Creek, Trail Creek, and the St. Joseph River. A total of 40,000 brown trout fingerlings, 77,765 Coho salmon yearlings, 194,836 Skamania steelhead yearlings, 40,943 winter run steelhead yearlings, and 224,753 Chinook salmon fingerlings were among the stocked fish.

Yearlings are older and larger fish, compared to fingerlings, which are smaller, younger fish.

Although spring stockings are complete, more stockings are planned for fall. Coho salmon fingerlings are scheduled to be stocked during October, and winter-run steelhead fingerlings will be stocked in December.

Hatchery production has returned to normal after disruptions due to the pandemic. Additionally, 2022 marks the third straight year of increased Chinook stocking, meeting the targets made before stocking cuts in 2017.

"We hope to see an increase in the fall Chinook salmon run starting this year as the larger number of them stocked in 2020 begin to return," said Ben Dickinson, Lake Michigan fisheries biologist for Indiana DNR.

While all these fish except the brown trout are grown in hatcheries operated by Indiana DNR, acquiring eggs to meet production goals requires cooperation with other states' DNR agencies. Of all the trout and salmon stocked into Indiana's waters of Lake Michigan and its tributaries, only Skamania steelhead eggs are taken from fish returning to Indiana.

"We are grateful for all our Lake Michigan state agency partners for helping to ensure we can stock a variety of species to maintain our diverse fishery," Dickinson said.

For more information about Lake Michigan fishing, visit wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/lake-michigan-fishing.

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by **Capt. Mike Schoonveld**

UGLY STIK/UGLY TUFF

Ugly Stik rods were around for more than a decade before they hired William “Refrigerator” Perry as their spokes-model. If you don’t know who the “Fridge” was you aren’t an NFL fan. He still holds the record for being the largest player (335 pounds) to score a touchdown in a Super Bowl.

The most memorable advertisement I remember (for both the “Fridge” and Ugly Stik rods) showed him wearing his Bears uniform and doubling over an Ugly Stik way past the breaking point for most rods. He probably sold more of these nearly indestructible “sticks” than any ad before or since. But Ugly Stik users love their rods for more than just being tough. They’ve always blended strength with fishability.

I got an UGLY TUFF spinning rod and reel combo from Ugly Stik to test out late last fall - too late for much fishing close to home - so I took it along on a cisco fishing trip to Grand Traverse Bay in Michigan. It performed perfectly. I had the “30” size reel - the smallest of the Ugly Tuff models - paired with the Ugly Stik 6-foot, two-piece rod. This reel is rated for 6 to 15 pound line and really, though the rod is listed as medium, it tends more towards medium light. I’m certain you could bend the rod over like Refrigerator Perry with 15-pound line.

I spooled it up with 10-pound braid. On my cisco fishing trip, the fish we were catching were hooked 120 feet or more below the surface. Fishing extra-deep with many small reels makes extra work just because of the amount of cranking it takes to reel in the fish. At almost 30 inches per turn of the handle on the reel on this combo, the ciscoes came to the top without an unduly amount of reeling.

That won’t be needed when I fish the most places this summer, but the smooth front drag will be, I hope. I probably won’t be fishing more than 30 feet deep even if I head for exotic locations, but when one a big pike, small-mouth or even a catfish latches on to my hook, the cushion of the rod and the drag slipping at critical times, especially with braided line will be crucial.

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by **Tag Nobbe**

Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville Lake In July

I would think that all the crawl dads in Brookville lake are saying it's about time, woohoo the shad hatch is here. Well this is what I would be saying if I were a crawl dad.

They have been the main food source for a lot of predator fish for 2 months. Sometime in July the young of the year shad show up in the lake in the millions. This is not an edible fish, at least not for humans, but other fish love them. They are a schooling fish that feed the masses. The way they survive is by deception. When they're in a tight bait ball to other fish they look like one big swimming thing instead of 10,000 little things, this is the deception. Every predator fish swimming in the lake is trying to feed on them, but the sheer size is puzzling to them. The shad are spawned on every shore line in the lake and as soon as they're able to swim they move into a bait ball for survival. At first, they look like little swimming back bones. As the bait ball gets bigger, they will move to open water and constantly swim trying to stay in the ball. The bait ball will move all over the lake due to them swimming and the current being made by wind. Sometimes there in deep water and sometimes they are in shallow water, it seems random.

White bass are also a schooling fish, but they are predator not prey. They know they are being deceived and they have a plan, and you will see it in action in July. Somewhere between 8am and 10am on the lake you will see what looks like piranha's feeding on the surface. What this is a big school of white bass feeding on a big school of young of the year shad. Their plan of attack is simple they work as a team to corral the big bait ball of shad and move them to the surface. Once the white bass school have them surrounded, they will rush them all at once at the surface where they become disorganized and the bait ball comes apart. Now the white bass can zero in on each individual shad and feed on them as long as they can hold them at the surface. This is only accomplished with teamwork from both sides.

Walleye feed on shad also, but their tactic is a little different. What they will do is move up on to

a shallow flat or somewhere where the water is thin and wait for a 15-foot-high bait ball of shad to try and squeeze into 10 foot of water. When this happens the shad that are forced to the outside edges are picked off 1 at a time. This all takes place in shallow water in July, when the lake water temperature as been 80 degrees plus for a month. Shad thrive in this hot water, but most predator fish do not. I believe this is nature's way of keeping them separated for the most part.

Two big differences in these two feeding styles is the one you know when it's happening because you can see it, but the other one will be just good timing. I have found over the years that fish feed better in the morning as it is getting light and, in the evening, as it is getting dark.

For catching white bass anything white works. My favorite baits are white rooster tails or white curly tails. You want something with a little weight to it for making long casts. Try to stay in the 1/8-ounce range. You want something that you can cast a long way, but yet the white bass can still get it in its mouth. The best method is to keep your eyes peeled when you're traveling around fishing spots on the main lake. Try and look for activity on the surface. When you see activity on the surface start the big motor up and high tail it over close to them. Not to close though you will make them scatter. Ounce your close to the feeding frenzy. Just a simple cast and retrieve works the best. If your buddies catching them and you're not, speed your retrieve up or slow it down that is what you're doing wrong.

When you're in this amped up cast and retrieve situation beware of other people on the boat, you do not want to be the guy with a hook in his chin. I have been there, not cool. The limit is 12 white bass per person so be careful with your count you can easily catch 12 in 12 casts. There is no minimum size limit on them, but you're only allowed to keep 1 over 17 inches.

As far as walleye goes, if you're a troller snow's your time. Have you ever heard a fly fisherman in a stream say you have to match the hatch? Well this is true in the lake also. Most of the year so far, the walleye has been targeting bugs, worms, larva, and crawdads. But now there's a new food in the lake, something that tastes like candy to a walleye and they are everywhere. There are so many shad in the lake in July it can be hard to get a bite. So, you have to improve your odds. One of the ways to do this is by trolling. You will need to be able to troll from about 1/2 mile an hour to 1 mile an hour to get a crank bait to work properly. Trolling gives you the ability to stay in the strike zone and cover a lot of water. If you're not a troller, spoons and blade baits work well also. If your timing is off you're going home empty handed, but if you're doing the right thing in the right spot, the right way you're going to catch them. Keep your eyes on the fish finder, hunt 'em up and hook em up.

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Misfires And Snags



by **Dan Graves**
"Humorist Writer"

CAMPING FOR KICKS AND GIGGLES

(The chances of pitching your tent on a hill of fire ants are directly proportional to the distance to the nearest hospital.)

Camping, most notably primitive style, can be a rewarding and fun experience, especially if the site is on the bank of a hot trout stream in an area where the last bear sighting was in 1947. Early, brisk morning risings and late night bull sessions after wading in icy water looking for fish that are smarter than you are what lifetime memories are made of. However, unless you let your wife plan the whole thing and then take her along, you will be faced with certain inevitable pitfalls.

The first of these is the forgotten but essential list of items to insure continuation of reasonably comfortable life. It commonly includes waterproof matches, a tarp to cover the so-called waterproof tent that soaks up water like a terry cloth towel, adequate fire wood (there is always a sign within sight that says "Use of ground cover or humus for firewood is prohibited"), and something other than a plastic spoon to stir the beans. It will rain, at least for one night. This is an inescapable fact and improper preparation can leave you miserable. On a trip to a remote fishing spot in the North Carolina Smoky Mountains, we spent a sleepless night in sleeping bags floating on two inches of water while waiting for a black bear to show up and give us a legitimate excuse to abandon camp and head for home. The next morning, with wet fire wood, a bear in camp would have been in trouble with three hungry campers armed with razor sharp hunting blades. If our wives had been along there would have been four hides hung out to dry, three with tattoos and one with fur.

Later, at home, as we related the incident between bouts of hacking and wheezing, we got our just reward with pats on the head and excla-

mations of "aw, poor babies". The next morning with matches that wouldn't burn if soaked in gasoline, we enjoyed a breakfast of pork and beans (cold) complimented with soggy peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. I know that Coleman makes tools for such emergencies, but real men don't depend on sissy propane powered cooking devices.

The second day dawned bright and warm. This was more like it. Now, we looked forward to dining on "hot" pork and beans and crisp peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Finally, the matches were sputtering to life but the damp wood refused to ignite. The only course of action was to soak the stuff in a combustible liquid such as lantern fuel. Attempts to light it from a safe distance didn't work because the dinky little paper matches thrown at the fire pit would go out before they got there. Moving closer, one of them made it. The resulting explosion had a greater radius of influence than a fire bomb dropped on Tokyo in WWII, resulting in the perpetrator looking like he had received a depilatory treatment with a blow torch. Finally, with a warm blaze crackling we hung the pot and searched for something to stir it to keep the bottom layer from charring. The only available utensil was one of those ridiculous plastic spoons that will break if used to eat Jello. Since plastic melts at certain temperatures, we skinned a stick and looking like trolls from a Tolkien novel, we stirred and dined on hot pork and beans in primitive splendor.

