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The Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park added their latest addition to the park on Sunday April 10th, a Grumman A-6E Inturder Fighter Jet. It was moved to the Veterans park from the Boston Airport where it had been since it had been moved there from Wright Patterson Air Force Base and placed there back in 1995. Joe Goebel thought when the Veterans placed the restored UH-1 "Huey" helicopter in the park it would be the last (see it resting on pedestal above) thing added. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson
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SPECIAL PAGE FOR JIM HOWELL
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My neighbor, Jim Howell, handed me a photo the other day of the 1946 Centerville Junior High Team. In 1946 I enrolled in Kindergarden in the Centerville Grade School, in fact we moved into 105 East South Street that year. The very same place I'm typing this special note right now. What a treat having this photo with my band leader and basketball coach Henry Fornoff in this photo and principal E.L. Outland plus 12 Centerville basketball players too. Including two of my cousins Kent Shank and Darrell Dickerson!

IT'S A BUSY TIME FOR OUR VETERANS NOW - STARTING WITH THE MOVING OF THE GRUMMAN A-6E INTRUDER TO THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK TO THE UPCOMING VETERAN'S PARADE TO BE HELD IN CENTERVILLE MAY 21, 2022

The photo above I took this afternoon at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park located in Richmond, Indiana. The Grumman A-6E Intruder is resting on a cement pad after being placed there on April 10th.

The Western Wayne Newspaper did a great article and photos on the move from the Boston


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VETERAN'S PARADE

MAY 21, 2022

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Veteran's Parade on Main Street will begin at 6pm, followed by FREE Ullery's Ice Cream at Maplewood Park (While supplies last).

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Outreach Team Chair



by Kevin Smith

Outreach Team

Sunday, April 24, 2022, was Faith Promise Sunday at Centerville United Methodist Church. The service was devoted to missions, as Mindy Odom-Lehman was given the pulpit to share the story of her experiences with Birthright, an organization devoted to supporting women dealing with unplanned pregnancies. Birthright, located at 303 South 6th Street in Richmond, offers friendship and support in a welcoming atmosphere of love. Birthright's focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring her that she is not alone.

Our Faith Promise initiative has supported Birthright for over twenty years offering financial support, food from our Annex food pantry, and an occasional "baby shower" of formula, diapers, and wipes. Mindy Odom-Lehman, a 1988 graduate of Centerville High School, has been with Birthright for 13 years and is now assuming the leadership role from long-time director Diane Angelia.

Faith Promise is a financial commitment by an individual or family that is OVER AND ABOVE regular budget giving to the church. It is a specific amount that each individual/family will trust that God will somehow supply. It is a covenant between individuals/families and God, trusting that God will provide. A summary of fiscal 2021-22 showing where our Faith Promise dollars were spent was presented to the congregation. That report is included in this newsletter. The 2022-23 budget was also shared and appears in this newsletter.

Monthly Food Ministry

Our church (Centerville United Methodist Church) was involved with four different and very meaningful Easter services this year: The Living Last supper on Thursday, April 14th, Good Friday Service on April 15th, and Easter Sunrise Service and Easter Worship Sunday morning, April 17th. With all that activity we still managed to have a successful April Monthly Food Ministry on Saturday, April 16th. Sixty-eight family units were given well-filled baskets of canned and dry goods, fresh produce, dairy, and meat products. Once again, our church family answered the call with ample help on Wednesday to unload the truck from Gleaners, on



I asked the congregation to close their eyes and think of a group of beautiful people. Then I showed them the picture above of the workers at the food ministry. Kate, however was not in the picture, so I took a separate picture of Kate to show that she is also a beautiful person. That is why there is another photo of Kate by herself. See Kate's photo below. (Photo by Kevin Smith)



Kate Wilson wasn't in the photo above at the April Methodist Monthly Food Ministry held on April 16, 2022. She is holding one of the boxes of food items that she and the other volunteers in top photo distributed to the multitude of people who eagerly accepted the free food that day in their vehicles that day. (Photo by Kevin Smith)

Friday to set up, and on Saturday to serve. Thank you to the "beautiful people" that helped in any way to make the event a success. Our next Monthly Food Ministry will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 10:00-11:00 AM.

"...let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

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Airport to the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Park in Richmond, Indiana.

I was told by Ron Weadick, Veterans Service Officer just today about the upcoming Armed Forces Day Veteran's Parade to be held on Saturday May 21, 2022. **There is a copy of the Application for Parade Units here in this issue on page 21.** Cut out the application, May 13, 2022 is the deadline. Keep the top portion as your information sheet.

Last years turn out was a huge success. For more information contact Ron Weadick 765-969-5767 or ronweadick@comcast.net or Marilynn Buchholz 765-855-2389 or cm3mego@aol.com.

HOW TO CELEBRATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

May is Historic Preservation Month, which means it's time to celebrate Indiana's built environment. Preservation Month

This year's theme is "That Exceptional One—Indiana's Early Female Architects and Builders". In recognition, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) has produced a poster with images of women who either practiced architecture or designed or built homes in Indiana. Quantities of this free poster are limited. To request one, contact Amy Borland at aborland@dnr.IN.gov or 317-232-1647.

Every day in May, the DHPA Facebook page ([Facebook.com/INdhpa](https://www.facebook.com/INdhpa)) will profile a woman

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Members of the Centerville Methodist Choir. Front Row Left to Right: Patty Brown, Laura Arndt, Pat Bowers and Karen Dickson. Back Row Left to Right: Sam Dickson, Kevin Smith, Pastor Ted Chalk and Dan Arndt (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

CENTERVILLE & RICHMOND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



by Pastor Ted Chalk

I Came Across A Quote That
Really Caused Me To Think..

"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe."
Abraham Lincoln

Preparation, how do we prepare for all that we are doing in our lives? We really prepare many different ways for the different parts of our lives from work, to family, travel, and hobbies. My mind also wondered then to how do we prepare to live out our faith? This is especially good for us to think about since we are just a few weeks past Easter. I will suggest that we are

preparing to live out our faith all the time whether or not we are aware.

"Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt." But Moses protested to God, 'Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?' God answered, 'I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.'" (Exodus 3:9-12, NLT)

God is speaking to Moses, calling him to go to Egypt to lead God's people out of slavery. On the surface, Moses' rebuttal seems plausible, even humble. He now is just a lowly shepherd for his father-in-law, doing his best to take care of his family. Who was he to talk to Pharaoh and lead millions of Israelites out of Egypt?

But let's not forget the beginning of Moses' story. Moses was found by Pharaoh's daughter as a baby and lived as a part of the royal household of Egypt for 40 years! Forty years sounds like a long time to learn all of Egypt's necessary customs and build relationships with Pharaoh and his family.

Maybe Moses forgot about the first half of his life. But God didn't. God was preparing him for his calling. God was preparing Moses through the relationships he was building in all aspects of his life in all the different roles he was playing. Our lives are really all about relationships. The death and resurrection of Jesus is all about God doing

everything possible to be in relationship with us. God's desire is to be in relationship with us and then to use those relationships to build and grow God's kingdom. God has prepared you and is preparing you for whatever God is calling you to do.

You may be overwhelmed and feel not able, but the answer God gave to Moses is the same answer God gives to you: **"I will be with you"** (Exodus 3:12a, NLT). That's all you need. God's presence in your life completes your preparation to answer your calling. God is with, whether or not you are aware. Look, seek, search and you will find. ■

Editor's Note: See next pages 6 & 7 for Donna Schroeder's article on the Abraham Lincoln family. It's title The Lincoln Funeral Train.

Roaming The Outdoors

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who either practiced architecture or designed/built homes in Indiana. Additionally, weekly Facebook Live broadcasts about these women will be presented.

From May 1-7 on the DNR Instagram ([Instagram.com/indianadnr](https://www.instagram.com/indianadnr)) page, DHPA will post some of this year's Historic Preservation Photo Contest entries and the winning photos from all categories. Throughout that week, DHPA will also feature different aspects of the state historic preservation office and their roles on the DNR Facebook ([facebook.com/INdnr](https://www.facebook.com/INdnr)) page.

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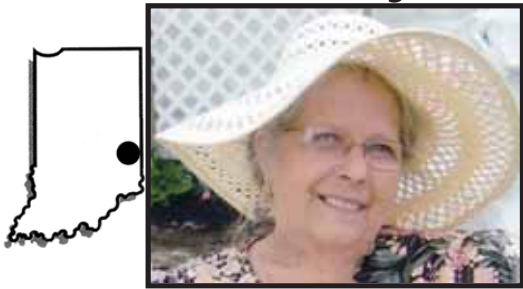
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Whitewater Valley History



