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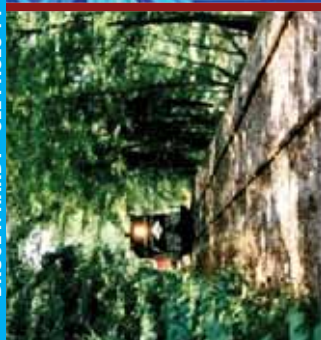
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Top Right: This picture was taken at a Indiana State Park campground. I liked the scene because it

showed the viewer both types of camping, modern trailers and primitive. Next to the camp is several bicycles which usually means the whole family is camping. Of course there is another side of the coin when it comes to camping with teens. See Page 18 (**Photo by Ray Dickerson**)

Bottom Left: On May 19, 1974, the Whitewater Valley Railroad made its second official run along the old Whitewater Canal bed, upon which part of the rail rests. This second run was VIP day and guests from all parts of Indiana and southwestern Ohio were aboard. Lieutenant Governor, Robert Orr, as the official guest, was presented with a golden spike similar to the one driven at Promontory Utah when the rail from the east met the rail from the west in days gone by. After an exchange of congratulations and presentations of awards, the immortal words "All Aboard" were given by Lt. Gov. Orr, and every one boarded the train. See Page 24-25 (**Whitewater Valley Railroad Photo**)

Bottom Right: It has not been a very good start to the summer swimming and boating season in regards to lives lost due to drowning. Properly wearing a life jacket would have changed the tragic outcome to many of these incidents. This simple device would have saved lives. See Page 26 (**DNR "WEAR IT" image**)

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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson

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EMERGENCY CALL BOX INSTALLED ON FAIRFIELD RAMP BY DNR

Trey Kidwell drowned after driving into Brookville Lake off Fairfield Ramp in 2007. His mother Teresa Throop and grandmother Mary Kay Kidwell have worked tirelessly in an effort to prevent a similar incident from happening. Teresa has been raising money to install a Emergency Call Box to be placed on Fairfield Ramp, by selling "Bracelets for Call Boxes." To date they had raised close to \$600. Mary Kay Kidwell worked with the Indiana State Police to create a two minute video tape, "Two Minutes To Survival," which demonstrates how to get out of a submerged vehicle.

Today, Tuesday July 12, 2011, it was announced in the Richmond Palladium-Item by Pam Tharp that a digital cellular call box, which is solar powered with battery backup has been donated by Case Systems Inc. The \$500 installation fee was paid by the DNR, DNR spokesman Marty Benson said. The DNR will also pay the \$12 monthly fee and the 25 cent per minute charge when the phone is used.

The money raised by Teresa Throop for the call boxes will be put in the Trey Kidwell Memorial Scholarship Fund (Dollars for Scholars) will continue to help local students accomplish their educational goals.

DNR has no plans to place call boxes at other boat ramps, either on Brookville or its other properties, Benson said.

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Pat and Mark Kern from Illinois fishing with me on Brookville Lake. (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

Fishing Brookville Lake in the Hot Summer Sun

Ah, the dog days of summer. This is what I was wishing for all winter, when I was shoveling and plowing snow. If you have ever wondered what a guide fisherman does in the winter, well I plow snow. My older brother and I have about 17 parking lots in Brookville we plow. This is not quite as fun as fishing for a living, but it pays the bills. When I am on the guide boat and its 95 degrees, absolutely no wind and the sun is high in the sky, I'm thinking my god it's hot. I think about shoveling and plowing all those side walks and parking lots and I think its not to bad out here.

When your fishing in August you have to be prepared just like you do in the winter. Three things that are very important are a hat, sunscreen, and water. I use to always wear a ball cap, but a big straw hat is best. I took a doctor fishing one time and he told me if people aren't making fun of your hat it's not big enough. I took some Amish guys fishing last week and they where all making

fun of my hat, so I'm pretty sure I got the size right. All kidding a side, it does make a big difference. It keeps the sun off your face ears and neck. As far as sunscreen goes, Neutrogena makes a sunscreen that is 100 SPF. Its a dry touch sun-block. I use it every day, and I put all the night crawlers on every bodies fishing poles all day and it does not slow the catch ratio at all. I bought mine from CVS, \$16.00 for a 3.0 ounce tube, but if it keeps us from getting skin cancer its well worth the money.

I am a pop guy, I love drinking Mountain dew, Pepsi, and Coke. The problem with this is when you are extremely hot and you drink sugared pop it will hurt your belly. Just throw a few bottles of water in your cooler with your pop and Gatorade, you won't be disappointed.

As far as finding and catching fish goes, in the summer they are regulated by three things, water temperature, oxygen, and food. As of right now the water temperature in the lake is 85 degrees on the surface, and at 25 feet deep the water temperature is 69 degrees. The problem is there is no oxygen in that 25 foot deep water. So the fish are forced to eat high in the water column. They are caught between the proverbial rock and a hard

place. How they deal with this is timing. They eat early in the morning when the water is cooler, and they eat again late in the day when the sun is low in the sky. When they are done feeding they will move down in the water column where there is very little oxygen, but the water is cooler. With the low oxygen content they will not exert any energy they will just be there waiting till the time is right to move up in the shallows to feed again. This scenario will be played out day after day till the water finally starts to cool down in the fall.

