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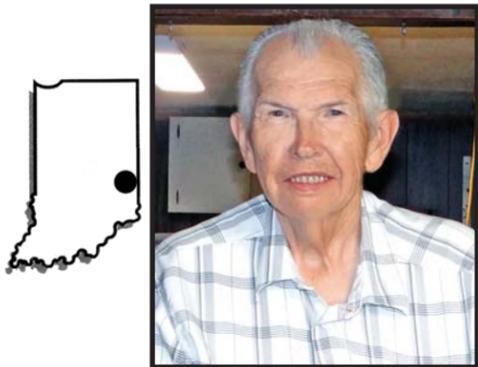


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On The Cutting Edge



by Ray Dickerson
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MY OPINION Mother Earth Requires Climate Change In Order To Remain Balanced On Her Trip Around The Sun

Every natural force on earth and every natural living entity both plant and animal has one thing in common - the distribution of weight. The Planet Earth depends on these natural entities to keep it's balance on it's trip around the Sun.

Every aspect of (Mother Earth or Planet Earth) depending on one's ancestral beliefs involves the movement of weight around the globe. The main ingredient in my way of thinking is what Climate Change is all about. Without Climate Change and the process of the movement of weight, the chance of the Mother Earth loosing her balance will be greatly increased.

Whenever I hear a report from the weather person about a great amount of snow that has fallen in a certain area on a weather broadcast, I will say to the wife, evidently Mother Earth needed weight there to keep her balance.

Have you ever stopped to think about all the natural forces that exist on earth and all those forces interacting together around the globe distributing weight evenly so our planet remains balanced day in and day out, month in and month out, year in and year out?

I've been thinking about this for as long as I can remember. The other night I sat down and began listing the main forces and all the factors leading to the result of the major natural forces on this earth that balance this earth and keep it on it's axis around the sun.

I'm sure I have left out a few other natural weight movers on Mother Earth, but I think this is enough to make my point.

The Earth

Natural Forces That Move Weight

Nature: Humans, Animals, Insects, Birds & Plants.

The Sun: Heat, Dust, Drought & Deserts.

Fire: Forest Fires & Grassland Fires.

The Clouds: Lightning, Thunder Storm, Rain Storm, Snow, Snow Storm, Ice, Ice Storm, Hail, & Sleet.

The Wind: Tornadoes, Hurricanes & Dust Storms,

The Rain: Storms, Trickle, Rivers, Ponds, Lakes, Floods, Mudslides, Avalanches & Glaciers.

Ice: Storm.

Snow: Storm.

The Oceans: Waves, Tsunamis & Aquatic Life,

The Earth: Volcanose, Geysers, Earthquakes & Meteorites.

But like I said this is my opinion. This thought came to me, I wasn't seeking it. But I think it's worth exploring before Climate Change is eliminated by ill-thought out predictions of ours and other countries around our Mother Earth.

Golden Eagle once at Frontier Days I used to put on down at Treaty Line Pioneer Days back in the 1990's told me nothing on Earth happens by accident.

Mother Earth has a reason for every thing. With that thought I figure the movement of thousands of birds from here to another place on earth is calculated by the need to move that weight to help balance our planet to stay in orbit around the sun. The appearance of millions of insects every year or other natural weight I attribute to Mother Nature adding or removing weight.

The movement of wild animals in great numbers around the Earth, a sudden mudslide burying everything in its path, an accident? Does a Tornado, Hurricane, Snow storm, Forest Fire or other natural disaster just happen where it happened or is it a precise calculation of adding or removing weight.

When I hear on the weather channel about a hurricane or other natural storm happen, I will say something like this to the wife, Mother Earth must have needed it there to help balance Mother Earth. Scientist on TV say it is due to Climate Change. They are right, but Mother Earth needs Climate Change to move weight naturally minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day, month by month and year by year.

The movement of weight is vital for Mother Earth to stay in her orbit around the sun and Climate Change is just one of the tools in her tool box. Like I said in the title, this is only "My Opinion!"

THE GAD-A-BOUT IS STILL HERE

It's been a very cold winter so far and this coming week seems to be heading in the same direction. I think as we grow older, especially myself that I tend to be more critical about things, like the weather and the way I am more wary of changing conditions in our country.

I could write volumes about my disappointment in the way President Biden and his White House staff are bent on changing every thing America has achieved since 1776.

I listen to Fox News solely, mainly because they have a much better outlook for our country. MSNBC and CNN are too biased and seem to be in favor of the way America is drifting left with no concern about it. But of course that is their opinion and in America that is their right.

I just don't think their way of thinking is in the best interest of America.

Do you know where the largest Army is on our Earth?

This might surprise you, in America. It wouldn't be a surprise to those who defended America prior to 1776 though. The largest army on Earth is all the hunters who live in the United States. Every year millions of hunters take to the woods in hopes of getting the game they kill every hunting season to put on their table to eat. Their age is from 5 to 90 years of age. They are peaceful, God fearing men, women and children who enjoy their favorite sport, hunting game.

I was very surprised Friday, December 31st, 2021 to receive an e-mail from Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy who evidently reads The Gad-a-bout!

It read in part: "Remember this: Tough times don't last. Tough Americans do."

Followed by,

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"House Republicans have a Commitment to America: We will NEVER BACK DOWN."

He signed it in his own hand writing.

I replied to his e-mail, but like I said above I have no desire to mix politics in The Gad-a-bout.

The closest I ever got to politics was running for the 56th District back in 1981. That was enough politics for me.

I would like to add here, God Bless America and its leaders, it is my Faith in Americans that gives me hope that we will begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel and return to that "Shining Light on the Hill that America has always been since 1776.

Roaming The Ourdoors

SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT CLAIMS LIFE OF ANGOLA MAN (STEBEN COUNTY)

Snowmobile accident claims life of Angola man (Steuben County)

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a fatal snowmobile accident that occurred yesterday in Steuben County.

At approximately 5 p.m., the Steuben County Sheriff's Office was contacted and requested to assist with locating Adam Fifield, 34, of Angola. Fifield had been missing for approximately 1.5 hours after leaving a residence in the 6100 block of South 400 West in Hudson on a snowmobile and failing to arrive at his predetermined destination.

A search of the area where Fifield had last been



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Superintendent Carter (L) Sgt. Brian Thomas (R) (Story on Page 5 at left Titled Master Trooper)

seen, and was traveling was unsuccessful.

At approximately 10:45 p.m., authorities were notified that family members had located Fifield and an accident scene in a creek near the 1900 block of West 500 South. Despite lifesaving efforts, he was pronounced dead on the scene.

Conservation officers remind everyone to wear a helmet and protective riding gear when operating or riding an ORV or snowmobile. For information on ORV laws and safe operating procedures, see offroad-ed.com/in/handbook and on.IN.gov/offroading.

Other responding agencies included Hamilton Police Department, Indiana State Police, Pleasant Lake Fire Department, Steuben County EMS, and the Steuben County Coroner's Office.

MASTER TROOPER BRIAN THOMAS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

(Madison County)- Indiana State Police Superintendent Douglas G. Carter has announced the promotion of Master Trooper Brian Thomas to the rank of Sergeant. He will serve as a squad sergeant at the Pendleton Post where he will supervise a squad of Troopers throughout eight counties.

Sgt. Thomas is a lifelong resident of Henry County. He graduated from Tri Jr./Sr. High School in 1989. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army and graduated boot camp in 1989. He was stationed in Hawaii at Schofield Barracks during Operation Desert Storm. Sgt. Thomas received an honorable discharge in 1992. He subsequently served in the United States Army Reserves from 1992-1995.

Sgt. Thomas graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 1995 and worked for the New Castle Police Department from 1995-1998. He attended the 56th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy in 1998 and was appointed as a Trooper to the Connersville Post. While at Connersville, Thomas served as the Marijuana Eradication Coordinator.

In 2006, Sgt. Thomas was selected as a member of the SWAT Team (Special Weapons and Tactics). While on the team, he served as a breacher as well as a sniper. He served on the team until his promotion in December 2021.

During his career Sgt. Thomas has served the

ISP as a member of the Tactical Intervention Platoon and served as a Field Training Officer. He is also a certified firearms and speed timing device instructor.

Sergeant Thomas and his family reside in Henry County. See above photo.

REHAB PROJECT NEXT WEEK ON I-74 BRIDGES OVER WHITEWATER RIVER IN DEARBORN COUNTY

U.S. 52 ramp to close as early as Tuesday through Fall 2022.

DEARBORN COUNTY, Ind.— Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Milestone Contractors LP plans to close lanes and shift traffic next week at the I-74 bridges over the Whitewater River in Dearborn County. The bridges are located just under a mile west of U.S. 52 near the Ohio state line. Initial work took place in October to construct median crossovers that will be used to shift traffic across I-74.

On or after Tuesday, Feb. 1, I-74 will be reduced to one lane in each direction while crews complete striping and move concrete barrier wall. The work is expected to take up to three days, but may extend or be rescheduled due to weather.

Also on or after Feb. 1, the U.S. 52 ramp to I-74 WB (Exit 169) is scheduled to close so rehabilitation work can begin on the westbound bridge. The official detour will follow S.R. 46 to S.R. 1 at St. Leon where drivers may access westbound I-74.

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Top Photo: EIGGS members who participated in putting on one of the best Gem Shows with a record attendance in 2020. Back row-left to right: Bobby Shaffer, Dave Straw, Harris Precht, John Lamont, John Morse, Tim Merrill, Mary Ann Morse, Scott Gibson, Joe Wirrig and Jim Lucas. Front Row: Deb Chagares, Emily Gibson, Nikki Merrill, Haley Shaffer, Mona Jones, Marty Lucas, Angie Shaffer, Naomi Jones, Dakota Jones, Faith Jones, Brian Jones, Judy Burton and Danny Spurgeon. (Author Photo)



Left Photo: This 2022 Gem Show will be packed with booths filled with all the items you expect to see at their 48th Annual Spring Show. Right Photo: Their last show, the 2020 EIGGS Gem Show was packed with visitors back then. (These photos were taken by the author at the 2019 Show, which had a record number of visitors that year.)

EIGG'S 48th Annual Spring Gem Show March 4-6, 2022

The Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society's (EIGGS) 47th Annual Spring Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show will be held at the Kuhlman Center located on the Wayne County Fairgrounds March 4-6, 2022.

The show opens at 10 a.m. Friday & Saturday and closes at 6 p.m. On Sunday it opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m.

A Donation is collected at the door, Adults \$5.00, Seniors 60 and older \$3.00, Youth ages 7 to 18 \$1.00, Under 7 FREE. Scouts & Leaders in uniform, Free.

The Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society has been putting on the rock and gem show since 1973, this is their 48th annual show. The purpose of the Gem Show is to promote knowledge and interest in the earth sciences and

the Lapidary arts. The show is also a fund raiser for club expenses and provides money for a college scholarship awarded each year.

Last year due to the Covid-19 virus the Kuhlman Center at the Wayne County Fairgrounds was being used by Reid Hospital who was providing free vaccinations during the scheduled time for the Gem Show so it was cancelled for 2021.

This year 2022 the Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society has been given the green light to plan and put their 48th Annual Spring Gem Show on in the Kuhlman Center at the Wayne

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Left Photo: One of the most popular activities for youngsters is panning for pretty and unusual rocks in the water. Here helping the kids from left to right are EIGGS members Jim Fritz, Bill Wilson and Dave Straw. Right Photo: More kids busily shaking their panning sluice in the water searching for a possible shiny rock. Unidentified young lady smiling broadly at my camera while Bill Wilson helps her. One of the most challenging things for EIGGS is keeping enough rocks on hand for the kids. (Author Photos)

County Fairgrounds. If any of you readers have any questions or concerns about this Gem Show you may call **937-339-1966** or Text Cell Phone **937-216-5928**. They are also have a **Facebook** page and their **Website** is **EIGGS.weebly.com**.

Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society

The Gem club was founded as a nonprofit group in April 1966. The club numbers are about 80 with 30 to 35 who are actively participants. The Gem club is interested (not necessarily experienced) in earth science, collecting minerals, crystals and fossils, polishing stones, silver smithing and related activities.

The Gem club sponsors rock and fossil hunting outings, offers classes and does educational demonstrations at local schools.

Labidary classes for members can be arranged for those who wish to use the equipment at the workshop in their clubhouse. They have equipment

for sawing, shaping and polishing stones into finished pieces ready for mounting as jewelry.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse located at 5199 U.S. 40 East, Centerville, IN. It is about 1/2 mile east of Centerville at the intersection of Rice Road and, south west corner. Programs are sometimes scheduled before the business meeting and fellowship is enjoyed after the meeting. Guests are always welcome.

I'm really looking forward to attending this years EIGGS Spring Show, March 4-6, especially after their not being able to have their Spring show last year. It's going to be a real treat visiting with every one at the show. If you see an older looking guy with a camera taking lots of photos, walking with a good looking side kick, my wife, don't hesitate to stop me. I enjoy talking to readers and visitors alike.

Sherry and I have been visiting gem shows for

almost as long as I have been writing. I've been a rockhound since childhood.

It used to upset my Dad when we went hunting small game, once in the woods we would go our separate way. He would go one way and I would go another. Many times when he came looking for me I would be down kneeling in a creek bed looking for rocks, fossils or other interesting things.

He would ask, "how many squirrels did you get?" I would reply, "I haven't seen nary a squirrel, how many did you get?"

He would just shake his head and tell me we were heading home, he had gotten the limit of course. Guess who got to skin all the squirrels when we got home. Yours truly, I even got to tack the tails on the side of our barn.

