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E. North took over the business in 1972. Rollie’s dad, Rollie A. North opened his A-1 Lock & Safe Shop, Sign GrafX and Tri-County Awards at 1001 S “E” St. in Richmond, IN. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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IT’S FALL-TIME SO WATCH FOR DEER!

I’m going to reprint part of State Trooper Sgt. John Bowling’s October message from last month, because it is so relevant at this time of year. I have been doing a lot of deer this year, which may be partly due to the amount of food that is still standing in the farm fields and the increasing activity of hunters and farmers harvesting crops too.

From Sgt. John Bowling October Column:

October begins my favorite time of the year with the annual harvest and the beginning of deer season. But the annual crop harvest coupled with the beginning of hunting season and the “rut,” (deer mating season) makes deer movement more prominent and the number of car/deer crashes increase. So it’s a good time to remind motorists to use extra caution when driving in rural areas of Indiana. Deer are currently more active in the early morning (pre-dawn) hours or the hours just after dusk but could be on the move at anytime.

Motorists should take the following precautions when driving in rural areas to avoid having a crash involving a deer:

• When possible use high beam headlights at night and be aware that deer could be standing on or near the side of the roadway.
• Drivers should watch approaching vehicles and observe what may break their headlights beams; it could be a passing deer. This technique allows extra time to slow your speed and be alert for the deer.
• Watch for reflections from the deer’s eyes.
• Where there is one deer there are often several. Do not assume you missed the deer because more could follow. BE ALERT!
• If your vehicle strikes a deer do not touch it. A frightened or wounded deer can cause you serious bodily injury. Remain in your car, make sure you and your passengers are safe, and call the police to obtain a crash report for your insurance company.

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Joe Swanson (L) and Stacie Schlottbeek (R), graphic artists at Sign GrafX standing next to the lettering and design work they did on my Gad-a-bout van. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Roaming The Outdoors

by Ray Dickerson

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Spoon Fishing in November

Spoon fishing can be one of the best way to catch every species of fish in the lake especially in the winter time. I have to tell you that most of the time when you catch a walleye on a spoon their usually a little bigger then average. But on the other hand I have caught plenty of crappie and blue gill on the same spoons. There are three different types of spoons casting, trolling, and jigging spoons the ones I am talking about are jigging spoons. The best way to fish it is to drop it straight over the side of the boat or under hand pitch it at a 45 degree angle and let it fall all the way to the bottom. If your fishing in the summer the under hand pitch is usually best because the fish are shallower. But in the winter time straight over the side of the boat is best because the fish are deep.

In the late summer to early fall the lake is full of clouds of shad moving around on the flat. Just give the spoon a simple under hand pitch at about a 45 degree angle out in front of you. As soon as you feel the spoon hit the bottom give it a short quick hop up and reel up your slack and repeat this as soon as you feel the spoon hit the bottom again. Do this till your spoon is back to the boat ,or a fish grabs it. Then under hand pitch it somewhere else and catch another one. What your doing is trying to make the spoon look like a dying shad. Usually the fish will hit it on the flutter down so when you go to hop it up again it will just be there so pay attention.

Winter fishing is a little different do to where the fish are. In the winter the surface temperature gets colder then the deep water which in turn makes it heavier and causes fall turn over. This action re oxygenates the deep water and allows the fish to go as deep as they want to escape the colder water on the surface.

When fishing a spoon in the winter you still stand on the front of the boat watching the bow mounted depth finder. With your foot on the electric trolling motor you trying to hold yourself in one spot so you can fish straight up and down. What your looking for is steep drop off ledges deep under water humps or sticky places on the bottom. At the same time looking for fish and clouds of shad close to the bottom. What you do is let the spoon free fall all the way to the bottom. Once there ell up a about a crank off the bottom and give the spoon a simple hop up and flutter down. Trying to vary the movement till you key in on what triggers a bite. The only difference in the winter spoon bite is that some times they will hit the spoon on the hop up or if you just hold it motionless. I believe just the shaking of your hand is enough to trigger a strike. For more information and the spoons I talk about in this article stop in at 52 Pik-up in Brookville we have a full line of spoons,blade baits, and jigging raps.

Good Luck Fishing Tag Nobbe

I guide fish for walleye, striped bass, and crappie starting mid April till the mid December 7 days a week on Brookville Lake. We fish out of a 2007 Lund Pro V 2025 with a 225 Honda motor. I supply everything all the way down to cleaning the fish. I can take 1 - 4 people. The price is according to how many people go $400.00 for 4 people $325.00 for 3 people $275.00 for 2 people and $225.00 for 1 person. We start at 8am and fish till 1pm To schedule trips call me on my cell phone 765-265-3238. For more info go to my web site brookville-lakeguideservice.com

Good luck, Tag

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Harvest Season Safety Tips

As the fall season is upon us, the Indiana State Police would like to remind everyone of the road hazards that are common during this time of year. Farm implements and increased deer movement during this time of year make it necessary for motorists to exercise caution on the roadways particularly on county roads. Remember, some farm implements are much wider than the normal vehicle using the roadways, and motorists may need to slow down, move over, and perhaps even come to a stop to allow these large pieces of machinery to pass.

Tips for farmers:
- Have all lighting and placards on your equipment as required by law.
- When parking equipment along the road while in field, make certain it is visible at night.
- Avoid traveling on state and U.S. highways during rush hour traffic.
- Wear reflective clothing when working at night so as to be seen by motorists and farm workers.
- Indiana Code 9-21-5-7 requires operators of vehicles being driven at a speed below the posted limit to move over to the right at their first opportunity if three or more vehicles are following to allow those vehicles to safely pass.

Tips for motorists:
- Be patient when traveling behind farm equipment. Farmers have the same rights as automobile drivers to operate their equipment on the roads.
- When approaching farm equipment from the opposite direction, pull to the right of the traveled portion of the road and allow the equipment to pass.
- Always be cautious when approaching farm equipment parked on the side of the road. Someone may be getting in or out of the equipment or performing maintenance.

This is the busiest time of the year for farmers. Please remember to watch for slow moving and oversized farm equipment and deer in the roadways. As farmers harvest crops, the deer will often move out of the fields raising the risks for crashes involving deer. One of our main goals is to reduce crashes on Indiana roadways. So remember to be patient, alert, and buckle up everyone in your vehicle. We don’t want you to be another statistic.

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When I speak to folks about a career with us, no matter if the crowd is high school age, college age or older adults, I frequently get asked “Why should I apply at the Indiana State Police, what makes you different?” Now there are a lot of obvious ways I could answer that. One is the ease of applying. Just go to www.in.gov/isp, click on career opportunities, State Trooper, and fill out an application on line – it’s just that simple.

I could start by telling of our rich history in state law enforcement starting with our development in 1933, and how through the years we have continued to be leaders in the law enforcement field. I could speak on our integrity and professionalism, starting with the first part of our mission statement which is: “The Indiana State Police shall provide the most professional, effective and courteous police service possible, at all times, with every endeavor.”

I can and do talk about the excitement of being a trooper, because it gives you a front row seat to the greatest show on earth—LIFE! It’s a job that is gratifying, because at the end of the day you can go home and know you’ve made a difference in someone’s life. It is also gratifying to know you are serving the people of our great state, providing services of all types.

But the one thing that separates us from a lot of other agencies is our specialties, or different fields you can go into. Below are just a few of the specialties we have to offer:

Aviation
The Aviation Section provides air support for law enforcement and other agencies across the state. With a fleet of helicopter and fixed wing aircraft, the section assists with traffic enforcement, fugitive and victim search and rescue, criminal surveillance and disaster assessments.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal
The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team is regularly called on by both law enforcement agencies to dispose of explosive devices and outdated chemicals. The team, which includes 11 certified bomb technicians and more than 35 members trained in Explosive Ordnance Recognition, averages between 25 and 30 render safes or disarmed devices per year.

Special Weapons Assault Team (SWAT)
SWAT responds to high-risk incidents, such as hostage situations, barricaded subjects, prison disturbances and rescue missions. To be part of the team, members must demonstrate proficiency in weapons and specialized equipment, unarmed defense techniques, building entry and clearance, apprehension and field search.