This years shad hatch is in full swing in the lake. A shad is a bait fish that feeds the masses in the lake. Every fish swimming in the lake depends on these huge schools of bait fish for their survival. I'm not sure how many there are in the lake but the fishing biologist told me that they make up 40% of the biomass in the lake. When you go over these big school of suspended bait fish out in the main lake they will totally black out your fish finding screen.

I believe that at certain times of the day the bait fish schools move in to the shallows to feed on photo-plankton. This triggers the predator fish to move up in the shallows to feed on the bait fish while they feed on the photo-plankton. If your fishing where this is taking place this will trigger a strike on your pole, you'll catch a fish, and since we are at the top of the food chain, the cycle is complete.

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News from the Indiana State Police



by Sgt. John D. Bowling

The Indiana State Police A "Lean" Organization

Now you've heard me say before that we are always looking for better, more efficient and innovative ways of doing things. It is our responsibility as public employees to be good stewards of your tax dollars. That's why in 2009 the Indiana State Police developed the Continuous Improvement Unit that introduced all of us to the Lean program.

As explained during training sessions, the goal was to begin to formalize the "Lean Thinking" which has been in use at the command level for quite some time. Each ISP employee has been empowered to seek and destroy waste from every process in the department where it can be found.

Lieutenant Mike Lepper is in charge of the Continuous Improvement Section, and since its inception they have saved tax payers \$326,697. A lot of these savings were from going paperless or switching to electronic forms. Not only does this save money for paper and ink, it saves man hours in the handling and delivery of forms.

An example of this was going to an electronic on line trooper application process. This alone saved Human Resources \$266,000. Just going to electronic pay stubs for employees saved another \$24,700. Lt. Lepper will tell you the Lean concept is a continuous process.

According to Lt. Lepper "You can't put the Lean program on cruise control just because of some successes. We have to continue to question our processes and even revisit our successes to continue to improve. It is our responsibility as public employees to always be looking for ways to stream line our operations and save tax payer dollars."

Science Helping Crash Reduction

As I write this Indiana has had fewer fatalities this year than last. We continue to use statistics, traffic counts and times of crashes to laser direct our enforcement efforts. Never before in our history have we used such precise information to direct precise traffic enforcement to individual roads, and so far it appears to be working.

It's gotten to where if you see one of us on a traffic stop, it's probably because you are traveling on a high crash roadway during a high crash time. The same goes for operating while intoxicated. We send our troopers to areas at times when most impaired driving crashes and arrests occur.

Now we know we can't prevent all crashes; but through the use of the stats we can go to where and when the crashes are occurring, which makes the program an ever changing one. Captain Brad Weaver and First Sergeant Mike Nichols give us monthly statistical reports so we can update and redirect our efforts. I also look up every fatal crash in our district each month and list it on a series of county maps in our post's squad room.

I hate putting up a new pin on our maps and listing a new name. We list a name with each pin because to us it is someone's loved one that lost their life-not just another stat. We also want our troops to see and read this each time they come into the Pendleton Post. Crash Reduction is noble effort; if we can save one family from going through the pain and loss of a loved one, then it is all worth it.

The strange thing is the causes of crashes remain the same; following too closely, failure to yield, disregarding a stop sign or automatic signal and speed. Keep these factors in mind as you drive. Make sure to keep at least two seconds between you and the vehicle you are following. ALWAYS come to a complete stop and make sure you look each way TWICE before pulling out at intersections. Be careful out there-I don't want to put up anymore names.

Look, Listen, and Live

The majority of collisions between trains and motor vehicles involve trains traveling 35 mph or less. In approximately 25 percent of all highway-rail grade crossing crashes, the motor vehicle strikes the train, which is already passing through the crossing. Nearly two-thirds of all crossing crashes occur during daylight hours where the crossing is equipped with an automatic warning device. These crashes are a result of driver inattention.

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Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by PIO Gary Catron

Wood Wisdom

Indiana Conservation Officers investigate a variety of complaints. Naming only a few, we are expected to deal with hunting, fishing and boating complaints and investigations. Investigations by Conservation Officers may be unaware of are those relating to the commercial timber industry.

A bit of information, from the IDNR website about the significance of Indiana's timber industry:

Approximately 190,000 private landowners own approximately 87% of the timberland in Indiana. In 2008, 3.9 million acres of timberland was classified as "private" ownership.

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Sgt. Mark Richter at the 2010 Indiana State Fair at the IHEA booth pellet gun range. (Photo by Gary Catron)

The Indiana forest products industry employs more than 50,000 people with most of the industry concentrated in the southern half of the state. (Source - 2006 Economic Census)

- Indiana ranks 9th nationally in total lumber production and third in hardwood lumber production. (Source - 2009-2010 Directory of Professional Foresters)

- The 2005 Timber Products Output survey determined there were 236 primary mills in Indiana. Primary mills are those mills that use logs as their primary raw material to produce various forest products.