The came the mosquitoes. With the Deep Woods Off sitting on the counter at home, we finally resorted to desperate measures. Using the dip stick from the truck engine, we coated all exposed parts with 10w-30 motor oil and solved the problem. With a little ingenuity, primitive camping can be enjoyable. However, from now on if such folly is to be repeated we're taking our wives along. They never forget the small necessities.

Arriving home they looked us over and asked, "Uh, guys, didn't the conflict in Viet Nam end a few years ago"? Proudly we held our heads high, and swatting at the flies swarming around our heads, scratching at numerous mosquito bites and rubbing balm on the burns, declared that we could now survive in the wilderness. We were now macho men. At least we appreciated it when our wives turned their backs on us to laugh.

Trout? What trout! ■

Roaming The Outdoors

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of them stocked in 2020 begin to return," said Ben Dickinson, Lake Michigan fisheries biologist for Indiana DNR.

While all these fish except the brown trout are grown in hatcheries operated by Indiana DNR, acquiring eggs to meet production goals requires cooperation with other states' DNR agencies. Of

all the trout and salmon stocked into Indiana's waters of Lake Michigan and its tributaries, only Skamania steelhead eggs are taken from fish returning to Indiana.

"We are grateful for all our Lake Michigan state agency partners for helping to ensure we can stock a variety of species to maintain our diverse fishery," Dickinson said.

For more information about Lake Michigan fishing, visit wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/lake-michigan-fishing.

Agencies assisting include Bargersville Fire Department, Indianapolis Fire Department, Johnson Co. Sheriff's Department, and Southport Police Department.

DNR CONTINUED FROM PAGE 21 UPDATE: SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR MISSING SPRINGVILLE MAN (MONROE COUNTY)

his wife, who began struggling in the water.

Search operations have been suspended for the night due to darkness and are scheduled to resume in the morning.

Agencies assisting with the search include Indiana Conservation Officers, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Monroe County Dive Team, Indiana State Police and Perry-Clear Creek Fire Department.

DNR MONITORING FISH KILL AT LOON LAKE (WHITLEY/NOBLE COUNTIES)

DNR fisheries biologists collected fish and water samples at Loon Lake yesterday as the result of a fish kill involving thousands of crappies that began earlier this week.

Samples were provided yesterday afternoon to the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Purdue University for testing regarding a cause. Results are not expected for weeks.

Because no significant numbers of other dead small fish species have been observed, the cause is not believed to be the result of a toxic event such as a chemical spill or release.

Biologists will continue to monitor the situation over the coming weeks.

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

UPDATE: TWO JUVENILES PULLED FROM GREENWOOD POND (JOHNSON COUNTY)

One of the juveniles pulled from a Greenwood pond has succumb to her injuries and died at Franciscan Health Hospital. The Marion County Coroner's Office will conduct an autopsy today to determine exact cause of death.

The second juvenile remains in critical condition at Riley Hospital for Children.

Update as of June 15, 2022, at 11:20 p.m.

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating an incident involving two juveniles this evening.

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STEVE'S MARINE

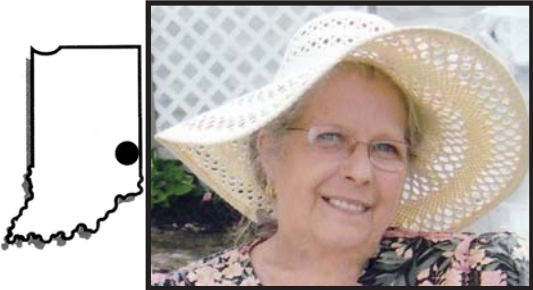
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Elmhurst today. Elmhurst was erected in 1831 by the Honorable Oliver H. Smith - see his photo on page 9. (Author Photo)

Whitewater Valley History



by **Donna Schroeder**
Fayette County Historical Museum

ELMHURST

One of the most beautiful sites in Fayette County is the picturesque home and surrounding grounds now known as Elmhurst, though its early history is recorded under the name of "The Old Elm Farm". Situated on the west side of the Whitewater Valley, along the former path of the Whitewater Canal and adjoining the south edge of the city of Connersville, it played a prominent role in the development of this section of the state. It was the home of men who were responsible for the early growth and advancement of the city, as well as the state of Indiana.

All of the historic building was not constructed at the same time. The nucleus of the present structure was erected in the year 1831 by the Honorable Oliver H. Smith, then a member of Congress. His contribution to the magnificent building consisted principally of four rooms. The



Indian Joe. (Author Photo)

brick home was two stories with immense chimneys at each end. A frame structure on the back was used as the kitchen and dining room. It is said that he chose this particular spot because of the choice view it afforded of the valley and the fact that the old Indian Trail passed directly in front. The trail continued past the house to a well known spring which was used by the Native Americans who often visited on their trips through the valley. The trail then branched off to the west to Jenny's Point, the highest point in the city, where the Native Americans maintained fire bowls for their signal fires. Smith was very friendly with them



Whistling Boy. (Author Photo)

and befriended them at every opportunity. He wrote several books, but is best known for his "Early Indiana Trials and Sketches" which was published in 1857. In it, he refers to his purchase of this property as follows: "I bought the fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, adjoining Connersville, the same now the residence of my friend Samuel W. Parker, of John Adair, of Brookville, for \$9 dollars per acre, in three installments without interest". This transaction was recorded on January 3, 1831.

It isn't known how long O.H. Smith lived in his new home, but he shortly afterward purchased a

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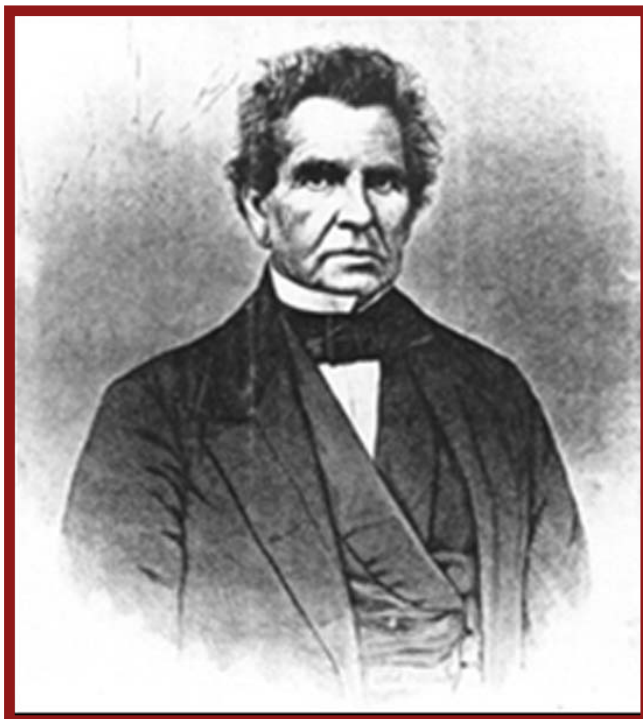
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Elmhurst pond. (Author Photo)



Elmhurst today marker. (Author Photo)



Honorable Oliver H. Smith (Author Photo)

pretentious home in the heart of the village of Connersville and moved there. Elmhurst then became the home of Caleb Blood Smith, member of Congress for three terms and Secretary of the Interior under President Lincoln. He also served his state in the Legislature 1833-1840 and was Speaker of the House 1835-1836. He was one of most eloquent and powerful stump-speakers in the United States. C.B. Smith died in



Elmhurst elegant living room. (Author Photo)

Indianapolis in 1864. It was his wish to be buried at Elmhurst. However, his involvement in the war on slavery resulted in threats by Confederate sympathizers to exhume his remains and “drag him through the streets”. His family buried him in an undisclosed location. It remains an unsolved mystery to this day, despite the exhumation of at least one grave in Connersville’s City Cemetery which proved to be that of a brother in law.

Coincidentally, there is a connection between Elizabeth, wife of Caleb, and a lady who was to live at Elm Farm within a few years. Elizabeth Smith was the sister of Susan Parker. They were the daughters of William and Rachel Watton. Elizabeth Watton Smith was notable in her own right. During their time in Washington, Elizabeth converted her husband’s offices into a hospital ward for Union soldiers and tended to them. She was highly regarded among the troops as an angel of mercy. Elm Farm also played a role in abolition. The Underground Railroad forked here, with the west prong leading toward what is now Harrisburg in Fayette County, and the east fork going toward Centerville in Wayne County. A brick building on an adjoining farm, then part of Elm Farm, is said to have been a stop for escaping slaves.

The estate next became the property of James Shaw on November 13, 1838, then Nicholas Patterson on February 14, 1842.

On February 23, 1850, Elm Farm was purchased by the Honorable Samuel W. Parker. Parker was a member of Congress from 1851 to

1855, and a resident of Connersville from 1828 until his death at Elm Farm in 1859.

Upon his return from Washington, Parker divided his attention between his law practice and his railroad interests. He was president of the Junction Railroad Company and, for several years, the president of the Whitewater Canal Company, headquartered at the Canal House, 111 E. 4th, in Connersville.

Remnants of the canal can be seen across the highway from Elmhurst. It is said that the canal boats would toll their bells upon passing his home. Parker would respond by ringing the bell he had installed in front of his home. Parker also gave his support and rendered valuable aid to the career of Henry Clay. It is believed that Clay was entertained at Elmhurst. Parker is given credit for beautifying the grounds at Elm Farm. It is said that, at one time, there was a specimen of every tree native to Indiana planted in the yard. The first remodeling of the house was begun by Parker. Among other things, he installed the solid walnut paneling which graces the lobby of Elmhurst. At the Agricultural Fair of 1858, held in Connersville, Parker received first premium for the best improved farm that year. Parker dedicated a place on the hill behind the house as Parker Cemetery. Upon his death in 1859, he was buried there. A son, Walter Scott Parker, died in the Civil War, and his body was returned to his mother to be buried here with his father and three brothers.