Interdiction Team
Reducing the volume of illegal drugs trafficked through Indiana is the primary responsibility of the Interdiction Team. Team members are trained to watch for common signs used to identify drug traffickers and often use specially trained canines to assist with searches.

Hostage/Crisis Negotiators
Hostage/Crisis Negotiators use their extensive interview and interrogation experience to defuse hostage and other crisis situations. Team members train quarterly and work in conjunction with SWAT.

ISP Dive Team
The ISP Dive team provides the public with a highly professional, trained and equipped service capable of extending almost all aspects of forensic investigation and recovery under water. They specialize in responding to calls including drownings and life threatening incidents.

K-9 Program
The Patrol K-9s participate in over thirty-five hundred details annually from vehicle searches, building searches, tracks, assisting other agencies and public services.

We have the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, which has been number one in the nation in the federal drug law enforcement agencies to dispose of explosive devices and outdated chemicals. This division is also responsible for the inspection of every school bus used in Indiana. These are just a few of the enforcement specialties the Indiana State Police has to offer.

But the true backbone of our department remains the position of Trooper. It is where everyone begins; it is the position you see most. It can be exciting and fun, but can also be stressful and dangerous. It takes a special person to be a trooper. It is not a job, nor is it just a career; it is a way of life. You have to be ready to go 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Getting hired as an Indiana State Trooper isn’t easy, but as I said many years ago on a radio commercial, “If you think you have what it takes” then go to our web site and apply from the comfort of your home – we will be in touch.

You just have to be a U.S. Citizen, have a high school diploma, a valid driver’s license, be at least 21 years of age and not more than 40 by graduation from the academy. Our pay scale, which is quite competitive, is listed on the web site. Go ahead and apply because we need good men and women just like you. That web site again is www.in.gov/isp.
For many people, it is FINALLY here. Yes, I am referring to the 2013 deer hunting season. Some plying their archery hunting prowess have tagged a deer, perhaps more. Others are still counting the calendar days anticipating firearms tagging a deer, perhaps more. Others are still working a fall-arrest system, unexpected things can happen. Be it a useful

Always wear a fall-arrest system or full body harness. Proper usage is important not only when on the stand platform. According to studies conducted by the International Hunter Education Association, 70% of treestand related incidents occur when the person is either ascending or descending. The fall-arrest system should be checked for functionality prior to each use.

Read and understand the treestand manufacturer’s instructions and know the limitations of your equipment. The weight limit given with the treestand includes the weight of equipment. Time should be taken near ground level to practice with your fall-arrest system and setting up your treestand to become familiar and comfortable with it prior to taking it afield.

Select a live, straight tree of appropriate size for your treestand use. One may have to alter their preferred stand location to provide for this important safety issue. Never use a dead tree. A dead tree could break or large limbs could fall while you are in your stand. Both could have deadly results.

The ‘three points of contact’ rule applies when climbing into or out of your stand. Always use a haul line to raise equipment to your treestand. It is an obvious ‘must’ that all firearms be completely unloaded when being raised and lowered.

Never modify a manufactured treestand. If repairs are needed, utilize proper replacement parts from the manufacturer. Inspect your treestand and all components for damage often including all small components and any stitched items. The natural weathering process will affect gear left at your deer hunting location for any prolonged length of time. Gnawing wildlife can also damage essential components.

As with any trip afield, always let someone know where you will be and when you plan to return. Hunt with a buddy if possible. Even utilizing a fall-arrest system, unexpected things can occur which may leave one unable to use a cell phone or other communication device that may commonly be carried.

Speaking from some experience, even under favorable circumstances when help has been called in a timely fashion, it can often be very difficult and time consuming for emergency response personnel to reach, effectively treat, stabilize and evacuate victims of serious injuries resulting from treestand falls. If help is delayed a serious injury could prove fatal.

Many of the causes of treestand incidents involve improper setup of the stand including improper location or tree selection, improper installation of supporting components, utilization of damaged components or omission of their usage.

The Treestand Manufacturer’s Association (TMA) provides valuable assistance relating the most updated industry standards. The TMA offers an interactive treestand safety course and quiz on their website (www.tmastands.com) that can serve as a good review or a primer to the young or new to treestand use.

Many of the reported treestand incident could be prevented by strictly following the manufacturer’s directions and recommendations. If we really think about it, much of the time we are getting into or out of our treestand it is a dark or low-light condition which compromises our ability to see. Add in wet or freezing conditions and it becomes obvious that this is NOT a time to cut corners concerning our safety!

Gravity works. Don’t be a thud.

DEER TRIMMINGS: We accept CLEAN, BONELESS, FRESH OR FROZEN deer meat for processing into products. Please use clear plastic food grade bags or containers or buckets to store your fresh meat. We will NOT accept meat in trash bags because of chemicals used in the production of these bags. For any trimmings, Note: Jerky is made from the whole round. If you want jerky made bring entire ham leave whole with bone in. There will be a charge for de-boning any NON-boneless.

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SEABEE JOE RUDY
97th USN Construction Battalion
Company D, Platoon 5
by Ray Dickerson and Joe Rudy

This article has been a long time coming.

Joe is 91 years young, he and his wife Catherine have been married 54 years. They live in Jeannette, PA. I had a little bit of a problem finding them at first. I googled the trip starting from Ephrata, PA to their home, but got into a little trouble when I left the Turpentine by missing a left turn. They live in a very comfortable home outside of town, I arrived at 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2013 on my way back home from the 68th Seabee Reunion of the 79th NCB in Ephrata, PA, hosted by Fred and Lenore Hummel and Chuck and Erma Sarahan. I had called Joe on the telephone while in Ephrata to see if they would be home when I got closer to them. It worked out.

Our first contact had been in March 2012.

I received the following letter, written on February 28-29, 2012 from Joseph M. Rudy receiving it in March 2012 in response to an invitation letter I sent him and 125 other former Seabees for the 67th Reunion of the 79th U.S. Navy Construction Battalion (NCB) to be held in Richmond/Centerville, IN September 23-28, 2012. I had volunteered to host the reunion at the 66th Seabee Reunion held in Pekin, IL the year before. I got a list of about 100 - 79th NCB members from Linda Streuding and in Gulfport, MS the year before. I got a list of about 100 - 79th NCB members from Linda Streuding and in Gulfport, MS for our advanced training. The Marines were well trained and a lot of older guys on trips had to be picked up by trucks. I run track, played football and baseball in high school keeping myself in good shape, playing in a semi-pro league.

Most of us made it when it came to the advanced training. Some of the older guys would throw hand grenades about 5 yards. Some of the city young men had a lot of trouble with a rifle. My Dad was a coal miner and taught me a lot about shotguns and rifles. I am 89 and I still love to hunt. Being an athlete helped me in Alaska. You could tell when the weather was going to change. Snow would work its way down the mountain (barometer mountain) and believe me some of the heavy winds would cut your face. I believe the Knutches (cross between an Eskimo and a Russian) were really tough people. We wore heavy suits and masks because of the Williwaws (winds).

In Kodiak, sailors could go into town, but there were places that were guarded by Military Police (MP’s) or Shore Patrolmen (SP’s).

In Alaska my job was checking boilers on base. Every company had a team and I agree with your Dad, D Company was the best. They had 6-man touch football, basketball and softball teams. They also had golden gloves tournaments - Navy, Army and Marines fought.

I boxed when I was in high school as a Welter Weight - 143 pounds. My Dad always said to me, “Joe don’t be afraid of the bigger guys. Fight with them and bring them to the ground and they will be the same size then, strength comes in the right.”

Another thing my Dad always preached to me, “Talk is cheap and it costs money to buy whiskey. Another is a barking dog never bites.”

I hope I'm not boring. To be truthful I'm glad I never got to be a Marine. I respect them, but some of the things they did on Saipan and Okinawa lost a lot of lives - especially from the big guns the Japs had on wheels inside their caves. I won't bring back those memories, I'll get back to Kodiak.