- Indiana forest products industry is the 6th largest industry in Indiana. (Source - 2009-2010 Directory of Professional Foresters)

Created in 1972, Indiana's Licensed Timber Buyers Program administers the timber buyer licensing law. These laws, specific to the timber industry, were sponsored by the forest products industry to reduce the occurrences of timber thefts that were a growing problem. Some of the issues the Timber Buyer Licensing Law addresses are the licensing of timber buyers and their agents, accurate accounting and recording of timber purchased, cutting timber not purchased and fraudulent actions connected to these activities.

Timber complaints received by conservation officers aren't always the result of violations of Indiana timber laws or nefarious actions like fraud, theft or corrupt business influence on the part of a buyer. Quite often complaints are the product of the timber grower and the timber buyer simply not being on the same page in regards to their expectations. A bit of homework by the timber grower before agreeing to the sale of timber will help alleviate potential problems.

When considering selling timber, a grower should consult a professional forester to aid in proper selection and marketing of their timber. A forester will also take into consideration what is best for the growth of the remaining timber. This will pay dividends in the end.

Once timber volume is properly estimated

interested licensed timber buyers should be contacted. This can be done by advertising the sale through the media or making direct contact. If a substantial amount of timber is being sold, a sealed bid sale is the preferred method for a landowner to use. Owners should specify that they maintain the right to accept or deny the bids they receive. A contract is a must once a bid is accepted. It is somewhat standard procedure for the grower to be paid in

full at the time the contract is signed when timber is marketed in this manner.

In addition to all the basics a contract is expected to contain, it should also include any special clauses addressing landowner concerns. This greatly aids getting the grower/seller on the same page with the buyer. A few concerns to address might be designation of access points or locations. Remember, there will be heavy equipment used in the timbering process. Define log landing areas. Logs are usually staged at particular locations prior to being loaded and hauled out. Remaining treetops may be a point to consider. Some timber growers do not wish the remaining tops left where they fall but would rather they be deposited at certain locations. Any wet or gully areas crossed will undoubtedly result in erosion concerns. Post-harvest damage abatement issues can also be addressed in a contract. Reseeding of areas may be necessary to control future erosion. If the time of year in which the logging operation will take place is a concern, this too should be spelled out explicitly in the contract.

The IDNR has a great deal of information available to assist landowners in the development of sound timber growing practices and selling timber. This information and a listing of licensed timber buyers visit: www.dnr.IN.gov/forestry.

Fair-weather Time

The next page on my calendar has the dates August 5-21 highlighted. These are the dates for the 2011 Indiana State Fair. Surely you can find 1 day of these 17 to plan a visit with your family to our great fair! While at the fair be sure and spend some time at the DNR building and grounds. Not only will one find information, demonstrations and exhibits about 'all things DNR', there are activities to enjoy as well. Indiana Conservation Officers and outdoor education staff will be happy to have you test your marksmanship on a pellet gun shooting range.

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Bob Boytim, owner of Boytim Charter Service on Lake Erie showing Benjamin how to bait his hook to catch the big ones. (Photo by Rich Creason)



Benjamin holding a sheepshead he caught in Lake Erie, Bob Boytim on left congratulating him on his first catch. (Photo by Susie Creason)

Outdoors



With Rich Creason

Fishing Lake Erie with Charter Captain Bob Boytim

Several months ago Ray Dickerson, The Gadabout, told me to call Bob Boytim, owner of Boytim Charter Service on Lake Erie, in February to schedule a fishing trip out on Lake Erie with them. Boytim Charter Service fishes the western and central basins of Lake Erie Ohio and Canadian waters out of Marblehead, Ohio. Brothers Bob and Lyle Boytim and Bob's son, Ned, operate the charter service with many decades of service, each a long time holder of a U.S.C.G. Operator's license. I contacted Bob and we set a date for June 19 for my wife and I to come to Ohio. Bob informed me he could handle six anglers on his boat if we wanted to bring anyone with us. We decided to take Benjamin, our daughter Angi, and son-in-law Paul. Angi has fished big waters for big fish since she was four and started fighting walleye, northern pike, and smallmouth bass, in northwest Ontario. We decided it was time to give Benjamin a chance.

We booked a room at the Lake Point Motel in Marblehead for the night before our charter. When we arrived, we met owners Keith and Beth Lehnen and found Keith used to be a member of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers. For info on their business, go to www.lakepointmotel.com or call 419-798-4684.

When we checked in, I asked where there was a good family restaurant in the area. They immediately recommended the Galley, just a mile or so down the road. An excellent choice! The special was Bar



Benjamin taking a break from fighting Lake Erie fish. (Photo by Rich Creason)

B Que ribs (my choice). Susie picked the walleye dinner and stated it was the best walleye she had ever eaten in a restaurant. (Nothing beats a walleye shore lunch!) While we waited for our meal, we noticed a bunch of painted rocks around the room. A poster explained these rocks were a project by local school children. On the back of each rock, a label was attached with the artist's name and age, and directions to "Adopt a Rock". The label indicated the new owner should take a picture of the rock somewhere in their hometown where the location can be identified, such as a city limits sign. Then, you are supposed to send the picture to a website on the rock label so the class will know where their creations have traveled.