Sherry and I are avid rock hunters, as is well defined at home by the countless cans of rocks plus those scattered around our yards on School and East South street. See you at the show. ■

(See Pages 18-19 for an interesting Rock Hunting adventure in Arizona Ray and Sherry had in March 1972)

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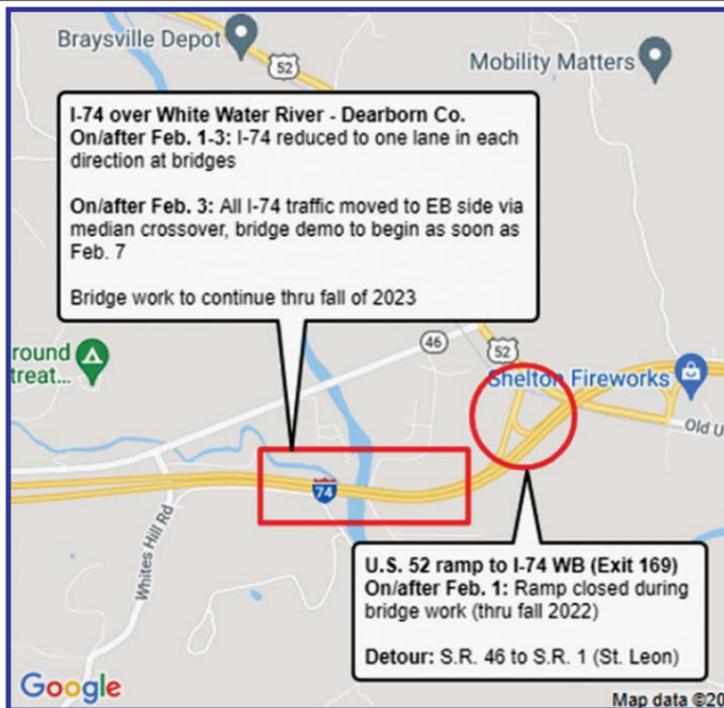
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As early as Thursday, Feb. 3, all westbound traffic will move to the eastbound side of I-74 via median crossover. One lane in each direction will be available for travel. This traffic pattern will remain in place until work on the westbound bridge is complete in the fall. Demolition of the westbound bridge is currently scheduled to begin on Feb. 7.

The \$24.8 million contract was awarded to Milestone in September and includes replacing superstructures on both I-74 bridges. The overall completion date is June 25, 2024, with an intermediate completion date for both bridges in fall of 2023.

Motorists are reminded to slow down, use extra caution, and drive distraction-free in and near all work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

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Outdoors



With Rich Creason

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Growing up, I always read stories about catching limits of walleye, watching smallmouth bass leap from the water with the lure in their mouth, and fighting huge northern pike and musky in the waters of Canada. I wanted to do that. So, in 1971, I started going to lakes across the border to our north. And for the next 40 years, I enjoyed the kind of fishing I read about as a kid.

But over the last decade of that time, the results seemed to taper off from the earlier days. My wife and I moved around, trying different lakes over Ontario and Quebec. For whatever reason, the glory days of old were gone. I don't know if there were fewer fish, the fish were getting smarter at avoiding my lures, the guides weren't as knowledgeable, or what the problem was.

About 20 years ago, I began enjoying visiting many areas of this country as an out-

door travel writer. Susie and I hunted, camped, canoed, hiked, panned gold, dug dinosaur fossils, metal detected, and tried many other forms of outdoor recreation. But, her favorite was still fishing. We tested waters from east to west, and north to south. We had some good days and some bad days, but she wanted to fish wherever we went.

Fortunately, about 10 years ago, one of my outdoor writer organizations was having their annual conference at a place in northwest Minnesota called Baudette. I had never heard of it, so I checked a map and saw a tiny spot at the bottom of a huge lake. The lake is called Lake of the Woods and it is on the Minnesota/Ontario border. This 2,000 square mile lake is the size of Rhode Island. I had heard of this area, but we had never visited it. We signed up for the conference and it turned out to be a great decision.

One of the perks of attending an outdoor writer's conference is being able to enjoy the outdoor activities in that area. If I remember right, some of the attendees that year went duck and grouse hunting. I think a couple guys even went bear hunting. But, Susie and I signed up for the fishing trips. The first day, we went with some other anglers to try for some great tasting walleye. In my opinion, this is the best tasting freshwater fish there is, if they come out of cold water. (We found Indiana walleye just taste like fish coming out of warm water.) A couple hours later, the entire group had their limit, so we rigged up to try for some huge lake sturgeon. Susie caught a small 30 inch, while another of our group landed one five feet long!

A few days later, we hired a guide to take us out so I could catch some northerns. I wanted a little more action than walleyes

provide. We were still within sight of the dock when the water exploded right where my Mepp's spinner had just entered. I soon reeled in a seven pound pike. Great fishing was back! We both caught more northern for several hours, and then asked the guide if he could put us on some smallmouth bass. Ten minutes of boating and he told us to start casting. The action began quickly and several times we both were fighting these bass toward the net.

Since that time, we have returned to Lake of the Woods on numerous occasions, once for another conference, but often, just the two of us. This year, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on August 14th. We had to pick a great spot to celebrate this special occasion, and it had to include fishing. After a short discussion, we agreed we would be fishing on Lake of the Woods on that day. We have stayed at several different resorts on our previous visits, but this time we chose to trust our anniversary to the folks at Border View Lodge, about 12 miles outside of Baudette.

I used to drive the trip to this area in one day, but I'm older now and we usually stop at Duluth, MN to spend a night. (We live just north of Indianapolis.) The hotel we often stay at had raised their price over \$100 a night, and so I kept looking. I thought we could stay in Superior, WI and start early the next morning to avoid rush hour in Duluth where major road construction was occurring. Superior lodging possibilities were full. I was told there was some large event going on in Duluth and the construction workers were filling up all the rooms in both towns.

We Are Looking for Metal Detecting Sites by Rich Creason

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

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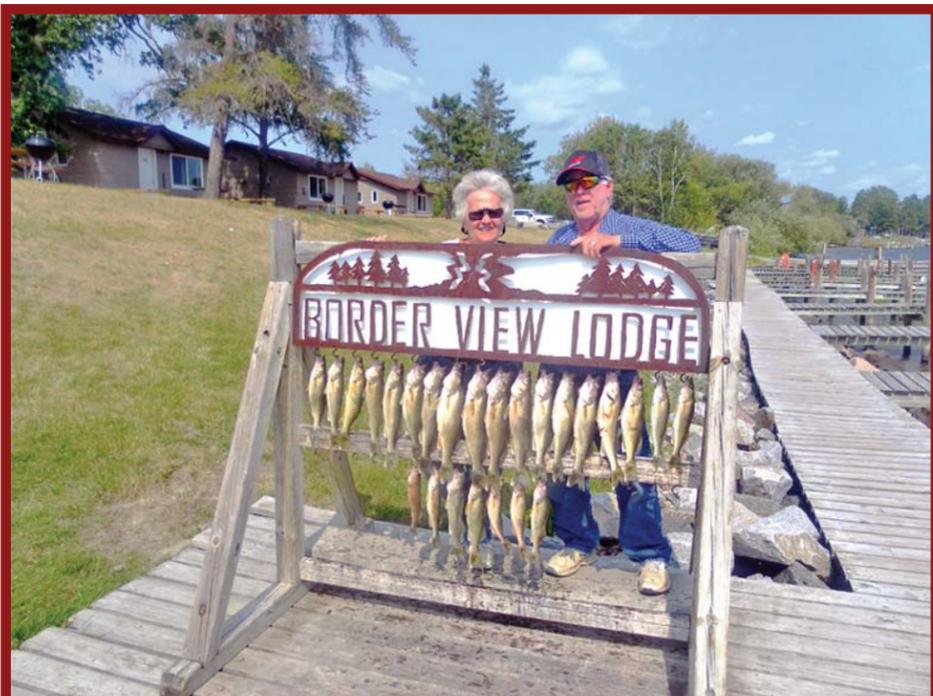
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Susie and me with walleye caught on our 50th anniversary at Border View Lodge.



Captain Scott's boat with Ontario, Canada in the background.. (Author Photo)



Sunrise over Ontario from Border View dock.. (Author Photo)



Typical scenery on Lake of the Woods.. (Author Photo)

So, I went to my backup plan. I frequently call local Tourism Bureaus in the areas I visit. They know everything about their area, from lodging, to dining, to activities. I called Superior Tourism and she said she would find me an opening at a reasonable price. About 10 minutes later, she called back and found us a spot at a resort on a lake at Solon Springs, WI, just south of Superior. We booked that night at the St. Croix Inn (www.stcroixinnhotel.com). We had a comfortable, clean room and dined on their patio overlooking the lake.

We arrived at Baudette around noon the next day, did some shopping, and picked up some Canada jam at the grocery. We always get about 15 cans (assorted flavors) of this outstanding product. We keep some, give some to family, and pass out some to friends. Shortly after, we pulled into the grounds of

Border View Lodge. We checked in at the office and were given the keys to our cabin. It had a huge kitchen/living room, bedroom and bath. All the necessities were provided including a large freezer for our fish. Later, we went to the Border View dining room and ordered walleye dinner.

Our first day charter fishing was scheduled from eight AM to five PM. The weather was a little warm, but otherwise great. Because of the wind direction, we took a nice boat ride in the 27 foot Sportcraft to a spot behind some islands to break the wind. Our Coast Guard Licensed Captain, Daren Wiggins, set the baits out and we started trolling in about 28-30 feet of water. Besides us, there were four gentlemen from Iowa City on the boat. Before we had a chance to decide what order we were going to grab a rod when a fish hit, one of the poles had a great bend in it. As one

of the guys grabbed it and started reeling, another reel sang out. We would get really busy for a while, then, the bite would slow.

The captain would reel everything in, and turn the boat around for another troll through the same area, and it would start again. We were boating a lot of keeper walleye, some small ones which were released, and a couple slot size. That is a fish from 19-28 inches long which have to be released. Early afternoon, the wind picked up and the walleye shut down. We tried for a while longer as the waves began getting bigger. Daren told us we could continue fishing, or return to the dock before the waves got any bigger. We voted to head back in. Daren cleaned and bagged our fish for us and asked if we wanted any to take to the kitchen for the cook to serve for our dinner. Naturally, we had walleye again that

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Whitewater Valley History



by **Donna Schroeder**
Fayette County Historical Museum

FACT OR FICTION

Quite some time ago, a gentleman came to the museum to learn what he could about Civil War veteran John Orr who's buried in City Cemetery.

The visitor relayed a sad tale of the death of the soldier. He had survived the war, but, upon his return to Connersville, he was told that his wife and child had died during his absence. He was so overtaken by grief that he promptly took out his revolver and ended his life on the platform at the train station.

That's a pretty dramatic story, and it initiated a search that revealed an interesting history of the soldier and his family.

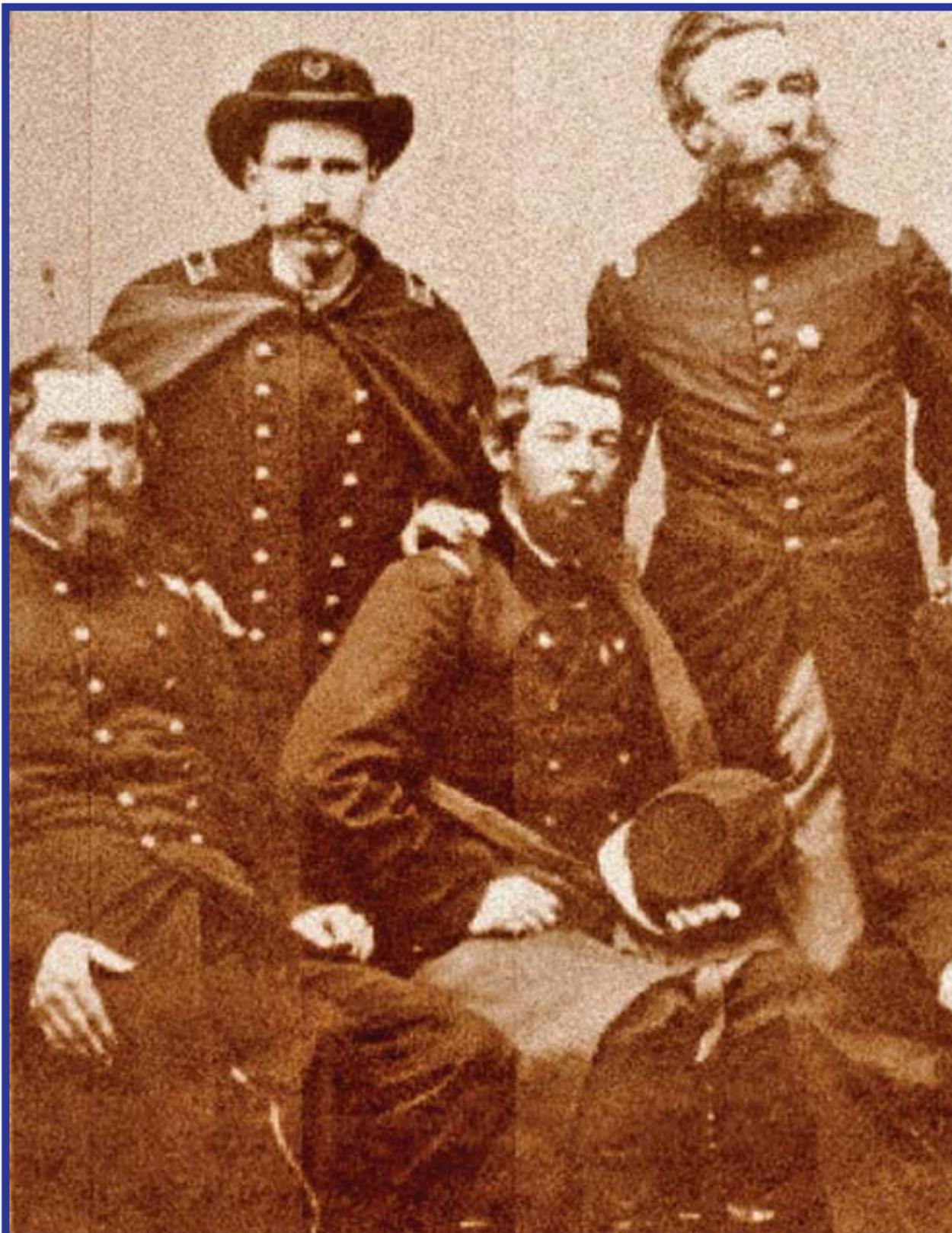
John M. Orr was born in Montgomery County, Ohio in 1829. He was married in Ohio to Mary Glossbrenner in 1850. Their first child, a daughter named Anna Louisa was born there in 1853.