by Donna Schroeder
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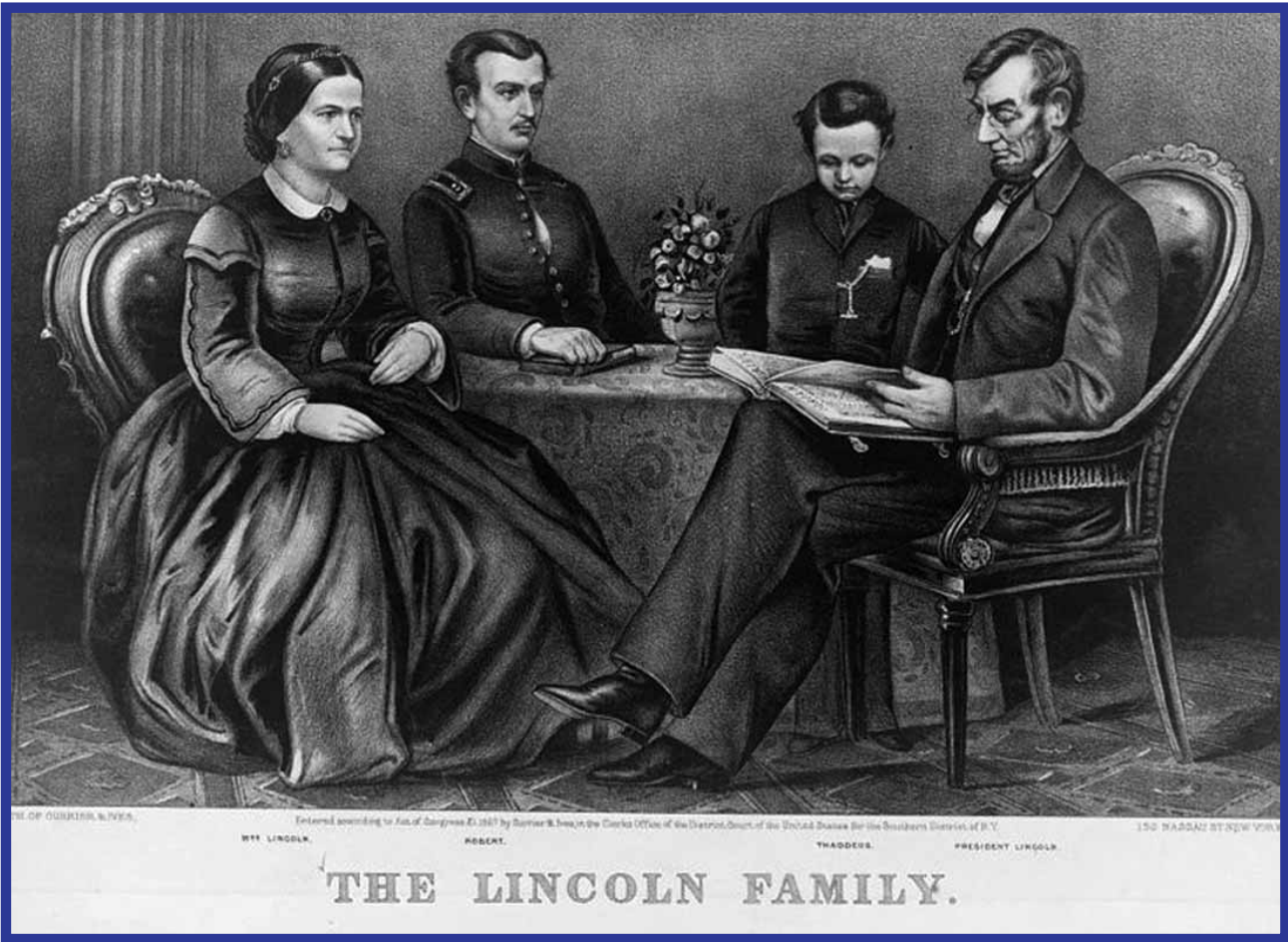
Most Hoosiers know that Lincoln spent his boyhood in southern Indiana. Most have heard the name of his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, and some have probably heard that Mrs. Lincoln was mentally unstable, but have you ever considered that the events of her life might have destabilized the strongest of minds?

Mary Ann Todd was born in 1818, one of seven children of Robert Smith Todd and his first wife, Eliza, who died when Mary was six years old. Her father and his second wife, Elizabeth, had nine additional children. From all accounts, Mary had a tumultuous relationship with her stepmother.

Mary’s family was wealthy. Her father was a state senator, and Mary was well educated, as were all her brothers and sisters. She met Lincoln, ten years her senior, while she was living with her sister, Elizabeth Edwards, in Springfield, Illinois. Prior to meeting Lincoln, she had been courted by Stephen A. Douglas who later defeated Lincoln in the 1858 Illinois senatorial race. However, Lincoln defeated Douglas in the 1860 presidential election.

The Lincolns were married at the Edwards home in 1842. Their married life began on the meager income of a beginning attorney in a small apartment above the Globe Tavern. A few years later, they purchased a home. They were the parents of four sons. Robert was first, then Eddie, Willie, and Tad. In 1849 and 1850, both her father and Eddie, age 4, died.

As the fight against slavery began, Mary was increasingly separated from her family. Her half siblings supported the southern cause. Of her father’s first family, only Robert Jr., her eldest brother, supported the Confederacy. Her beautiful youngest half sister, Emile, was a favorite of the Lincolns. She married Benjamin Helm, who may have been related to our Fayette County Helm family. When war was imminent, Lincoln offered Helm a ranking position in the Union Army, but he declined and joined the Confederacy. He was killed in battle soon after, and Emile and her daughter came to live at the White House. In the meantime, Willie Lincoln, age 11, had died of typhoid in 1862, leaving the Lincolns devastated. Emile wrote that she was greeted warmly and tear-



Lincoln_Family,_Currier_&_Ives (Author Photo)

fully by the Lincolns, all sharing their grief at the deaths of Willie, Ben, and three Todd brothers who died in the service of the South.

The presence of rebels in Lincoln’s home wasn’t well received in the north, mainly because Emile had refused to revoke her allegiance to the Confederacy. She and her daughter soon went back to Kentucky, with Lincoln issuing an order to allow her to return safely. Kentucky was a neutral state, and Lincoln supposed she would remain there without traveling either north or south.

Emile Helm, while in Kentucky, was raising cotton. She was able to smuggle some of her crop to the south, using the letter Lincoln had issued. Later, she asked to be able to return further south again and sell more of her crop. Lincoln refused her request. Her reply was a scathing letter which named him as the reason that she was a widow and her children were orphans. The Lincolns cut off all ties to her.

Emile later moved to Madison, Indiana, where she lived for several years and taught piano. Her daughter, Katherine, was an accomplished artist and painted the portrait of Mary Todd Lincoln which hangs in the White House. After a time, the eldest Lincoln son, Robert, reconciled with Emile and was able to obtain a position for her as post-mistress in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, where she lived until 1895, when her son was able to purchase the land her great grandfather Todd had owned at Lexington. She remained there until her death in 1930.

Both Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln were deeply religious, with Mrs. Lincoln being a dedicated Presbyterian, but they also believed in spiritualism. After Lincoln’s death, Mary consulted a



Lincoln_Ghost (Author Photo)

“spirit photographer” who produced a photo that allegedly showed Lincoln’s ghost standing behind her. She and Abraham had taken part in seances to try and contact Willie, and Lincoln certainly

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Home of Solomon Meredith. (Author Photo)



Mary Todd Lincoln. (Author Photo)



Willie Lincoln. (Author Photo)



Eddie Lincoln. (Author Photo)



Emile Todd Helm. (Author Photo)

believed that he was given to premonitions. Regardless of the other beliefs, the secret of spirit photography was later revealed as simply double exposures in the photos. It was proven to be a hoax, perpetrated by those who preyed on the grief of others.

Lincoln was shot on the evening of April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theater by John Wilkes Booth and died the next morning. Following Lincoln's funeral in Washington on April 19th, the funeral train that carried the Lincolns to Springfield for the final time began its journey. It also contained the exhumed remains of Willie, refreshing Mary's grief at his loss.

The war years had taken a terrible toll on Mary Lincoln. Three of her brothers died in battle, along

with Ben Helm, who had been a close friend. Her husband and son were dead, and she had lost touch with her beloved sister.

In 1871, her youngest son, Tad, passed away at the age of eighteen. The loss of the youngest of her four sons affected her deeply. Robert had his mother committed to an asylum, but she was released after three months. She never forgave Robert for that decision. Mary Todd Lincoln died in 1882, at the same home of her sister where she had been married.

So ended her troubled life, but the connection between Lincoln and Indiana, especially our region, goes even deeper.

Fayette County's Caleb Blood Smith was Lincoln's Secretary of the Interior for a time.

Connorsville's Colonel W. W. Frybarger was given the task of draping Indianapolis in mourning for the arrival of Lincoln's funeral train.

To avoid any possible accident, as well as giving the public the opportunity to view the train, it was directed to travel no faster than twenty miles per hour. It reached Richmond at 3 a.m. on April 30th, where between 12,000 and 15,000 people greeted it. Governor Oliver P. Morton and other high ranking officials met the train there and boarded for the trip to Indianapolis.

In Cambridge City, the train slowed and blew its whistle at the home of Lincoln's friend and trusted commander, Brigadier General Solomon Meredith, the father in law of Connorsville's noted

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May Fishing Brookville Lake

May is my favorite month to fish, and I will tell you why. Its dependable. In the real world there are a lot of things that can make fish not want to bite, but in May it doesn't seem to matter so much. A few things that make fish not want to bite.

The first thing I want to tell you about is the wind. For the most part a blowing wind will Help fish bite, as long as it's blowing from the right direction. A north or south wind in the summer time on Brookville lake is a welcome site especially if your-drift fishing for walleye. Brookville lake is a Longnarrow lake that lays north and south so its well suited for this. A west wind works also but it feels like your cutting across the grain a bit for drift fishing. Try to just stop and cast to the wind ward side of the shore. What the wind is doing is mudding up the water and pushing bait against the shore. The bait that is there and trying to stay in a school, but the constant pounding of the water against the shore has them disoriented and the predator fish know this. Couple this with the muddy water and its easy pickings. The dreaded east wind is the worst. The only reason I can figure is usually after an east wind there is a big storm. So, I'm thinking the wind from the east is not really being blown at all its really being sucked to the west. By this storm which in turn changes the barometric pressure. Which in turn affects the swim bladder of fish, and for what ever reason makes them not want to bite. Now this is just a guess on my part, so if I'm way off base here please let me know.

Things that make fish want to bite are water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and an abundance of food. In May the water temperature is rising every day due to the sun. This is triggering everything to grow, expand, and spawn. This urge is so strong that even in the worst conditions they're still going try. In May almost all the fish in the lake are spawning. The only ones that are not are walleye, musky, and catfish. What's creating all the urges is water temperature. In a fishes' world the water temperature is everything right behind oxygen. In May the water temperature is moving from 60 to 70 degrees. What this is going to do is put all the fish in the same place at the same time, and this is all done by an urge to spawn which is driven by the water temperature. You add an abundance of dissolved oxygen to the mix and you have the perfect storm.