Next morning, at 6 AM, we pulled into Shrock's Marina where all three of the Boytim boats are docked. We were going out with Bob on his 28' Bertram boat named the "Anna" after his mother. Their other two boats are 32 footers named the "Emily K" and the "Bethanne" also named after family members. Bob helped us stow our gear and we headed out for our Lake Erie adventure.

During the 45 minute ride to our destination, we crossed the dark blue line painted on the water (and the maps) which designated the U.S./Canada border. This line is hard to see when the water is rough as it was that day. I think a fluorescent orange would show up better, but they didn't ask me. We finally arrived on the lee side of Pelee Island so we could

avoid a lot of the wind. Twenty feet below us, on the mud flat bottom, I think I could just barely see the big X which marked the spot we would begin fishing.

Susie had the first line in the water. We were drifting and she had an Erie Dearie lure trailing a whole nightcrawler. Before it hit the bottom, she had a huge hit and began bringing Moby Dick to the boat. When the fish reached the boat, we saw it wasn't a whit whale, but a tremendous walleye which would go nine to ten pound! She has a nine pounder on the wall at home, so we know what one that size looks like. As she was leading it to the net, it made one last lunge and broke the line. Since we were using 14 pound test line, I checked and found it had broken where the knot was tied to the hook eye. We re-rigged her pole while everyone else hurried to get their lures in the water.

Benjamin was next with a fish on. Benjamin, our five year old grandson, was firmly holding his fishing pole which had a strap looped around the reel and then snapped on to his belt in case he let go. This was his first big fishing trip and Lake Erie was much bigger than the two farm ponds he had previously fished.

As usual, he was jabbering away about every-

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Boytim Charter Service owners from left to right: Lyle, Bob and Ned Boytim holding really nice walleye caught in Lake Erie. (Boytim Charter Service Photo)



Joe Coffing Group from Monticello, IN caught these fishing with Boytim Charter Service. (Boytim Charter Service Photo)



Boytim Charter Service fishing boats from left to right, 28' Bertram boat named the "Anna" after Bob's mother, 32' BHM boat named Emily-K and 32' BHM boat named Bethanne. All three boats are docked at Schrock's Marina at 8725 East Northshore Blvd. at Marblehead, OH. (Boytim Charter Service Photo)

thing when he hollered, "Whoa! Whoa! Somethings on my line!" I was on one side of him and Paul, his dad, was on the other side. We were both ready to grab his rod if he let go. No chance! His fingers were wrapped so tight I don't think any fish could pull it from him while he was cranking the reel handle. After a few seconds, he got the rhythm down. Unfortunately, the fish wasn't cooperating. He was pulling line out instead of letting it come in. He (the fish) finally tired and our young angler brought it to the boat. It turned out to be about an eight pound

sheepshead which, while not edible, was still a great fighter and by far the biggest catch of Benjamin's young fishing career. We took pictures and released it back to fight again.

We would catch a few fish, both walleye and sheepshead, then the action would stop. Bob would fire up the motor and take us back to the X and we would start our drift through the productive area again.

During the slow times, I talked to Bob about his life growing up in Marblehead. He explained how he and Lyle started taking fishing charters out for the local parish priest to make money for church functions. Ned came along and eventually joined them in the business. Then, we would hear someone yell, "I got one!" and we would have to get back to catching fish.

Slowly, we continued adding walleye to the livewell. We were getting closer to our limit of six per person. Most of them were nice fish, running from three to seven and a half pounds. Our biggest problem was the sheepshead were competing with the walleye for our worms. But, no complaining. They were fun to catch. I think Benjamin preferred catching the sheepshead because they were better fighters than the walleye.

Unfortunately, Bob said our time was up and we had to head back toward the marina. When we arrived, he piloted the boat up to the dock like he had

done it thousands of times before—which he had. He warned us to be careful walking on the pier after being on the rocking boat for eight hours. We were definitely wobbly for a few minutes. We loaded the gear back into our vehicles and followed Bob to one of their local fish cleaning locations to process our walleye.

If you would like to schedule a quality walleye trip on Lake Erie, contact Boytim Charter Service at 877-798-5445 or visit their website at www.wall-eye.com/boytim.htm. The best walleye times are April thru October. The Boytim's also charter bass and perch trips. Best bass are July-September while the perch run August thru October.

Benjamin asked me if we could go perch fishing with "Mr. Bob". I think that can probably be scheduled in the near future.

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Editor's Note: I talked to Bob Boytim, today, July 9, 2011 and he said the perch fishing right now was great and will get even better going into August. He indicated that the walleye and smallmouth bass fishing was good too. He said the smallmouth fishing is best in Canada near Pelee island. They use crawfish when fishing for them. To schedule a fishing trip with Boytim Charter Service check out his ad on page 8 in this issue.

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Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

The August Sky

The beauty of an August Sky, so blue, with puffy white clouds forming all kinds of shapes in the sky.