The Parker family eventually became destitute, CONTINUED ON PAGE 16



Beautiful living area in Elmhurst. (Author Photo)

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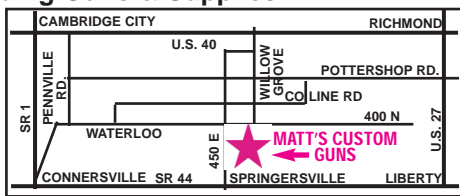
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Author with "L" shaped dowsing rods. (Photo by Susie Creason)



Northwest Ontario shore lunch. (Photo by Susie Creason)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

AGAINST ALL ODDS

For almost 70 years, I have been enjoying activities in the outdoors. Dad started taking me fishing when I was five at a friend's pond. Since then, I have fished fresh waters from southern Florida to northern Ontario and Quebec. My wife, Susie, and I have caught fish in the salt water of both sides of Florida. We have wet our lines in four of the five Great Lakes, missing only Lake Huron, which is on our schedule this year.

When I was in my early teens, my brother and I started buying and raising horses. I began riding rodeo and breaking horses. I became a blacksmith when I was 14 and made my own horseshoes and put them on our horses. I learned to drive and race harness horses. Many times I learned how hard the ground was and the horses seemed to get taller as I got older.

My mom was born and raised in South Dakota and she helped start me hunting adventures when I was ten. She taught me to shoot a .410 single shot and soon I was downing pheasants with that shotgun. Many rabbits and squirrels also fell to that gun. I took several limits of ruffed grouse in Ontario over the years with the .410. I graduated to different weapons and started hunting other critters.

I acquired a 12 gauge and began hunting ducks, Indiana deer, and Kentucky turkey. I bought a .35 Remington and hunted Canada moose and bear. I began chasing big game with archery equipment and bagged bear, wild boar, Sika deer, and a Wyoming pronghorn which went in the Pope and Young record book. I tried for an elk with my bow in Colorado without success. I had caribou and alligator on my list to hunt with a bow, but they will probably just remain on that list.

Susie and I have traveled much of this country and panned gold, searched for geodes, dug dinosaur bones, canoed, kayaked, hiked, and tried most other outdoor activities. We have searched for treasure with our metal detectors for the last 40 years in probably 20 different states.

In 1980, I started my professional writing career. Since then, I have written for numerous different newspapers, state, regional, national, and international magazines, and many different online publications. Almost all of this writing has been about my outdoor activities. Against all odds, in just a couple months, I will (hopefully) enjoy my 75th birthday.

Many times, I will sit and ponder, "Why am I still here?" Most of the men in my family never made it this far. I have had many health problems over the years and continue to fight many different issues. I believe God must have a reason for keeping me around.

When I was in college, I was taking an allergy shot every week for over seven years. I went to the doctor one week, got the shot, went into shock and died. I received two shots of epinephrine to counteract the shock and two shots of adrenalin to help get my heart started again. Against all odds, I am still here.

About ten years later, I had severe pain in my stomach and went to the hospital. Nothing could be found. Of course, this was 40 years ago and testing wasn't as advanced as it is now. After six days in the

hospital, the doctors decided to do an exploratory surgery to see if they could find the problem. When they opened me up, I was full of gangrene. My gall bladder had ruptured almost a week earlier. They said another couple days and I would have died. Against all odds, I am still here.

Twenty-five years ago, I had shoulder surgery. Not a major problem. A common operation. They told Susie I would be out of recovery and back in my room in 30 minutes. Nearly three hours later, I still couldn't breathe on my own. Too much anesthesia? They wouldn't say. Against all odds, I am still here.

On another occasion, the doctor sent me for a stress test. When the results came back, the doctor asked when I had had a heart attack. I never knew I had one. Against all odds, I am still here.

After shoulder surgery, various doctors noticed a strange sound in my neck. Numerous tests couldn't find the reason. They sent me to Indianapolis for further tests. They discovered a hole in my subclavian artery. Blood was coming out of this hole every time my heart beat. They called it a pseudo aneurysm. They needed to put a stent inside the artery to plug the hole. As I was wheeled into surgery, I was told they had never done this surgery before, but "in theory, it should work." Apparently, when the anesthesia needle was removed from this artery after my shoulder surgery, the hole didn't close. Against all odds, I am still here.

While fixing this problem, they asked me when I had broken my neck. They showed me on the screen where my neck was broken. We figured it had happened once when I had fallen off of a horse and landed on my head. Against all odds, I am still here.

A few years ago, my cardiologist informed me I had a heart murmur and would have to get a new heart valve in the near future. Until then, I should not engage in any extreme sports. Last fall, I went to Indy for an echo cardiogram to prepare for my new valve. While getting ready for sur-

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Creason with Savage .410 and South Dakota pheasants. (Photo by Susie Creason)



Author with Kentucky striper. (Photo by Susie Creason)



Author with new metal detector won in a Kentucky seeded hunt. (Photo by Susie Creason)

gery, the nurse asked when I had had a stroke. I didn't know I had had one. They found I had a 60% blockage in one artery and 80% in another. They had to put three stents in to repair those before I could get the new valve. Surgery took only about an hour, but where the catheter was taken out of my wrist, it took 11 hours to get the bleeding stopped. Against all odds, I am still here.

A couple years before my heart surgery, tests found a large cancerous tumor on my kidney. When they removed that, they took about 20% of my right kidney with it. Tests every six months have shown the cancer is completely gone. Against all odds, I am still here.

Besides fighting diabetes, taking insulin shots, and having severe lower back pain for the last 20 years, I don't know of any other major problems at this time. I always heard God had a plan. I just don't know what mine is. The only reason I can think of is to keep me writing stories to entertain and educate my readers. Perhaps that's why I'm still here.

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We Are Looking for Metal Detecting Sites by Rich Creason

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

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DQ Grill & Chill Counter helpers at left Christine White and at right Amy Redd. (Author Photo)

A SMILING STORY TO REMEMBER!

by Ray Dickerson

My wife Sherry and I have been buying our Sunday supper at the DQ Grill & Chill Speedup #5 and taking it home to eat for some time now. It is located at the I-70 and Centerville Road interchange just north of Centerville, Indiana, our home town.

I want to go back a bit further to a happening in my life that has some bearing on our visiting this particular DQ Grill & Chill at I-70 & Centerville Rd north of Centerville, Indiana.

Let's go back to the 1950's

My brother Bob and I plus about everyone else our age in the Centerville neighborhood had a good friend, Dickie Williams* who lived next door to our Aunt Kate* whose father, also Dick Williams*, traveled all over the United States pulling a starting gate used to start horse racing events. Young Dick Williams lived with his grandmother, Goldie Smoker* and his mother

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DQ Grill & Chill counter Staff from Left to Right: Drake Collins, David Current, Jeff Baker (Asst Mgr), Alexander Van Horn and Thor Toschlog. (Author Photo)

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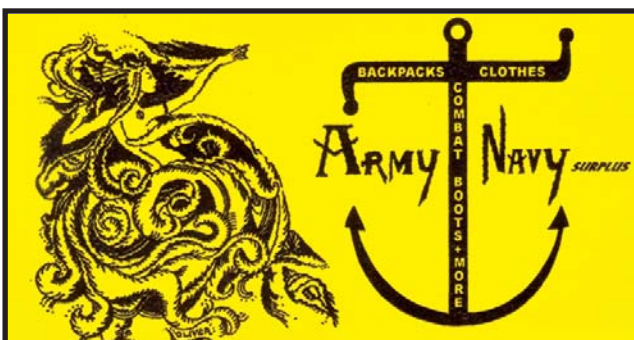
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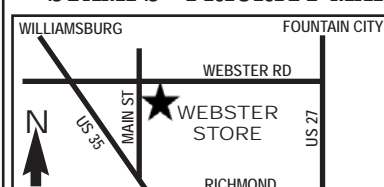
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An old revised photo of the Centerville Stuckey's Pecan Shop that was located west of Centerville, Indiana 1959 - 1965.



The Church of the Nazarene was erected here in 1966, a year after Stuckey's moved from here to I-70 and Centerville Road North. (Author Photo)

Dorothy Williams* at the corner of southwest Morton Avenue and West School Street. The reason I mention this is about a favorite shop Dickie always talked about visiting up East, which was Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe and how good their candy was to eat. I remember when it came time for graduation in 1959 and we were about to embark on our Senior Trip, which would take us to New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Washington D.C. and back home again. I was looking forward to visiting one of those Stuckey Pecan Shoppes and finally get to eat the candy bar there that Dickie raved about how good they were to eat, when he visited them up east with his dad.

I can't say exactly where we found the Stuckey Pecan Shoppe we visited on our 1959 Senior Trip, but we did so and I think it may have been in Washington D.C. where we found the Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe. Our Senior Trip was a memorable one to say the least. (I had an 8mm movie camera on the trip and recorded quite a bit of our trip on it. It was fun to watch once at one of our class reunions years later held in the new high school cafeteria along with some other film I took overseas in the Air Force.)

We returned back home never expecting to ever be able to visit a Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe again.

However our fate was about to change. Low and behold a Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe and Gas Station was built six miles west of Richmond, Indiana on U.S. 40, just west of Centerville. I know I visited it before I joined the Air Force and left home in November of 1959.

For the past couple of weeks I've been scouring the Centerville Mortonians and Robinsons Advertising books of Wayne County for 1961-

1973 searching for advertisements for Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe in them and a couple of Robinsons Wayne Co. Indiana Business booklets with the help of Centerville Librarian Kris Turner who without his help I would have never been able to find the information listed below.

The **1961** Robinsons Wayne Co. Indiana Business booklet it listed their address as Stuckey's Candy Shop 9S US 40-W Center Twp RR2 Centerville.

The **1964** Robinsons booklet lists the same address, also Mgr John Garrett 008S US 40-W Center Twp RR2 Centerville.