There isn't information about when or why the family came to Connersville. The 1860 census shows them with two additional children, a daughter named Emma and a son named Edward, both born in Indiana. (It's important to note that there was another John Orr in Fayette County who married Mary Hurst and was a few years older than our subject. Both John Orrs are listed as farmers.) However, it appears that our John Orr purchased the Scofield House hotel in 1859. By 1862, it was under new ownership, perhaps sold when Orr enlisted in the military in July of that year.

Orr joined the Union Army as a captain. At Arkansas Post, Arkansas, he received a serious head wound on January 12, 1863, and was unconscious for three days. Upon awakening, he found that he was deaf. By this time, he had gained the rank of Major, and he retired due to his injuries.

Having spent some time recuperating in Connersville and having regained partial hearing, Orr reentered the service as a Lieutenant Colonel in the 124th regiment in late 1863, later attaining the rank of Colonel. He was mustered out with his regiment on August 31, 1865.

On the 27th of September, 1865, Colonel Orr asked his wife to make his breakfast before he went to market. When he returned, he went to the garden shed (another article says it was the out-house), taking along his revolver. Within minutes, he committed suicide. No explanation was given



Colonel John Orr Seated in center of photo. (Author Photo)

for his action, but it was believed that the war and his injuries had taken a terrible toll on his physical and mental health. The Brookville Democrat reported the cause as his learning that his wife had been unfaithful, but that is never mentioned in any other newspaper.

The Indianapolis Journal posted this article on September 30, 1865. MELANCHOLY SUICIDE - Col, John Orr, late of the 124th, committed suicide at Connersville on Wednesday morning, by shooting himself through the head. Col. Orr went out as a Captain in the 10th, served a year, and on the reorganization of the regiment, was made Lieutenant Colonel. At Arkansas Post, he was

severely wounded by the explosion of a shell, and was forced to resign. Afterward he went out as Lieutenant Colonel of the 124th, and was promoted to Colonel. Colonel Orr was a gallant and able man, universally respected and esteemed by all who knew him. There was not in the service an officer more universally liked by his associates, or one in whom his superiors placed more reliance in camp or on the field. It is said the Colonel, ever since his wound at Arkansas Post, has been subject to periodical fits of partial insanity, and it was probably in one of these that he committed the fatal act.

Mary Orr must have moved back to Ohio

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Colonel Orr's Monument at City Cemetery. (Author Photo) sometime between 1870 and 1874. In 1874, she was remarried there to Union veteran Captain John Kensler. Kensler had been the postmaster at Connersville and resigned at about the time of their marriage. The local newspaper questioned the reason for his resignation, evidently hinting at something sinister. That wasn't surprising, given that there was a running feud between him and the paper, as the editor of the local paper was outraged that Kensler sold other cities' newspapers at the post office. Nothing appears to have come of the rumor, but it is interesting to note that Kensler

advertised all types of writing paper and supplies for sale at the post office as his personal business venture.

The Kenslers and the Orr children moved to Indianapolis. Anna had married William T. Griffith who installed the first telephone switchboard in Indianapolis in 1879. Anna died at the age of 105 in 1958. Emma Gertrude

had married William Shockey, then John Hufnall. She was born in 1855 and died in 1888. There is no record of a marriage for Edward Greer Orr. He was born in 1858 and died in 1893. All three Orr children are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, as are John and Mary Kensler who died in 1915 and 1916, respectively.

Colonel John Orr was described as a beloved leader, bold and brave, and extremely kind to the men in his command. In 1881, sixteen years after his death, an effort began to raise \$175.00 to place a fitting monument on his grave in City Cemetery. On October 15, 1881, one hundred Union veterans, along with his family and friends, gathered for the unveiling. Captain Hannah, Captain Jackson, and Dr. Vincent Gregg, all of whom had served beside the colonel, did the honors. Thomas M. Little gave fitting remarks. Two military bands played. Orr's son Edward and daughter Emma laid wreaths on the grave of the father they lost as children.

The ten foot marble column, beautifully carved with symbols of patriotism and bravery, says:

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According to family history, his regimental battle flag is in the Indiana State Civil War Museum collection. Not the same tale that was told, but a bittersweet story of the love and respect shown by a community for one of its own who served well and paid dearly.

the Border View Lodge restaurant has a large and varied menu. They also have an outdoor deck with a dining area overlooking a view of the river and boats. Inside, they also have a nice bar area. Bill and Lisa Kinsella, the owners of Border View, will make sure you are well taken care of if you join them for fishing year round. Ice fishing is outstanding on Lake of the Woods. Check them out at www.borderviewlodge.com or call them at 1-800-776-3474.

Maybe next year for our 51st anniversary, we will be able to schedule a return trip to Border View Lodge.

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DFW RESERVERD HUNTS WEB UPDATE UPDATE

The Reserved Hunt Draw Results web page on www.dnr.in.gov has been updated.

Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 12:50

<https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/hunting-and-trapping/reserved-hunts/>

MAN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED ROLE IN STREET RACE ON I-465

Indianapolis, IN - January 22, 2022 at approximately 11:18 p.m., the Indiana State Police Dispatch Center began receiving emergency calls about vehicles intentionally blocking traffic on I-465 near 56th Street on the city's east side. Callers were reporting several cars were lined up across the lanes to stop traffic so other vehicles could race. Troopers responded to the area and observed what appeared to be an organized street race occurring. One of the vehicles that was blocking traffic was pulled over and the driver was subsequently arrested. 25 year old Martin Green of Indianapolis now faces the preliminary charges of:

- Obstruction of Traffic with a motor vehicle - level 6 felony
- Driving While Suspended with a Prior Suspension within 10 years - Class A Misdemeanor

Green was allegedly using his vehicle to block oncoming traffic in the northbound lanes of I-465 to allow other vehicles in his group to race.

Investigators believe the groups involved in this street race are also responsible for a similar event that occurred September 25, 2021, which Mr. Green allegedly participated.

The charges listed are preliminary, actual charges will be determined by the Marion County Prosecutor's Office upon review of the case. All suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

The Indiana State Police would like to encourage the public to report reckless or aggressive driving by calling 911. This investigation is ongoing and there is no further information to release at this time.

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Outdoors with Rich Creason

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night.

The next day was a repeat of day one, with a different boat, captain and three men from Madison, WI. Once again, we motored out to the islands and set up for trolling. We were in a slightly different spot than before and the bite was similar but the fish were much bigger. We landed several nice sauger which are a bonus because you can get two of these and they don't count against your walleye limit. Sauger look similar to walleye, but the sauger have spots on their dorsal (upper back) fin. Susie and one of the others had some extra fun. They both landed a nice northern pike after a long battle. Hers was 24 inch and his was 29. Both fish were returned to fight another day. Back to the dock, and another walleye dinner for us.

While we opted for the walleye each night,

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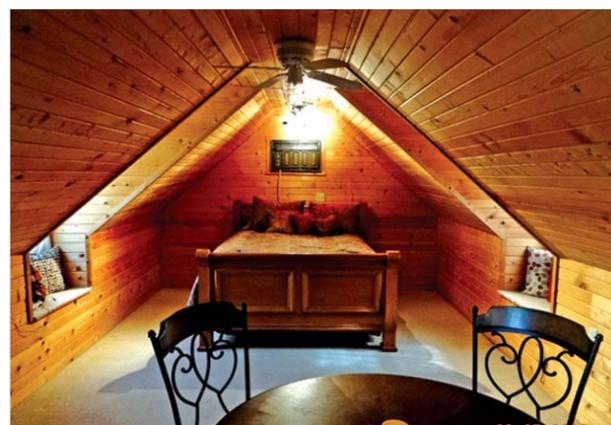


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by Tag Nobbe
Professional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville Lake in February

Good news for fishermen Brookville lake is still accessible by boat. With the warmer weather we've been having for the last few years the lake has remained ice free for most of the winter. We can all use the lake in the winter just like we can in the summer with a few exceptions. The first thing you will notice when you get to the ramp is all the docks are laying on the ground and the lake level is extremely low. The water level on Brookville lake is lowered to what is referred to as the winter pool. The lake is drawn down to winter pool starting on the 15th of October. This process will take around 2 months. The water level goes from 748 ft. above sea level to 740 ft. above sea level, which in turn means an 8 foot drop in lake level. The lake will remain at this level till sometime in late March. This winter pool is to give the lake plenty of room for flooding in the spring. When putting your boat on the lake there are 2 boat ramps that dump into the main lake. Bonwell hill boat ramp is the one by the dam and Fairfield boat ramp is one that is closer to the other end of the lake. These two boat ramps have plenty of depth for any boat, these are the ones that I would use.

If your new to the lake I would recommend looking at a Brookville lake topo map as the lake was built for the lake to be at the 748 above sea level. What this means for you is there will be a few places in the main lake that will only be a couple feet deep. If you look at a lake map and look for the places on the map that are 8 to 10 feet deep you can pinpoint the shallow areas within the lake before you even launch the boat.

When fishing the lake your target spots should be deep and shallow. The reason I say this is that in the winter the lake has no thermocline, There for the fish can go as deep as they want or as shallow as they want. When your fishing deep your fish finder is your best friend. What you should be looking for is bait fish and predator fish on or close to the bottom. Bait fish will show up like clouds and predator fish will show up like arcs depending on what type and version of depth finder you have. When fishing deep stick with baits

that you can fish straight up and down. What your trying to look like is a dying bait fish.

If you have been fishing for awhile and your not having much luck, switch to fishing shallow. When your fishing shallow your casting arm will be your best friend. Keep in mind in the winter these fish can be and will be anywhere on the lake. If you have side scan on your fish finder this will help shorten your search time down a little, but if I were you I would still do a lot of casting. Try casting to main lake points, lay downs, old road beds anything that just looks fishy. Remember this is winter and even though the lake isn't frozen this water is still cold, and cold water makes fish move slow. When fishing shallow in the winter I think one of the best baits to fish with is a bass minnow and a hook. My second choice would be a swim bait. One thing to keep in mind is that everything that is not a fish is hibernating and the predator fish know this, so anything you throw that doesn't look like a fish is a waste of time. When fishing live bait just a slow retrieve with a few small pauses works, all your trying to do is get the bait in front of them. On a swim bait just a slow steady retrieve is best. You can also try the count down method to fish different depths in the water column.

In your vehicle its a good idea to have a bag of salt and a bag of sand for the boat ramp if needed. More then likely there won't be anybody around to help you, so your gonna have to be prepared for the what if. Another good tip is to stop at the edge of the lake at the ramp and let your boat trailer drain back into the lake so you don't create an icy trail up the boat ramp for you or the next guy.

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February 2022 E-Newsletter

- Owl Hikes, Feb. 13
 - Land Stewardship for the Birds, Feb. 19
 - Upcoming Virtual Programs
 - Virtual Program Collection: View on demand!
- Monroe Lake Website: on.IN.gov/monroelake
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Winter Exploration Hikes

Our Winter Exploration Hike Series features off-trail hiking through lesser-known areas of Monroe Lake. These are exploratory in nature so there is no "set" path; we'll have a general route in mind, but plenty of freedom to veer off as things of interest catch our eyes. Hikers should be prepared for the possibility of rugged terrain, lack of formal toilet facilities, and lots of fun! Recommended for ages 12 and up.

- Winter Exploration Hike: Friendship Lane (2hr), Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m.: Sign up at bit.ly/weh-feb8-2022 by Feb. 6, free but limited to 20 people. ***10 spots still open**
- Winter Exploration Hike: Nebo Ridge (2hr), Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m.: Sign up at bit.ly/weh-feb22-2022 by Feb. 20, free but limited to 20 people. ***5 spots still open**

Owl Hikes, Feb. 13 (Fairfax SRA)

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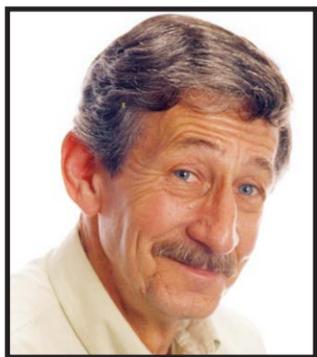
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

GENUS FLORIDANUS

While the Midwest suffered a record breaking winter of snow and cold, we, like rats abandoning a sinking ship, packed the wagon, hitched the mules and headed south, joining the rest of the scrabbling horde known as snow birds on their annual migration. For years I've been aware of this species but have never had a desire to join them. I visualized them as a flock of wimps who are using a few winter months in the tropics as an excuse to avoid their responsibility of shoveling the driveway and replacing frozen water pipes, just as the rest of us have to do. After all, isn't that the accepted fate of all who live in the snow belt? Why should a select few be allowed to shirk their duties while the rest of us perform our sworn duty of whining and cursing Mother Nature as the radiators on our vehicles freeze solid. So, as a public duty to those of us who normally remain in our frigid prison, Judy and I decided to follow those traitors and study their movements in their winter habitat. To distinguish between the native species of birds and these migratory snow bird types, it is necessary to describe its chosen habitat and physical characteristics.

Genus: Elderus Winter Hightailius:

Description: Normally characterized as being somewhat advanced in age, often between 65 and 105 years. Incapable of flight except by commercial airlines, the species travels by a number of means, the most popular being large motorized homes and goose necked trailers (unrelated to the species, Canadian Goose) or by automobile. If traveling by automobile, advanced living arrangements are made in condominiums usually found along either eastern or western shorelines of the chosen state. For those with trailers or motor homes, special parks are available. These parks go by rather fancy names, such as Sea View Manor, Pelican Landing, or Sea Gull Haven. Those utilizing the condo's pay exorbitant monthly prices, sometimes exceeding the annual income of the average New York cab driver. These are the birds who have their Ferrari's and Porsche's shipped to their destinations as primary forms of local transportation. Studies have been conducted to

determine why those who prefer trailer parks will purchase motor homes for \$250,000 and yet scoff at spending \$5000 monthly on beach side condo's. Conclusions show that some birds still have a little gypsy blood in their veins.