You have all read about my friend Thunder, the player of Native Flutes. Recently I received a message from him saying that one of his good friends had crossed over into the Spirit Land. He wrote the following piece Honoring her. He also played an Honoring Song for her. I am including his words and will try to include his Flute Song for those of you who have sound.

Thunder's Honoring Song (for Starlite)

<http://soundclick.com/share.cfm?id=10719462>

When you hear the Thunder, remember me, for I am playing my honoring song:

Thankful for the rain
Thankful for all the wonders of Earth
Mother and the gifts the Creator has
giving us

Honoring the people that I love
Honoring my friends who are now on
the Spirit Path

Remembering what joy and wonderful
memories they all have given me, and
the many lessons I have learned from
them.

Many different feathers blow in the
wind, and all of our flute songs honor
the Creator. My heart sings and my
flute cries out to my friends, to the people
I love, to all my beloved people on
their spirit journey.

I honor you with this, my song.

When I think of late summer I think of the geese
over by the lake flying in formation across the full
moon and I hear the night bird's call sitting on my
porch smoking my pipe. It is a time for meditating or
remembering what has gone before. Take a bit of
time one of these summer nights. Go outside or take
a walk. Take the time to listen to the sounds, the
crickets, tree frogs, night bird calls or just the
silence. Look for the moon and if your lucky and it
is full you might be doubly lucky and see the geese
fly across it. Then is the time to thank the Creator
for your blessings.

OLD CHIEF SAYS: Something that is worth
doing, is worth doing well. ■

The Order of Red Men



by Malcolm Greene

The Improved Order of Red Men
Greetings Brothers!

Coming up **July 29-31** we will gather at
Arlington National Cemetery which is an annual
ceremony to honor our soldiers and all brave Americans
who have fallen in battle to protect our freedom. Our
chiefs will also place wreaths at the tomb of the
Unknown Soldier who gave his life defending our
great nation and the values we cherish.

This past April there was an Alzheimer's Gala
(national charity event) held in Washington D.C. At
this event we were challenged by the Joseph
Fineberg Foundation which would match our donations
dollar for dollar for funds donated by the 30th
of June. Nationwide we received contributions of
\$60,000 plus which now becomes over \$120,000 for
Alzheimer's Research.

Today there are more than 5.4 million Americans
living with Alzheimer's including as many as
500,000 individuals under the age of 65. By mid-
century there could be as many as sixteen million
Americans with the disease. Alzheimer's is the
nation's sixth leading cause of deaths and a disease
that devastates millions of families across our country.
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Walks to end Alzheimer's is a movement to reclaim
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Locally, our Miami Tribe meets in Richmond at
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our meeting at 6:45 P.M. and is quenched at approximately
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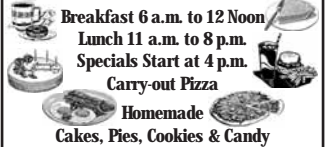
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HOW TO COOK PERFECT EGGS RAY'S WAY AS TAUGHT TO THE BOY SCOUTS

I often watch boys and grownups alike cooking eggs over blazing campfires and then turning out half burnt/half raw greasy blackened eggs onto their plates. It's hard to keep from gagging when I watch them eat those burnt offerings to the campfire gods. I'm not a culinary arts chef but I know enough to not turn out that kind of food. Don't get me wrong; I used to cook that way back when I first started camping as a Boy Scout. I'm glad our Scoutmaster was a doctor who had the foresight to bring along a bottle of Turns and I'm grateful that my Mom took the time to teach me how to fry an egg. Over the years I have developed ways to teach Boy Scouts how to cook Mr. McCune's way or to you grownups, Ray's Way. Follow the instructions and good luck.

COOKING INSIDE OR ON A STOVE COOKING OVER A CAMPFIRE

Nonstick skillet, Cast iron skillet, Lid for skillet, Lid or makeshift lid, Eggs, Pam spray, a teaspoon of oil, or a little bacon grease, Salt & Pepper to taste

EGGS - SUNNY SIDE UP

Turn stove burner on low and warm up the skillet with a little oil in it. Pour off oil. Crack eggs into skillet and put the lid on. Check after a minute or two. Take eggs out and put them on a serving plate as soon as the white is cooked. The yolk should be soft and runny.

EGGS - OVER EASY WITHOUT TURNING THEM OR BREAKING THE YOLK

Leave eggs in skillet a little longer, with the lid on, until the yolk forms a white coating and then take them out

and put them on a plate for serving. The yolk should still be soft and just right for sopping or dipping with toast.

EGGS - COOKED HARD

Leave eggs in skillet with lid on until yolk is barely soft or completely hard depending on your taste. Eggs cooked this way are perfect for sandwiches.

EGGS - USING A CAMPFIRE OR CHARCOAL

When cooking eggs using a campfire, never cook over open flames. Wait till the fire bums down and cook over the hot coals or rake hot coals off to the side to cook. Heat up a cast iron skillet, with a little oil in the bottom. Set skillet off to the side, break eggs into the skillet, put on lid or cover skillet with a large cutting board or aluminum foil, and cook eggs as described above. Kiss those burnt, greasy, fried eggs with broken yolks goodbye forever. Use Ray's Way the next time you're Kookin' 'round your Kampfire.