We had an inspection regularly and I was caught with something I hid under my pillow. I was put on K.P. (Kitchen Duty). Our D Company was playing the Cooks and since I was put on K.P. I played for the Cooks and came up against my own Co. D. I hit a home run and when we got paid later, our officer Dieter said, “D Company beat D Company! I just smiled because I got revenge. Another time we were playing down at the base hangar field and I was up in the stands and wasn't with the team that was loosing.
The officer came and wanted me to pinch hit. I went and believe me the guy delivered a windmill under hand, the ball looked like bee-bees. I swung and missed twice. The next one I hit one between center and right field and with my speed, it won the game. I could run a hundred in 10.7 seconds.

I do believe the way D Company treated me when they wrote the history of D Company it always made my blood boil. Callahan, a good friend of mine had his photo in and that’s the only sport he participated in. I run track for the 79th Battalion, was a star softball player - and also boxed. To this day it hurt and that was the biggest reason I wouldn’t attend a reunion.

I was told after the war ended one of our officers, when my name would come up after six months - he would take my name off the list and I wouldn’t get a higher rating. I worked with Demolition with Jack Sereley on Saipan and Okinawa. We ran unexplained dynamite in a series after drilling holes. Jack always said I should have been a 1st Class Gunners Mate instead of a 3rd Class. Sometime maybe on the ship I will phone you who the officer was.

Another thing the officer who had it against me was from D 5 Company. Here is what happened. We were having a dress parade down at the base in California. We were all in marching position and in step. The Commander in a jeep hollered, “Ensign (?) how the hell can your men be in step when you are out.” My best friend, Whitey Schiff and I was caught laughing and that’s the rest of the story.

Once I was boxing in the ring at 143, I was on the first bout. The first round I did good, got hit without calling for my mom to help me. Second round I was knocked down and made it. The Third round I got hit and was knocked out. They took me back to the dressing room on a stretcher. They put me under a shower with the aid of smelling salts. I came to and the first thing I said to my buddies, “When do I go out?” They said, “Joe you were on and gone.”

This was one of the losses. When you get in the ring - they don't know who is an amateur or who is a professional. So I paid my dues. I went back to the barracks and the guys were playing cards. The one older guy made a smart remark and said, “What happened tough guy?” My temper got the best of me and I put a jab on him.

We also hunted snowshoe rabbits in Alaska. On Sundays the ones who got down to the gallery first got the shotguns and the ones that didn’t used 30-30 carbines. We shot a few, skinned them and the cooks would smoke and fry them up. They were really good to eat. I love hunting. Another thing, they fish in Alaska. I forgot, maybe your Dad has told you this story. While in Alaska we were down at the base waiting for the President to come and address us. It rained all day and he finally came in after so many hours, I don’t remember exactly how long. President Roosevelt came in a touring car and waved which took about ten minutes. I guess that’s the life of a Seabee. We were soaked and we found out later he came up to fish.

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Yeah, we were scared, but our speaker would end up with a song that went this way, "Good night sweet heart until we meet tomorrow." And to this day I believe the one singing was “Wee Bonnie Baker” and when she would end up saying, “Goodnight.” We would all shoo and go to bed. We didn’t stay long on Saipan, but they were a long time mopping up and we were told if you bring a Jap in, you feed them.

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At and slightly before the turn of the 20th century commercial water fowl hunters developed this hardy soul experienced the joy of stinging insects, baloney sandwiches, cold rain through a leaky tent and trying to sleep on lumpy ground. Again, I speak from experience. However, camping has evolved to today’s modern camper trailer complete with all the comforts of home. But it took that first “hardy soul” (insert here whatever word you feel best describes that person) to try it first. As for me, I’ll leave all those “firsts” to braver souls and if they survive I might try it. Maybe.

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When I talk to people about Great Lakes fishing I get two kinds of questions. One kind is black and white—there's a definitive answer. "Do you sell fishing licenses?" "Do you clean the fish?" "Where will we meet?"

The other type of question has answers which are often more ambiguous. I can't predict a few days out what the wind and wave conditions are apt to be. Much less 2 or 3 weeks in advance. "When is the best time to fish?" The best time for you and your group may be the worst time for the next group.

One of the most vexing FAQ is about bringing youngsters on the boat. "I have a 6-year-old. Will he be okay?"

Tough question. I've had 5-year-olds on my boat that could handle the rods, reels and fight the fish better than most 12-year-olds (and some 20-year-olds.) I've had kids their early teens that handled fishing gear about as well as I would handle a saxophone.

One of the fun things about parenthood is when your children get old enough to start enjoying and participating in some of the activities that you enjoy. I started taking my son and daughter with me on Lake Michigan when they were 5 or 6 years old. By then, however, they'd had many trips to local ponds where they'd caught sunfish by the dozens. They'd learned to crank reels and concepts about how to tussle with fish and pull them out of the water.

When I took the kids to the local pond, we used scaled down gear. What was an ultra-light rod to me was perfectly sized for them. You can't scale down the tackle much on the Great Lakes and you shouldn't expect a captain to have access to shorter, lighter or more kid-friendly rods and reels. That being said, most boats will have a variety of set-ups employed and some are better suited to youths than others.

When I do have younger or less skilled anglers on my boat, I coach them (and their parents) about which rods are better and which ones are worse. Down rigging rods, particularly if you use the ski-and-mast planers are terrific. Save the 9 foot diver rods or the beasts with a full leadcore or 3 or 4 hundred feet of copper for the adults.

IGFA rules disqualifies potential record setting fish if more than one person handles the rod during the fight. But you aren't out there to set world records. Help the kids out. The scenario I encourage when a youngster gets a big fish on the line is for them to get a bit of "rod time" at the beginning of the fight, then have them surrender the rod to dad or grandpa. Let the adult do the heavy lifting in the middle of the fight. Finally, when the fish comes near the boat and is almost ready to net, put Junior back on the rod to finish the game.

There are some "non-fishing" considerations to weigh when deciding if bringing a youngster along is a good idea. Chief among them is susceptibility to motion sickness.

I never say "always" when sea sickness rears its head, but there are some generalities. In general, kids are more susceptible than adults. In general, over-the-counter preventatives work quite well. (Be sure to consult your family physician before doping-up your youngsters.) In general, over-the-counter preventatives cause drowsiness - but napping or being drowsy is a fair trade for not being sick. Kids get colder, quicker. Most of the time it's cooler on the lake than on land. Bring extra jackets, gloves, hats or other garments so they are available if needed.

If you have a life vest or other PFD that fits your child perfectly, bring it along. Most boat owners carry "child-sized" flotation devises, but they won't likely fit as well and comfortable as the ones you bring.

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Camping Here & Beyond
by John and El McCory

Now that most Midwest campgrounds have closed until spring and a lot of retired campers are in vacation mode, what will YOU do this winter? We know that more and more snowbirds are filling the parks in the southeast, south and southwest and along the west coast. This doesn't mean that those of you who are staying here in the Midwest have to go into hibernation or into some form of dormancy. Many of you have your plans made with relatives, friends, and neighbors. You figure out where you or they're going and whether it means here at home in Indiana or nearby states or somewhere else a longer distance away. Try to make every day in the winter count whether it is work all week and rest or recreation on weekends, or you are on permanent vacation.

Find time to try a new experience (for many of you) by seeing a place you've heard about but never investigated close to home or if you're snowbirds and just relaxing around the pool or on the beach, we'd almost bet there are other things to see and do in that warmer climate.

Even though much of the above sounds like fun in the sun, those of us who haven't achieved that stage in life by retiring or by spending a lot of time relaxing, some cold winter days can be spent planning for next spring's camping or by getting outdoors. If you just have weekends for which to plan or if you have several days in a row, careful planning can be a valuable learning tool for you and your family.

Plan to start out small by planning a one or two day trip in one direction and don't try to travel too far because that's what you'll do, drive. Probably you're familiar with most of the places and activities you've resided in that locality for years, but try a short trip in any direction. Try using several resources, such as maps, festival guides, calls or e-mails to the town halls. Or, just type in the name of the town(s) and state in the direction you plan and you just may find out something you didn't know and would like to see and/or do. Ask your contact(s) to give you some birds and just relaxing around the pool or on the beach, we'd almost bet there are other things to see and do in that warmer climate.