The trailer park residents bring along with them or purchase various forms of transportation to be used for daily routines such as grocery shopping and visiting neighbors. Such transportation is normally two wheeled bicycles or the more popular three wheeled variety. Occasionally, the well heeled trailer park snow bird can be seen on motorized vehicles such as electric carts and gas powered scooters. Due to the somewhat crowded conditions of some trailer parks, traffic jams involving bicycles and carts can occur. Much like the penguin gatherings in polar regions, snow birds adapt well to these conditions and tolerate crowded conditions as part of the necessity of escaping frigid winter climes.

Beaches are a favorite gathering spot for the species. Many can be seen frolicking in the waves and searching for shells along the water's edge. Unfortunately, some lose their inhibitions of being seen in less than formal dress on the beach scene. Numerous types of skimpy beach wear that wouldn't be worn in their native habitat for fear of scandal are on display. The sight of an eighty year old gentleman wearing a Speedo can be somewhat unsettling to the uninitiated or the prudish. But, since they are among their own kind and since they expect to not see any familiar faces when they return to their natural habitat, they have no reservations in their dress code. Fortunately, most local laws prohibit nudity on the beaches.

Favorite winter pastimes include shuffle board, bingo, and bocci ball. Since traffic on the roads sur-

rounding some trailer parks is chaotic due to the number of migratory birds, making it impossible to leave the area, park management arranges various forms of entertainment for its residents. These can be pitch-ins, golf outings, aerobic exercises in a swimming pool, and talent nights featuring resident performers. In some instances, the quality of such performances cause other residents to either retire to their trailers or threaten to leave. Others indulge in fishing the surrounding waters. Due to the variety of strange species of local fish, many snow birds are unaware of the fact that some fish are capable of biting back and come unprepared to cope with something equipped with teeth. Subsequently, some bring back memories of the one they wish had got away. Non permanent resident fishermen find it difficult to interact with the local bird population due to these bird's tendency to compete for the catch. Quite often, as the catch is pulled from the water a pelican attempts to snatch the fish. This results in the fisherman yelling obscenities and trying to avoid having a large ugly bird hooked to his line. Too often, such contests result in the fisherman giving up in disgust and wishing for a shotgun.

In spite of the kudos and drawbacks, there is an old saying: Once a snow bird, always a snowbird. So, year after year this species will continue its migration to warmer climes and fore go the need to shovel off the driveway and scrape ice off the windshield in exchange for shuffle board, bingo and fish snatching pelicans. Evolution of the species is an ongoing process.

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traits that make owls such successful nocturnal hunters. *Each hike is limited to 20 people and advance registration is required by Feb. 10.*

- Owl Hike at 4 p.m., Sign up at bit.ly/owlhike-4pm-feb13 *11 spots still open
- Owl Hike at 6 p.m., Sign up at bit.ly/owlhike-6pm-feb13 *19 spots still open

Land Stewardship for the Birds: Volunteer Workday, Feb. 19 (Fairfax SRA)

Winter is a great time to monitor and control woody plant populations in our hardwood forest ecosystems! Please join Monroe Lake, Sassafras Audubon, and the IU Ornithology Club as we learn about good land stewardship for birds with Ellen Jacquart from MC-IRIS (Monroe Country Identify and Reduce Invasive Species) and work on removing invasive species to improve on this popular birding location.

Please register by noon on Feb. 18 at bit.ly/land-stewardshipforbirds

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

One number any hunter, angler or regular user of the outdoors should either memorize or add to their phone’s contact list is **1-800-847-4367**. Businesses and other entities learned long ago to

purchase phone numbers which convert their name or initials to the alphabet letters on each of the number keys, for example call 800-GoFedEx to send a package or 800-WALGREENS to check a prescription.

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

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

A call to the DNR’s TIP program will most likely get a response from an Indiana Conservation Officer. There are just over 200 ICOs statewide. Compare this with over 1200

Indiana State Police officers. This is why the TIP program was started.

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

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

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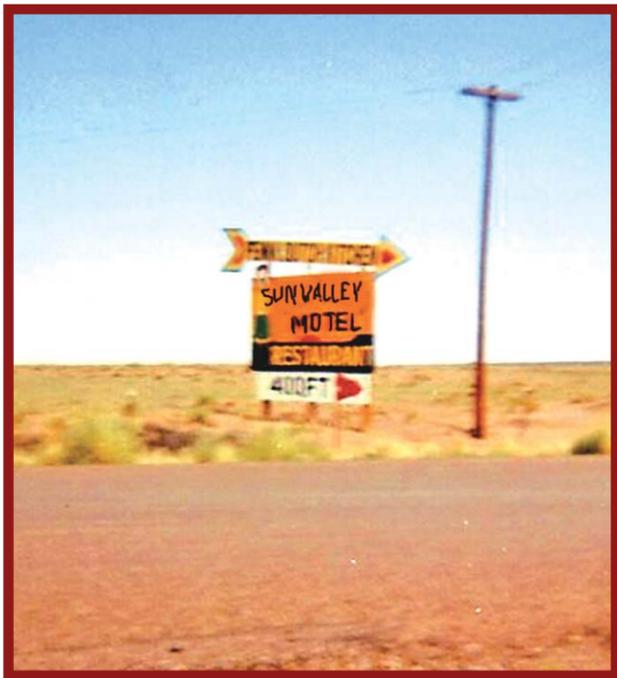
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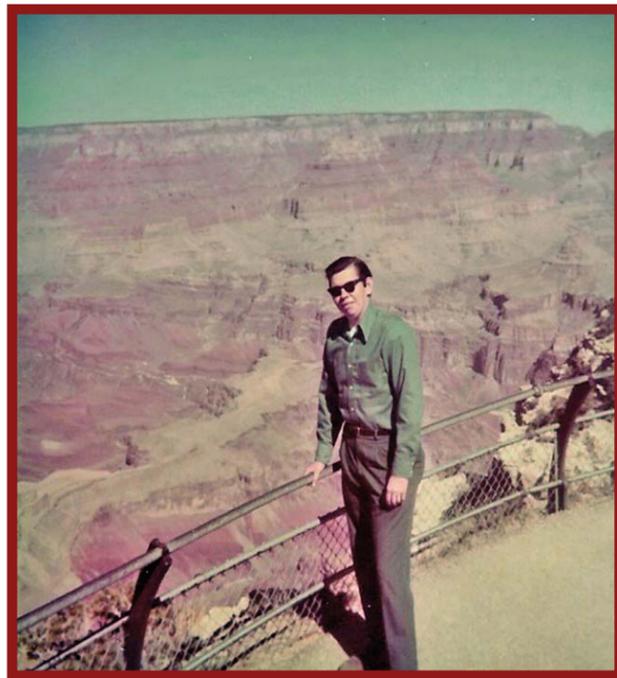
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Sun Valley Motel sign near Sun Valley Arizona. Sherry and I stayed at the Sun Valley Motel and Restaurant.



Here Sherry is inspecting a very large petrified log in the Petrified Forest National Park near Sun Valley.



We left Sun Valley to visit the Grand Canyon, it was a sight to behold to see in person. (Photo by Sherry)

A Side Rock Hound Story Searching For Rancho 96

Quite a long time ago, March 1972, Sherry and I traveled out to Arizona to visit a piece of land my father talked me into taking off his hands. At that time I was driving a 1966 Chevelle I had just overhauled for the trip. On our trip west I replaced two rocker arms at a rest stop in Arkansas, back then I did a lot of work on my own vehicle (s).

Dad's land was located just west of the famous Petrified Forest in Arizona on Route 40 on private property owned by land developers in Sun Valley. Dad had purchased his Rancho when he was delivering new trucks out that way for Kenosha Auto Transport. The Rancho had two lots on it which was located about six miles south of Route 40 in the high desert.

We arrived in Sun Valley, Arizona to find that it was going to take a couple of days to be able to get to view the property in person,

Since we were also going to visit relatives in San Diego, we decided to continue going west to California and return to Sun Valley after our visit with Aunt Glenna.

After Visiting Aunt Glenna in San Diego California we drove back via Yuma, Arizona and we made a couple other stops too. Another reason for the trip west was to see if there was any opportunities of my finding employment with any of the Railroad Companies there. At that time I worked for Penn Central Railroad in Richmond and unfortunately I was in the process of losing my job there by being bumped out by a fellow railroader from Cincinnati, who had more seniority than I did. I could bump another employee with less seniority than I did, but I didn't really want to do that. I had never been a fan of unions nor the way they bumped fellow employees out of their job. I would find another job in Richmond or that area first.

We arrived back in Sun Valley at the motel and Restaurant on Route 40 as planned spending a couple days there.

The owner of the motel was very helpful in giving us advice on how to drive back to see our property. He told me to buy a shovel and a couple of 2x4's before driving back there, just in case we got stuck. We would find out later why he suggested it. He showed us where we had to take down a make shift gate made of wire and to be sure to close it because the Navajo Indians had free ranging cattle roaming in the area on their nearby land. He

also told us to be careful walking around, to steer clear of rattle snakes and scorpions which inhabit the area.

So the next day we took down the gate, put it back and entered the Rancho area. There were a few houses on some of the lots nearest to Route 40, the streets had signs and were and were just-packed down dirt to drive on top of, but firm. We continued heading north and soon found where the streets stopped and we were driving on a desert terra firma make shift road, which soon ended. We hadn't gone six miles yet and was than driving on the desert ground itself. Through our experience so far I found that driving on a wash area, where available, was better then driving on loose sandy soil. A wash is where rain water has run over the desert floor and packed the sandy soil down making it a bit better than the dry sand.

I continued for quite some time with a growing question, how are we going to know where our lots were located without any signs or stakes for that matter. We were showed on a map the Rancho lots where they were on the drawing, but with no streets or signs to go by, it was impossible to locate the exact spot.

Finally I stopped. Got my camera and told Sherry I was going to take some photos and head back to the motel. All the terrain looked the same, it didn't matter if it was our property or not all looked the same. Lots of flat deserted land. I wasn't too happy with what we discovered there.

We got out and walked around that area. I took a photo of a little barrel cactus, some of the scenery and a wash or two. We didn't see any rattle snakes, that was good, got back in the car, turned around and followed our tire tracks back to the gate. We make it okay both ways, it was a little dicey a couple of times, but we managed okay.

It was still mid-afternoon so we took advantage of an added feature of being a land owner of a Rancho. Just to the east of the Rancho property was section of property where land owners could scout around, pick up rocks and also petrified wood if you could find it.

In the motel the owner had some rather large pieces of petrified wood he found and was selling clocks, lamps and other objects with petrified wood as part of the souvenir.

So Sherry and I ventured out onto that property in our car. We found an area that looked promising, of course it all looked alike, parked the car

and began looking around.

We spent a couple of hours picking up interesting looking rocks and putting them in the trunk as we went along.

At one point I looked back towards our car, which was quite far away. (I was a Boy Scout once and I forgot one cardinal rule, before venturing away from camp be sure to take along some water with you. Experience is a great teacher!) We didn't have water with us so we hiked back to the car savoring the taste of water when we got there.

Soon we were ready to go back to the motel, I noticed before getting back into the car the rear end was quite a bit lower than before. Hmmm.

That's what happens when you get a little carried away being a rock hound.

The next day we headed for home, after thanking the owner of the motel for his help before we left Sun Valley, Arizona.

Since that time we no longer own that property. But I do wonder if they ever did completely sell all the Rancho's and turn that area into a community or not?

If anyone reading this has an answer to my question, send me a message via my e-mail raythegadabout@gmail.com.

We then headed for St. Louis Missouri to visit our good friends Oleein and Mary Fritz and their family. Oleein and I served in the Air Force together in England for about 3 years. (One of these days I want to publish a story I've been writing for quite some time of our trip we made in Fritz's Austin A-30, he, I and another Airman, Jim Armstrong left RAF Alconbury for a ten day excursion to Scotland and back. We took along a two man tent (it was a bit small for the 3 of us, two Jerry cans of extra petrol, sleeping bags, some provisions, clothes and Fritz's daily driving plan. (Which on occasion had to be altered).

Our trip included first two nights in Bed & Breakfast in Edinburgh, camping when possible, an overnight stay at RAF Prestwick (MATS Terminal) for provisions, a day delay due to Ferry not running, an unscheduled stay in Oban hotel and returning right on schedule at RAF Alconbury.)

After visiting with Oleein and Mary in St. Louis we headed for the one day trip back to Indiana. Arriving home in good time. We had a great time, but was happy to be at home here in Centerville, Indiana.