HINT: Eggs seem to taste better if served on a warm plate and never break eggs on the edge of a skillet - hit them flat on a hard surface like a cutting board or a picnic table. You will be less likely to break the yolks this way and you should be able to put the two shell halves completely back together. This way you can see if any pieces of the shell are missing.

Try these ideas when it's your turn to do the kookin' at your next kampfire. ■

News From The Indiana State Police

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This ends another month's installment. Please be careful out there and pay attention to your driving. Do a better job of increasing following distance and stopping and looking at stop signs and stop lights. I truly hate putting a new black pin and name on our district map. Thanks for allowing all of us to serve all of you, take care of yourself and your families, and we shall talk again next month. ■

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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

A NEW MEGA-SALMON?

Twenty-some years ago Dr. Howard Tanner, one of the pioneers involved with putting salmon in the Great Lakes, embarked on another quest. His plan was to zap the zygotes of chinook salmon in a hatchery to imbue them with a second set of chromosomes. The result would be or perhaps "would have been" is a better term, Great Lakes chinoks growing to 40, 50, maybe 100 pounds.



Is a giant salmon like this one possible in the future for the Great Lakes? Photo by Capt. Mike Schoonveld)

The thesis was these altered fish, called triploid, would never become sexually mature. So instead of growing eggs or sperm in their 4th summer of life, storming the pier heads in September and then heading up the stream or river to spawn and die, they'd just continue swimming around the lakes, slurping up alewives growing bigger and bigger and....no one knows how the story would have ended.

Tanner's triploid chinook program turned into a bust. A few ended up in Lake Michigan, a few ended up on the lines of anglers, but none of them 5 or 6 or 8 year old mega-kings.

The plan failed because the number of salmon, especially the alewife-eating king salmon in Lakes Michigan and Huron, were already doing a stalwart job of gobbling up the available alewives. Too good, some say, and when the amount of food diminished in the lakes, the fish became stressed and an epidemic of bacterial kidney disease swept through the salmon population.

The triploid program came to an abrupt end. Most of the T-Kings in the lake probably died from BKD which explains why no 60 or 70 pounders ever showed up. More importantly, if dwindling food supplies for Great Lakes salmon was a problem, stocking additional triploids would have added to the problem.

When you go to a restaurant or shop at a market for farm-raised salmon, there's a 99% chance the slab of salmon on display is Atlantic salmon, not coho, king or another of the Pacific species. For some reason, Atlantic's were easier to adapt to the aquaculture industry.

Now, there's word scientists working for the fish farming industry are trying to legalize growing genetically altered Atlantic salmon which will grow faster and or larger. The decision about whether to allow these GMOs (genetically modified organisms) to be marketed for human consumption is being mulled over by the Food and Drug Administration.

Making an Atlantic salmon a triploid wouldn't do the job the fish farmers want. Triploids don't grow faster, just larger--and the aquaculturists aren't necessarily after a larger fish. What the eggheads are doing to the salmon eggs at

AquaBounty Technologies is actually genetic engineering. They are adding a growth hormone gene from a Chinook salmon to the DNA of the Atlantic salmon, as well as another gene from a fish called the ocean pout, which makes the fish grow in cold water. The genetically engineered salmon grow twice as fast as a normal salmon.

If the FDA gives it's approval, this will be the first GMO animal available for human consumption. Most of us already eat plenty of GMO grains and vegetables. Therein lies the rub.

When soybeans, corn and other crops were genetically altered to make them resistant to certain herbicides, insects and diseases, the FDA determined no special label was required alerting consumers the product contained a genetically altered ingredient unless the ingredient was different in its nutritional properties from its non-GMO counterpart. What's good for the sprout is good for the fish, argues the fish-farming industry. But the FDA appears to be looking for a way around their policy and either ban GMO fish or at least make producers add an advisory label to each package.

Me? I'll continue to get my salmon from the Great Lakes. But I don't believe gene science is all evil. The time may come when a little snip here and there in the DNA of Great Lakes fish will make the difference in boom or bust.

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Outdoors Tales



by Phil Junker

White goose back after absence

For the second spring, the mystery of the white goose continues.

Last spring, I began watching a mysterious natural happening on the lake behind the house. It has all the drama of a TV reality show. (Well, not as crazy or Jersey Shore).

Every spring for the past several years, I've watched the annual ritual of Canada geese raising their young. In late winter or very early spring, the local flocks of geese begin to break into pairs. They mate for life.

Next comes nesting season. Soon the cute, fuzzy baby goslings begin to appear with the protective Mom and Dad. When they take to the water in the lake behind the house, one adult leads the procession and one follows with the youngsters trailing the lead goose in a straight line. There usually are six to eight babies.

Over the course of the next month or so, some of the youngsters grow rapidly. Others just disappear, apparently falling victim to turtles, dogs, coyotes, and other animals. That's nature.