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The month of September brought us the last two Bozarth Crappie Tournaments of the year. Unlike the spring season where our first two tournaments had to be canceled due to high lake levels and bad weather, we were fortunate to have two nice Saturdays in a row to conclude the 2013 season. Leading up to the last two tournaments the fishing report from local fishermen was that large quantities of crappie being caught but a majority of them in the nine to ten inch cookie cutter mold. As you will see in the following results, the tournaments held true to that report outside of a few “kicker” fish that tipped the scales in favor of the tournament champion.

Our first fall season tournament kicked off on Saturday, September 14 at the Salamonie Reservoir. We had a total of nine teams show up to compete on a nice sunny day with the lake level unaffected by weather. The team of Doug Clay and Mike Eviston came to the weigh in table with a weight of 3.36 pounds for seven fish to take first place honors. This was their first time fishing together as a team and also the first time either of them winning a tournament. Coming in a close second was the team of Gary Reed and grandson Blake Morris with a total weight of 3.17 pounds and rounding out the top three was Aaron Scott and David Pence with 3.12 pounds. Big Fish award went to the team of Shady Allen and Jack Jones who brought to the weigh in table a .75 crappie. Tourny winners Clay and Eviston had the second biggest fish with a weight of .63 pounds. This was a closely contested tournament as a total of 1.09 pounds separated first place from last.

Our final tournament of the year, Bozarth Classic, took place two weeks later on September 28th. In previous years we would normally have a two day event with one day on the Salamonie Reservoir and the second at Mississinewa Reservoir with a combined weight to determine the overall winner. With too many conflicting schedules and other events going on we decided to make it a one day tourney and open up both Reservoirs allowing our fishermen to decide which lake they prefer to fish. As a token of appreciation for participating in our final two tournaments we also made available a prize for teams that fished both tournaments and had the highest combined two day weight.

Our 2013 Bozarth Classic had a total of eleven teams. We once again were lucky to have a beautiful day to fish as the weather held off and made for a great fishing day. The Salamonie Lake had begun its winter pool draw down and was down four to five feet while the Mississinewa was still at summer pool level. After taking third place in the previous tournament the team of Aaron Scott and David Pence came back again with another great showing as they netted a weight of 4.69 pounds to capture honors of Bozarth Classic champs! Along with being the overall champions...
A Time for Dancing......

Time to button up the lodge and get ready for winter. By now, in the old days, most of the preparation for winter is finished and we are getting ready for the big fall gathering. Time for a last visit with friends, before we settle down for the long winter’s nap. There will be a big feast of corn on the cob, corn bread and a dish of succotash. Turkey and venison, maybe buffalo steaks. The annual hunt for the perfect ear of corn and the selection of the corn maiden. Already the singers have gathered round the drum and the dancing has begun. There will be round dances, courtship dances, at least one mask dance, and war dance. Of course the women will have their time in the dance circle and the people will dance in honor of one of the elders, who contributed to the people in some way.

Oh how I miss it all. My legs can no longer dance. Although I join in on the drum and singing familiar songs, I want so much to join the dance like in my younger days. I am honored today as a respected elder but it’s not the same. Of course I am always invited to tell a story or two. It is my only contribution these days to the entertainment of the people, young and old alike.

I have many wonderful memories of my fifty some years as a traditional dancer. It was always my honor and joy to be the man leader, the war dance leader. The dances we performed were all the old time traditional dances. Each dancer wore the dress of their people. People in the audience ask why we didn’t wear a lot of feathers, so I would explain to them that we did not do war dancing or as it is called today ‘Oklahoma’ or ‘Fancy Dancing’. I always enjoy Fall. It is still warm enough to sit on my porch and enjoy the activity as the four legged and the winged prepare for winter. I can almost hear the Drum and the singing off in the mist calling me to come to the Medicine Wheel and join in the dancing.

Fall is a time to remember and in those memories relive the past. In the fall I feel closer to the Great Spirit and the ancestors than at any other time of the year.

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Aaron Scott and David Pence winners of Bozarth Classic and Big Fish. (Photo by Author) Myron Etchison and Gary Hoffman 2nd place finishers in Bozarth Classic. (Photo by Author)

they also claimed Big Fish honors with a 1.17 pound crappie. They caught all their fish at the Mississinewa Reservoir. Their two day total of 7.81 pounds also awarded them first place in our combined tournament challenge. Congratulations once again on a great fishing display!

The team of David Bowser and Marty McDermitt tied with the team of Myron Etchison and Gary Hoffman to take second place honors with a total weight of 4.4 pounds. Following in fourth place was the team of Steve Pershing and Mike Bowser with 4.11 pounds. Second place Big Fish honors went to Gary Reed and Blake Morris with a .84 pound crappie.

We would like to thank everyone once again for their participation in these tournaments. We had several teams express how much fun they had while fishing these tournaments and are already looking forward to next year. If anyone is interested in fishing next year’s tournaments you can contact us at (765) 981-4522 for more information.
Seabee Memorial Monument Dedication & Presentation
by Ray Dickerson

I was invited to attend the Dedication of a Seabee Memorial at the Marion, Indiana National Cemetery by Dan Wells, Commander of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-4 on October 5, 2013. I arrived at the Marion National Cemetery a bit early at 9:50 a.m., it was raining cats and dogs and didn’t look like it was going to quit anytime soon. The Dedication was slated to begin at 11 a.m.

Lo and behold just minutes before 11 a.m. blue sky emerged between the clouds and soon the sun shone over the beautifully landscaped cemetery.

Dan Wells, Seabee Island X-4 Commander welcomed us all to the Dedication and asked everyone to be seated (See photo on page 16).

He opened the ceremony by telling us that the Colors would be posted by Veterans of the Delaware County Honor Guard.

The Posting of the Colors was followed by the playing of our National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance (See photo on page 16).

Chaplain Hank Hansen did the Invocation.

Dan then introduced Army Captain Nate Lamarr the Keynote speaker who gave a very interesting talk (See photo on page 16).

John Minnix from Centerville was standing next to me, I was so busy with my camera I didn’t even recognize him. He introduced himself, I just laughed. John was one of the Vietnam Seabees I invited to the 67th NCB Reunion I did in Richmond September 2012. He is a member of NSVA Island X-4.

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POW/MIA Recognition Day
by Ray Dickerson

I was invited to attend the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony to be held 11:30 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2013 at the Veteran’s Memorial Park in Richmond, IN by Wally Dudek, coordinator for the event.

When I arrived Wally Dudek was at the podium giving an overview of what is going on in locating and recovery of remains found at specific sites. The remains are then sent to the Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii (CILHI) for further testing. Included in the program is a update on all remains that were identified throughout the year, from WWII, Korea, Cold War, Vietnam, Iraq/Afghanistan.

Approximate numbers still missing and unaccounted for: WWII 73,661; Korea 7,906; Cold War 120; Vietnam 1644 and Iraq/Afghanistan and others 6.

Unfortunate total: 83,343. Those lost at sea or in mountainous regions will unlikely never be found.

The POW/MIA flag is an American flag designed as a symbol of citizen concern about US Military personnel taken as prisoners of war (POW’s) or listed as missing in action (MIA). The POW/MIA flag, is the only flag (other than the U.S. Flag) ever displayed in the Capitol Rotunda.

POW/MIA Recognition Day is on the 3rd Friday of September each year.

Students attending the ceremony were juniors and seniors from the Whitewater Technical Career Center, which includes Union, Rush, Franklin and Fayette counties, also Centerville and Lincoln high schools. Elizabeth Shank-Fodrea brought them.

The new American Flag display along the walkway leading up to the Vietnam Memorial looks great.
Indiana Slab Masters
by Ron Bilbrey

Tanners Creek Tournament

Summer break ended September 7th for the Slab Masters with a return to Tanners Creek on the Ohio River, Tanners Creek is only one of many tributaries that feed the Ohio River in southern Indiana it is located in Lawrenceburg, IN, and is a favorite with Southern Indiana and Ohio fishermen.