Places to look. Brookville lake is 17 miles long with a river feeding it from the north and a control tower at the dam dumping it off. It has 9 boat ramps, 2 beaches and 3 marinas. It has 4 big coves, Hanna creek, Garr hill, Templeton's creek and wolf creek. There are 2 fishing piers one at the north end of the lake by Quaker town beach and the other in

Templeton's creek cove. There are two causeways one at the north end of the lake and the other midlake and all these places hold fish especially in May and do you why? If you said water temperature, then you are correct.

The great thing about all these places is they can all be accessed by car and a small walk except for maybe wolf creek. There is a trail around the lake The great thing about all these places is they can all be accessed by car and a small walk except for maybe wolf creek. There is a trail around the lake that would take you to wolf creek but you better put on your big boy pants on, because it would be a hike.

What your looking for is the right water temperature. If you're in a boat most all depth finders have temperature gage settings built right in them for this very reason. If your hoof and ankleing it (walking) you can use any type of thermometer to stick down in the water and check. If you get to your first place and you find that the water Is still in the fifties and you make a few casts and you get know bites make a mental note and come back in a few days and check it again. Now when you come back and the water

temperature is now in the mid-sixties, you'll catch fish. What you will need to remember is the lake warms up at a different rate depending on what part of the lake you're fishing in. for example; the north end of the lake will warm up faster due to the influx

of the warmer water coming from the river. Another reason is the water is darker in color and shallower. While the water down by the dam will warm up slower due to depth of the water. If you want to gage this watch the white bass run. In mid-April they are

spawning in the river above lake, and in mid-May they are spawning on the face of the dam, but this never happens at the same time and do you know why this is. Water temperature,

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INLAND STREAM TROUT SEASON OPENS SATURDAY

Nearly 22,000 trout are being stocked by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife in 16 different streams across Indiana for inland trout season, which starts at 6 a.m. local time on Saturday, April 30.

The stocked trout come from Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station near Howe in LaGrange County and average roughly 11 inches in length.

To find a stocked stream near you, see the second page of the trout stocking plan at bit.ly/36XmSgi.

One body of water that is absent from this year's April stocking list is the tailwater of Brookville Lake in Franklin County. Scheduled maintenance by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is delaying rainbow trout stockings there until fall.

Trout will bite on a variety of artificial baits such as spinners and flies, but natural baits such as worms and bee moths tend to be the most popular.

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Misfires And Snags



by Dan Graves
"Humorist Writer"

EVOLUTION AT ITS FINEST

With spring temperatures finally reaching levels about equal to those in northern Minnesota in January, I unlimbered my fly rod and visited Rays pond for a little relaxation while resting my head on Mother Natures bosom.

Ha! Mother nature must have been watching too many Ma Kettle movies. A small flock of woods ducks were cruising around and occasionally getting into what appeared to be domestic squabbles, beating the water into a froth with their wings and sounding like New York cabbies fighting over a fare. After a few well placed clods solved that problem, two Canadian geese, honking and chattering, flared gracefully over the surface and landed right in the middle of a school of bluegills I was courting. Then, two cows began chasing the ducks who had simply circled the pond and returned. I'd brought the wrong instrument with me. "Next time I'll leave the fly rod and bring a shotgun" I growled.

Enough was enough. I began removing my shoes and socks and emptying my pockets while calling them every derogatory name I had for inconsiderate wildlife. I had my shirt off and was loosening my belt in preparation for joining them in a little game called water fowl flogging when I realized that here was nature at its finest. The geese, obviously life mates, were no doubt looking for a suitable apart- ment to raise this years brood. Chortling and honk- ing, they swam in lazy circles, looking over the terri- tory and scattering the fish into more manageable groups. What the heck, I thought. If I had placed a fly into the former assemblage of fish, the ensuing scramble to get it could have resulted in some badly trampled bluegill. This way I could pick them off one by one.

Deciding on a peaceful co-existence, I watched as the cows and ducks played their game of tag and thought of the wonders of nature and of the various courses she has taken with her creatures over the eons. Through natural evolution, a seem-

ingly endless variety of creatures inhabit the planet. Feathered, finned, furred and pimply skinned species walk, crawl, fly and swim, while one species, the mole, burrows underground, tearing up your lawn while driving the dog crazy.

Numerous other species no longer exist, either by the careless of man or the occurrence of natural cat- astrophic phenomenon. Take dinosaurs for instance. Paleontologists speculate that most forms of life were eradicated at some time in the distant past by a major event such as increased volcanic activity or the impact of a giant asteroid. In either case, vast amounts of dust, smoke and fried dinosaur filled the atmosphere, blocking out the sun and and upsetting the natural food chain. Vegetation went first (with the exception of dandelions which can survive any-thing), followed by the herbivores and then the carnivores, leaving only rats, cock roaches, and the first descendants of telephone solicitors in charge. Eons passed as nature and the Creator worked their won- ders. Rats evolved into terriers, cock roaches stayed- cock roaches, and telephone solicitors—well, no more need be said. Various other species began to reappear with some still experiencing evolutionary changes today. As I watched the ducks turn on the cows, I wondered what the result would have been if such ancient happenings had not occurred.

It's 70 million years ago and the Cretaceous period is in full swing. Suddenly, a second sun forms in the sky as a giant asteroid heats up on entering the atmosphere. With a tremendous roar it skims by the surface and shoots off into space, its passage marked by only a few fried lizards and smoking bears. Life goes on. Millions of year later it's a typical day on the farm in mid-western America.

"Son, hook up those tricerotops an' git out there an' start plowing the south field."

"Aw, pa, do I have to? Yesterday, those darn things drug me half way to town before I could turn 'em."

"Well, then, hook up the megalasaurus an' git to work. He's dumb but at least he goes where you aim him."

"Yeh, but his head's so far in front of his rump I can't see which way he's lookin'."

"Just git out there and git to work. Hook up whatever you can find in the barn. When you're done with that, milk the dromaesaurs." Grumbling, the youngster leaves only to run back shouting, "Paw, there's a Tyrannosaurus-Rex in the garden again."

"Dad-gum those things. If they're not stealing chickens, they're rootin' around in the carrot patch. Sic the velociraptors on him."

"But paw, the last time I did that they treed me instead. Why can't I turn the oviraptors on him instead?"

"Alright, alright, go ahead. Just git him outta there before he steps on the outhouse again."

The scene is the Los Angeles International air-

port and flight 433 is preparing to leave. Generations of selective breeding has produced the gigantic flying creature now shuffling around on the ramp re-fueling on a truck load of holsteins.

"Welcome to TWA flight 433 possibly for Kansas City and maybe on to New York. We will now board all first class passengers." As they take their seats, one travel weary passenger grumbles to another.

"Here we go again. Seating us according to the pecking order. Heh, heh, get it? Pecking order?"

"Yeh, I get it" the other answers. "You'd think they would learn how to control these things. The last flight I took we headed for Memphis and ended up sitting on a mountain peak in Colorado."

"That's nothing" replied the first passenger. "I had to change flights one time when our megaptero-dactyl decided it was nesting time and started col-lecting small trees to build one. I wonder where we'll end up this time?"

Mother Nature can be compared to the big retailchains. Keep the high rolling items in stock andchange the inventory on the slow movers. The bigproblem is when she sweeps out the entire store.

Maybe in the distant future, a new species of anthropologist and paleontologist will try to determine what drove homo sapiens into extinction. Maybe the piles of Big Mac wrappers might offer a clue.

Whitewater Valley History The Funeral Train

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native, Virginia Claypool Meredith. Nearly the town's entire population stood along the tracks that early morning. Local lore says, if you are near the tracks in the early morning on the anniversary of the train's passing the Meredith home, you can see a ghost train and hear the whistle.

The train slowed again at Charlottesville where it was greeted by the area's large African American community.


Arriving in a pouring rain at 7 a.m. in Indianapolis, Lincoln's coffin was taken to the rotunda of the Indiana State House, where it remained until 10 o'clock that night. The estimate of the mourners passing through during that time was 15,000 military personnel and 60,000 civilians.

Abraham Lincoln's final trip through Indiana ended the next day at Michigan City with fitting ceremonies. The rain had ended and the sun was shining when the train moved on into Illinois where Lincoln was laid to rest.

Eddie Lincoln's body was moved to the Lincoln vault in Oak Ridge Cemetery. The vault contains the remains of President Lincoln, Mary Todd Lincoln, Eddie, Willie, and Tad. Robert Todd Lincoln is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

STEVE'S MARINE






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Just a few of the 250 or so people at the hunt. (Author Photo)



Many tables are full of these cases full of prizes.. (Author Photo)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

KaDoHa Treasure Hunt #4 Worth the Trip

Susie and I drove to Murfreesboro, Arkansas last October to attend the KaDoHa Treasure Fest #3. It was about 750 miles, and was more expensive than any metal detector hunt we had gone to in the past. But, it was worth it. We came home with many prizes including Civil War relics, Native American artifacts, old coins, and other items. We enjoyed the hunt so much that before we left last fall, we had already signed up for the April hunt this year.

About a week before hunt #4, we finally cleared several hurdles to get our grandson, Benjamin, permission to attend with us. The biggest problem was getting him out of school on Friday. The following Monday was his first day of spring break so that was OK. We had to have him home by Tuesday because he was going to take a tour of the Purdue campus on Wednesday.

We drove three hours Thursday night to get him in Ft. Wayne where he lives and bring him back to Anderson. Then we got up at four AM Friday to put in 12 hours on the road to

get to the hunt site. We checked in at the Yellow Diamond Inn where we would be staying the next two nights. We unloaded the truck and then headed on down the road to the hunt site where they were having a meet and greet, dinner, and a few giveaways.