Early last year, when the adult geese broke up into pairs, something unusual happened (I wrote about it last year in the Gad-a-bout).. Daily, I began to see a threesome, and what made it even more unusual, one member of the trio was a snow white goose.

My assumption is the white goose is a domestic variety goose that came

from somewhere in the local Putnam County area, and was accepted by the flock. It appears to be the same size as the rest of the Canada's. It has a yellow orange beak, and I'd guess it is not an albino. My guess may be wrong.

The trio hatched a half dozen youngsters, and all looked like the rest of the Canada babies on the lake. There was no evidence of the white goose's coloration in the goslings.

For a while the three adults swam with the youngsters. Then one day, one of the adult Canada's was no longer with the family. One Canada and the white goose finished raising the young.

The young grew to adult size and the pairs and youngsters rejoined as a flock. The white goose seemed to be a full-fledged member.

I'm left to ponder, where did the white goose come from, is it an albino, why was it accepted by the pair, did it mate with a Canada, what happened to the third adult.

But then late last summer or early fall, the white goose suddenly disappeared. At least I didn't see it before cold weather arrived.

Much to my surprise, the white goose is back with two adult Canada's and about six youngsters--now almost fully grown.

I doubt this mystery ever will be solved, but it has been fascinating and enjoyable watching it unfold. At least for now, he (or maybe it is she) is again part of a family.

And, I'm hooked. I'll continue to watch the drama. It's better than TV.

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WACKY BRITISH -- A story on the front page of a daily newspaper about the Fourth of July espoused "There is nothing for most of us to celebrate and this anniversary" due to the poor economy.

The economy is lousy and no reason for glee for many. We all hope it will improve.

However, for an old timer like me drinking coffee by the campfire, the story brought a different thought to mind. For me, the holiday is still Independence Day. It is about freedom and independence. Freedom to improve our lot in life.

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For the second spring, a white goose has returned to the lake behind my house with a pair of Canada geese to raise a new family. A pair usually raises a family, not a trio. (Photo by Phil Junker)

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Hardy Lake Dedication, September 25, 1974, Alpha Ramp. Left to Right speakers included: Richard Boening (Chairman of Indiana State Hwy Commission), Joe Cloud, Director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources; Bruce F. Hardy, Governor Otis R. Bowen and Mr. Waggoner, Secretary of Indiana State Highway Commission (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Alpha Ramp at Hardy Lake June 16, 2011, location of Hardy Lake dedication on September 25, 1974.

Remembering Bruce Hardy 1895 to 1981

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson
Reprinted & condensed from *Whitewater Valley & Gad-a-bout* publications Nov 1974 to Jun 1977

On June 16, 2011 as I was delivering the July issue in southern Indiana I saw the sign, "Hardy Lake" and at the last moment turned down SR 203, I guess I was going to Hardy Lake.

I parked at the Alpha Ramp parking lot and walked to the water, boy it was sure hot that day. As I stood there on the ramp my mind wandered back to the first time I stood on that ramp, September 11, 1974.

Nov/Dec 1974 *Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout* Hardy Lake Dedication

On that day, Sept. 11, 1974, I was traveling through that area trying to find locations to put the then, *Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout*, in any store I could talk into selling it for me. (The *Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout*, later renamed *Outdoor Gad-a-bout* was a maga-

zine I created in 1973 and discontinued it in 1978.)

In Austin, IN a storekeeper told me I should go to Hardy Lake. I asked her, "how far away was it?" She replied, "Only about 8 miles." Carol Stivers in the Hardy Lake property managers office directed me to the Pioneer Village store at the jct of SR 203 and 256 as a likely place to leave my magazine.

Before going to Pioneer Village I headed for the Alpha Ramp to take some photos before going on to Seymour. I started to leave when I was intercepted by an older gentleman and another man. The older one asked, "Where are you from and what did I think about the lake?" I told him I thought it was nice and looked like a good place to fish and boat. The other fellow then remarked, "This is Bruce F. Hardy, the man the lake was named after, and who was directly responsible for pushing the project into existence." He introduced himself as Arthur M. Rucker, State Highway Engineer for the Seymour District.

Mr. Hardy said to me, "you should come back on the 25th of September for the dedication ceremony at the lake." I told him I would if possible, I gave him a copy of my magazine. I left Hardy Lake, stopped at the Pioneer Village store, then finished my route.

On Friday, September 12, I received an invitation from Bruce F. Hardy to attend the Dedication Luncheon at Scottsburg, Governor Otis R. Bowen was to be the guest speaker to honor Mr. Hardy and his endeavors.

On Wednesday, September 25, there I was at the Ramada Inn in Scottsburg at my very first ever luncheon. I was as nervous as a jay bird in the midst of herd of hungry foxes. I stood in line where everyone else was, figuring they knew what they were doing. The lady who was checking the names couldn't find mine, so she turned to Mr. Hardy for recognition, he told her to write it down as he had invited me.

I went into the luncheon room, it was almost empty. Trying to look inconspicuous and hold up the wall at the same time I recognized the gentleman who had been standing in the line behind me.



The late Bruce F. Hardy relaxing in his living room during my visit with him on November 26, 1974.