The day before the tournament I talked with Larry Yates and Doug Allen the morning before the tournament, Larry told me than that the creeks were on fire and that they had caught several good fish in recent days I got the feeling that this team would be hard to beat on their home waters.

The third place team of Jim Raymer and Doug Sikora were vertical jigging stumps in 6-12’ of water using orange and Chartreuse Southern Pro tubes and Bobby Garland Slab Slayers tipped with minnows on their BnM rods to catch their 7.85 lb stringer. Finishing in fourth place with big fish of the tournament (1.63 lb slab) and total weight of 6.68 lbs. the always tough and very consistent team of John Quinn and Gale Risner they were spider rigging in 8-12’ of water with Lake Fork and Southern Pro baits scented with Juiced Up Baits.

Rounding out the top 5, the 2012 and 2013 points champions, Tom Hankins and Glen Gill with a total weight of 6.12 lbs. Tom and Glen were also spider rigging in 6-12’ of water with Lake fork baits to catch their fish.

Congratulations to all the top placing teams for a job well done. In closing I would like to talk a little about the point’s race. If you think this is not a competitive club take a look at the BnM points race, the top five teams after this tournament were separated by only 16 points and it was a tie for 1st place.

With the Raccoon lake tournament now in the books and the points race decided congratulations to Tom Hankins and Glenn Gill the 2012 champions who beat out Charlie and Paul Hildreth the 2011 points champions by only 8 points. Jim Raymer and Doug Sikora Finished the season in third place, followed by Gale Risner and John Quinn.

Ron Bilbrey and Damon Phillips rounded out the Top Five in points for 2013.
The Top Five teams were separated at the end by only 22 points through their best 6 tournaments. I f you think you might like competitive fishing come out and give it a try. The 2014 season looks like it could be even better.

The following is the Top Ten Teams with weights from Tanners Creek.

1st Larry Yates and Doug Allen          8.40 lbs
2nd Tom and Troy Allen                  8.36 lbs
3rd Jim Raymer and Doug Sikora         7.85 lbs
4th Gale Risner and John Quinn          6.68 lbs
5th Tom Hankins and Glenn Gill          6.12 lbs
6th Charlie and Paul Hildreth           5.57 lbs
7th Dan, Zach & Luke George             5.46 lbs
8th Brett Cunningham & Josh Kleber      5 lbs
9th Eric Milsaps & Rick Hancock         4.61 lbs
10th Myron Etcison and Jim Kiritsis     4.18 lbs

The season may be coming to a close in Metamora, but some of the most popular activities happen at this time of the year. With the start of the cold weather, there is nothing better than a warm bowl of chili. And keeping with this tradition, Metamora is having its 7th Annual Chili cook off on Nov. 2nd. As always we are looking for great chili makers as well as judges. If you want to judge, call 765-647-1212 and sign up. If you make a great chili without beans, be sure to enter. Entry forms are available at http://www.metamoraandiana.com/chili-cookoff-entry.htm. If you would rather eat, be sure to stop by the Metamora Firehouse. Contestants will be serving samples at noon for a small fee. There will be live entertainment from 11am-3pm. And of course there will be prizes, trophies and a chance to vote for your favorite chili. Hopefully it will win the People’s Choice Award.

The one musical act coming to Metamora in Nov is Kriss Ziesemer, Megan King and Moriah Lawson on Nov 9. They will be performing at the Cat and the Fiddle, 19049 Clayborn St. The kitchen will open at 6:30pm with music from 7-9pm. Their music has been described as edgy, warm and thought provoking. Please note: Final Friday disappears for November and December, but returns on the final Friday of the month in January at the Cat and the Fiddle.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad is once again running The Polar Express TM. The train leaves Connersville for a journey through the countryside before finally stopping at the “North Pole” to visit Santa Claus. These trains are very popular with some dates already sold out. So if you’re interested be sure to get your reservations in. This year the Polar Express TM train will be running Nov 15-Dec 15 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information and reservations call 765-825-2054 or visit www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions.

The holiday season starts in Metamora with the 30th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony held Nov 23 from 6:30-7:30pm. There will be fire barrels, hot chocolate and coffee to help keep everyone warm. Music will be provided by Catrina and the Baggy Bottom Boys, as well as a sing-along, reading of the Christmas story and the arrival of Santa Claus.

The 30th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony leads us to the 30th annual Christmas walk, Nov 29-Dec 22. The hours are Friday and Saturday 10am-10pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. This is a wonderful time to visit Metamora. The outside of the shops are decorated with lights, luminaries line the walkways, and carolers can be found around the village. Don’t forget to visit Santa at the Santa house and get a memorable photo. It’s a great place to find that one unique gift as well.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad will be running two special trains. The Santa Claus Limited Train Excursion will be Nov 29 at 10am, 12pm, and 2pm. The train leaves the station in Connersville and picks up Santa Claus along the way. Tickets are $7 for ages 2 and up. For reservations call 765-825-2054. Note: This train is not affiliated with the Polar Express train.

Finally the Whitewater Valley Railroad will be running the Metamora Holiday Special. The train will run Nov 29, 30, Dec 7, and Dec 14 with a 4pm departure from Connersville and a 3 ¼ hour layover in Metamora. Reservations must be made in advance to ride this train. Be sure to call 765-825-2054 or go to www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions. Fares for the Metamora Holiday Special are adults $25 and children 2-12 $15. Caboose rentals are available for $425 and hold up to 20 people.

The season finishes on Sunday, Dec 22 at 5pm with the closing of the Grist Mill. Many of the shops will be closing then as well. During the months of January – March, many of the crafters work on making new items for their shops. So come back and visit us in April and see what’s new.
Gunsights

This month I wanted to discuss installing new sights on rifles. The customer brought in a very nice looking Mauser K98. It was a bring back, the rifle serial number and the bolt were different. The serial number indicates it was made around 1939-1940 at the Mauser AG Oberndorf plant and finished at the Berlin-Lübecker Maschinenfabrik. (Picture: Nov. Photo 1.) The rifle has been stripped of its bluing and polished to a low gloss. The original stock was modified to a sporting stock with a Monte Carlo style cheek rest. It still kept the original metal buttplate. I checked the condition of the bore and although rusted it appeared worn but in serviceable condition after a good scrubbing and cleaning.

The customer’s complaint was they had purchased the rifle at an estate auction and when shooting it they couldn’t hit anywhere on their target. The customer is a good shot with a rifle having achieved “Expert” rating in the U.S. Army. I checked the sight radius in the sight blade to the centerline of the 7.02 mm bore. The front sight was .632” above the bore centerline. All rifles must have the rear sight slightly higher than the front sight in order to “pitch” the bullet in an arc to its target. The difference in the sight blade heights is dependent on the sight radius, that is the distance from the rear to front sight. Just thousands of inches in difference is all that is necessary for most rifles with sights ranging in length of 18 inches. In this case the difference was .356” or more that a 3rd of an inch. I needed to install a new front sight blade which was significantly taller. Before doing so I needed to determine just how far off, or short, that the front sight was. I went to the range and found the point of impact (POI) was over 11.5 inches higher and 7.5 inches left of point of aim (POA) at 50 yards. Good thing I didn’t waste good ammo trying to locate the POI at 100 yards. I really would have had to use the side of a barn for my target. As it was I put up a plain white sheet of table paper to cover the 4’x4’ target. Then I ordered a new, taller sight blade and installed it. Then back to the range to determine the amount of metal to remove from the new blade. The formula for adjusting the front sight blade height is to divide the vertical distance between the POA and POI by the distance from the rear sight to the target, all figures in inches. Multiply that result by the distance from the rear sight to the front sight. The result will be the amount of change needed in the front sight height. After installing and adjusting the new sight the difference in the sight height is now .078”. The rifle will still have a POI lower than the POA at 100 meters, but will be on zero at 200 meters. With the bore in its current condition and with the ammo currently available, it will never be a tack driver unless the barrel is changed out for a .308 or 30-06 chambering.