We had attended their hunt last October, so we knew our way around. We checked in, grabbed some chairs, and listened to some live bluegrass music. During a break, they had drawings for some prizes, including a new metal detector. We didn't win anything. When the festivities were over, we headed back to the motel for some much needed sleep.

Early morning, we woke up, jumped in the truck and headed back to the hunt site at the KaDoHa Indian Village. The weather was cloudy, drizzling slightly, and chilly. Because of this, I forgot to put on my hat and sunscreen. I paid for it later. My face burned when the sun came out and I felt it for days.

We checked our metal detectors and pinpointers and added new batteries as needed. As the clock approached nine AM, the entrants all approached the starting line and waited for the start signal. When the hunt started, everyone began swinging their detectors, stopping and digging targets as their detectors sounded off. For about an hour, all three of us were busy digging tokens from the ground and dropping them in our coin pouches. Then, it slowed down and the beeping of the machines was not as frequent.

Susie and I passed another couple who we could tell were having problems. We stopped to help. This was their first hunt and their detector was an older model and was not finding anything. We showed them what a token looked like and how it would sound on their machine. We gave them tips on how to swing their detector and soon they found two tokens and a couple older coins. We would meet with

them several times later that day and the following day to see if we could help them again.

After a couple hours, my back and legs were hurting and we decided to stop for lunch. Benjamin had approached us several times in the morning and complained he wasn't finding anything. We didn't want him to be disappointed, so we would find a token and let him dig it.

We went back to our chairs and sat down to count our finds. Susie found 32 prize tokens, I found 21, and when Benjamin emptied his pouch, he had 16. He had tricked us and had been finding targets on his own all morning. We rested a few minutes, then took our tokens to the prize tents to redeem them for the matching numbers on the table.

Susie redeemed her tokens for a Civil War era clay pipe, two trade bead necklaces from the 1700 and 1800's, a small gold nugget, several display boxes of Native American arrowheads and other artifacts, some nice looking crystals, and numerous old coins. She also won one muzzleloader tool for working on old guns.

I won about the same selection of items plus a Civil War sword scabbard tip, an old silver dollar, and numerous other old coins, most from the 1800's. I also got several Civil War bullets. Benjamin's prizes were about the same as ours.

Day two started out the same weatherwise. It did not start the same with our token finds. We hunted hard for a couple hours. So far, I had found one Indian head penny, period. Susie had found a couple old coins. Benjamin had found two tokens. We discovered there were large areas of the field with little or nothing buried there. In other parts of the field, hunters were finding multiple tokens like we did the first day. We were just in a bad spot. As we were walking back toward the

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Our grandson (on right) with several friends looking at prizes.. (Author Photo)



Benjamin's prizes from day one. (Author Photo)

truck, Susie got a signal on her machine. It was finally a token. When she looked at it, it was good for \$100. There was 20 of these buried for the two days, plus 10 for \$1000. One token in the field was good for \$5000. One of our friends found one of the \$1000

tokens and another friend found both a \$1000 and one \$100.

We used the \$100 bill Susie won to buy a tank of gas on the way home. Facebook Arkansas History Unearthed for information on last fall's KaDoHa Treasure Fest #3 from

last fall and Treasure Fest #4 about the April 2022 hunt just finished. There will be Treasure Fest #5 this fall. We will be back to that one also.

The author may be reached at eyewrite4u@aol.com.

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INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICERS TO HOST RECRUITING EVENT (WHITLEY CO)

Anyone interested in becoming an Indiana Conservation Officer is encouraged to attend one of two identical recruiting events that DNR Law Enforcement's District 2 will host on Saturday morning, May 21 and Tuesday evening, May 24 at district headquarters in Columbia City.

The same material will be covered at each event, starting at 9 a.m. on May 21 and 6 p.m. on May 24, respectively. The address is **1353 S. Governors Dr., Columbia City 46725**

District 2 includes Adams, Allen, Dekalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley counties.

Each event will cover duties of a conservation officer, the competitive hiring process, preparation for the written exam, preparation for core values training, and physical agility testing requirements.

Participation either recruiting event does not guarantee you a position but should provide information that will help candidates determine if this is a challenge they want to pursue.

To see if you qualify and to complete the pre-screen exam, see on.IN.gov/dnrlaw and click on

Become a Conservation Officer.

Questions regarding the District 2 recruiting events should be directed to Sgt. Patrick Heidenreich 260-226-0423 or pheidenreich@dnr.IN.gov.

KENTUCKY PURSUIT ENDS WITH ARRESTS IN INDIANA

Clark County - April 28, 2022: Troopers with the Indiana State Police (ISP) and deputies with the Clark County Sheriff's Department assisted the Kentucky State Police (KSP) in a pursuit that crossed state lines early Thursday morning.

Around 1 a.m. Thursday, KSP officers advised they were in pursuit of a vehicle involved with an armed kidnapping. It was believed a female passenger in the car was being kidnapped or held without her consent. The pursuit started around the 117 mile-marker on I-65 in Kentucky and was travelling northbound towards Indiana. Officers from ISP, Clark County police, Jeffersonville PD and Clarksville PD, were standing by to assist as the pursuit crossed over the Ohio River and into Indiana.

The pursuit continued north on I-65 before exiting at exit 7 (Salem exit) and travelling on State Road 60 a short distance before turning north on US 31. The pursuit continued north on US31 and the suspect vehicle, a 2006 Toyota passenger car,

struck stop sticks deployed by ISP Trooper Jared Ferguson south of Henryville. The Toyota continued north into Henryville before turning onto a dead-end road where officers were able to block the car in. By the end of the pursuit, all four tires had been flattened by tire deflations devices.

The driver, 40-year-old Jordan W. Rummage, of New Albany, Indiana was taken into custody without further incident. ISP Trooper Tom Basham arrested Rummage for Criminal Confinement, Resisting Law Enforcement with a Vehicle, and Possession of Marijuana.

The passenger, 40-year-old Nichole Pearce of Louisville, Kentucky was also taken into custody on an outstanding warrant from Clark County, Indiana.

No weapon was located in the car or on either subject, and no individuals or property was damaged during the pursuit. It is believed both subjects in the car were boyfriend and girlfriend. Both subjects were transported to the Clark County Jail.

The Kentucky State Police will investigate and handle any charges in Kentucky.

UPDATE: SEARCH UNDERWAY AFTER MAN GOES MISSING IN LAKE MICHIGAN

The body of Bryce Dunfee, 22, of Indianapolis was located and recovered this morning at West

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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.

We also search for lost rings if you know the general area where they were lost. Please reply if we can have permission to metal detect on your land. Thanks, Rich.

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Smokin' On The Water BBQ Festival By The Lake April 29 - May 1, 2022

Following Written by Member of Staff.

The Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival By The Lake will be held on April 29 - May 1, 2022.

The barbecue contests are open to all who want to participate. Everything you need to know about participating can be found on the Liberty Lions Club website, whether you want to enter barbecue contests, set up a vendor booth, volunteer to help during the festival or just attend as a spectator. Parking is free and there is no admission to attend the event. There is handicapped parking near the front gate.

The Website is www.libertyindianalions.com. You can link onto their website by clicking on the above website with your computer mouse. Their website is up to date and ready for you to log on. The 2022 data is up to date also. When the website opens there you can view the schedule of events on the opening page.

Each year, the BBQ contestants cook a lot of meat. To produce a box with 6 perfect ribs to be judged, they often will cook 2-8 racks of ribs. Needless to say, there are always leftovers for each meat category. We ask each team to consider our local food pantry rather than discarding this extra meat. Some of them cook extra to take home for themselves or their neighbors, or in some cases they will plan to sell their leftovers. I always tell them that we don't want any meat for which they already have plans; however, any extra meat we will arrange for the local food pantry to collect and distribute to needy families. It is not unusual for us to receive several hundred pounds of cooked BBQ for our local food pantry.

The KCBS style of barbecued meat is recognized around the world.

So if you have an inkling to try your luck at barbecuing meat at Smokin' on the Water BBQ Festival, why wait. Sign up, you don't need any fancy equipment to begin with. As you work your way into the winning category, you will naturally learn better ways to cook and compete.

Everything you need to know can be found at www.libertyindianalions.com.

If not, you can also call Carl Sharps Cell phone: 765-580-0215 or e-mail him at carl.sharp.c9mm@statefarm.com.

Good Luck!

Directions to Treaty Line Pioneer Village in Dunlapville, Indiana. From Liberty, Indiana travel south on SR 101 go past the Whitewater Memorial State Park (it will be on your right), at the next road turn right onto Dunlapville Causeway Road. Go across Brookville Lake, on your right you will see Treaty Line Pioneer Village, keep going west, watch for Dunlapville Road on your right (sharp right turn). Stay on that road, entrance to Smokin' on the Water BBQ will be on your right. Watch for Handicapped parking, and Free parking is inside the fence.

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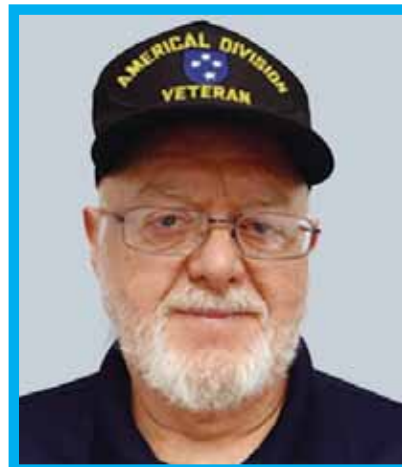
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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld



Simple, rugged, the Z-Series Tackle Bags will keep your tackle organized and ready to fish. (Author Photo)

PLANO Z-SERIES TACKLE BAGS

There have been dozens of companies who staked their reputations on producing the ultimate tackle box. Some were soft, some were hard, many were both. Add in modular, packable, battery powered - there's probably a nuclear powered one out there somewhere. If there was a poll about what has been the most convenient, usable or versatile tackle storage solution for me it would be some sort of combo that features Plano 3700 StowAway boxes.