Below is the list of Centerville High School Mortonians that we found Stuckey's listed as an advertiser in all except the year 1965.

We think it is a possibility that it was in 1965 that Stuckey's moved from west of Centerville to its new location at the intersection of Centerville Road north and I-70. Also helping me with this information was my wife, Sherry who worked in the kitchen at Stuckey's when it was located at I-70 and Centerville Road from 1996 to 1999. Our daughter Amy also worked there, she served the ice cream products and was especially good making the curl at the top of ice cream cones. I can vouch for her for that creativity from eating a lot of ice cream back then. At that time Larry and Helen Seals managed Stuckey's along with their daughter Mary Seals Johnson*.

1964 Mortonian - Stuckey's Centerville Pecan Candies, Nuts & Gifts U.S. 40

1965 Mortonian No Advertisement for Stuckey's

1966 Mortonian - Stuckey's Candy Shop IR-70 & Centerville Road- Pecans, Candies, Nuts & Gifts

1967 Mortonian - Stuckey's Candy Shop etc.....

1968 Mortonian - Stuckey's Candy Shop etc.....

1969 Mortonian - Stuckey's Candy Shop etc.....

1970 Mortonian - Stuckey's Candy Shop etc.....

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1973 Mortonian - Stuckey's Candy Shop etc.....

See Page 13 for a photo of Stuckey's Candy Shop when it was located west of Centerville, IN on US 40.

Today on that same spot where Stuckey's Candy Shop stood is the Church of the Nazarene which was erected in 1966. One person who remembers the time when the church was erected there, he said that part of the Stuckey's building is part of the church.

I've taken several photos of the church from different angles and the only part that looks to me like it may have been part of the Stuckey's building might be where I placed the two black arrows on the photo.

Another thing I haven't been able to find out was when Stuckey's Candy Shop ceased to be part of business at I-70 and Centerville Road North and it became the DQ Grill & Chill Speed UP #5.

If anyone can shed some light on this please contact me, call **765-960-5767** or e-mail me raythegadabout@gmail.com.

(*Deceased)

Brief Note: Young Dick Williams throughout his life time wrote poems. This was something I was totally unaware of until he gave me a stack of his poems telling me I could put some of them in The Gad-a-bout if I wanted to do so.

I was amazed and honored to put them in The Gad-a-bout. I still have them. ■

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At approximately 7:50 p.m., emergency crews were dispatched to the area of the 1200 block of Edgewater Drive in the Clear Brook Subdivision after two juveniles were separated from a group playing in the water and did not resurface.

Greenwood Fire Department and Greenwood Police Department were first on scene and were able to recover the two females at 8:05 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., respectively, in approximately 15 feet of water.

The victims were transported to Franciscan Health Hospital and Community South in critical condition.

The investigation is ongoing, and updates will be released as they become available.

Agencies assisting include Bargersville Fire Department, Indianapolis Fire Department, Johnson Co. Sheriff's Department, and Southport Police Department.

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In late May, biologists with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife stocked two bodies of water in northeast Indiana with roughly 3,000 brown trout averaging 8 inches in length. Brown Trout

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Olin, and Martin lakes) and the Pigeon River at county roads 327 and 175 in Steuben County.

The bag limit for trout in inland waters, not including Lake Michigan or its tributaries, is five trout per day with a minimum size of 7 inches. No more than one can be a brown trout. If taken from the Oliver Lake chain, brown trout must be at least 18 inches long.

Anglers 18 years and older need an Indiana fishing license and a trout/salmon stamp to fish for trout. Both can be bought at on.IN.gov/HuntFish.

For additional information on area trout stockings, see wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/indiana-fish-stocking.

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Dunk Tank schedule for Liberty 4th of July Festival!

Friday, July 1st

- 4-5pm UC/CCJSD Superintendent ARON BOROWIAK
- 5-6pm UC Sheriff Reserve Deputy JASON POWELL
- 6-7PM ISS Teacher for UCMS and UCHS Max Swafford
- 7-8PM UC Sheriff Democratic Candidate JEFF FRANKLIN

Saturday, July 2nd

- 11-Noon UCMS Principal SARAH LYNCH
- Noon-1pm Kehila Coffee owner Darah Finch
- 1-2pm Liberty Town Council Member and LVFD ROSS KEASLING
- 2-3pm LES Principal LISA GAYHART
- 3-4pm Julene Crumley, Special Education Teacher, UCMS
- 4-5pm Julie Leavitt

Sunday, July 3rd

- Noon-1pm Liberty Police Officer KARL MOFFETT
- 1-2pm UC Sheriff Republican Candidate JEFF ADAMS
- 2-3pm Liberty Police Chief ANDREW JORDAN

Thank you to all for volunteering to get in the Dunk Tank to raise money for the Lib
Beautification Fund and Union County Cancer Association.

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- Daily Activities at Monroe Lake
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- Volunteer Workday: Painting Trail Signs, July 13
- National Moth Week, July 23-31
- Kayaking Programs
- Upcoming Virtual Programs
- Virtual Program Collection: View on demand!

Monroe Lake Website: on.IN.gov/monroelake
Monroe Lake Program & Event Calendar: bit.ly/monroelakecalendar
Monroe Lake on Facebook: facebook.com/monroelake

Daily Activities at Monroe Lake

Monroe Lake offers all kinds of scheduled programs, crafts, games, hikes, and more that you won't find mentioned in this e-newsletter. If you're planning a visit, make sure you check our complete activity list at bit.ly/monroelakecalen

dar. The schedule is currently up to date through July 31.

Flora Field Days, July 5 & August 2

Want to work on your flora identification skills? Practice with a naturalist! Field day emphasis is on the proper use and application of an ID key, which opens the door to identifying thousands of species. The naturalist will work with each attendee based on their prior experience. If you've never worked with flower ID before, this is a great way to learn. If you have prior experience, this is a fun way to practice your skills and maybe add some new blooms to your life list! Free, recommended for ages 12+, 2 hours.

- Tuesday, July 5, 9:30 a.m. at Stillwater-Northfork Waterfowl Resting Area: Register at bit.ly/florafield-jul2022 by July 3.
- Tuesday, August 2, 9:30 a.m. at Moores Creek SRA: Register at bit.ly/florafield-aug2022 by July 31.

Volunteer Workday: Painting Trail Signs (Fairfax SRA), July 13
Our signs for three new hiking trails at Fairfax SRA (plus additional signage to improve trail markings on the existing trail) have arrived. There

are more than 50 wooden signs that need to be painted before we can begin installation. We welcome assistance for any period of time between 1 and 3 p.m. – you don't need to stay for the full two hours! Please wear old clothes that can get paint on them and bring a water bottle. Limited to volunteers ages 14 and up. Sign up by July 10 at bit.ly/volunteer-7-13-22

Celebrate National Moth Week, July 23-31

•Saturday, July 23: Insect-ology in Action from 8 p.m. to midnight at Fairfax State Recreation Area, Big Oak Shelter – Drop by to see insect research in action! Sawyer Scheid, who is in his second year of an entomology survey at Monroe Lake, will be collecting and identifying moths and other insects. He invites you to stop by to see what his lights have brought in, check out his personal collection of silk moths, and ask questions about local insects. During last year's research work at this location, Sawyer observed rare, synchronized fireflies. Watch the Facebook Event Page for any weather-related updates at facebook.com/events/424801762514291

Thursday, July 28: Facebook LIVE virtual program, Moths vs. Butterflies, at 11:30 a.m. - In honor of National Moth Week, join naturalist Jill

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Whitewater Valley History

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owing to the mismanagement of Quincy, the one remaining of the five sons, the other four having died young. Susan Watton Parker died in Indianapolis at the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in 1903. She is buried in the Parker Cemetery.

The farm was purchased by James Huston through a foreclosure sale in 1881. Under his ownership, the house was extensively renovated, being patterned after the design of the White House in Washington, and was often referred to as the "White House of Indiana". He expanded Elm Farm to include over eight hundred acres. Huston had massive fireplaces built on both the upper and lower levels. Most notable is the fireplace in the area now used as the lobby. It is made of carved sandstone and polished granite. On one side is the likeness of Indian Joe, a member of the Shawnee tribe, who remained in the valley after the relocation of the Shawnees. He was well known throughout the area and is said to be buried somewhere on the land that was once Elm Farm. The sculptor used an old tin type to obtain his likeness. The other side depicts an African American stable boy who often whistled while watching the progress of the carving of Indian Joe. The sculptor, whose identity is lost to time, asked permission to balance the fireplace by carving the whistling boy into the opposite side. Huston added massive porch columns and wings at both the north and south ends of the original house, as well as continuing the paneling that was started by Parker. He was also responsible for the addition of the beautiful oak stairways. Huston spent \$44,000.00 to remodel the home.

James N. Huston served in both the House and Senate of the Indiana Legislature. He became close friends with Benjamin Harrison who, with his 1st wife, Caroline Scott Harrison, was a frequent visitor at Elm Farm. It is said that a bedroom was reserved exclusively for their use and decorated to their tastes, and the room north of the lobby is known as the Harrison Room. When Harrison ran for president, Huston was his political manager. Upon Harrison's election, Huston was appointed United States Treasurer.

Alonzo W. Daum bought the building in March of 1901. Daum added the north wing, known as the Daum Annex, consisting of twenty six rooms. It became a nationally known sanatorium. Dr. Daum soon endeared himself to the community, not only as a doctor, but also as a humanitarian and a deeply religious man. There is a tale of how he contracted a rare disease on a trip abroad, but the accounts of his illness and death give no support to the theory. He died at Elm Farm in 1901 at age thirty three and was buried in the Parker Cemetery.

Charles Chambers and Ella Porter purchased the property from the Daum family and operated a sanitarium under Dr. W. J. Porter. The Elm Farm was subsequently divided and sold, with one hundred forty acres and the house being retained and

renamed "Elmhurst". This property was sold to the Connersville Sanatorium Company in 1903.