If your rifle is shooting high and there is no vertical adjustment, then it is probable that you will have to increase the height of the front sight. If it is shooting low and the rear sight has no vertical adjustment then you may have to shorten the front sight by one or two thousandths. If your rifle is significantly off target you may want to contact a competent gunsmith to sight the rifle for you. Keep in mind that he will want from you the ammo you intend to use for your hunting or target shooting. The ammo you decide to use will have a significant impact on the accuracy. The different ballistic performances of the various brands of ammo and weight of the bullet will cause different POI for the same zero of your rifle if no adjustments are made for the individual brands. Ballistic performance is some pretty technical stuff and I’ll address that more in a future column.

The Dumbing Down of America

I’m a pilot and a bit prejudiced about the good of flying and the teaching of our children to be independent, unafraid to learn, and the power of knowledge. The following news report just reinforced my opinion of the national news media trying its best to dumb down Americans into thinking like idiots. I first saw the report on NBC news but have since found that it was reported days earlier in the Huffington Post. The Post didn’t accuse, berate or rebuke the Chinese Dad nor did the Post endorse his actions. That was not the case with NBC. September 6, 2013. News report on NBC derid-
Prior to the September 1st opener of the early Canada goose season, I pretty much figured that we wouldn’t have a ton of birds to hunt that morning. The area we had been scouting had birds in it, just not as many as we would have liked. There appeared to be two or three small flocks of birds using the area, with a total of about 40 or fifty geese. Nonetheless, they were the only birds we had located on property we could hunt, so we set the plan in motion, figuring on at least having shots at two or three small flocks of geese on opening morning.

Opening morning found a few of us all nestled in our layout blinds around the field, while a couple of the others hid out in the tall reeds and cattails surrounding the small body of water that lied adjacent. By eight-o-clock we hadn’t seen any geese, but we knew that some of birds were not showing up until closer to 9:30 in the morning and we weren’t too concerned. A couple of us who had been scouting the field the week before had seen geese rounding the small body of water that lied adjacent.

The came in perfectly! As they circled and began their descent, we were excited as we could hear the wind whistling as their cupped wings helped them glide in to the decoys. Then, there they were – not more than twenty minutes later we spotted a large flock of geese in the distance. We all hurriedly got situated and readied ourselves for the shooting that was hopefully about to happen.

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Susie and our two guides, plus DNR Biologist on Fox Lake, got up to 80 degrees later in the week. (Photo by Author)

Notice our warm clothing. It got to 80 degrees. (Photo by Author)

A great blue heron surveys the Horicon Marsh from his dead tree perch. (Photo by Author)

Outdoors

Three Lakes and Cheese Curds

We recently returned from six days at an outdoor writers conference in the area around Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Lots of water, food, liquid refreshment (ice tea and diet pop for us!), and a wide variety of cheeses were available for the next week. The weather was cool and foggy every morning and very pleasant in the afternoon. Susie and I arrived two days early to enjoy some of the local attractions before the conference officially started. After checking into the Holiday Inn on the south end of Fond du Lac, we immediately headed for their restaurant. Because of the time change, and our early (5 PM) eating time, we had the place to ourselves. We ordered our diet Pepsi with lime and I asked the waitress to bring us an order of fried cheese curds.

The next morning found us standing on the boat dock at Fox Lake, about thirty minutes south. We had on long underwear, heavy clothes, gloves and hats. It was about 40 degrees and windy. Tim Nehis of Fish Tales Bait Shop (www.foxlakefishstories.com) in the town of Fox Lake set us up with Dennis Kempf and Dale Yahinke, two local fishing guides, and Laura Stremick who was the DNR Fisheries Biologist for the area. The fishing trip was set up for six people plus our three experts. The other four people never showed, so Susie and I got the full treatment.

Fox Lake is a shallow 2600 acre impoundment varying from three to twenty-eight feet deep. We didn’t catch any of the northern or musky known to inhabit these waters, but we did catch bluegill, crappie, perch, and I had one walleye get off at the boat. To show how easy it is to catch fish in this lake, Dennis dropped a bare hook over the side and in a few seconds, pulled in a nice crappie. In the late 1960’s and again in the late 90’s, the lake had to be drawn down, chemically treated the first time to control the plant life, then just removing the carp the second. Now the fishing here is outstanding in both open water and later through the ice.

After a morning of catching fish, we met with our local Tourism contact, Leslie Hershberger, the Director of the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center, for lunch. We went to The Boat House Pub & Eatery on the shores of Fox Lake. (Check out www.boathousepubandeaters.com)

We would definitely return to this establishment both for the quality of the food and service and the gorgeous view of the lake.

After lunch, we headed south a short distance to Beaver Dam Lake in the city of Beaver Dam. We were greeted by Bill and Evonne Boettge, Pete Hupf, and Bob from the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association for a quick overview of the lake and the work being done to maintain its excellent quality. We boarded a pontoon for a leisurely ride around the water. This 6500 acre fishery is only three to eight feet deep, but it is the 16th largest inland lake in Wisconsin with 41 miles of shoreline.

The aeration system for winter oxygen keeps the musky, walleye, and other fishes healthy when the ice covers the lake. Over one hundred thousand walleye fingerlings are stocked annually. Duck hunters also find this an outstanding hunting spot in the fall. Visit www.bdlia.org to find out more about this area.

The next few days were back at the Holiday Inn for meetings, seminars, food (at least four or five times a day!), meeting and making contacts with other writers, editors, outdoor manufacturers and reps, and trying to get at least five hours of sleep every night.

The only time we visited the Horicon Marsh was to see the Horicon Marsh Wildlife Area, which is also a National Wildlife Refuge. Established in 1941, this 33,000 acre wetland formed by Wisconsin Glacier, is the largest freshwater wetland in Wisconsin. It is one of the largest nesting sites for the redhead duck, while mallards and blue-wing teal are the most abundant nesting waterfowl. The area has always been attractive to Canadian geese and the large cranes also use this marsh as a stopover on their migration routes.

(Their website is www.horiconmarsh.org.) Leslie Hershberger and her staff held a reception and dinner for visiting outdoor writers and outdoor manufacturer’s representatives at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center. She stopped the festivities long enough to allow us to take pictures of the gorgeous sunset over the Marsh. As everywhere we had eaten in Wisconsin, we were offered cheese curds as an appetizer. These, however, were not breaded and deep fried as we were used to, but were just small hunks of delicious white cheese.

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sleep at night. At every meal, the servers would bring around trays of ice tea and, of course, milk, this being Wisconsin. Every feeding time except breakfast offered cheese curds and lots of other varieties of Wisconsin cheese.

For Thursday morning, the writers were asked to sign up for a selection of hunting and fishing outings. I selected the half day fishing on Lake Winnebago. Mercury Marine whose headquarters are in Fond du Lac, secured Mercury Pro-Staffers and local fishing guides to take us out. Probably 15 boats were lined up at the dock, all with great paint jobs and huge Mercury engines. It looked like we were going to race the space shuttle to the far end of the 35 mile long lake!

Keith Kavajecz, our pilot, I mean our guide, took us about eight or ten miles up the lake to his favorite spot. He started putting out rods on both sides and the rear of the boat as we would be trolling for a variety of fish. Clayton Diskerud, another outdoor writer on the boat with Keith and I was hoping for a lot of action.

We weren’t disappointed. We not only caught over 50 fish, but we boated five different species. Most of the other boats reported similar results.

The nightly reception that evening included a large variety of Wisconsin cheese, with cheese curds being high on my list. All you can eat pizza and spaghetti with garlic bread followed. The night concluded with our annual live and silent auction which I know did very good for our organization because everything went way higher than I could afford.

The next morning found us headed back to Indiana. Before we left town, Susie wanted to make one last stop at a cheese shop. Guess what she bought.
Indiana State Trappers Association
by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM
52nd ISTA Convention & Rendezvous

The 52nd ISTA Convention and Rendezvous was just held Sept. 13 & 14, 2013 at the Tipton County 4-H Fairgrounds. We had a really good Convention with wonderful weather. The Vendors report that sales were brisk and the activity steady, and all were very favorable toward staying in Tipton. The Auction Friday night brought in over $1600 and NAFA presented the ISTA with a very nice share check. The Silent auctions on Friday and Saturday added to the funds raised as did the Dunn Knife Give-a-ways.