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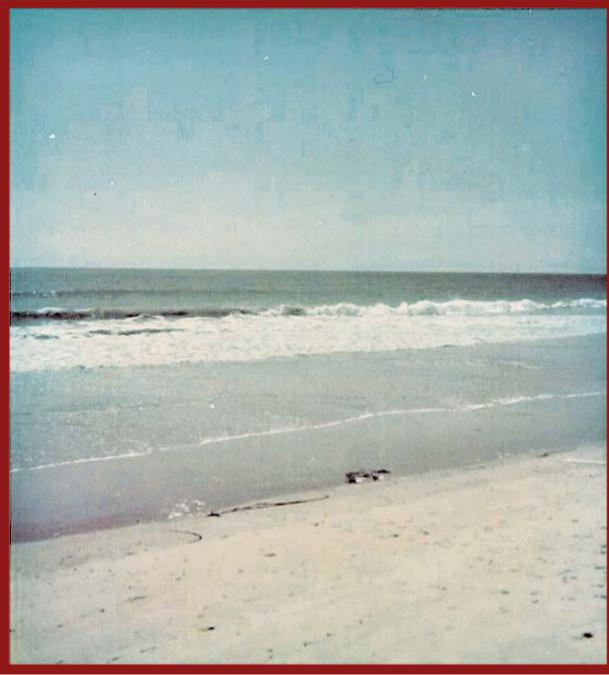
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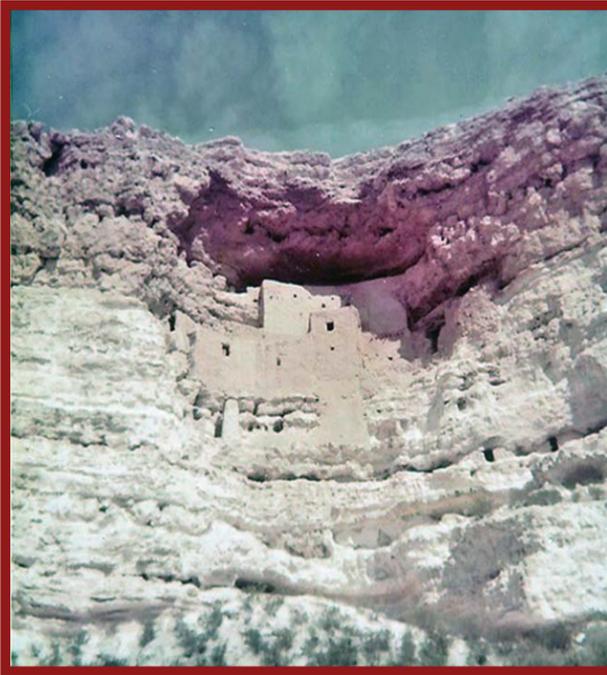
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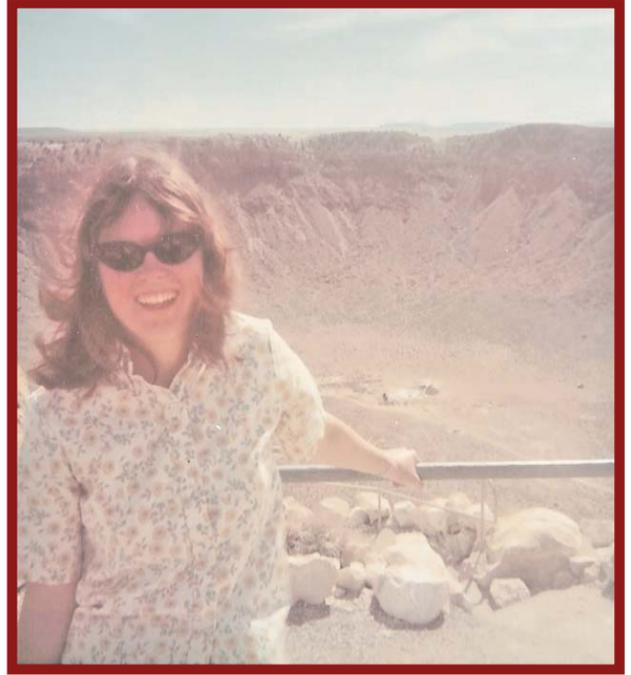
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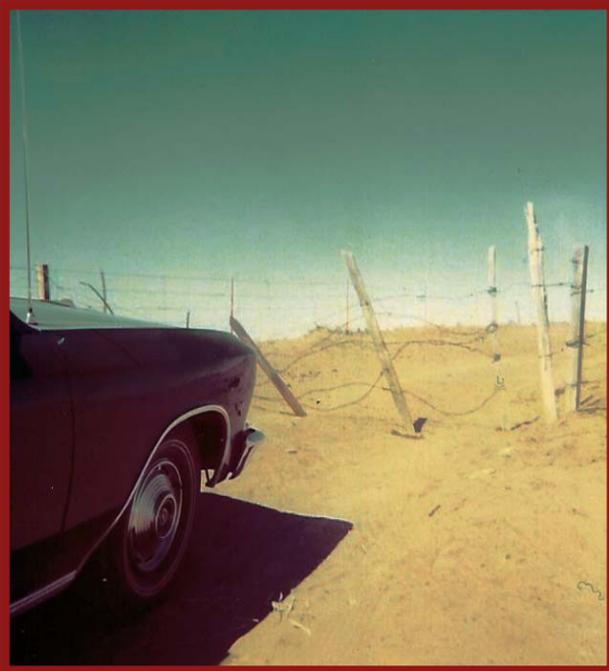
We stopped at the San Clemente Beach on the Pacific Ocean on our way to San Diego to visit my Aunt Glenna.



We stopped at the Montezuma Castle National Monument on our way back from San Diego just south of Flagstaff.



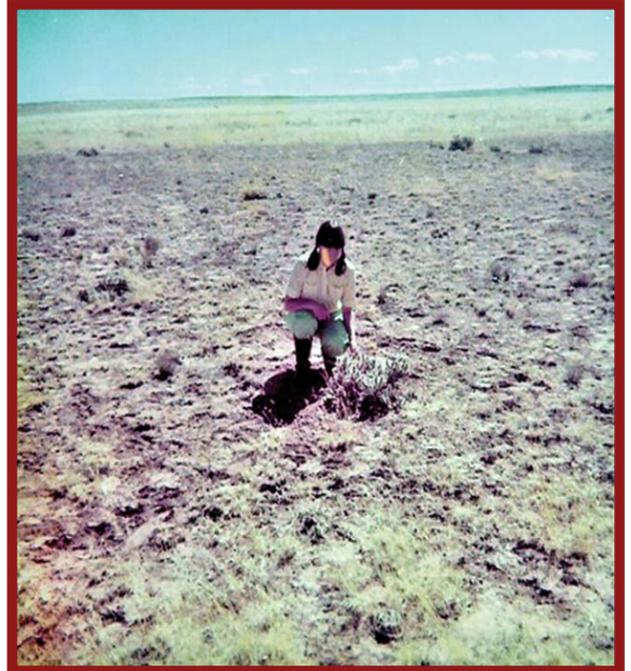
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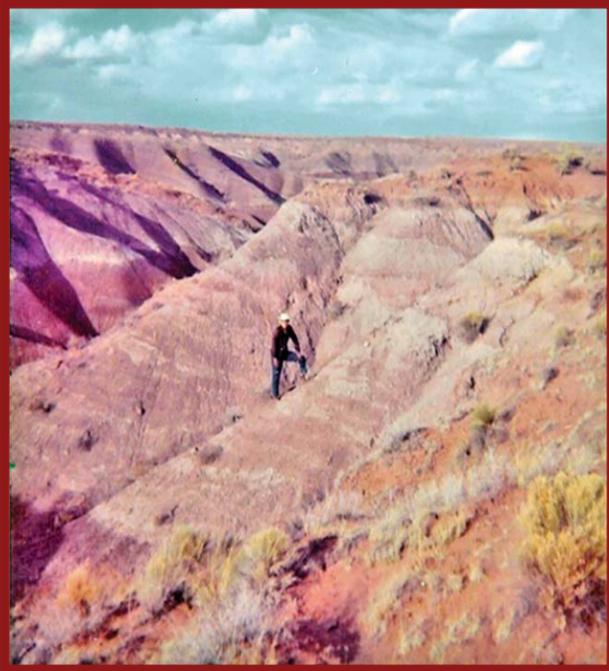
After we returned to Sun Valley we took down this gate to finally drive back to hopefully see our land in Arizona.



We closed the gate behind us and headed north to see if we could find our Rancho 96, lots 9 & 10.



After driving quite a while. I took this photo of Sherry near a barrel cactus. We never did find Rancho 96.



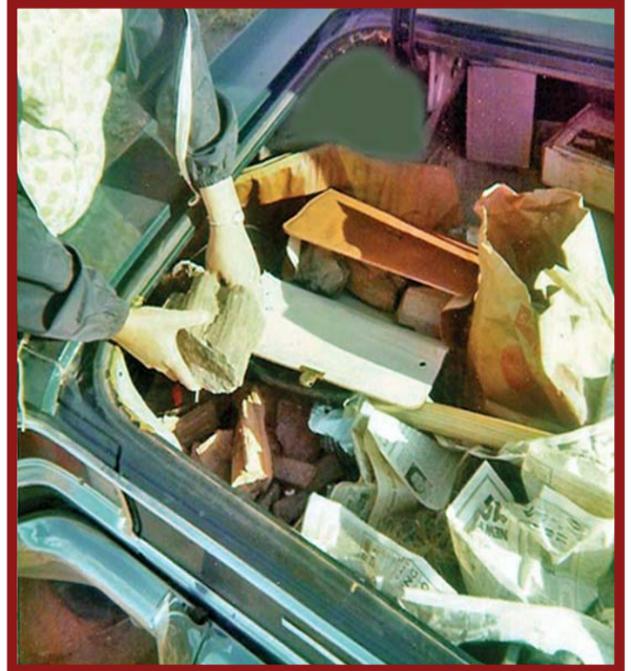
Here I am standing on the side of an embankment in an area that only landowners could wander around in.

After I left Penn Central Railroad I worked as a security guard for Pinkerton, Wackenhut and



Here Sherry was in that same area, it was a little cool, we were there in March of 1972. We enjoyed our visit though.

National Detective. Then I had a yen to try something new, publishing an outdoor publication. It



This is a typical trunk of a scavenger traveler. Note the orderly fashion we stored our gear, food and other stuff. started out as the Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout. Than I changed the name to The Gad-a-bout. ■

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A Couple of The Reasons I Publish The Gad-a-bout

The beginning of this article was an e-mail I answered with a friend in Florida the other night. When he asked me why I didn't just give up The Gad-a-bout and enjoy life for a change, I deserved it.

I replied, you are right, I've thought about throwing in the towel, but I'm a Dickerson and we are well known for our being stubborn as a mule and twice as determined. I believe if it was known as a fact there is probably a room for rent sign in my head. I talk to myself about this from time to time, but I still enjoy publishing The Gad-a-bout. Especially now since I've been writing about drivers not stopping at stop signs in Indiana and driving too fast on the open roads. This is a pet peeve of mine. Every driver on our roads must obey our traffic laws, it's just common sense and besides it saves lives.

I would rather write about fishing, hunting and publish other articles sent to me by outdoor writers like they use to. But I don't get too many articles anymore since The Gad-a-bout isn't printed and my readers have to have a computer so they can read it only line at www.thegadabout.com.

But I'm going to keep on publishing it until I can't. So if anyone reading this has a hankering to have their outdoor experience appear in The Gad-a-bout, contact me. See page 3 for my contact information.

An example of my determination to obey the driving laws. When I had returned home after being away in the Air Force for four years I was driving out West Main Street in Richmond, Indiana and evidently in my absence they had put up a stop sign just west of South West 5th Street. I drove through it, but didn't see the stop sign till I was half way through it. I immediately pulled to the right, parking at the curb. I became flushed and embarrassed at the thought that I had not stopped for that stop sign! I sat there for quite awhile with sweat rolling down my face.

My father had hammered it into me when I was learning to drive about safe driving. He was a truck driver and was very strict when it came to the reason for driving safely. I think he had something like 300 million safe driving miles before he passed, I could be wrong about that number. He delivered new trucks, buses and other work vehicles all over America, he even delivered several oil rigging trucks to Alaska. Stop signs and other safety road signs are put up for a purpose, to protect the drivers and pedestrians alike. Not following driving laws is why we read about drivers crashing on interstates, main highways, city streets and across the country.

I stop at all stop signs and observe the speed limit at all times when I am driving. However if another driver causes me to, I will take evasive action to avoid an accident. That's just common sense.

I drove on the left side of the road in England for 3 years and had a safe driving record. I will have to admit it took a while to get used to driving on the left over there and then trying to learn how to drive back on the right again when I returned home. Roundabouts were a bit tricky over there, just as they are here in the good ole' U.S.A. now.

This will be my third issue I've written about

drivers not stopping for stop signs nor paying much attention to how fast they are going on city streets and on main highways.

My definition for an official stop is when the tires stop rolling. Too many drivers here in my home town slow down at a stop sign but never actually stop. They roll through the intersection. Some neither slow down nor stop at one stop sign, and also consecutive ones in a row! I wonder how they would react if a child on a skate board, a bicycle or just running into one of those intersections might suddenly appear in front of them? It's probably happened, who knows - the driver is responsible for their actions. Saving a few minutes is not worth taking a human life, especially when it is someone loved by a parent, guardian, friend or anyone for that matter.

So many times, when I'm driving east on U.S. 40 going toward Richmond a driver going 60-70 miles per hour, well above the speed limit, will pass and still be sitting at the next stop-light as I stop next to him or her? What did he or she gain by breaking the law? Oh well, I will continue to obey the driving laws with the hopes that you will too.

I think some local people are getting my message, a few times when I'm at an intersection they are at, I've noticed some are making a complete stop. Every driver who enjoys the luxury of being able to drive from here to there, it is their duty to observe and obey all traffic laws, the signs protect you and every other driver using our roads and highways across America.

One thing I would like to see more locally is more of a police presence occasionally when children are going to and from school. East South & West South Streets have a great number of school children being driven or walking on it to and from school. School children funnel to it in Centerville from the north and east due to it's being a main thorough fare for walking and riding from many homes to and from the Centerville School buildings.

East South street passes my business property. I've intentionally stood out in my drive way at 3:00 p.m. when school lets out, just to observe drivers. Lots of school kids walk by my Barn on their way to and from school. Far too many drivers exceed the speed limit at this time! Side streets in Centerville the speed limit is 20 mph. Morton Avenue and Main Street the speed limit is 30 mph.

Parents and other drivers need to use common sense when it comes to dropping or picking up the school kids. They should leave early enough so they don't have to rush delivering or picking the students up.

The students who walk to and from school individually don't seem to have any problems with traffic. When the students walk in a small group they do have a tendency of some times walking into the street, especially if they are enjoying each others company. These students need to be alert due to the amount of vehicle traffic during this peak time and the drivers need to be alert to the students walking on the side walk. Be Safe! ■

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tools for cutting vines and small stems. Event leaders will guide volunteers on identifying and removing invasive plants. All ages are welcome with the supervision of a responsible parent or guardian. Indiana DNR requires a completed volunteer form to participate in volunteer activities at their properties--forms will be available at the event.