In June 1906, The property became the summer home of George B. Markel of Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

In 1909, the Elmhurst School for Girls was established, directed by Isabel Cressler and Caroline Sumner, for the purpose of giving girls of the Midwest educational opportunities equal to those available in Eastern schools. Elmhurst was unique in that the original enrollment was limited to twenty four residents, although the total enrollment was as high as forty at one time. The entire one hundred and forty acres was put to use to allow for a combination agricultural/domestic science course, an idea unheard of in the education of females of the day. While the school was non-sectarian, it was permeated with a religious atmosphere.

Daughters of wealthy and prominent families were educated here. The drinking fountain in the dining room was presented to the school by a family whose daughters were enrolled at the school.

The school closed in 1929, and the estate came under the control of Manfred Dale. It stood vacant until it became, for about a year, the Pennington Military Academy under a Mr. Lewis. This was followed by an attempt by Herbert Bard, a professor from an Eastern college, to open a private school in 1931. That endeavor also failed. Except for a caretaker, Robert Ungersall, the building stood idle until its 1939 purchase by Warren Lodge to be used as a Temple for the Lodge.

For many years, there was a large pond in front of the house, and the magnificent grove of trees still filled the lawn. While those have disappeared with time, the building still stands, and the legends of the people who walked within its walls endure. ■

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Vance for a kid-friendly presentation on the differences between butterflies and moths! She'll also discuss some easy and fun ways to observe moths in your own backyard. Questions from those viewing live! Watch live at [facebook.com/events/388620549708151](https://www.facebook.com/events/388620549708151)

• **Saturday, July 30: Sugaring for Moths from 9:15 to 10:15 p.m. at Paynetown State Recreation Area, Deer Run Playground/Shelter Area** – Drop by to check out moths (and other insects) as the sun goes down! We'll have "sugared" trees to attract them, as well as a lighting setup.

• **We're also offering five additional moth-themed activities/crafts at Paynetown State Recreation Area, scattered throughout the week! Click here on line for complete information on all National Moth Week programs.**

Kayaking Programs

Our kayaking schedule resumes in June with both workshops and guided trips. These tend to fill FAST, so don't wait long to sign up, and make sure you add yourself to the waiting list if a ses-

sion is already full!

Beginner Kayaking Workshops: If you love seeing wildlife, or just enjoy exploring, kayaking is for you! Kayaks let you reach backwater areas and quiet bays that aren't otherwise accessible. It's a wonderful way to experience Monroe Lake. This workshop is specifically designed for beginners with zero (or very little) paddling experience. We'll teach you basic paddling and safety skills and provide supervised paddling time in a quiet water area to practice. *Kayaks, paddles, and life-jackets are all provided. Each 2-hour workshop is limited to 8 people, ages 10+. Cost is \$10 per person.*

• **Tuesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/begin-kayak-jun21-2022 by June 15. *FULL, waitlist available at [registration link](#)**

• **Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/begin-kayak-jun26-2022 by June 21. *FULL, waitlist available at [registration link](#)**

• **Sunday, July 10 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/begkayak-jul10-2022 by July 5. *7 spots OPEN**

• **Tuesday, July 19 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/begkayak-jul19-2022 by July 15. *8 spots OPEN**

• **Sunday, July 24 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/begkayak-jul24-2022 by July 20. *FULL, waitlist available at [registration link](#)**

• **Tuesday, August 9 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/begkayak-aug9-2022 by August 1. *8 spots OPEN**

• **Sunday, August 14 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/begkayak-aug14-2022 by August 9. *8 spots OPEN**

• **Sunday, August 28 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/begkayak-8-28-2022 by August 24. *8 spots OPEN**

^ **This is a COMPLETE list of all remaining workshops in 2022. No additional Beginner Kayaking Workshops will be scheduled.**

Explore Monroe Paddling Trips: Explore the quieter side of Monroe Lake during these guided paddling trips that journey through backwaters, wetlands, bays, and/or slow-moving streams. Trips highlight beautiful views, hidden wildlife, aquatic plants, and unique land features. Find your new favorite place to kayak! All participants must have at least 2 hours of prior paddling experience OR have completed one of our Beginner Kayaking workshops. *Each trip is limited to 10 people, ages 16+, and lasts about 2 hours. Trip fee is \$10 per person. Kayak rentals available for an additional \$20.*

• **Sunday, July 10 at 7 p.m. (Northfork): Register at bit.ly/exploremonroe-jul10-2022 by July 5. *FULL, waitlist available at [registration link](#)**

• **Tuesday, July 12 at 9 a.m. (Northfork):**



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Register at bit.ly/exploremonroe-jul12-2022 by July 7. ***FULL, waitlist available at registration link**

- Sunday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. (Cutright SRA): Register at bit.ly/explore-8-14-2022 by August 9. ***9 spots OPEN**
- Tuesday, August 16 at 9 a.m. (Cutright SRA): Register at bit.ly/explore-8-16-2022 by August 11. ***9 spots OPEN**
- September trip information pending!
- October trip information pending!

Kayak Recovery Workshops: This workshop is for people who have basic kayaking skills but aren't comfortable with how to handle an accidental capsiz. We'll introduce and practice multiple strategies to get you back into a sit-on-top kayak as efficiently as possible, including instruction on in-water recovery (for when you can't get the kayak back to dry land). You WILL get wet and spend time in the water during the workshop. *Kayaks, paddles, and lifejackets are all provided. Each 1.5 hour workshop is limited to 8 people, ages 14+. Cost is \$10 per person.*

- Sunday, June 26 at 1:30 p.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/kayak-recovery-jun26-2022 by June 21. ***FULL, waitlist available at registration link**
- Sunday, July 24 at 1:30 p.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/kayakrecovery-jul24-2022 by July 20. ***8 spots OPEN**
- Sunday, August 28 at 1:30 p.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/kayakrecovery-8-28-2022 by August 24. ***8 spots OPEN**

^ This is a COMPLETE list of all remaining workshops in 2022. No additional Kayak Recovery Workshops will be scheduled.

Upcoming Virtual Programs

- Thursday, June 30 at 11:30 a.m., Q&A with Dave Kittaka, DNR Fisheries Biologist: Topics will include how the Division of Fish & Wildlife monitors populations, fish stocking in the lake, and what has been done recently to improve fish habitat and fishing opportunities. Questions from those viewing the discussion live are welcome! Watch us live at facebook.com/events/488711429705475/
- Thursday, July 28 at 11:30 a.m., Moths vs. Butterflies: In honor of National Moth Week, join naturalist Jill Vance for a kid-friendly presentation on the differences between butterflies and moths! She'll also discuss some easy and fun ways to observe moths in your own backyard. Questions from those viewing live! Watch us live at facebook.com/events/388620549708151
- Thursday, August 25 at 11:30 a.m., Freshwater Bryozoans (Alien Pods!): Every year in late summer and early fall, gelatinous blobs, covered with strange patterns wash up on the shoreline of Monroe Lake. Although they look like alien pods, they are actually freshwater bryozoan colonies! Join naturalist Jill Vance to learn how bryozoans once colonized ancient marine

seas and now occupy both modern oceans and freshwater lakes. Watch us live at facebook.com/events/1375038176348392/

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- NEWLY ADDED! Q&A with Emmet Holsapple, Monroe Lake Wildlife Biologist**
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- Craft Tutorials
- Facebook LIVE: Recordings of Livestreams
- Geology Programs
- Gone but Not Forgotten: Gravesite Series
- History Programs
- Interviews and Q&As
- Outdoor Hikes and Walks
- Plant Programs



DETECTIVE PAUL BAKER

**DETECTIVE PAUL BAKER AWARDED
ISP INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR
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analysis of the evidence revealed DNA from an unknown male subject that was involved in an incident August 17, 1985. That DNA was unable to be matched with any known person.

In 2004 a task force was formed including Detective Baker and officers from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and the Shelbyville Police Department. Unfortunately none of the new leads led to the positive identification of a suspect and the case was classified as a cold case.

In 2019 the task force reconvened and the Indiana State Police Laboratory, utilizing new technology, was able to identify a suspect. A subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Steve Hessler on several charges. After a jury trial in March 2022, Hessler was convicted of 2 counts of rape, 6 counts of unlawful deviate conduct, 7 counts of burglary resulting in bodily injury, 3 counts of criminal confinement and 1 count of robbery. He was sentenced to 650 years in prison.

"Detective Baker was pivotal in preparing the case for trial, where we called 27 witnesses and introduced over 300 pieces of evidence. He did much of the work himself and oversaw assisting officers. I cannot stress enough what an important role several members of the ISP and the ISP Lab played in achieving this outcome. The efforts of Detective Paul Baker and all he did to help bring this case to a successful prosecution, to provide some closure to our several victims, and to ensure that an extremely evil, dangerous man was brought to justice. Various agencies played key roles to bring this case to trial, but Detective Baker and Shelby County Sheriff's Detective David Tilford were the ones who organized everything that the various departments gathered into a case sufficient to convict a violent serial home-invasion rapist 37-39 years after his various local attacks." Said Shelby County Prosecutor Brad Landewerlen.

**CONSERVATION OFFICERS WELCOME
NEW OFFICERS TO DISTRICT 5**

Indiana Conservation Officers (ICO) welcome three new officers to operational District 5.

Officer Kaley McDonald will be assigned to Greene County.

McDonald is a native of New Jersey who graduated from Monroe Township High School in 2013. She attended Middlesex County College, where she studied earth science and earned an Associate of Science degree in 2018.

She comes from a law enforcement family. Her father has served as a municipal police officer and park ranger in New Jersey and Florida. Her grandfather has worked for the New York and New Jersey Port Authority for 20 years. Her uncle served with the Greene County Sheriff's Department for 23 years.

McDonald was hired in 2019, graduated as a member of the 38th ICO recruit class, and was originally assigned to Monroe County.