These 9 X 14-inch containers are ubiquitous in the tackle storage biz and so popular many boat makers build racks or specially-sized compartments on their boats to fit them. So do dozens of makers of tackle bags, boxes, crates or satchels. So when Plano came up with their Z-Series of waterproof totes which includes duffles, backpacks and lure wraps; coming up with a tackle bag to carry a bevy of StowAways was an easy addition to that line. Plano produces these for both the 3700 size boxes and in a lesser size for the smaller, 3600 size StowAways. I got the 3700 size.

StowAways containers come in a variety of depths or thicknesses. "Standard" is the two-inch deep box but there are also thin and deep models. They even have half sizes so it takes two of them positioned end to end to fill the space of one standard size. The 3700 Z-Series bag will easily fit four "standard" depths boxes (it comes with two.)

This isn't the only StowAway tote I own or have used. It is the only one

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Beach in Porter County. His body was found approximately a half-mile from where he went missing on Feb. 21.

Assisting agencies include Ogden Dunes Police Department, Portage Police Department, Gary Police Department, National Park Rangers, and Porter County Coroner's Office.

Release as of Feb. 23, 2022, at 9:16 a.m.

The missing person in Lake Michigan has been identified as Bryce Dunfee, 22, of Indianapolis.

Dunfee was last seen wearing a grey shirt with black sleeves, khaki pants, and black shoes.

Family has been notified and the search is ongoing.

Release as of Feb. 21, 2022, at 9:17 p.m.

A search is underway after a man went missing this afternoon in Lake Michigan.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. CST, responders were dispatched to West Beach at Indiana Dunes National Park reference a person in the water.

Once on scene, responders learned that five people had entered onto shelf ice along the shoreline when it began to crack. The group began to retreat to

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advertised to be "saltwater tough." Not that the Great Lakes are salty, but on my boat, the StowAways aren't usually stowed away out of the weather and most of the storage containers are no more than "weather resistant." The waterproof, Z-Series is made from waterproof components and corrosion proof hardware. It's more utilitarian than clever with only a couple of external, mesh pockets on the ends to store miscellaneous gear and a wide, nylon carrying strap. No D-rings, pliers holsters, molded in cutting boards or other fancy (and often useless) other features.

It has a rigid, skid-proof bottom, semi-rigid sides so it won't collapse when in use and a zipperless top closure. If you are looking for a well built, functional portable storage option to harness your collection of 3700-sized (or 3600) storage containers, check out the Z-Series at www.planomolding.com. You can purchase them at this website, at many other online outlets as well as retail stores.

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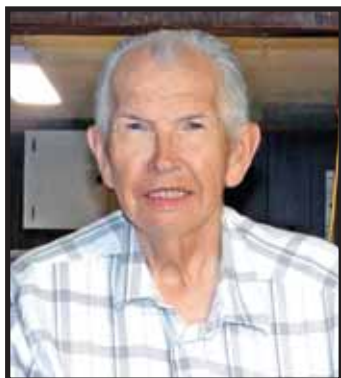
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Turkey Run State Park Inn as it looks today. Indiana's second State Park purchased 1916 when the state park system was established. Photo by Sherry Dickerson



HOOSIER OUTDOOR WRITERS 2022 ANNUAL MEETING TURKEY RUN STATE PARK by Ray Dickerson

In the April Gad-a-bout you read about how I became a member of HOW in 1980 and had the privilege of becoming acquainted with outdoor writers who were legends in their own time. The likes of Al Spires*, George Tilford*, Bill Beeman*, Jim "Moose" Carden*, Jack Alkire*, Mike Lyle*, Bayou Bill Scifres*, Jack Big Jake Cooper* and Jack Spaulding. I want to add some other outdoor writers who fit in with the above that I got to know since 1980 who fit in as legends also: Ed Blann*, George Carey*, John Case*, Bill Church*, Mark Cottingham*, Dick Forbes*, Fred Heckman*, Gary Carden*, Jerry Criss*, Dale Griffith*, Ralph 'Cork' McHargue*, Bob Nesbit*, Jack Parry*, Harry Renfro*, Butch Tackett*, Robert 'Doc' Stunkard*,

Joe West*, Charlie Brown*, Jack Kerins*, George Seketa*, Tom Glancy*, Don Bickel*, and Gene Clifford* (Note: The asterisk* behind a name listed here indicates that the person is deceased.) Other writers who also come to mind to add to this list are those I remember in recent years: Phil Junker, Louie Stout, John Davis, Phil Bloom, Martin Jaranowski, Joe Martino, John Martino, Mike Schoonveld, Larry Crecelius and of course all the writers who currently appear in The Gad-a-bout

Highlighting this issue after covid 19 caused the cancelling of the Annual HOW meeting in 2021, Tom Berg who is the Executive Director of HOW announced that the 2022 Hoosier Outdoor Writers Meeting would be held at the Turkey Run State Park April 1-3, 2022.

Tom who publishes The Blade, HOW's Official Publication of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers in the January-February 2022 issue announced and published the complete program for 2022 in that issue.

Believe me when I say this sincerely, Tom Berg is a one man dynamo. (A Forceful Energetic Individual).

When I got the e-mail from Tom telling us about the January-February 2022 Blade was on line I immediately opened it up to see if we were going to have a HOW meeting in 2022.

The whole issue was about the HOW meeting. On several pages in this issue of The Gad-a-bout, page 16 thru page 19 are photos I took of what took place at the Friday evening BBQ. As Tom Berg said, "A big thank you goes out to Park Manager Chris Newcomb for reserving the Big Log Shelter for our BBQ."

Sherry and I made a reservation to spend the weekend at Turkey Run State Park Inn. We've been making that meeting a 3-day stay for several years now. Before the meeting, we get squared away at the Inn,



HOW Executive Director, Tom Berg. Tom also publishes the Official Publication of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers, The Blade. It is a monthly publication. (Berg Photo)

attend the HOW usual evening barbecue the night before the meeting. Spend all day Saturday enjoying meeting all the writers you expect to see and meet any new members when the occasion arises. Then we enjoy the camaraderie for the weekend.

On Saturday evening we eat at the Inn's restaurant, at Turkey Run it's the Narrows Inn. They had a all you can eat supper. Yes, the food was excellent. Then we get a good nights rest and drive home Sunday morning.

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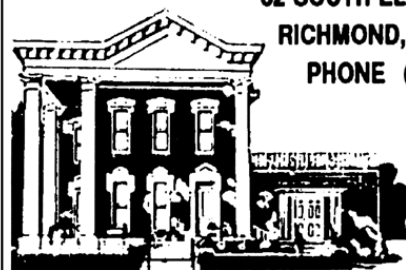
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Turkey Run State Park Interpretive Naturalist Aaron Douglas talked about the park itself and Turkey Run's original writer, Juliet Strauss. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)



Seminar #1 Technology and Today's Cellular Trail Cameras. Trent Marsh from Spypoint cellular trail cameras talks about how the modern trail cameras work and the technology behind them. The best practices, major misconceptions, benefits & more.



Teresa Rody, the Interpretive Manager for IDNR's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services and Salamonie Raptor Center here holding a Owl and showing four other live raptors. She held all five and told how interesting raptors live and hunt in Indiana's landscape.



At left my very good friend and grass roots TIP Supporter Joe Cales and at right Capt. Jet Quillen the Public Relations Captain for IDNR Law Enforcement, discussed two programs which benefit low income & poor communities in the state, and how hunters can donate legally harvested deer. He was assisted by Deb Treesh, the Executive Director of Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry.



Teresa Rody holding a magnificent hawk aloft for all the Hoosier Outdoor Writers and guests in attendance to see. Teresa is the Interpretive Manager for IDNR's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services and Salamonie Raptor Center. She's a great friend.



Joan and Mike Lunsford joined us at the table where we were sitting alone. They live in the south part of Parke County. Mike is an outdoor writer/photographer. We really enjoyed meeting them and having the opportunity to make two new friends.



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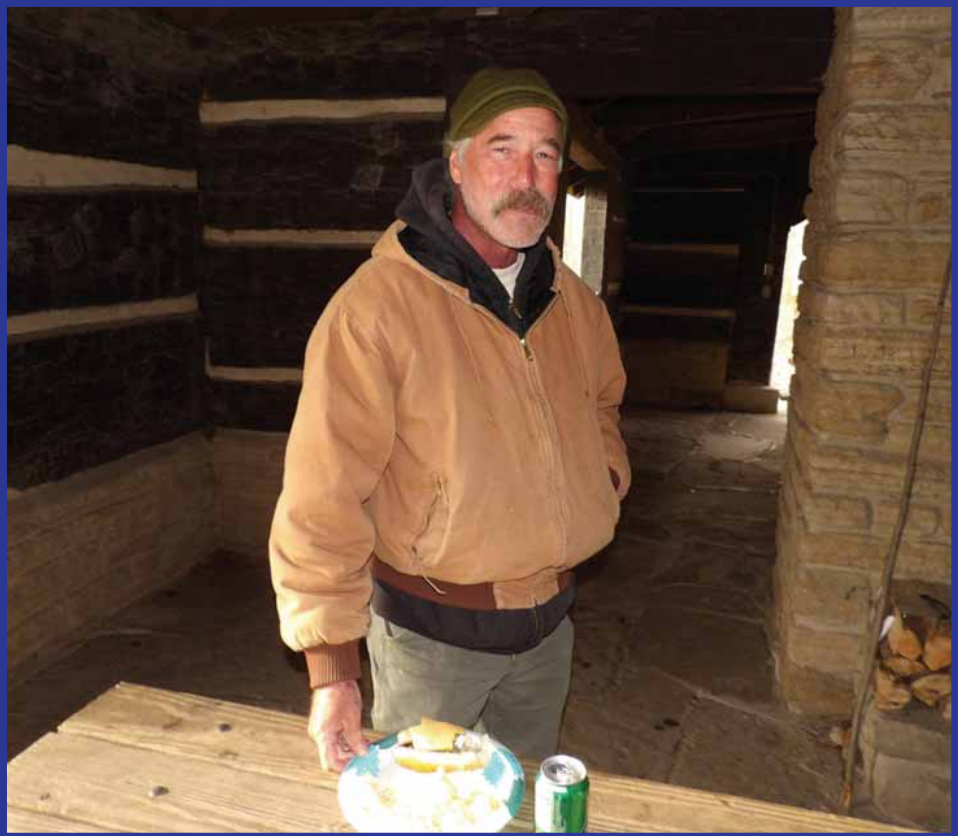
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HOW Vice President Phil Seng was in charge of the BBQ this year. As Vice President he got to do all the cooking along with a couple of other volunteers. It was a bit cold that evening for a cookout, but being outdoor writers it comes with the territory.