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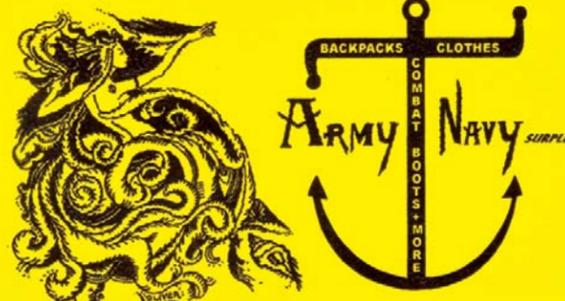
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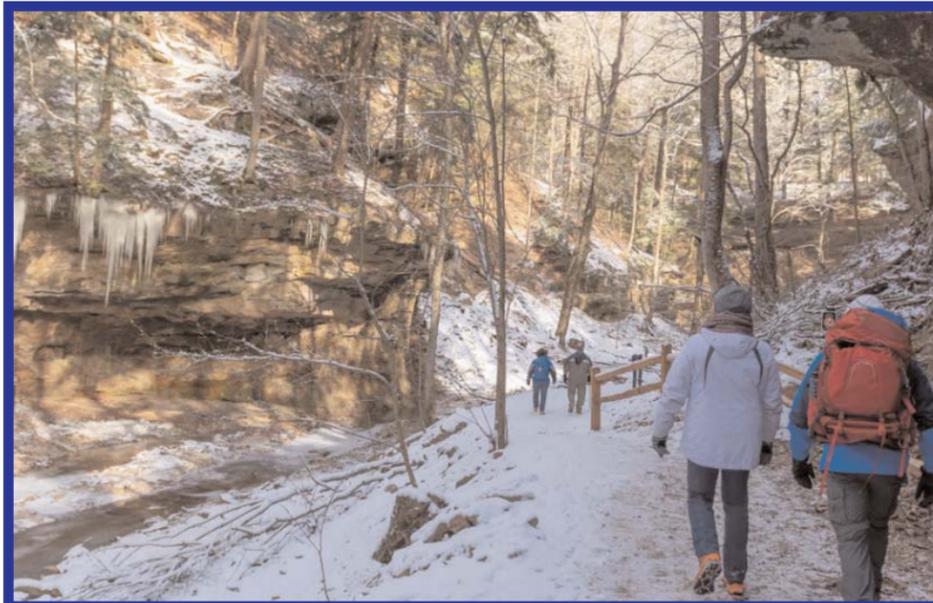
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The Live Birds of Prey from Hardy Lake's Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Center will be presented Feb. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A "Snakes Alive, Snake Buffet" from O'Bannon Woods State Park will be offered Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members of the Indiana Conservation Officers K-9 team will be available Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public will have an opportunity to interact with the officers and their K-9 partners. All times of the events listed are subject to change.

Ready to get out of the house? Combine being outdoors with some exercise – and surprise yourself with how great it makes you feel. On the Healthy Parks, Healthy People page, you will find a variety of outdoor activities to enjoy and help you get moving at Indiana's state parks and state-managed lakes.

Canada geese begin scouting for nesting areas in February. If you want to keep geese off your property, now is the time to start preparing. Geese prefer to nest near water surrounded by short, mowed grass and often return to where they have had previous nesting success. Well-kept lawns provide geese with food and a clear line-of-sight to see predators.

Using harassment techniques, installing fencing, and stopping supplemental feeding can help to prevent unwanted nesting on your property. Efforts to deter Canada geese are not effective if supplemental foods such as bread or birdseed are provided.

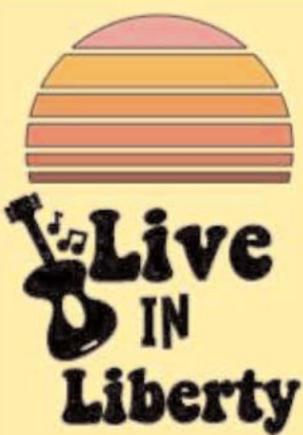
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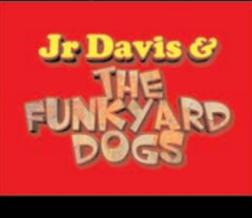
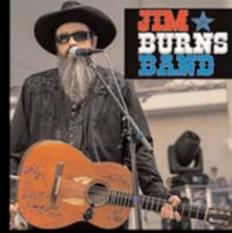
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Loading food into cars. (Author Photo)



Food boxes filled and ready for distribution. (Author Photo)



Centerville United Methodist Church Monthly Food Ministry Third Saturday of Every Month

by Kevin Smith

The United States Department of Agriculture defines food deserts as parts of the country without access to fresh fruit, vegetables, and other healthful

whole foods, usually found in impoverished areas. Simply put, food deserts are areas without grocery stores. Centerville and certain rural areas of Wayne County unfortunately fall into this category. By providing our Monthly Food Ministry, the Outreach Team of the Centerville United Methodist Church is making an effort to alleviate this problem. Our Monthly Food Ministry began in September of 2017, and we haven't missed a month since. The upcoming February 2022 distribution will mark the 54th consecutive month of providing fresh, healthful food products to Centerville area families that need it the most.

In addition to several canned and boxed food items, our ministry always includes fresh fruits, vegetables, various bread items, dairy products, and, on occasion, eggs, dental products, and health and beauty items. Over the past four and one-half years we have supplied food to an average of 70 families per month. This translates into over 220 individuals being helped with food assistance every month. There is no waste. Canned and boxed items that are not distributed one month are simply saved for the next month. Any extra bread, produce, and dairy are given to the Centerville Senior Center.

Canned and boxed food items and dairy products that we distribute are purchased every month from Gleaners Food Bank in Indianapolis. Fresh fruits and vegetables are given to food pantries like ours free of charge. Bread products are donat-

ed to our food ministry through a contact at Entenmann's Bakery Outlet in Indianapolis.

Since its inception our Monthly Food Ministry has been blessed with generous donations from many area businesses: United Way of Whitewater Valley, United Methodist Foundation, NATCO Community Empowerment Center, United States Postal Carriers, Harvest Land Co-op (now Co-Alliance), Land O'Lakes Co-op, REMC Operation Round-Up, the Centerville Academic Christian Preschool, Warm Glow Candle Company, Meijer Stores, and Oler Fence & Construction. However, the vast majority of our financial support comes from the members and friends of the Centerville United Methodist Church.

Our next Monthly Food Ministry will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the parking lot of the Centerville United Methodist Church. Since the onset of the Corona virus pandemic, all food distributions are done outdoors as a drive-thru. All families in need of food assistance are welcome to come by.

1 John 3:17-18 (ESV)

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Packing Food Boxes. (Author Photo)



Bagging Vegetables. (Author Photo)



Bread Products ready for distribution (Author Photo)



Veggies ready for packing.. (Author Photo)



Ready to serve. (Author Photo)

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



CONSERVATION OFFICER MATT CLARK
INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR
(GIBSON COUNTY)

CLARK IS DISTRICT 7 INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR (SEE LIST OF COUNTIES BELOW)

Indiana Conservation Officer Matt Clark has been selected as the 2021 District 7 Officer of the Year.

Clark is assigned to Gibson County and has been a conservation officer since 2015.

In addition to his normal duties as a field officer, he also serves as a public information officer and background investigator.

District 7 includes Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburg and Warrick counties located in southwest Indiana.

The district award puts Clark in the running for the Pitzer Award, which is given to the top overall conservation officer in the state and selected from the 10 district award winners.

The Pitzer Award is named after Conservation Officer James D. Pitzer, who was fatally shot while investigating illegal hunting activity on Jan. 2, 1961, in Jay County.



CONSERVATION OFFICER ROBERT KLAKAMP
INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR
(JACKSON COUNTY)

KLAKAMP IS DISTRICT 8 INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR (SEE LIST OF COUNTIES BELOW)

Indiana Conservation Officer Robert Klakamp has been selected the 2021 District 8 Officer of the Year.

Klakamp is assigned to Jackson County and has been a conservation officer since 2016.

In addition to his normal duties as a field officer, he also serves as an airboat operator, field training officer, and venomous reptile handler.

District 8 includes Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, Perry, Scott, and Washington counties in south central Indiana.

The district award puts Klakamp in the running for the Pitzer Award, which is given to the top overall conservation officer in the state and selected from the 10 district award winners.

The Pitzer award is named after Conservation Officer James D. Pitzer, who was fatally shot while investigating illegal hunting activity on Jan. 2, 1961, in Jay County.



CONSERVATION OFFICER DUSTIN WHITEHEAD
INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR
(GIBSON COUNTY)

WHITEHEAD IS DISTRICT 1 INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR (SEE LIST OF COUNTIES BELOW)

Indiana Conservation Officer Dustin Whitehead has been selected the 2021 District 1 Officer of the Year.

Whitehead is assigned to Elkhart County and has been a conservation officer since 2009.

In addition to his normal duties as a field officer, he has served as a public safety diver, defensive tactics/firearms instructor, and field training officer.

District 1 includes Kosciusko, Elkhart, St. Joseph, Marshall, Fulton, Miami, and Wabash counties in north-central Indiana.

The district award puts Whitehead in the running for the Pitzer Award, which is given to the top overall conservation officer in the state and is selected from the 10 district award winners.

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SALAMONIE PRESCHOOL OFFERS 'G IS FOR GROUNDHOG' FEB. 16

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "G is for Groundhog" presentation Feb. 16 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Salamonie Interpretive Center. Topics will include the definition of a groundhog and its eating habits. Participants will make a groundhog craft.

Each program at Salamonie Preschool is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction, and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme.

The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated and can be made by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-

2127.

For more information on other UWIS programs, visit Facebook.com/UpperWabash or on.IN.gov/salamonielake.

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Upper Wabash Interpretive Services is at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

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SALAMONIE LAKE HOSTS ANNUAL COWBOY GATHERING FEB. 26

Salamonie Lake will host its annual Cowboy Gathering on Feb. 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center.

Ed Cullison will describe the Red Rock Ride,

which is an outfitted and guided horse/mule ride featuring Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

Lasagna, table service, lemonade, and coffee will be provided. Participants should bring a dish to share and a donation for the Power the Camp fundraiser.

Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

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CONSERVATION OFFICER MAX WINCHELL
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(VIGO COUNTY)

**WINCHELL IS DISTRICT 5 INDIANA
CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR
(SEE LIST OF COUNTIES BELOW)**

Indiana Conservation Officer Max Winchell has been selected the 2021 District 5 Officer of the Year.

Winchell is assigned to Vigo County and has been a conservation officer since 1995.

In addition to his normal duties as a field officer, he also serves as a dive master, sonar operator, background investigator, field training officer, and division spokesperson.

District 5 includes Clay, Greene, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo counties in west-central Indiana.

The district award puts Winchell in the running for the Pitzer Award, which is given to the top overall conservation officer in the state and selected from the 10 district award winners.

The Pitzer Award is named after Indiana Conservation Officer James D. Pitzer, who was fatally shot while investigating illegal hunting activity on Jan. 2, 1961, in Jay County.



CONSERVATION OFFICER RON JOHNSON
INDIANA CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR
(MONTGOMERY COUNTY)

**JOHNSON IS DISTRICT 3 INDIANA
CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR
(SEE LIST OF COUNTIES BELOW)**

Indiana Conservation Officer Ron Johnson has been selected as the 2021 District 3 Officer of the Year.

Johnson is assigned to Montgomery County and has been a conservation officer since 1996.

In addition to his normal duties as a field officer, he also serves as a sonar operator.

District 3 includes Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White counties in west central Indiana.

The district award puts Johnson in the running for the Pitzer Award, which is given to the top overall conservation officer in the state and is selected from the 10 district award winners.

The Pitzer Award is named after Conservation Officer James D. Pitzer, who was fatally shot while investigating illegal hunting activity on Jan. 2, 1961, in Jay County.

**PATOKA LAKE HOSTS FULL MOON
HIKE FEBRUARY 18**

Join an interpretive naturalist on Friday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Beach 2 Shelter House at Patoka Lake for a ¾-mile guided hike along a paved trail overlooking the lake.

The journey will begin with a talk about the moon and nature at night. Hiking will begin at 8:35 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. Plan to wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring refreshments. There will be stone benches to rest on.

Participation is limited, and advance registration is required by phone at **812-685-2447** by 2 p.m. Feb. 17.

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

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

**TURKEY RUN SP HOSTS NATURE'S
MATING GAME EVENT FEB. 12**

Learn how other species reproduce during Turkey Run State Park's Nature's Mating Game

event on Feb. 12.

Enjoy dinner, desserts, a cash bar, and a glimpse at the adult side of the natural world. Tickets are available for purchase at natures_mating_game.eventbrite.com. The program after dinner will cover why Indiana's wildlife might select a partner, how they mate, and what advantages come with unique anatomy. The event will conclude with a humorous demonstration of one of Indiana's most complex mating strategies.

A couples package at the Turkey Run Inn includes dinner, program, an overnight room, and breakfast on Sunday morning for \$259.99 and must be booked through Kristina Hale, sales director, at **765-569-6020** or by emailing khale@dnr.IN.gov.

Consider making it a full day at Turkey Run on Feb. 12 or 13 by attending the park's free guided ice hikes. Register at turkeyrunicehike.eventbrite.com

.Standard park entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle applies.

Turkey Run State Park (on.IN.gov/turkeyrun-sp) is at 8121 East Park Rd. Marshall, 47859.

**NEW ONLINE FLOODPLAIN
TOOL WILL SAVE TIME**

A new Indiana Floodplain Information Portal (INFIP) is available that will save users valuable time.

INFIP is designed to show flood risk associated with Indiana bodies of water and provide information specifically for local and state floodplain permitting. The information is based on the regulatory floodplain limits, because floods exceeding the regulatory floodplain can and do occur.