Caleb Hutchison is a native of Owen County and is a 2010 graduate of Owen Valley High School. He studied conservation law at Vincennes University and graduated in 2012 with an Associate Degree in Applied Science.

Upon graduation from Vincennes, Hutchinson became a reserve officer for the Spencer Police Department and later a deputy with the Owen County Sheriff's Department. There, in 2018, he and his K-9 partner Koda were recognized as the Patrol Dog Team of the Year by the American Police Canine Association.

Matthew Mauder, also a native of Owen County, graduated from Owen Valley High School in 2017. He also attended Vincennes, where he studied conservation law and earned his Associate of Science degree in 2019.

Upon graduation, Mauder was employed by the Spencer Police Department as a patrol officer.

Both Hutchison and Mauder were hired in 2021 as members of the 39th ICO recruit class.

"We are very excited to have these officers in our district and for them to become ingrained into their communities," said District Commander Lt. Dale Clark. "Their passion for the outdoors and

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Chip seal operations to begin on U.S. 52 in Franklin County on or about Tuesday July 5, 2022.

CHIP SEAL OPERATIONS TO BEGIN ON U.S. 52 IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

FRANKLIN COUNTY, Ind.— Indiana Department of Transportation maintenance crews plan to begin chip seal operations on or after Tuesday, July 5, on U.S. 52 in Franklin County. Work will take place between S.R. 229 at Metamora and the bridge over Butler's Run near Brookville. Motorists can expect delays due to lane closures and flagging.

Chip seal work typically lasts three to four days per location depending upon weather. During operations, existing pavement is coated with liquid asphalt, which seals cracks and provides waterproof protection. This extends the service life of the roadway and lowers maintenance costs. Once the seal coat is complete, loose aggregate is applied and swept from the road. After a curing period, crews will return to fog seal the new driving surface and apply pavement markings.

Chip seal is a cost-effective pavement preservation technique that is utilized across the state of Indiana, saving an estimated six to 14 dollars in taxpayer expenditures for every dollar invested in extending the life of a roadway.

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, avoid distractions, and consider worker safety when traveling through active work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

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'OPERATION DRY WATER' TO TARGET BOATING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE JULY 2-4, 2022

The Independence Day holiday typically means more boaters spending more time on the water across the United States, which typically results in an increase in the number of boating incidents and fatalities.

As a result, from July 2-4, Indiana Conservation Officers, in partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and the U.S. Coast Guard, will participate in the national Operation Dry Water heightened awareness and enforcement weekend.

During those days, law enforcement agencies from across the country will be focused on educating boaters about safe boating practices, including sober boating. Because alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in recreational boater deaths, Indiana Conservation Officers will be working to increase public awareness of the dangers of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs, for boat operators and their passengers.

“The tragedies that happen on our waterways because individuals choose to boat while impaired are preventable,” says Indiana Boating Law Administrator Lt. Kenton Turner. “It is our job to do everything we can to ensure the safety of our recreational boaters and paddlers. That is why Indiana Conservation Officers are joining all states and U.S. territories to do our part in keeping boaters safe and preventing incidents, deaths and injuries caused by boating under the influence.”

Boaters during Independence Day weekend will notice an overall increase in officer patrols on the water and at recreational boating checkpoints. The aim of the combined efforts of the participating law enforcement agencies and outreach partners is to remove impaired operators from our waterways, providing a safer and enjoyable experience for everyone on the water.

Operating a vessel under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal on all bodies of water and can lead to serious injuries, death, property damage and legal consequences. Indiana Conservation Officers reminds boaters to always boat sober and to wear a life jacket when on or around the water.

Visit operationdrywater.org or on.IN.gov/dnrlaw for more information about

boating under the influence.

LT. GOV. CROUCH STATEMENT ON THE OVERRULING OF ROE V. WADE STATEHOUSE

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch offered the following statement regarding the overruling of Roe v. Wade:

“This is a historic day for life and for all those who respect our constitution. Now, let us turn our attention to the important work of protecting both mother and child here in Indiana.”

INDIANA STATE FAIR ADDS FINAL HEADLINGER TO COMPLETE LINEUP SCHEDULE

Indiana State Fair Adds Final Headliner to Complete Lineup Schedule for the 2022 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage Concerts 2022 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees PAT BENATAR & NEIL GIRALDO just added to stellar lineup.

July 29-August 21, 2022

June 23, 2022, INDIANAPOLIS – Today, the Indiana State Fair announced the addition of 2022 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo as the final addition to its exceptional lineup that will take place on the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage. The 2022 Indiana State Fair will take place July 29 through August 21 (Fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The lineup each year consists of some of music’s most legendary acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. A limited number of premium section access tickets will also be made available at a later time. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

The 2022 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair schedule includes:

- Kansas - Friday, July 29 (opening day)
- Jesse McCartney - Saturday, July 30
- We The Kingdom - Sunday, July 31
- Chaka Khan - Wednesday, August 3
- Gone 2 Paradise (Tribute to Jimmy Buffett) - Thursday, August 4
- Travis Tritt - Friday, August 5
- The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band - Saturday, August 6
- Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo - Sunday, August 7
- Trace Adkins - Wednesday, August 10
- Too Fighters (A Tribute to Foo Fighters) - Thursday, August 11
- KC & The Sunshine Band - Friday, August 12
- El Dia de los Latinos en la Feria del Estado de Indiana presented by Radio Latina (Latino-Fest at the Indiana State Fair) - Saturday, August 13
- Zach Williams - Sunday, August 14
- Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues, The Cowsills - Wednesday, August 17
- Small Town (A Tribute to John Mellencamp) - Thursday, August 18
- Carly Pearce - Friday, August 19
- Vixen & Autograph - Saturday, August 20
- Gospel Music Day featuring Fred Hammond - Sunday, August 21

High Resolution Artist Images are Available by Request or By Visiting the State Fair Media Center Photo Gallery at www.IndianaStateFair.com.

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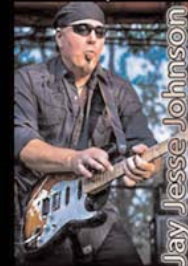
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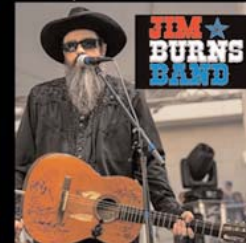
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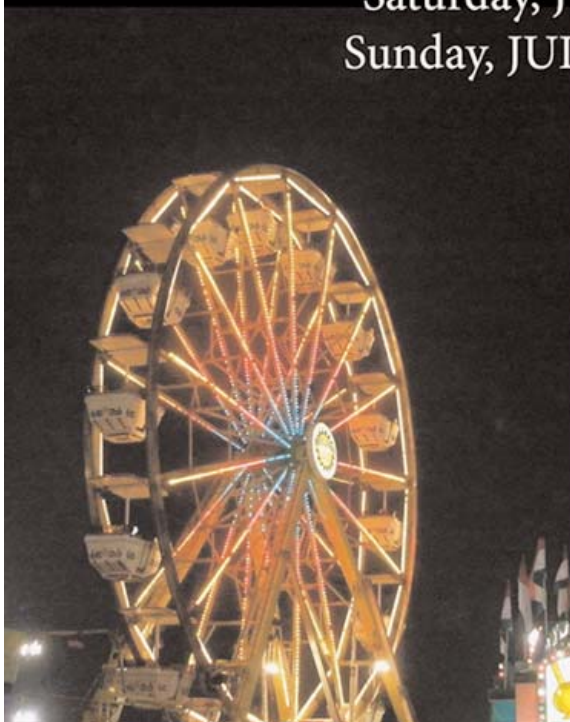
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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

RESERVED HUNT APPLICATIONS OPEN JULY 1 UNDER NEW SYSTEM

Beginning July 1, hunters can apply for a variety of reserved hunts online by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

This year, instead of one application period for all draws, they are split into a few different date windows. The reason for the change is to help hunters more easily plan for their hunts and thereby increase the number of hunters able to participate.

The online method is the only way to apply for the hunts listed below. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a hunting license that is valid for the hunt for which they are applying.

Hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. Applicants will be able to view draw results online within two weeks after the application period has closed. An email will be sent to all applicants when draws have been completed.

Applications for the following hunting opportunities open July 1. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Aug. 1:

• **Dove Hunts:** Applicants may select the desired date and property. Due to inclement spring weather, other crops may have been planted in place of or along with sunflowers. Participating properties include the following Fish & Wildlife areas (FWAs): Atterbury, Goose Pond, Jasper-Pulaski, Kankakee, Kingsbury, Pigeon River, Willow Slough, and Winamac.

• **Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge Youth Deer Hunt:** Muscatatuck NWR will host one reserved firearm deer hunt for youth, Sept. 24-25.

• **Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) Hunts:** IPLA will offer reserved hunts for squirrel and youth deer on private lands. Hunt dates and locations can be seen when applying.

Applications for the following hunting opportunities open Aug. 22. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Sept. 23:

• **FWA Waterfowl Hunts:** Participating FWAs include Goose Pond, Hovey Lake, Kingsbury, Kankakee, and LaSalle. Province Pond Wetland Conservation Area, managed by J.E. Roush Lake FWA, will also participate.

• **FWA Deer Hunts:** Deer Creek and Fairbanks Landing will host firearm season hunts.

• **State Park Deer Hunts:** State parks participating include Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Shakamak, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, and Whitewater Memorial. Trine State Recreation Area and Cave River Valley Natural Area will also participate.

• **Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Deer Hunts:** Properties participating include Big Oaks and

Muscatatuck, each of which will draw archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunts.

• **November Gamebird Area (GBA) Hunts:** Reserved hunts will be held on Game Bird Areas in northern Indiana (Benton, Jasper, Newton, Warren, and White counties). Hunters may choose from a variety of hunt dates. These are not put/take pheasant hunts.

• **Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) Hunts:** IPLA will offer reserved hunts for game birds and deer on private lands.

Applications for the following hunting opportunities open Oct. 3. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Oct. 31.