DNR Photographer John Maxwell, member of HOW, a dedicated outdoor writer and an all around nice guy. Come on John you can smile for The Gad-a-bout. Don't let this photo confuse you, he really can smile, especially if he is razzing me.



Soon I saw across from me the familiar face of William (Bill) Keaton who I hadn't saw for quite some time. His son, Will wrote a column in The Gad-a-bout when he was quite young. Bill's wife was with him too. It was a happy reunion for us all.



As I always do I walked around in the shelter taking photos of just about every one who was there. I didn't get many names, everyone was too busy eating and reminiscing with one another sitting at the picnic tables. It was a bit chilly too.



HOW Members finishing up their BBQ supper in the Big Log Shelter across from the Turkey Run Inn. I think everyone really enjoyed the meal we ate that evening. It was a bit chilly, but the



HOW member Captain Mike Schoonveld at right and Ducks Unlimited member Chris Sebastian at left. You can read Mike's column in this issue on page 13, he wrote about Plano Z-Series Tackle Bags. The May Gad-a-bout should be on line by this weekend or you can e-mail me to get a pdf of it sent to you.



The Friday night BBQ was enjoyed by these young ladies. Left to Right: Deb Treesh (Executive Director of Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry), Terri Trowbridge (HOW member who helped Tom set up meeting room), and Sherry Dickerson (my wife for 55 years)



How members reminising and enjoying each others company while VP Phil Seng is busy barbecuing the hamburgers. Tom Berg is standing behind him and on the other side I recognize standing at far left is John Maxwell and Captain Mike Schoonveld.



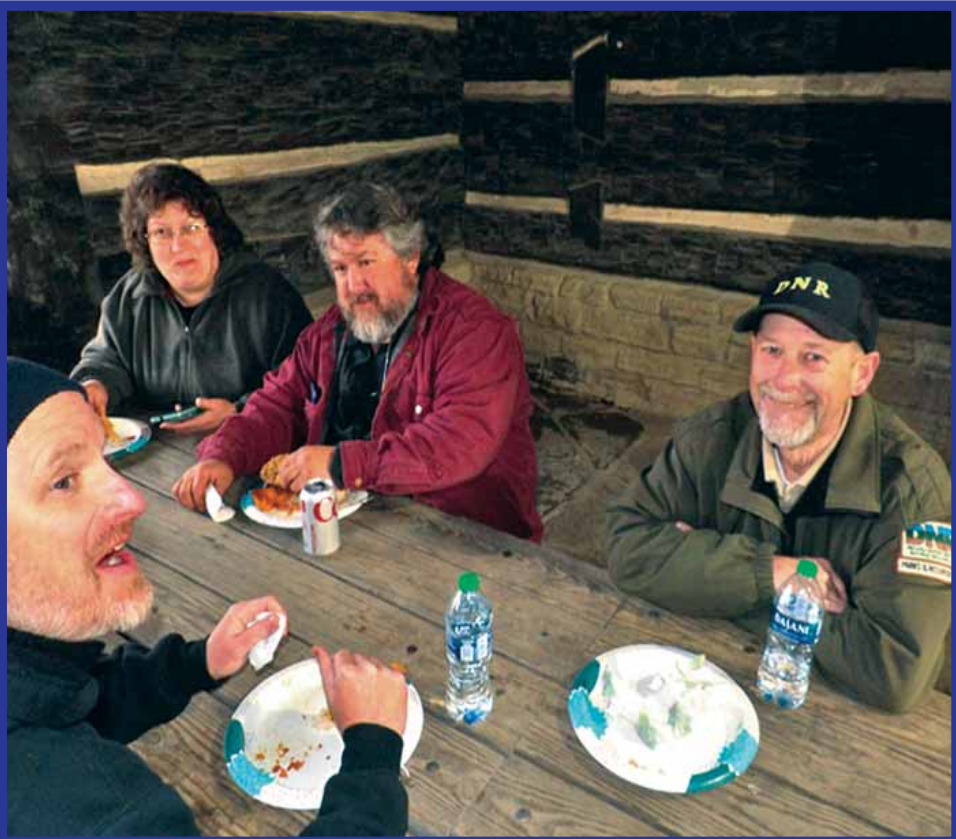
Three young ladies all finished eating and smiling very beautifully at my camera. I know two of the three, sitting in the middle is Patty Keaton the wife of William (Bill) Keaton and on her left is Peggy Schoonveld wife of Mike Schoonveld. My wife Sherry helped me with their names. Bill Keaton is sitting across the table from Patty.



How members enjoying their meal in the Big Long Shelter at Turkey Run State Park on April 1st Friday evening. I recognize three writers, second to the last one on the other end of the table is John Maxwell, middle way it Gary Redmon and Bill Keaton on this end. Before they moved I left Gad-a-bouts at Bill's Law office in Rushville each month.



These How members are just finishing up their BBQ evening meal. One of the problems of only meeting a big majority of the writers is not having the time to get to know too many of them all at once.



How members finishing up their BBQ meals in the Big Log Shelter. Also sitting with them is a Turkey Run Department of Natural Resource officer. Indiana probably has oneof the best Department of Natural Resources in the USA in my opinion.

News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard
Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

Bishop Is Walking The Trail of Death

Several people have walked the Potawatomi Trail of Death from here in Indiana to Osawatomie, Kansas. It is a journey of 660 miles. You can drive it in a day. But in 1838 it took the Potawatomi Indians two months to walk it.

The Trail of Death was the forced removal of the Potawatomi Indians from Indiana to Kansas, ordered by the Indiana Governor David Wallace. The Hoosier Militia rounded up the Potawatomi and marched them at gunpoint down Rochester's Main Street.

Doug Sparks, Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, started his walk at the Chief Menominee monument Monday morning, March 21, 2022. He walked through Rochester's Main Street, just as the Potawatomi did on September 5, 1838. No one noticed.

He sat for half an hour at the Half Moon store on their inviting chairs. He stayed at Quality Inn, Rochester, that night.

Sparks had talked to me ahead of time, as well as to Rich Meyer, as both of us have traveled the Trail of Death several times.

His son Gavin Sparks made a medicine wheel fire pit in Rochester, Minnesota, March 18. Doug had walked in Spain in 2019 Camino de Diego de Compostela for five days.

Doug said that Madeline Bertrand, Pokagon Potawatomi, walked the Trail of Death, along with Mike Bertrand.

Bill and I picked up Doug Sparks and took him to eat at Bob Evans restaurant in Logansport. Then we dropped him off at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. so he could give a program there.

He plans to arrive in Osawatomie, Kansas, by April 30.

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shore when one person fell into the water.

Members of the party attempted to reach their friend, but the large waves and unstable ice hindered their efforts.

Indiana Conservation Officers along with Portage Fire department, Porter Fire department, Lake County Sheriff's Department, Ogden Dunes Fire department, Indiana Dunes National Park Rangers and United State Coast Guard all responded to the scene and are currently search-

ing.

The identity of the missing person is being withheld pending family notification.

Indiana Conservation Officers urge the public to stay off shelf ice along Lake Michigan as it can be unpredictable and extremely dangerous.

DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE AWARDS TOP PERFORMERS

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) recently recognized its top-performing employees for their contributions to conservation, mentoring, and teamwork during 2021.

Individual award winners were Bob Bell, Judith Black, Emily McCallen, and Andrew Reuter.

Bell, the northeast public lands supervisor, was awarded the Fish & Wildlife Mentor of the Year Award. He established strong relationships with his employees and promoted collaboration across teams, ensuring adequate staffing.

Black, the statewide hatchery secretary, earned the Conservation Cornerstone Award, given annually to one support staff member to recognize excellence advancing DFW's programs. She kept paperwork and projects on task to ensure Indiana's hatcheries could produce millions of fish last year.

McCallen, a biometrician, received the Fish & Wildlife Champion Award, given to one biologist or program manager to recognize their outstanding contributions to fish and wildlife conservation. She developed a model to monitor the status and trends of Indiana's river otter populations, created tools to better report data from volunteer monitoring projects, and spearheaded efforts to conduct an economic analysis of the division.

Reuter, an ecologist for the Division of Nature Preserves (DNP), which is now administered by DFW, received the award for DNP employee of the year. Reuter served in a leading role for habitat improvements at Brown County State Park, provided expertise to internal and external partners at multiple properties, and helped develop bilingual signage at Fort Harrison State Park.