With this new tool, the user can download a Floodplain Analysis and Regulatory Assessment (FARA) directly from the app. The tool reduces FARA wait times from 30-60 days to a matter of minutes. The user also has an option to file for staff review of their site but should only do so if:

- the nearest stream's drainage area is greater than one square mile and there is no mapped floodway;
- there is not a mapped floodplain on the nearest stream to the point of interest;
- there is no mapped floodway for the stream nearest the point of interest; or,
- the point of interest is in a floodplain of another stream, but the stream nearest the point of interest does not have a mapped floodplain with a floodway of its own.

The new site is at infip.dnr.IN.gov.



WATCHES FEB 5, 12, 19

Afternoon eagle watches will be offered Feb. 5, 12, and 19 at Salamonie Lake through DNR's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (UWIS).Eagle

Participants must call and speak to UWIS staff to register and choose a date and afternoon time when they will meet at the Salamonie Lake Nature Center.

A call-in platform will be used for the audio guided caravan.

- Upon arrival, participants may visit restrooms in the Nature Center, then return to their vehicles.
- Participants, if possible, should have a cell phone to access the call-in platform.

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OHIO MAN ARRESTED ATTEMPTING TO DEFRAUD LOCAL CREDIT UNION

Clarksville - January 25, 2022: Indiana State Police (ISP) Detectives arrested a Columbus, Ohio man late Tuesday morning after he attempted to defraud a financial institution of \$20,000.

On Monday, January 24th, the One Vision Credit Union in Clarksville, contacted Detective First Sergeant Bill Wibbels of the Sellersburg Post about possible fraud involving a man who only recently joined the credit union. Working alongside and cooperatively with credit union officials, Detective Wibbels immediately began a fraud investigation. Through the investigation, Detective Wibbels determined the new member, who was now applying for a \$20,000 signature loan, was providing a fake name and fake identification documents in his application process.

On Tuesday morning, the suspected conman returned to the credit union and was subsequently arrested by detectives who were at the credit union continuing the investigation.

The suspect was identified as Kenneth Eugene Burgess, 58, of Columbus, Ohio. Burgess is currently charged with the following:

1. Forgery (3 counts) - Level 6 Felony
2. Defrauding a Financial Institution (2 Counts) Level 5 Felony
3. Identity Theft - Level 6 Felony

Kenneth Burgess was transported to the Clark County Jail without incident.

ELWOOD MAN DIES IN GRANT COUNTY CRASH

Grant County, IN – Today at approximately 6:54 a.m., officers from the Indiana State Police and the Grant County Sheriff’s Department responded to a two-vehicle crash, at 6574 South Strawtown Pike (State Road 37), in which an Elwood, IN man, died.

The preliminary crash investigation by Senior Trooper Jeremy Perez revealed that Trina Walker, 51, Sims, IN was driving a 2022 Mack garbage truck southbound on Strawtown Pike. Walker stopped in front of a residence at 6574 South to collect and empty garbage bins on the west side of the road. Corey Carter, 22, Elwood, IN was driving a 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche southbound on Strawtown Pike. For an undetermined reason, the Chevrolet rear-ended the Mack truck.

Carter died at the crash scene from injuries sustained in the crash. Walker was not injured.

Walker was driving for Republic Services. Evidence revealed the Mack truck’s warning lights were activated at the time of the crash.

Perez was assisted at the crash scene by Senior

Trooper A.J. Coffee, Senior Trooper Eric Treon, Senior Trooper Weston Shanks, the Fairmont Fire Department, the Grant County Coroner’s Office, and the Grant County Sheriff’s Department.

THE LATEST EDITION OF THE INDIANA STATE POLICE ROAD SHOW

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

This weeks show features Public Information Sergeant Steven Wheelles from the Versailles District. He gives insight into the Versailles district and talks about crash reconstruction.

The radio program was titled “Signal-10” in the early 1960's when it was first started by two troopers in northern Indiana. The name was later changed to the “Indiana State Police Road Show” and is the longest continuously aired state police public service program in Indiana.

Radio stations across Indiana and the nation are invited to download and air for FREE this public service program sponsored by the Indiana State Police Alliance and Cops for Kids, a subsidiary of the Indiana State Police Alliance.

UPDATE - ARREST MADE* PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY A VEHICLE ON I-70 NEAR HARDING STREET

Indianapolis, IN - Earlier today, January 20, 2022, Detectives from the Indiana State Police arrested 23 year old Antonio Baker of Indianapolis. Through the investigation detectives determined Baker was the driver of the vehicle that fatally struck 23 year old Taylor Fletcher in the early morning hours of July 13, 2021 on I-70 near Harding. The findings of the investigation were presented to the Marion County Prosecutor's Office who subsequently filed criminal charges against Baker. He was arrested earlier today:

- Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death (Level 4 Felony)
- Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person (Class A Misdemeanor)
- Operating a Vehicle with Alcohol Concentration Equivalent to at Least .08 but less than .15

The charges listed above were filed by the Marion County Prosecutor's office, any questions about this arrest should be referred to them. All suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

Indianapolis, IN - This morning, at 12:20, Indiana State Police Dispatchers began receiving 911 calls about a pedestrian struck on I-70 eastbound near Harding Street just west of downtown Indianapolis. The vehicle that struck the pedestrian left the scene. Upon arrival at the 79 mile mark-

er on I-70, troopers located a female victim near the left shoulder who was unconscious and unresponsive. The female, identified as 23 year old Taylor Fletcher of Plainfield Indiana, was pronounced deceased on the scene. The driver of the other vehicle was identified and located a short time later.

Indiana State Police crash reconstructionists, along with detectives, are working to determine the cause of this crash. The investigation is ongoing and no arrests have been made at this time.

TRAFFIC STOP LEADS

– A recent traffic stop by Indiana State Police Troopers Jesse Reason and Blake Sarver led to the arrest of Jason Werry, 38, from Howard City, MI. He was incarcerated in the Fulton County Jail to face criminal charges for possession of methamphetamine, dealing methamphetamine, dealing a legend drug, dealing marijuana, possession of a narcotic drug, possession of marijuana, theft from a motor vehicle, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sunday, at approximately 10:17 a.m., Reason and Sarver initiated a traffic stop, on a 2001 Buick passenger car, on U.S 31 near State Road 25 for allegedly traveling 72 miles per hour in a posted 60 miles per hour zone.

During the traffic stop, Werry was identified as the driver. While the troopers were speaking with him, they noticed indicators that criminal activity was afoot.

In a subsequent search of the Buick, officers allegedly found a handgun, over four pounds of marijuana, approximately 19 grams of methamphetamine, prescription medication, drug paraphernalia, a stolen license plate, and a stolen laptop computer.

The troopers were able to use identifying information from the laptop computer to track down its owner. He drove to Peru, IN to pick up the computer which had been reported stolen from Kent County, MI.

Werry was incarcerated in the Fulton County Jail.

Assisting with the traffic stop were Troopers Mike Meiser and Dustin Powers.

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

MASTER TROOPER BRIAN THOMAS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

(Madison County)- Indiana State Police Superintendent Douglas G. Carter has announced the promotion of Master Trooper Brian Thomas to the rank of Sergeant. He will serve as a squad sergeant at the Pendleton Post where he will supervise a squad of Troopers throughout eight coun-

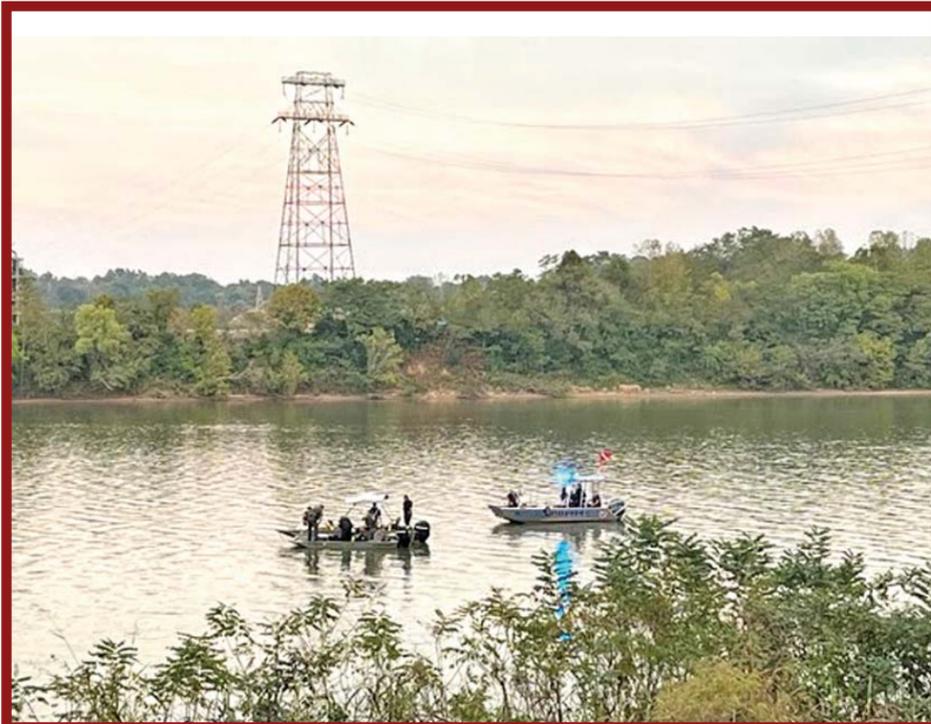
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Dive teams from Hamilton County Police Association, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Schaffer's Towing work to raise the submerged vehicle up from the depth of 50 feet and 300 feet from the bank of the Ohio River. (ISP Photo)



Missing for two decades this vehicle belonging to Stephanie Van Nguyen was found using side sonar scan technology by divers in the Ohio River. On Friday, January 7, 2022 Dearborn County Coroner confirmed the owner was in the car. (ISP Photo)

***UPDATE* HUMAN REMAINS RECOVERED FROM VEHICLE SUBMERGED FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED**

On Friday, January 7, 2022, Dearborn County Coroner Cameron McCreary received confirmation that the human remains recovered from a vehicle submerged in the Ohio River for nearly two decades belong to Stephanie Van Nguyen.

Nguyen and her two children disappeared in April 2002 in her 1997 Nissan Pathfinder. A renewed search led to the discovery of Nguyen's vehicle in the Ohio River near Lesko Park in Aurora, Indiana in October 2021. After the vehicle was removed from the river, anthropologists from the University of Indianapolis assisted investigators in searching the vehicle for human remains. One bone, believed to be a human bone, was recovered from the vehicle and sent to a laboratory for further investigation.

The testing, which was completed by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations Laboratory, confirmed that the bone belonged to Stephanie Van Nguyen.

The investigation is being conducted by Detectives with the Indiana State Police-Versailles Post and Delhi Township, Ohio Police Department with the assistance of numerous other agencies.

Attached: -Coroner Cameron McCreary's News Release

[Dearborn County Coroner Press Release.pdf](#)

See Original Release from October 15, 2021 Below

Indiana State Police Assisting Ohio Police in Investigating Missing Person Case from Two Decades Earlier

Yesterday, October 14, 2021, Detectives from the Indiana State Police-Versailles Post began a missing person investigation after a vehicle connected to a 2002 missing person investigation from Delhi Township, Ohio was located in the Ohio River near Aurora, Indiana.

In April 2002, the Delhi Township Police Department began investigating the disappearance of Stephanie Van Nguyen, age 26, and her two children, Kristina, age 4, and John, age 3. Nguyen was last known to be driving her 1997 Nissan

Pathfinder. Information gathered at the time indicated that Nguyen left a note that she was going to drive into the Ohio River however, her vehicle was not located at the time.

The Delhi Township Police Department began looking into the case again recently. A thorough search of the river using side sonar scan technology led divers to locate a vehicle that matched the description of Nguyen's vehicle. The registration plate on the vehicle confirmed the vehicle belonged to Nguyen.

Dive teams from the Hamilton County Police Association and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources with the assistance of Schaffer's Towing worked to bring the vehicle to the surface. The vehicle was located at a depth of over 50 feet and was approximately 300 feet from the bank of the river.

The vehicle was transported to a secure location where Indiana State Police Investigators will examine the vehicle to determine if Nguyen or her two children were in the vehicle.

The Indiana State Police and Delhi Township Police Departments were assisted at the scene by the Hamilton County Police Association Dive Team, Indiana Conservation Officers, Aurora Police Department, Dearborn County Sheriff's Department, Aurora Fire Department and EMS, Dearborn County Coroner's Office, and Schaffer's Towing.

WRONG WAY DRIVER KILLED IN EARLY MORNING CRASH

Early this morning, January 25, 2022, the Indiana State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash on I-74 in rural Decatur County, Indiana that resulted in the death of a Greensburg, Indiana man.

The initial investigation, being conducted by the Indiana State Police-Versailles Crash Reconstruction Team, indicated that at approximately 6:00 am this morning, a 2003 Buick being driven by Daryl W. Jackson, age 66, Greensburg, Indiana was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of I-74 near the 140 mile marker in eastern Decatur County. Jackson's vehicle collided head on with a westbound 2012 Chevrolet, being driven by Kaleb A. R. Buckler, age 22, Brookville, Indiana.

Jackson sustained fatal injuries in the collision. He was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Decatur

County Coroner's Office. Buckler sustained serious injuries in the crash. He was flown to an Indianapolis area hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Witnesses reported seeing Jackson's vehicle traveling the wrong direction for approximately five miles prior to the crash. Officers were attempting to catch up to Jackson's vehicle when the crash occurred.

It is unknown if drugs or alcohol played a role in the crash. Toxicology results are pending. The investigation is ongoing.

The Indiana State Police was assisted by the Decatur County Sheriff's Department, Greensburg Police Department, Decatur County EMS, Greensburg Fire Department, New Point Fire Department, Stat Flight Medical Helicopter, and the Decatur County Coroner's Office.