• **December Gamebird Area (GBA) Hunts:** Reserved hunts will be held on Game Bird Areas in northern Indiana (Benton, Jasper, Newton, Warren, and White counties). Hunters may choose from a variety of hunt dates. These are not put/take pheasant hunts.

• **Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) Hunts:** IPLA will offer reserved hunts for rabbit on private lands.

Additional hunting opportunities:

• **Camp Atterbury (National Guard property)** has decided not to allocate deer hunting opportunities through the Indiana DNR reservation system. For details on how to apply for hunting opportunities at Camp Atterbury, see atterbury.isportsman.net. Email questions to ng.in.inarng.mbx.hunting-program@army.mil or call 812-5261499, ext. 61375.

Please note that for all opportunities listed, only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once an application is submitted.

The application process is now consolidated into the online services website along with licenses, CheckIN Game, and HIP registration. An online account is not required to apply, but you must have a Customer ID number.

Hunts without a registration fee will follow the same process as those with a fee. To register for hunts with no fee required, applicants will be asked to "Add to Cart," "Proceed to Checkout," and "Place Order." If the transaction total is \$0, the applicant will not be asked to enter credit card information. Applicants must place an order to submit their application.

To view draw results, applicants can log into their online services account or click "View hunt draw results" at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. From there, applicants should select "Click here" under Reserved Hunts to see the status of registered hunts. The link will only show upcoming hunts that an individual has registered for. Logging into an account online is required to see the full history of past hunt registrations.

More information is available at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

UPDATE: SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR MISSING INDIANAPOLIS MAN (MONROE CO.)

At 2:44 p.m., the body of David Alejendor Mora-Segura was recovered by Indiana Conservation Officer divers in 20 feet of water near where he was last seen.

An autopsy will determine an exact cause of death.

Release as of June 27, 2022, at 1:32 p.m.

A search for an Indianapolis man is underway after he went missing in the water at Monroe Lake yesterday.

At approximately 2 p.m., David Alejendor Mora-Segura, 34, was boating with friends when he disappeared beneath the surface of the water.

Responding agencies searched for Mora-Segura until nightfall when the operation was suspended. The search resumed this morning.

Initial investigation revealed that Mora-Segura was wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) when he entered the water, but appears to have slipped out of it.

Agencies involved with search include Indiana Conservation Officers, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Monroe County Dive Team, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Perry-Clear Creek Township Fire Department.

FLORIDA MAN DROWNS SAVING JUVENILE IN LAKE MICHIGAN

The body of a Florida man was recovered today by lifeguards after he saved the life of a juvenile.

At approximately 10:28 a.m. CT, responders were dispatched to Porter Beach regarding two people struggling in the water.

Thomas Kenning, 38, of St. Petersburg, Florida, was visiting with family when he observed a juvenile female in distress in Lake Michigan. Kenning reached the juvenile and helped her to safety before going under the water and not resurfacing.

A short time later, Indiana Dunes State Park lifeguards arrived on scene to assist, and they pulled Kenning from the water. He was transported to Northwest Health Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy will determine an exact cause.

Porter Beach is an unguarded beach and is "swim at your own risk."

Assisting agencies include Porter Fire, Chesterton Fire, Burns Harbor Fire, Northwest Health EMS, National Park Rangers, and Indiana Conservation Officers.

LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL PROGRAM SEEKS INPUT ON GRANT FUNDING PRIORITIES

DNR's Lake Michigan Coastal Program (LMCP) seeks public input on funding priorities for the 2023 grant cycle through an online survey available at surveymonkey.com/r/OXSD3YT

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Program funds may be used in a variety of project categories, including public access or habitat improvements, land acquisition, planning and coordination, education and outreach, and applied research projects.

Projects must be located entirely within the LMCP area, which is the northern portions of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties, or otherwise demonstrate how the proposed project would affect the LMCP area. With an allocation of approximately \$600,000 per year, the Coastal Grants Program has provided more than \$13 million to local partners for projects since 2003.

Input for the coastal grants priorities will be accepted until July 13 and will be taken into consideration by the Coastal Advisory Board, which will vote on which priorities to accept.

BODY OF VINCENNES MAN RECOVERED FROM TURTLE CREEK RESERVOIR (SULLIVAN COUNTY)

Body of Vincennes man recovered from Turtle Creek Reservoir (Sullivan County)

The body of a Vincennes man has been recovered from the water after he went missing early yesterday morning at Turtle Creek Reservoir.

At approximately 3:53 a.m. Sunday, Sullivan County Dispatch received a call from Hoosier Energy Security that they had activated their high wind advisory alarm, which is used to warn boaters to evacuate the water. One boat failed to return.

Indiana Conservation Officers responded and were assisted by Sullivan County Sheriff's Department but were unable to locate the missing boat or its occupant.

A search was initiated using boats, side scan sonar and scuba divers.

This morning at 8:10 a.m., the body of Patrick J. Dehut, 53, of Vincennes, was recovered from the water.

The investigation is ongoing, and the exact cause of death is pending autopsy results.

Assisting agencies include the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department and Sullivan County EMS.

BODY SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR MISSING INDIANAPOLIS MAN (MONROE COUNTY)

A search for an Indianapolis man is underway after he went missing in the water at Monroe Lake yesterday.

At approximately 2 p.m., David Alejendor Mora-Segura, 34, was boating with friends when he disappeared beneath the surface of the water.

Responding agencies searched for Mora-Segura until nightfall when the operation was suspended. The search resumed this morning.

Initial investigation revealed that Mora-Segura was wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) when he entered the water, but appears to have slipped out of it.

Agencies involved with search include Indiana Conservation Officers, Monroe County Sheriff's

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating the death of a kayaker after he was recovered from a private pond.

Yesterday at approximately 6:45 p.m., Conservation Officers responded to the 2800 block of Old Michigan Road in the town of Holton for a kayaker that had fallen in the water and not resurfaced.

Braulio Bustamante, 45, of Indianapolis was recovered from the water and taken to shore prior to officer's arrival.

Lifesaving aid was rendered, but unsuccessful and Braulio was pronounced dead at the scene.

An autopsy is scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

Assisting agencies include Indiana Conservation Officers, Ripley County Sheriff's Department, and Ripley County EMS.

KAYAK TOUR AT PATOKA LAKE ON SATURDAY, JULY 16

Patoka Lake is hosting a kayak tour on Saturday, July 16 at 9 a.m. leaving from the Wall's Lake boat ramp.

The journey will travel along remnants of Wall's Lake dam to the "lake within a lake." Beaver, osprey, bald eagles, and other wildlife can often be seen on the route.

Participants should arrive at the ramp no later than 8:45 a.m. to unload equipment and register. Non-motorized lake permits are required and will be sold at the event for \$5. Permits can also be purchased at the Patoka Lake office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

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

AERIAL TREATMENTS COMPLETED FOR SPONGY MOTH

All aerial treatments conducted by the Indiana DNR divisions of Forestry and Entomology & Plant Pathology to slow the spread of gypsy moth, now called spongy moth, for this year were completed as of Wednesday.

Spongy moth is one of North America's most devastating invasive forest pests and has caused thousands of acres of defoliation across the eastern United States.

Treatments for this destructive pest were conducted in Allen, Fulton, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Miami, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, Starke, Wabash, and Wells counties.

The treatments done most recently employed a mating-disruption process using SPLAT GM-O, an organic product made with food-grade materials. The droplets contain pheromone, which disrupts the insect's mating cycle.

The DNR will return to northern and perhaps sections of central or southern Indiana next spring and summer to continue the battle to slow the spread of this insect.

For more information, see gypsymoth.IN.gov.

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

DNR MONITORING FISH KILL AT LOON LAKE (WHITLEY/NOBLE COUNTIES)

DNR fisheries biologists collected fish and water samples at Loon Lake yesterday as the result of a fish kill involving thousands of crappies

that began earlier this week.

Samples were provided yesterday afternoon to the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Purdue University for testing regarding a cause. Results are not expected for weeks.

Because no significant numbers of other dead small fish species have been observed, the cause is not believed to be the result of a toxic event such as a chemical spill or release.

Biologists will continue to monitor the situation over the coming weeks.

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

THUNDER OVER PATOKA FIREWORKS DISPLAY IS JULY 2, 2022

Patoka Lake is hosting its 16th annual Thunder Over Patoka fireworks display at Patoka Lake beach on Saturday, July 2 at 10 p.m. The display can also be viewed from the section C viewing area in the 300-loop of the modern campground for those camping at Patoka.

Music themed to the event will be played on WITZ-FM 104.7, at.witzamfm.com or from WITZ-FM's smartphone app.

The beach is expected to fill quickly, so plan to arrive early to secure a spot. Beach concessions will be open.

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, call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

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

UPDATE: SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR MISSING SPRINGVILLE MAN (MONROE COUNTY)

UPDATE: Search underway for missing Springville man (Monroe County)

This afternoon at approximately 5:15 p.m., Indiana Conservation Officers recovered the body of a missing Springville man.

The body of Dwight Fry was located in 30 feet of water utilizing sonar and divers near the area where he was last seen yesterday.

An exact cause of death is pending autopsy results. Release as of June 16, 2022, at 10:39 p.m.

A search is underway for a Springville man after he went missing in the water at Monroe Lake.

This afternoon at approximately 5:24 p.m., responders were dispatched to the lake for two people struggling in the water. Upon arrival, officers learned that one of the individuals was rescued from the water by a passing boater. The second individual, Dwight Fry, 64, was missing in water.


A search was immediately initiated using sonar, boats, and divers from multiple agencies.

Initial investigation revealed that before going missing in the water, Fry was attempting to help his wife, who began struggling in the water.

Search operations have been suspended for the night due to darkness and are scheduled to resume in the morning.


Agencies assisting with the search include Indiana Conservation Officers, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Monroe County Dive Team, Indiana State Police and Perry-Clear Creek Fire Department.