DFW also recognized employees for their years of service with the State of Indiana:

—Five years: Joe Caudell, Kody Fox, Nick Haunert, Shannon Johnson, Eugene Kmetz, Kyle Robertson, Daniel Schmicker, Jason Adam Stamper, Bridget Stancombe, Austin Taylor

—10 years: Thomas Bacula, Kristin Cotter, Tiffany Dunkel, Anna Smithey

—15 years: Steve Donabauer, Eric Fischer, Bill Hardin, Mike Mycroft, Dennis Workman

—20 years: Richard Hartzog II, Adam Norman

—25 years: Shannon Winks

—30 years: Carol Grostefon, Doug Nusbaum

—35 years: Rich Dunbar, Scott Johnson

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AWARDS TOP PERFORMERS

The Museum of 20th Century Warfare to host 'Soldiers Through Time' event at Fort Harrison State Park

The Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park will host a "Soldiers Through Time" living-history event, on April 30 and May 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature exhibits, uniforms, and weapons used in warfare of different eras, from the ancient Greeks to Vietnam. Visitors will be able to speak with the re-enactors about the era they represent. Parking for the event is in the Camp Glenn area near the saddle barn. In the case of inclement weather, the re-enactors will display

their items inside the recreation buildings in the Camp Glenn area.

The re-enactors are volunteer military historians who work to bring history to life. The Museum of 20th Century Warfare is a volunteer-run, non-profit museum whose mission is to honor veterans through service and education with integrity. The museum has a schedule of military events at Fort Harrison State Park throughout the entire year.

The program is a free, but the normal gate fee applies. For more information, call 317-591-0122 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Fort Harrison State Park (on.IN.gov/fortharri-son) is at 6000 N. Post Road, Indianapolis, 46216.

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LT. GOV. CROUCH, OCRA AWARD INDIANA CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM & FUNDING TO EXPAND BROADBAND ACCESS TO MORE THAN 250 LOCATIONS

STATEHOUSE (April 28, 2022) – Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs today announced the Indiana Connectivity Program awarded \$654,678 to expand broadband access to 253 addresses across 40 Indiana counties. The program is a new resource designed to help more Hoosier residents and business owners obtain access to high-speed, quality broadband.

The Indiana Connectivity Program acts as a tool to connect residents and businesses that lack internet service with internet service providers and assist in the expense of extending broadband to unserved and underserved locations.

"The Indiana Connectivity Program is unique in the fact that homeowners and business owners themselves can apply, rather than broadband providers initiating the interest," Crouch said. "We are empowering Hoosiers and giving them a voice to express their need for broadband service, helping expand broadband to more people across the state. This program is still available for Hoosiers to apply, and I encourage them to submit their address."

Of the 253 addresses funded, 246 are households and 7 are businesses. Internet providers carrying out the projects are matching over \$1.5 million for a total investment of \$2.2 million. To find a list of providers granted funding, visit in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp.

"Over two hundred and fifty rural households and businesses will soon have reliable internet as a result of this program," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "This will have a great impact on these Hoosier's everyday lives, whether it be having the ability to work and learn remotely, shop online, or connect virtually with family and friends."

The program accepts addresses on a rolling basis. Hoosiers and business owners lacking internet connectivity can communicate their interest by entering their address and information into the Next Level Connections portal at in.gov/ocra/broadband.

Hoosiers can also initiate interest by calling the Indiana Broadband Connect Center, which is open on business days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET. Hoosiers can reach the call center at 833-639-8522. Submitting location information into the Next Level Connections Broadband portal does not guarantee extension of service.

Broadband providers must complete their projects within nine months of the contract date. For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp.

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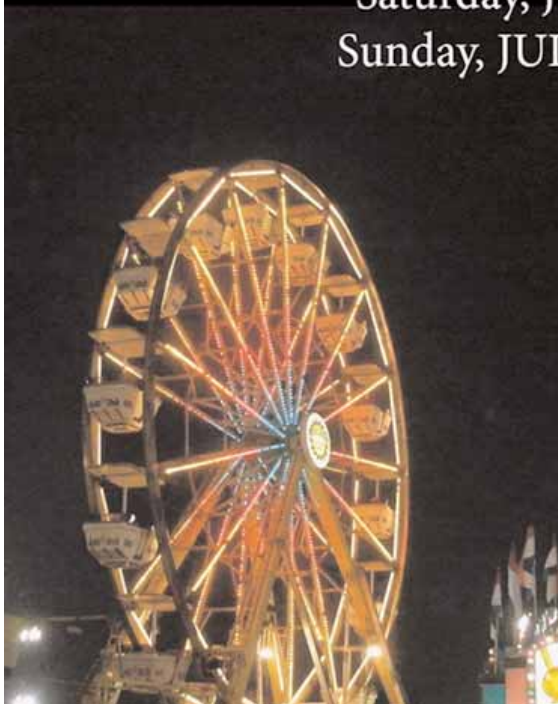
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Seasonal Flooding Update

As of April 19, the lake level was 8.6 feet above normal pool. Areas currently impacted are Paynetown beach, Fairfax beach, Cartop SRA (east access), Friendship Road from hunter check station to Gross Road, Stillwater Wetland observation deck, and the Cutright SRA main boat ramp (the high-water boat ramp is open in its stead).

Please be aware that water levels are delaying the installation of courtesy docks at most ramps. The Paynetown SRA courtesy ramp is in. Call our office (812-837-9546) to check on the status of other courtesy docks as we move into May.

If the water level rises further additional areas may be impacted. Please watch our [Facebook Page](#) for updates. To track the current lake level and discharge rate, go to the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers \(Louisville District\) website](#) and click on Daily Lake Level.

Free Admission Day, May 1

On Sunday, May 1, enjoy FREE admission at all Indiana State Parks – including Paynetown and Fairfax SRAs here at Monroe Lake!

Flora Field Days

Want to work on your flora identification skills? Practice with a naturalist! Field day emphasis is on 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, May 3, 9:30 a.m. at Fairfax SRA: Register at bit.ly/may2022-florafield by May 1.
- Tuesday, June 7, 9:30 a.m. at Cutright SRA: Register at bit.ly/florafield-jun2022 by June 5.

Kids to Parks Day (Paynetown SRA), May 21
It's Kids to Parks Day! We're offering several activities, specifically designed for kids ages 12 and under. All activities are free with park admission. A Kids Photo Scavenger Hunt runs until 4 p.m., Nature Mobiles will be from 2 to 4 p.m., and there's a Woodland Discovery Hike at 3 p.m. Details at bit.ly/kidstoparks2022

Daily Activities at Monroe Lake
Summer programming kicks off at Monroe Lake on Memorial Day Weekend! We offer 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 to Monroe Lake, make sure you **check our complete activity list at bit.ly/monroelakecalendar**. *The schedule is currently up to date through May 31; June programs will be posted by mid-May.*

Beginning Friday, May 27, the Paynetown Activity Center will be open Wednesdays-Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Drop in to make a daily craft, check out free fishing equipment, see our live snakes, play in the kids' corner, browse our reference books, enjoy board games and puzzles, or ask the naturalist a question!

Kayaking Programs

Our kayaking schedule resumes in June with both workshops and guided trips. These events tend to fill FAST, so don't wait long to sign up, and make sure you add yourself to the waiting list if a session 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 lifejackets are all provided. Each 2-hour workshop is limited to 8 people, ages 10+. Cost is \$10 per person.*

- Sunday, June 12 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/begin-kayak-jun12-2022 by June 6. ***1 spot open**
- Tuesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown

SRA): Register at bit.ly/begin-kayak-jun21-2022 by June 15. ***9 spots open**
• Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m. (Paynetown SRA): Register at bit.ly/begin-kayak-jun26-2022 by June 21. ***2 spots open**

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 are available for an additional \$20.*

- Sunday, June 12 at 7 p.m. (Crooked Creek SRA): Register at bit.ly/explore-jun12-2022 by June 6. ***6 spots open**
- Tuesday, June 14 at 9 a.m. (Crooked Creek SRA): Register at bit.ly/explore-jun14-2022 by June 8. ***7 spots open**

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. ***2 spots open**

Upcoming Virtual Programs

- Thursday, April 28 at 11:30 a.m., Q&A with Marion Mason, the Public Affairs Specialist for the Hoosier National Forest: We'll discuss why and how management and recreation policies differ between Monroe Lake and the HNF, even though both are situated along the shores of the reservoir. Marion will also dive into the multi-use mission of the HNF and some of the challenges posed by increased visitation in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness Area. Questions from those viewing the discussion live are welcome! Watch us live at facebook.com/events/396860888541935
- Thursday, May 26 at 11:30 a.m., Q&A with Emmett Holsapple, Monroe Lake Wildlife Biologist: We'll talk about how he became interested in this field, what he's learned in his first months at Monroe Lake, and where he sees our wildlife program heading in the future. Questions

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Thursday, June 30 at 11:30 a.m., Q&A with Dave Kittaka, DNR Fisheries Biologist: Topics will include how the Division of Fish and 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/

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The Native Plum
by Amber Good

Imagine with me for a moment that we are taking a walk along a trail near the White River corridor in northern Hamilton County. Our trail is mowed grass and to our right is a young woodland. To our left is a beautiful conservation reserve area that is in mid-successional stage, supporting young dogwoods, raspberries, grapevines, and an occasional red cedar. The woodland encircles this open, scrubby 20 acres creating an area known as edge habitat. Edge habitats are important for wildlife because they often unite the best of two worlds: woodlands and open meadow. Woodland animals, animals preferring open habitats, and animals that like both can use edge areas.

The edge habitat is where Indiana’s native plum trees can thrive. There are a few species native to our state, but arguably the most common in my area is *Prunus americana*, the American plum. It is a small tree, topping out around 25 feet full grown. Its oval, serrated leaves grow from alternately branching twigs. The plum prefers full sunlight, so it can be found growing wild in abandoned fields and fencerows.