Standing Board members, Fred Philips, President; Melissa Mansfield, Secretary; and Tom Setser, Board member, were all re-elected. Jesse Melton was elected as the New FTA representative. (Again, we thank Doyle Flory for his years of service as the FTA Representative.) Deric Beroshok was appointed to fill the Director position of Kevin Dyer, who had resigned earlier in the month. Of the 32 Ballots returned, 19 voted to keep the Convention in Tipton and 13 voted to move it somewhere else. The Board will take this subject up at the next meeting in October. One thing is for certain, and that is that the 53rd ISTA Convention and Rendezvous will be the second full weekend in September next year, Sept. 13 & 14, 2014. This is such a wonderful venue to present our sport to non-trappers, that we just have to keep a full presence at this event. Many thanks are due to all of the members who pitched in to set up tables, take em down, run the auction and the various contests that went on. I wish I had the room to list everyone who made donations to our auctions and Give-A-Ways. They will be listed in the next ISTA Newsletter. Suffice it to say that Tom & Rendezvous was just held Sept. 13 & 14, 2013 at the Tipton County 4-H Fairgrounds. We had a really good Convention with wonderful weather. The Vendors report that sales were brisk and the activity steady, and all were very favorable toward staying in Tipton. The Auction Friday night brought in over $1600 and NAFA presented the ISTA with a very nice share check. The Silent auctions on Friday and Saturday added to the funds raised as did the Dunn Knife Give-a-ways.

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Morelock did a great job in setting up the Convention and Rendezvous. Thank you Tom. Food was provided by the Tipton County 4-H Kantering Kids. They had biscuits and gravy in the morning with other offerings, and tube steaks and pulled pork with the fixins for the rest of the day. They had a good time and look forward to working with the ISTA next year.

Jerry Schilling was drawn by Noah, our newest young trapper care of Tom Setser’s Danville Trapper Education Class, to be the winner of the Remington 870. Marsha Rudd was drawn as the winner of the Pink Savage .22. Many people received many door prizes throughout both days of the Convention. Jim O’Brien, Beaver Foot, Todd Reineh, and Wilbur Cook all won Dunn Knives. If you did not make the Convention this year, you really missed a good time.

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Make your children’s first outing a family affair. If Little Johnny tags along with several non-related adults and things become miserable for him, either the adults will all have to capitulate or Johnny will have to tough it out. Neither is a good scenario.

In the end, I encourage bringing the kids along, but I also explain up front many of the above details. So as you go, watch your top knot, keep your eyes along the skyline. Fred “DR” Philips, DVM, Pres. ISTA
There are many occupations that involve stewardship of our natural resources. Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down with Dan McGuckin a private consulting forester from Southern Indiana. Dan started his career in natural resources after graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management. He jumped around various temporary jobs with The National Park Service and local County Government before landing a full-time job with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Dan spent 11 years with the IDNR including working as the Assistant Manager at Jasper-Pulaski FWA and a District Wildlife Biologist in Bloomington, IN. He then left the IDNR to work as a Restoration Biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where he spent 4 years. He is presently in business for himself as the owner of Habitat Solutions, a wildlife and forest management company. He is living on the Brown County-Bartholomew County line near Nashville, Indiana. This area offers more opportunities for traditional forest management, than northern Indiana, with mostly un-glaciated hills with 250 to 300 foot valleys between them, too hilly to farm, but just right for forestry. There are numerous properties approximately 500,000 acres. It is the largest continuous forest in the lower Midwest running from Tell City on the Ohio River, northward through Paoli, Bedford and to the north and east towards Columbus. It includes the Hoosier National Forest, Brown County State Park, Morgan/Monroe State Forest and Yellowwood State Forest, amongst others. He is the only full-time employee of his company. He has two technicians, one of which is his son, who is a freshman in college, studying Forestry and Wildlife Management too. They are both part-time. They are utilized to do much of the hands-on physical work that is needed. He prefers to be out in the field doing things himself as often as possible. He is hired by his clients because of his expertise in the field and he seldom subcontracts his work out. He assists landowners in timber sales and encourages buyers to come look at the trees he has marked, and oversees the timber harvesting operation that goes on. There are other traditional forestry services such as removing stand-improvement, working with landowners to improve the composition and quality of their forests. Or by selectively increasing crop-tree choices, going through the landowners woods and identifying the highest quality trees, either by species or form, that are desirable, and eliminating some of the competition around them, including the poorer quality trees. This increases the value of the products plus increasing wildlife value. If you are a wildlife advocate, and you want to produce more acorns on your property, try giving some sunlight and more nutrients to the oak trees. This will surely increase the mast crop. Most oak trees produce acorns by the time they are 20 to 25 years old. By 40 years, if they’re getting enough sunlight and are not suppressed by competing with a lot of adjacent trees, and are in a post-harvest position within the canopy, they should be producing bountiful amounts of acorns, Dan says.

He, fortunately, has not experienced peaks and valleys in his four years of being in business for himself. There has been a noticeable growth in his business each year, as it takes a while for people to notice you are out there, providing these services and becoming familiar with your name. There are many State and Federal cost-share programs available to assist landowners. Dan helps his client wade through the confusion of the many programs to secure assistance in implementing their management goals.

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Autumn Olive is also a nitrogen-fixer, like the legume family of peas and beans that allows it to grow in a great poor soil where the mostly unable native plants may not be able to adapt. You most often see it along roadside cuts and at the edges of valleys in his four years of being in business for himself.

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2013 Richard T. Gaston Walleye Tournament

The 2013 Richard T. Gaston Final Memorial Walleye Tournament at Brookville Lake September 14th included approximately 51 teams of Walleye, Bass and Catfish fisher persons.

Following is the winners of each category.

**WALLEYE**
1st Place - D. Skelley and R. Kimmerly         5.15 lb.
2nd Place - D. Deters and B. Sayne                 3.4 lb.
3rd Place - D. Herron and R. Miller              2.55 lb.
4th Place - D. Egbert and M. Stout                   2.3 lb.
5th Place - J. Wickey and Muzzarelli             1.85 lb.
Big Fish - D. Skelley and R. Kimmerly         2.25 lb.

**BASS**
1st Place - T. Snidely and D. Miller             12.55 lb.
2nd Place - P. Hurt and F. Felix                    9.15 lb.
3rd Place - K. Bennett and M. Bennett         8.10 lb.
4th Place - C. Bark and J. Ruffler                   6.5 lb.
5th Place - J. ? and J. Smith                     4.5 lb.
Big Fish - T. Snidely and D. Miller             3.4 lb.

**CATFISH**
1st Place - D. Wooley                                 20.4 lb.
2nd Place - T. Roman                            12.75 lb.
3rd Place - M. Sebesky                          11.35 lb.
Big Fish - D. Wooley                             14.75 lb.
Smallest - L. Blevins                                .65 lb.

Amy, Jeff, Dianne, Caroline, Lauren, Paul,
Delores, Macy, Phil, Pete, Barry and all the people
who made this tournament possible want to thank
everyone for their generous support for these past 15
years that the Richard T. Gaston Memorial Walleye
and Catfish Contest was held.
th NCB Seabee Joe Rudy
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throwers inside the caves. We (Jack and I) would wait and one time the Japs, 3 of them, came out with their hands up. The tallest one had his hands up high and the two behind, the smaller ones, came and shrew stick grenades at us. We were lucky. Some of the other ones in the caves they would not cooperate so we drilled a 3 foot starter bit hole and later up to 10 foot, drilled about 8 holes 10 foot deep, putting dynamite in each hole, then blew the caves up. And that is the rest of the story, as Paul Harvey would say.

The battle for Okinawa was a bad place. Japanese farmers would work in the fields in the day time and at night they would be snipers. They finally put them in compounds and they were guarded all the time. The war was over they stole our pet white goats and hens. To me I’m glad it’s over, it’s a shame to fight and today we are worse off than we were in World War II.

I hunt very little now. My 86 Comanche went bad so I gave it to the junk man, I really miss it. Nothing like hunting, especially small game. I’ve really enjoyed myself as guests of Island X-4 & 3.