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FORT WAYNE POST TROOPERS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

-Indiana State Police Annual Awards Ceremony Fort Wayne Post Troopers and Allen County Citizen Recognized

(Indianapolis, IN)- On Friday June 24, 2022, the Indiana State Police held their annual awards ceremony at the Government Center (South) to recognize the exemplary and often heroic actions performed by ISP personnel over the course of the preceding year. At this year's ceremony, there were three Fort Wayne area troopers and an Allen County citizen recognized for distinguished performance or actions.



For "Exceptional Meritorious Service", Senior Trooper Bryan Rumple was presented with the Department's *Combat Action Award*, and Allen County resident Mr. Elysha Swineford was presented with a *Commendation Award* for their combined actions taken on **February 10, 2022** in southern Allen County. Trooper Rumple was involved in a lengthy physical altercation with an armed and combative motorist after a vehicle pursuit. Mr. Elysha Swineford (a civilian passerby) stopped his vehicle and rendered assistance to Trooper Rumple. With Swineford's help, Trooper Rumple was able to get the suspect into custody without further incident or necessary use of force. Both Trooper Rumple and the involved suspect were injured during this incident. Mr. Swineford's extraordinary conduct in coming to the aid of a law enforcement officer reflects great credit upon himself and the value he places on human life. S/Trooper Rumple is a 14 year veteran of the Department, and currently assigned to road patrol duties in Allen County.

On behalf of Indiana State Police Superintendent Douglas Carter, and the entire ISP family, we sincerely thank the men and women recognized at this year's ISP Awards Ceremony. Your daily dedication and commitment to duty in our communities makes a real difference.



Senior Trooper Nick Meade was presented with a *Life Saving Award* for his actions taken on February 5, 2022 in the town of LaOtto, wherein he and another first responder conducted Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on an elderly female suffering in cardiac distress. This medical intervention allowed necessary time for Noble County EMS Paramedics to arrive on scene and provided more specific medical aid. The victim made a full recovery, in part, due the willingness and quick actions of Trooper Meade and the other first responders. Trooper Meade is a 14 year veteran of the department. He is currently assigned as a Patrol K9 Handler conducting road patrol duties in Noble and LaGrange county(s) with his K9 partner "Jake"



Trooper Ben Walker received the 2021 *Trooper of the District award*. This award is presented to the Trooper who has achieved outstanding enforcement efforts in the areas of traffic as well as criminal enforcement, case and crash investigations, public information programs and community service, and who has exemplified the professionalism and integrity expected of an Indiana State Trooper. Trooper Walker was also presented with the *District 22 Top Drunk Driving Enforcement Award*, with 84 drunk driving arrests made in 2021. Trooper Walker is a four year veteran of the department, and is currently assigned road patrol duties in Steuben County. This is the second year in a row in which Trooper Walker has been recognized for his work towards removing impaired drivers from our Hoosier roadways in northeast Indiana.

NORTH VERNON WOMAN ARRESTED FOR DEALING METHAMPHETAMINE

Seymour-Yesterday, June 27, 2022, a traffic stop by an Indiana State Trooper resulted in a Jennings County woman being arrested on numerous charges related to dealing and possession of methamphetamine and marijuana.

Shortly before 11:00 am, the Indiana State Police received information from the Seymour Police Department and Jennings County Sheriff's Office that a possible wanted person was traveling in a vehicle on the east side of Seymour, Indiana. Trooper Randel Miller soon located the Honda Accord, being driven by Kelli Cravens, age 44, North Vernon, Indiana on US 50 near US 31.

Trp. Miller conducted a traffic stop on Cravens' vehicle for a traffic infraction. Upon speaking to Cravens, she initially provided a false name to troopers. Cravens was soon arrested on the felony warrant out of Jennings County. After indicators of criminal activity were observed, Trp. Miller deployed K-9 "Bosco" to conduct a sweep of the vehicle. Bosco alerted to the odor of illegal drugs coming from Cravens' vehicle.

During a search of the vehicle, troopers located approximately 25 grams of suspected crystal methamphetamine, marijuana, and drug parapher-

naliam.

Cravens was transported to the Jackson County Jail where she was remanded on initial felony charges of Dealing Methamphetamine (over 10 grams), Possession of Methamphetamine (over 10 grams), and Identity Theft. She also faces misdemeanor charges of Possession of Marijuana with a prior conviction, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was also being held on the Jennings County Arrest Warrant.

Cravens will soon have an initial hearing in the Jackson County Circuit Court.

Trooper Miller was assisted by Trooper Jason Hankins, Indiana State Police-Versailles, and officers with the Indiana State Excise Police.

NEWLY APPOINTED TROOPER ASSIGNED TO THE PENDLETON DISTRICT

Pendleton, IN- On June 16, 2022, eighteen new troopers graduated from the 82nd Indiana State Police Recruit Academy after completing a journey of 23 weeks of intense training. The recruits completed over 1,100 hours of academic and hands-on training in criminal and traffic law, crash investigation, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, firearms, de-escalation, impaired driving detection, scenario-based train-

ing, and other classes necessary for modern policing.

One of the troopers has been assigned to the Indiana State Police Pendleton Post and will now begin three months of field training working next to several experienced field training officers. After completing this phase, the trooper will be issued their police cars and begin solo patrol on Indiana roads.

Avery J. Weisbrodt, 23, is a native of Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He graduated from Lawrenceburg High School in 2016. After graduating from high school, Weisbrodt joined the U.S. Army and spent a five-year career as a Military Policeman. He currently still serves his country as an active Indiana National Guardsmen. Weisbrodt will be assigned to the south zone and will patrol Henry, Wayne, Rush, Fayette, and Union County.

Weisbrodt will be relocating to the Greenfield area with his wife of two years, Melissa., and his dog, Stella.

See Trooper Avery J. Weisbrodt's photo at top of Page 23.



Trooper Avery J. Weisbrodt

TWO NEW TROOPERS ASSIGNED TO THE ISP VERSAILLES DISTRICT SEE PHOTO BELOW & RIGHT

Versailles, IN – This week, two new Indiana State Troopers reported for duty to the Indiana State Police Post in Versailles. The troopers are from a class of 18 recruits who just graduated from the 82nd Indiana State Police Recruit Academy Thursday, June 16, 2022. During the 23-week training period, the recruits received over 600 hours of classroom instruction as well as nearly 500 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 Versailles District consists of Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.

Versailles District Commander Paul Adams said, "We are proud to welcome these two new troopers to the Versailles District, and we are excited to see the difference they will make on the



Trooper Payton Utterback

highways and in the communities they will serve."

Trooper Payton Utterback, age 23, is a 2017 of Franklin Community High School, Franklin, Indiana. After high school, he attended Indiana State University where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Intel Analysis. Trp. Utterback has also served in the Air National Guard since 2017. Prior to attending the Indiana State Police Academy, he worked as a personal trainer. Trp. Utterback is the son of Indiana State Police Lieutenant Ty Utterback, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. Upon beginning solo patrol, Trp. Utterback will be assigned Zone 1, patrolling Jackson and Bartholomew Counties. Trp. Utterback and his wife live in Bartholomew County, Indiana.



Trooper Brian Weigel

Trooper Brian Weigel, age 28, is a 2012 of East Central High School, St. Leon, Indiana. After high school, he obtained an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement from Vincennes University and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University-East. Prior to attending the Indiana State Police Academy, Trp. Weigel was a deputy with the Dearborn County Sheriff's Department for nearly five years. Trp. Weigel is the son of Indiana State Police-Versailles Post Crime Scene Investigator, Stephen Weigel. Upon beginning solo patrol, Trp. Weigel will be assigned Zone 4, patrolling Dearborn and Ripley Counties. Trp. Weigel lives in Dearborn County with his wife and one child.

THE FORT WAYNE POST WELCOMES CORPORAL ROSS JOHNSON

(Fort Wayne, IN)- Trooper Ross S. Johnson, previously assigned to the Toll Road Post, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal and transferred down to the Fort Wayne Post, where he now serves as the 3rd shift district duty officer. In this new assignment, Corporal Johnson will oversee late night State Police operations for the Fort Wayne and Peru Districts, both of which are dispatched out of the ISP Regional Dispatch Center in Fort Wayne.

Corporal Johnson is an eight-year veteran of the Department. His career with the State Police began May 1st, 2014, when he graduated from the 73rd ISP Academy Class. He is originally from



Corporal Ross Johnson

Newton, Illinois and graduated from Newton Community High School in 2010. After high school he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois. During his college career, Johnson was a collegiate athlete, running track and field and earning NAIA All-American status in the 4x400 meter relay. He also served as a student council member in college being elected by his peers.

Prior to being promoted and transferred to the Fort Wayne Post, Corporal Johnson served over seven years at the Jasper Post, and nearly one year at the Toll Road Post. Johnson is currently certified as an emergency vehicle operations (EVO) instructor, PIT maneuver instructor, Crash Reconstructionist, Field Training Officer, speed timing device instructor (Radar, Lidar, Vascar), and also serves as an honor guard team member. He has previously served as a meth suppression team member, as well as the Area III representative for the Indiana State Police Alliance.

Cpl. Johnson has established his residence in Allen County.

DETECTIVE PAUL BAKER AWARDED ISP INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Indianapolis, IN - Friday June 24, 2022 the Indiana State Police held an annual awards ceremony in Indianapolis to recognize ISP personnel for 2021 special awards. The ceremony includes naming a Trooper of the Year, Dispatcher of the Year, Laboratory Technician of the Year and an Investigator of the Year.

27 year Indiana State Police Veteran, Detective Paul Baker of Shelbyville, was named the Investigator of the year. Baker was nominated because of his role in a cold case investigation and the successful prosecution of a man connected to several Shelby County home invasions and rapes between 1982 and 1985. In 2002 Baker was assigned to the case and asked to re-examine evidence from the crimes, with the intention of utilizing current technology to identify a suspect. The

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