INTERSTATE SHOOTING LED TO THE ARREST OF AN INDIANAPOLIS MAN

Indianapolis, IN - Monday January 3, 2022 at approximately 3:15 p.m., the Indiana State Police was contacted about an alleged road rage incident that led to gunfire on I-465 near Crawfordsville Road. Troopers met with the victim at a location off the interstate and discovered what appeared to be a bullet hole in the side of the victim's pick-up truck. A subsequent investigation led to the issuance of two search warrants by a Marion County judge for a residence in Indianapolis and a vehicle parked at that residence. January 5, 2022 Troopers from the Indiana State Police completed a search of the house and the vehicle and collected evidence believed to be connected to the shooting.

27 year old Aarion Mosley of Indianapolis was arrested as a result of the investigation. He now faces preliminary charges including criminal recklessness, felon in possession of a firearm and pointing a firearm.

The charges listed above are probable cause for arrest, actual charges will be determined by the Marion County Prosecutor's Office upon review of the case. All crimes mentioned in this release are alleged and all suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

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Gad's Corner - Activity Page

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- Be mindful of Indiana state law concerning driving and hand-held cellular devices.
- If available, bring binoculars, cameras, and spotting scopes. Shared visual aids will also be available on site.
- Be sure to have plenty of fuel in your gas tank. All caravan trips will include a stop to view a nesting site, a stop to view a feeding area, and will end near dark at a bald eagle roosting area near Mississinewa Lake.

There will be some walking on flat surfaces. Those who need accessible parking should request it during registration.

Participants will be able to warm up with hot food and drink items available for a freewill donation at the roost site through the Friends of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services.

For safety, Frances Slocum Road between State Road 124 and County Road 550 E in Miami County will be closed for this event.

For more information and to register, call **260-468-2127**.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services is at **3691 S. New Holland Road**, Andrews, 46702.

For more information on other UWIS programs, visit [Facebook.com/UpperWabash](https://www.facebook.com/UpperWabash) or on.IN.gov/salamonielake.

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SALAMONIE LAKE HOSTS SUCCULENTWORKSHOP FEB. 20

Salamonie Lake will host its The Winter Doesn't Have to Succ Workshop on Feb. 20 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Salamonie Lake's Nature Center.

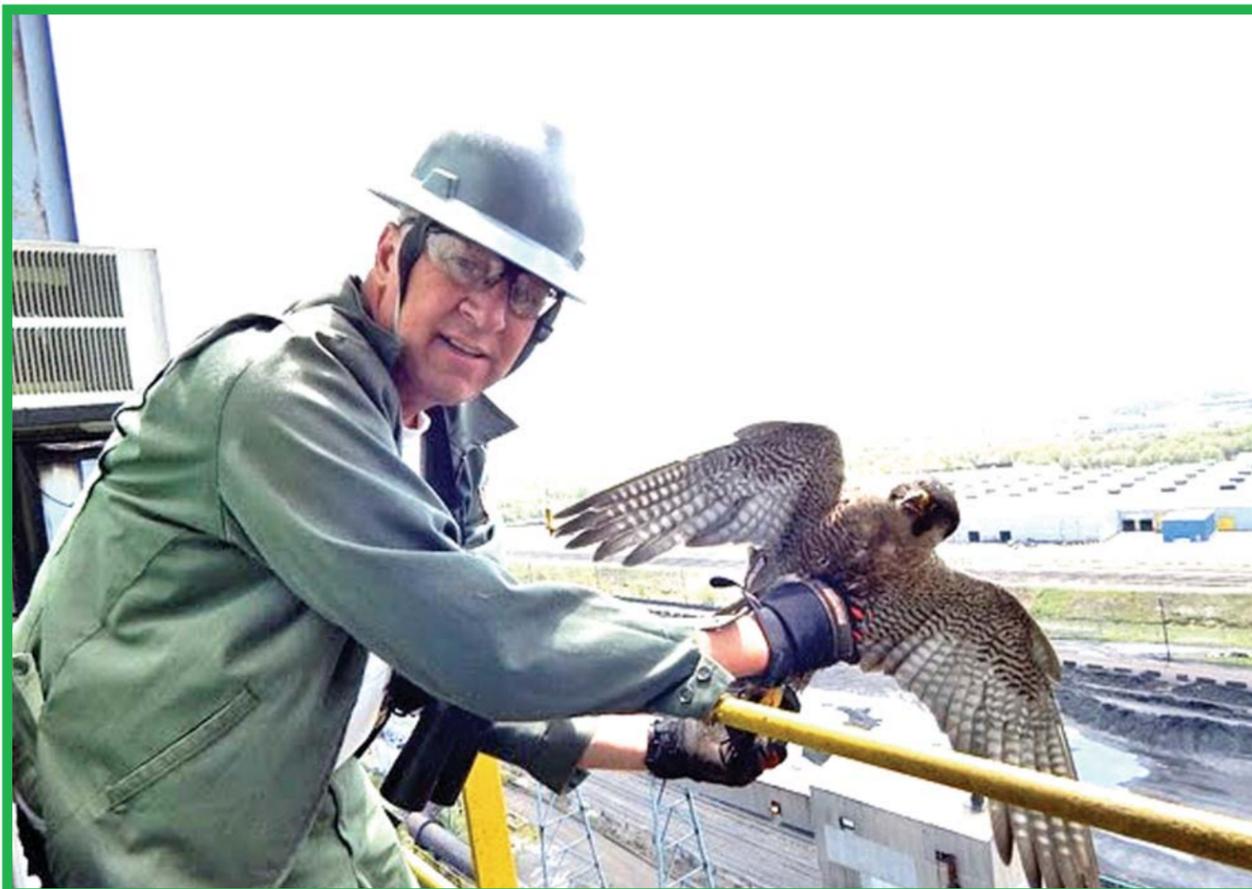
During this workshop, participants will design a miniature garden with container plants to bring nature inside. Cost is \$25 per person, payable day of the event, with a \$5 discount for multiple people in the same party. All materials will be provided.

Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127, and limited space is available. The workshop is for ages 7 and older. Children under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

This Nature Art Designs activity and others are made possible with support by the Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services.

The Salamonie Interpretive Center is at Salamonie Lake, 3691 New Holland Rd., Andrews. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit [Facebook.com/UpperWabash](https://www.facebook.com/UpperWabash) or on.IN.gov/salamonielake.

John Castrale holding an adult peregrine falcon.



Dear Nongame Wildlife Fund supporter,

The Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund is celebrating its 40th birthday this year! Thanks to donors, partners and volunteers, the Fund has achieved many conservation successes. To commemorate its 40 years of conservation work, we are going to share 40 stories highlighting projects from the past and present, as well as visions for the future. The stories are organized into themed months and will feature project successes, part-

SALAMONIE LAKE TO HOST SENIOR LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 7

Salamonie Lake to host senior luncheon Feb. 7. The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be on Monday, Feb. 7 at noon at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend.

Brian Ballinger will speak at the event. He was the senior animation professor at Huntington University and has more than 20 years of experience. He previously worked with Big Idea Entertainment, which produces the cartoon Veggie Tales. He will talk about wildlife and animal photography and explain the different types of lenses and techniques he uses for documenting animals and nature.

Guests should bring a side dish to share, a bev-

ners, donors, biologists, technology advances, and what we've learned from the data we collected. In January, you can learn about the origin of the fund, a lifetime of work completed by one of our retired biologists, and more.

We look forward to sharing more stories with you in the next edition of Nongame Wildlife Fund News, coming to you soon in February.

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erage, and their own table service. Chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes will be provided by the Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Donations will be accepted to help defray costs.

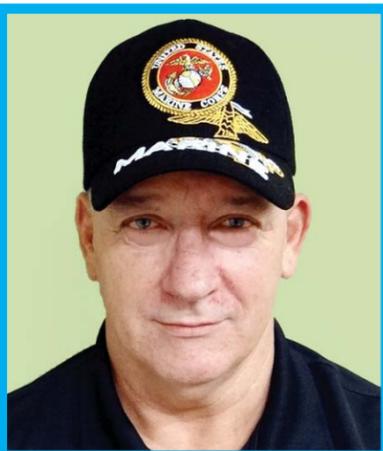
Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling **260-468-2127**.

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Everton Volunteer Fire Dept Bass Tournament

Brookville Lake * Fairfield Ramp * April 30, 2022

RULES

1. **TRUTH VERIFICATION TEST.** Cheating will not be tolerated. Deceiving tournament officials or doing any act in order to obtain an unfair advantage will lead to disqualification. By signing the entry, contestants agree to submit to a truth verification test (polygraph or voice stress test). At the conclusion of each tournament a truth verification test may be administered to one or two teams placing in the top ten positions or winning the Big Bass award. Should a team placing in the top ten or catching Big Bass leave the tournament site making themselves unavailable if asked to take the truth verification test, their catch may be disqualified. Lastly, tournament director reserves the right to request any contestant to submit to a truth verification test within seven days of the conclusion of the tournament. Failure to submit to a test when requested or failure of the same shall result in disqualification and banishment from further tournaments.
2. **REGISTRATION.** There will be a short mandatory meeting approximately 15 minutes prior to take off. Entries and fees must be received no later than **April 20, 2022**. Starting positions will be determined by date of postmark on entry.
3. **PARTICIPANTS.** Everyone (male/female) is welcome to enter, however, the tournament director reserves the right to refuse entry from any contestant. Anyone under 18 years of age may fish only with parent, legal guardian or other adult if a signed statement is provided. *** ANGLERS MAY NOT FISH ALONE ***
4. **BOATS AND MOTORS.** All boats must be equipped with a lanyard type kill switch. Boat must be at least 15 feet in length. Trolling as a method of catching fish is prohibited. Stick steering is considered dangerous and shall not be permitted. Jet motors and tiller steering is allowed. Every boat must have an aerated livewell large enough to maintain a live limit of fish. Altering a boat from factory specifications to gain length or height is not permitted.
5. **HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS.** Your motor must not exceed the manufacturers or Coast Guard horsepower rating for your boat. Jet drives are allowed, however motor power head rating must still comply. Any questions please contact tournament director.
6. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT.** Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork strips or rinds, etc. Only one rod and reel may be used at any one time, however, several may be rigged and ready for use. Rods shall not be more than 8 feet in length.
7. **SAFETY.** Safe boating conduct should be observed at all times. Competitors must have a US Coast Guard approved P.F.D. on and secured any time the gas engine is running. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. An operating lanyard type kill switch must be attached to boat and operator when gas engine is in operation. Boat operator must test kill switch prior to each tournament.
8. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS.** Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except areas designated by state or federal officials or any other water determined by the tournament officials. **ALL ANGLING MUST BE DONE FROM THE BOAT. Anglers shall not leave the boat to land a fish or gain access to fishing waters.** Anglers must be in contact with the boat at all times except in case of emergency or brief excursions in "nature calling". ***There shall be no trailering of fish during weigh-in***
9. **PENALTIES.** Only largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass will be weighted. At no time shall a team have more than a limit of five (5) fish in their livewells. Doing so is grounds for disqualification. The length for fish shall be 14 inches or otherwise regulated by the state. Fish will be measured with mouth closed on a "**Golden Rule**". As solely determined by tournament official, undersized fish will be penalized at the rate of one pound per fish and dead fish at the rate of one quarter of one pound per fish. The dead fish penalty applies only to the total creel weight and not towards any big bass weights/awards. A team who arrives at the official check-point area after prescribed check-in time will be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute. After 10 minutes all weight shall be lost for that day. Late penalties do apply to any "Big Bass" weights. At no time shall a bass be stringed and doing so will lead to disqualification.
10. **RULINGS.** The tournament officials shall reserve all rights for rule interpretations and to refuse an entry. Furthermore, tournament officials have the authority to announce or present any rule revisions (printed or not) as deemed appropriate. Violating tournament rules may be reason for disqualification.
11. **SPORTSMANSHIP.** Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Alcohol and abused drugs are not permitted in a boat during tournament hours. Fish must be caught in a sporting manner, therefore, snagging fish is not permitted.
12. **TIES.** All monies will be totaled and split equally.
13. **PROTEST.** Protest against another competitor must be in writing, signed and in the hands of tournament director within 15 minutes after scales are closed.
14. **REFUNDS.** Your entry may be refunded only if the tournament director is notified by entry deadline of April 20, 2022. There is a \$20 bank charge for returned checks.
15. **INSURANCE.** Adequate liability insurance is required of all contestants using their boats in the tournament.



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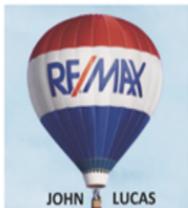
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| <p><u>Check-in no later than</u> 6:15 at ramp 6:30 AM – Mandatory meeting 7:00 AM – Take Off 3:00 PM – Weigh-in</p> | <p>Starting positions determined by date of <u>postmark on entry</u> This is a team tournament Anglers may not fish alone</p> | <p>Entries and fees must be received no later than April 20, 2022 Entries will be taken day of tournament but will be CASH ONLY</p> |
| <p>*New Entry Option* MUST EMAIL ENTRY AT SAME TIME PAYPAL PAYMENT IS MADE You will <u>not</u> be entered until both PayPal payment and email entry is received. <u>There is a \$3.50 PayPal convenience fee so the entry will be \$103.50</u> PayPal - @evertonvolunteerfire Email – lisaayers717@yahoo.com</p> | | <p>Make checks/money orders payable to: <u>Everton Volunteer Fire Department</u> Mail Entries to: Chip Ayers * 504 S. Poplar St. Greensburg, IN * 47240 * 70% Pay Out - All proceeds will be donated to the Everton Volunteer FD</p> |

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I have read and am familiar with the rules and in signing this application I hereby waive and release all contestants, sponsors, tournament and state officials from all claims due to injury or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. In signing, I submit myself to a truth test at the discretion of tournament officials and agree to abide to the results as interpreted by professionals conducting the test. I also agree to abide by those decisions and rulings of the director conducting these events. I swear that the facts below are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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