This place through which we are walking was once occupied by native people around the era of the Adena-Hopewell. Sometime after that, it was hunting grounds for the Miami. As Europeans began settling in the eastern U.S., they displaced the Leni Lenape who came to live in southern Hamilton and Marion counties. Later, the European settlers took over the Native peoples’ lands. This land was cleared for agriculture and was farmed commercially for more than 80 years. In the mid-80s, the most ecologically sensitive portions of this property, those areas which border the White River, were placed into Conservation Reservation Programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. It boasts of nearly a mile of riparian corridor. This includes about 30 acres of bottomland that actively filters the flood waters of northern Hamilton County. It is within this area that efforts to improve wildlife

habitat take place. As we pause in our walk, you will see here a couple of the native plums we planted. We planted four to ensure cross-pollination necessary to produce fruit. American plum produces beautiful whitish-pink flowers in April. These blooms turn into thickly fleshed fruits in August. The plums themselves are often too big for birds to eat, but the fruit is preferred by many species of mammals, like raccoons, opossums, foxes, coyotes, and humans. It has an interesting habit of growing in relational clumps. Their clump formation provides cover for all sorts of prey animals and nesting habitat for many kinds of songbirds. It is an ideal replacement option for landowners who are actively eradicating invasive Callery pear, *Pyrus calleryana*.

Callery pear has become a nuisance to ecosystems in much of our area. It prefers the same habitat as American plum, and because it did not evolve here, it has few natural limitations. The Callery pear does not have the same nutritional impact as many of our native plant species, but it is still readily eaten by birds, who then spread the seed in their droppings. With its prolific reproduction and excessive growth rate, it outcompetes the native plants that many beneficial insect species rely on. The American plum is similar in size and floral characteristics, prefers full sun, and provides a great alternative for landowners concerned with maintain healthy wildlife habitat.

As our imaginary walk concludes, we gaze upon the Conservation Reserve area. This mid-successional habitat is home to diverse wildlife. *Prunus americana*, the American Plum, is an all-around great option for new and developing habitats. Its clump forming behavior provides excellent shelter for wildlife, admirable spring flowers, and its fruit provides nutritional resources for a wide variety of animals.

GOV. HOLCOMB ANNOUNCES
\$65 MILLION IN TRAILS GRANTS FOR
COMMUNITIES ACROSS INDIANA
38 PROJECTS WILL GENERATE 77 MILES
OF TRAILS IN THIRD ROUND

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana Department of Natural Resources Director Dan Bortner today announced 38 communities and non-profit organizations will receive a combined \$65 million for 77 miles of new trail development as a part of the third round of the Next Level Trails program. With matching funds from applicants, this round is expected to generate total investment of more than \$102 million.

“Trails connect communities together in such a personal way and are perfect pathways to good mental and physical well-being,” Gov. Holcomb said. “These continued quality-of-life investments will reap generational economic and tourism development dividends and further showcase Indiana’s incredible outdoor experiences.”

A \$150 million grant program, Next Level Trails is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. In rounds one and two, a total of \$55 million was awarded to 35 communities. To date, \$120 million has been awarded to build 190 miles of trails throughout Indiana. Ninety-four percent of Hoosiers live within five miles of a trail.

For example, three sections of the Nickel Plate Trail in Indianapolis, Fishers, and Noblesville were selected, as well as smaller local projects in Jasper, Middlebury, Shelbyville, and Huntington.

“The DNR listens to the recreational and out-

door needs of Hoosiers,” Bortner said. “We are excited to expand our partnerships with local governments and non-profits to bring these important connections and amenities to communities across Indiana.”

The grants awarded in the third round include 17 regional projects and 21 local projects. The list of awards, project descriptions, and a map are posted at on.IN.gov/NLT-round-3.

The third-round grant recipients are contributing \$37.4 million in matching value, resulting in a \$102.4 million total investment in trails. The program requires a minimum 20 percent project match, which can include monetary contributions, land value, and in-kind donations of materials and labor.

Next Level Trails is part of Gov. Holcomb’s \$1 billion **Next Level Connections** infrastructure program, which accelerates the completion of major highway projects, expands access to rural broadband services, and pursues the expansion of rail projects in northwest Indiana. The initial program received funds totaling \$90 million; \$60 million more was appropriated in the current biennial budget to bring the Next Level Trails investment to \$150 million.

Progress on all Next Level Trails projects can be [found here](#).

Next Level Trails objectives and more information in the grants program is at on.IN.gov/nextleveltrails.

DNR TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL “TEDDY BEAR CAMP” FOR STUFFED ANIMALS

Does your child have a curious stuffed animal friend who loves adventures, new experiences, and making new friends?Teddy Bear Camp

If so, make plans to send it to Teddy Bear Camp, May 8-14. Run by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA), this second-annual “camp” is for stuffed animals belonging to kids ages 5-12 who live in Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks, or Boone counties.

During camp, DHPA staff will take the stuffed animals to a variety of sites to learn about history, architecture, and historic preservation. Photos of the visits will be posted to DHPA’s Facebook page (Facebook.com/INdhp) during the week, and a digital photo album will be emailed to parents/guardians. Each stuffed animal and their child owner will be certified as an “Indiana Junior Preservationist.”

For your child’s stuffed animal to participate, drop your child’s stuffed animal at one of three partner locations, at the dates and times shown below. Please bring the completed registration form with you. It can be found on the DHPA’s website dnr.IN.gov/historic-preservation/public-outreach/historic-preservation-month/.

-Indianapolis: Indiana State Museum, **650 W. Washington St**, inside the main level doors, May 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

-Danville: Royal Theater, 59 S. Washington St, inside the lobby, May 4, 3 -5 p.m.

-Fishers: Conner Prairie, **13400 Allisonville Road**, inside the Welcome Center, May 5, 8-10 a.m.

The program will conclude with owners picking up their stuffed animals at the drop-off location on May 18.

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**INDIANA STATE POLICE DETECTIVE
RANDY PRATT IS RETIRING**

Indianapolis, IN - After selflessly serving the state of Indiana for more than 31 years, Master Trooper Detective Randy Pratt has announced his retirement.

Detective Pratt is a native of Lebanon Indiana and a 1983 graduate of Lebanon High School. After high school he attended IUPUI where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology. In 1990 Randy graduated from the Indiana State Police Academy and was assigned to the Lafayette District. As a new trooper he was assigned to patrol Fountain and Montgomery Counties, where he spent five years. After a short assignment to the Gaming Division, Randy joined a task force at the Indianapolis Airport where he spent 16 years intercepting large quantities of illegal narcotics. During his years in drug enforcement he was fortunate enough to have two canine partners, Orkus and Wheeler.

After 16 years on the drug task force, Detective Pratt returned to the Indiana State Police Indianapolis District in the Investigations division. He has served as a detective for the past 10 years.

March 2, 2018, Detective Pratt, along with Lieutenant Jeff Hearon, investigated the fatal shooting of Boone County Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Pickett. The culmination of this investigation led to the arrest of the three men directly involved in the shooting. However, during the course of this lengthy investigation, investigative leads resulted in the arrests of twenty other people on various criminal charges.

State Police Area Five Investigations Commander, Lieutenant Jeff Hearon, said. "Randy's dedication to public safety is certainly commendable, he has spent countless hours investigating and bringing conclusion to complex criminal cases. He has a desire bring justice for those affected by crime and worked tirelessly to support victims and their families."

Detective Pratt currently resides in Boone County with his loving wife of 30 years Sally. He is very proud of his two sons, Adam is a Junior at IU Bloomington and Bryce who is a graduate of Indiana State University.



INDIANA STATE POLICE DETECTIVE RANDY PRATT

In Indiana, according to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#), in 2020 three vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment, which resulted in two deaths.

"During the spring and fall seasons Indiana sees a drastic increase of large farm equipment on our rural roads and highways," said [Doug Carter, Indiana State Police Superintendent](#). "In our strong agricultural state, it is critical that Hoosier motorists know the steps to take when approaching farm equipment on the roadways to ensure we all make it home safely to our families."

While the term "farm equipment" encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

- Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.
- Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.
- Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.
- Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over to allow a pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.
- Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.
- Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

"Moving farm equipment on the roadways is one of the most dangerous parts of my job. It takes time to find a safe space for me to pull over and allow other motorists to pass safely. Please be considerate when you drive behind farm equipment, drivers and I have the same goal in mind each time we take a trip on Hoosier roads- to get our work done and make it home safely to our loved ones," said Brent Bible, a Tippecanoe County farmer.

See [Roaming The Outdoors](#) beginning on Page 3 for additional Indiana State Police Releases

**PLANTING SEASON IS HERE; REMAIN
ALERT TO LARGE FARM EQUIPMENT ON
INDIANA ROADS**

INDIANA — Planting season is quickly approaching for Indiana's 94,000 farmers. With the warm weather and sunshine, Hoosier motorists will also see more large slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana's rural roads and highways. [The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police and](#)

[Hoosier Ag Today](#) want to encourage motorists to slow down, be alert and be patient on rural roadways this spring.

"Our farmers have an enormous job to do, feeding us and the rest of the world," said [Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch](#), Secretary of Agriculture. "And with that job comes a tremendous responsibility; let's help our farmers out where we can. When you see large farm equipment traveling our Hoosier roadways slow down and give them space so everyone can get where they are going safely."



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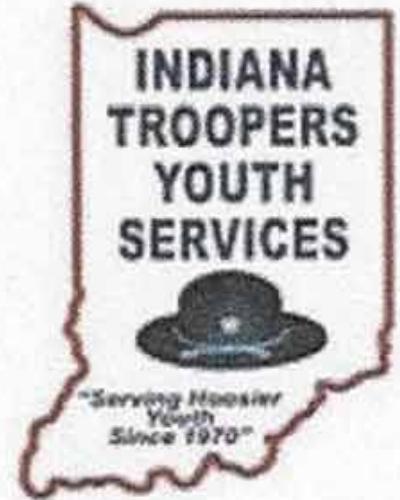
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