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4. Later he gave me a ride back to my van.

Then Dan Wells stood at the podium and explained to us the dedication process they under took to secure the Seabee Memorial Monument and have it placed in the Marion National Cemetery. Both the Island X-4 from New Castle and Island X-3 from Warsaw of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America were successful and honored to be dedicat ing the Seabee Memorial this day, October 5, 2013 at the Marion National Cemetery.

He then announced it was time to unveil the Seabee Memorial Monument, with the honors going to Monument Committee members Dick Conner and Jim Phillips (See photo on page 16)

Then Danny West, Navy SVA National Membership Chairman presented the Monument to the Marion National Cemetery Director Elfrieda Robinson. Elfrieda Robinson than accepted the Monument as Director of the Marion National Cemetery and thanked all those who worked hard and diligently in getting it placed here (See photo on page 16).

Then to Honor the Veterans who have gone before us the Delaware County Honor Guard fired three rifle volleys followed by the playing of Taps (See photo on page 16).

Chaplain Hank Hensen gave the Benediction. Then the Delaware County Honor Guard Retired the Colors from the field (See photo on page 16).

Thanks to the following:
The Monument Committee included Veterans Dick Conner, Jim Phillips, Dan Wells and Danny West.
The Delaware County Honor Guard included Veterans Herman Willard, Harold Mallo, Danny Smith, Jim Lancaster, Jose Gaitan, Hank Hansen, Bruce Clark, Charlie Crabtree, Danny Irwin, Jr., Danny Irwin, Sr., Danny Thornburg and Dale Vold.
The Marion National Cemetery Staff included Mell Carson, John Drake, Travis Keith, James Lofitis and Darnell Moore.

Major Supporters include Danny and Yoshiko West, Navy SV A National Membership Chairman presented the Monument to the Marion National Cemetery.

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Lastly it was time for photos and then go home. I really enjoyed myself as guests of Island X-4 & 3.
That's all for this month. These notes are mine alone and do not represent the opinion or position of anyone, just me. If you have a question or a comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or would like to just make a comment email me with your comments at Marshall@MarshallJSmith.com. I'll try and answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column. Protect your Constitutional rights, exercise your voice to be heard, contact your Congressional Representative and Senator to express your opinion. Be Heard. Remember, B SAR (Be Safe, Be Aware, Be Responsible) Marshall Smith
Prairie Wolf Gun Repair

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Once it becomes established in those fields, it can pull nitrogen out of the air, plus the nodules on its roots can fix nitrogen from the soil and make it available. It is not the panacea for wildlife as some thought many years ago, when first planted along the highways and interstates.

Many landowners at times feel overwhelmed with the responsibilities of property management. If you find yourself in need of some professional advice or assistance with your property, consider contacting a consulting forester like Dan to help you achieve your goals. Dan can be reached – dturnofforestry@yahoo.com (765) 320-6767. A directory of consulting foresters is also available at http://www.findindiananeforester.org.

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You should report this as you would any other crash.

• Finally, as always, BUCKLE UP!

DEER WHISTLES HAVE MADE THE DIFFERENCE FOR ME SINCE 2004

I use to scoff at people who talked about using “Deer Whistles” on their vehicles, that is until I was given a “Living Deer Whistle” by my insurance agent, Carl Sharp in 2004. This deer whistle was different, just one piece. I mounted it in the middle of my grill on my then Gad-a-bout Ford Aerostar Van. It is called a “Save-A-Deer” whistle, but actually since I’ve had one on all my vehicle (s) since 2004 I’ve save thousands of all kinds of animals. I can testify truthfully that not only have I saved deer, but also raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, skunk, opposum, ground hog, coyote and fox.

I’m not quite sure this whistle effects cats, dogs or farm animals. I’ve not encountered many of these latter animals on the roads I travel. One important thing though, slow down regardless, when you see an animal near or in the road. Several times when I have seen a deer cross the road in front of me, a second and third one was coming behind it. You can buy this deer whistle by logging onto their website: www.deerwhistle.com. OCT 24, FALL DINNER MANSION HOUSE HISTORIC CENTERVILLE MEETING

A pitch-in dinner is planned for the Fall meeting of Historic Centerville at the Mansion House, drinks will be provided. The dinner will be held on Oct 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Main St. Courthouse. The community is invited to bring a dish for the dinner. If you can’t make the dinner, come to the meeting at 7:30 p.m. We suggest folks with last names A-H bring vegetable, H-P bring desserts, I-Q bring appetizers, and R-Z bring main dishes. The speaker for the evening will be Joe Frost speaking about John Brown and Harper’s Ferry, he is a Community Preservation Specialist at the Huddleston Farmhouse and National Road Heritage Site near Union County. The gathering begins at 6 p.m., new members are welcome. Dues can be paid that evening.

WAYNE COUNTY COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Centerville has a unique Indiana historic treasure, the only standing county log courthouse in the state. It is older than the state, having been completed in 1812 and is Wayne County’s first courthouse. Wayne County is one of the first seven counties in the Indiana Territory formed in 1810.

The Log Courthouse was originally built in Wayne County’s first county seat, Salisbury, a town that no longer exists. The building was sold about 1818, moved to Richmond, rebuilt and used as a house. It was nearly demolished in 1952 but was saved and moved to the old Centerville Fair Grounds, now the high school athletic field. The log building now sits on the Mansion House property at 214 E. Main Street. The basic building is strong but there has been quite a bit of deterioration since the courthouse was rebuilt. When completed, the repairs will preserve the building for many years. The tourist who is the Board of Trustees is John Nelk of Nashville, IN. His bid was $36,112.

A Capital Campaign is underway to raise money for the project. The campaign will begin in late October and extend through November. Our goal is to raise $40,000 to cover any unexpected problems that might be discovered in the process of repair. We are asking people interested in Centerville and historical preservation to help. Donations for the log courthouse should be sent to: Historic Centerville, Inc. Courthouse Fund; P. O. Box 73, 214 E. Main, Centerville, IN. 47330.

Historic Centerville, Inc. is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible. Phone calls may be made to 765-855-5333 or 765-914-1990.

UNION COUNTY EXT. HOMEMAKERS HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 23, 2013

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They have 100 Booth Spaces full of Holiday decorations, baskets, wreaths, teddy bears, embelished clothing, accessories, candy, jewelry, wood-items and tons more.

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Alex Davenport, age 5, caught all these game fish on red worms fishing in the Tailwater of Brookville Lake earlier this year. They were all released back into the water after the photos were taken. From left to right, a brown trout, a large-mouth bass and a sucker. (Photo by Jim Davenport, New Castle, IN)

Clinton Blakenbaker took this 10 point 210 pound Buck on 10-27-2012. (Red Barn Bait, Guns and Deli Photo, Salem, IN)

Kaden Ervin, age 5, from Greens Fork took this buck on 9-28-13 during his first youth hunt near Hagerstown on private land. (Photo by his father, Chad Ervin). Photo Received from Carrie Ervin on Facebook 9-30-13.

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Dave Burgess and his son John Burgess traveled to Alaska August 11-24, 2013, the first week was on a Mission trip to Victory Bible Camp in Sutton, Alaska. The Mission trip was organized by Wade Nolan of Wild Alaska Missions. (Wade Nolan was in Liberty, IN September 2012 to dedicate Frame’s new Indoor Archery Range). The second week they fished on the Russian River near Coopers Landing then went south to Seward. In the photo above at left is John Burgess holding a 30 inch, 16 pound Silver Salmon, at right is Dave Burgess holding the smaller 22 inch Silver Salmon. John also caught a 20 pound Halibut from a 14 foot Rubber Zodiac boat. (Photo provided by Dave Burgess, Fountain City, IN)
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**DEER PROCESSING**

**$65.00 STANDARD CUT**

**FREE DROP OFF FOR FARMERS & HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

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### Color Rates:
- 1 Spot Color (All Sizes): $10
- Full Color 6-11 Col in $15
- 12-25 Col in $25
- 26-49 Col in $35
- 50-94.5 Col in $50

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