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Honorable guests attending the Hardy Lake dedication, September 15, 1974. L to R: Bruce F. Hardy, Beatrice Hammond, Dr. Wendell S. Arbuckle and Governor Otis R. Bowen. (State Highway Photo)

I walked over to him and asked, "what do we do now?" He looked inquisitively at me and said, "I don't know, this is my first luncheon back here in Indiana."

Our conversation developed into a very rewarding experience, the gentleman's name was Dr. Wendell S. Arbuckle.

As more guests arrived I recognized Jack Costello from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) followed by Governor Otis R. Bowen, Joe Cloud DNR Director, Bruce F. Hardy and Richard A. Boening chairman of the Indiana State Highway Commission.

David L. Waggoner, Secretary Indiana State Highway Commission introduced the guests and instructed all those going to the lake to stay together, a label from the American Beauty Canning Co. was provided to mark all cars for the procession.

The Governor led the procession riding with an Indiana State Trooper who got us there quickly!

At the dedication ceremony Mr. Waggoner began by telling about how Mr. Hardy had set up camp outside their office in Indianapolis while convincing them the importance of his project, which was to get water available for their dry and waterless part of Indiana, and roads to reach it.

Joe Cloud was introduced, he too had become used to seeing Mr. Hardy waiting to see him about

his project. He jokingly referred to his camping outside his door too.

Richard A. Boehning was introduced. He too referred to Mr. Hardy's frequent trips to Indianapolis to convince them to get the job done, and the importance of it to the people of Scott County.

Governor Otis R. Bowen was then introduced. His opening statement was to the effect that Mr. Hardy had since moved his camp outside his door. Everyone laughed at this, and he proceeded to tell about his friendship and honor in knowing Mr. Hardy and the importance of Hardy Lake. He also noted that Joe Cloud was doing a tremendous job as Director of the DNR for the entire state of Indiana.

The guest of honor was then introduced, Bruce F. Hardy, benefactor, staunch supporter, and grass roots innovator of the reservoir to dam Quick Creek to form the third largest lake in Indiana (at the time). Originally the lake was named Quick Creek Reservoir. John A. Hillibrand II, chairman of the Natural Resource Commission recommended it be changed to Hardy Lake. He said of Mr. Hardy, "He was a bulldog on the project."

During Mr. Hardy's talk about his lake project, he stopped long enough recognize a guest who had flown in from Maryland that same morning to be at



Bruce F. Hardy accepts the 1976 Hoosier Buffalo Rider "Conservationist of the Year" award from Joseph Cloud, Director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, standing at left was Chairman of the NRC, John Hillenbrand II. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)



Bruce F. Hardy smiling broadly after accepting the "Conservationist of the Year" award at the Annual Meeting of the Hoosier Buffalo Riders, June 12, 1976. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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From left to right, Jim Eubank, Brenda Eubank, Sherry Dickerson and me. We are standing in Jim and Brenda's living room. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

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Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCorry

Our Last Teen Camping Report for a While

Recently El and I were at an environmental meeting just north of our home. A lady introduced herself and said she had been on a cave/camping trip with me back in the early 60's while a student in the high school in which I taught. One of the things she remembered was the fact that I had gotten a long way ahead of the group in the cave. I had actually hidden in a connecting passageway a few meters from them to see how they would react. I turned off my carbide lamp and waited. They were yelling for me, crying about being lost and that I'd probably fallen in a crevice in the cave. When I appeared suddenly, they eventually laughed but it took them a while to trust me again.

On another late winter cave/camp trip we chose to enter a cave at one end and take the several hundred foot passage to the exit which actually was the entrance to another cave. At this exit we had to submerge ourselves a few seconds and go under ledge to the outside, of course, getting soaked. We then had to walk the long distance up the road to where we had parked the vans. The weather was subfreezing, and one girl was approaching hypothermia. We all changed our wet clothing in a nearby park restroom and hurried back to Fort Wayne with the girl wrapped in blankets. No camping that night. This was probably the scariest trip

we'd had. On other trips to the same cave system in earlier years the temperatures were in the 60's and 70's and no one chilled.

Probably the most frightened I ever became (without the students knowing it) was on the long trip back from Florida one Spring Break. We were approaching Atlanta and either a straight line wind of 80 or 90 miles per hour or a small tornado approached suddenly and without any warning from the local authorities. We darted in under an overpass near the Atlanta airport on I-75. Planes were being called in seemingly just seconds apart. We could see that the winds were blowing down electric lines up on the highway and blue sparks were lighting up the nighttime sky. The kids were really scared and we couldn't call El in the other van since she and her CB were out of range (or something else had happened). When the winds subsided, we drove on through Atlanta with just the headlights of automobiles lighting up the city. Electricity was out everywhere but our lights would beam on a lot of damage which had been done by the wind. We saw all types of items and debris that had blown up against buildings and a lot was hanging from trees. But where was El and her van load? We kept calling on the CB but no answer. A few other drivers in vehicles with CB's said they'd watch for the other van that I described. El's group had stopped in North Atlanta and had eaten at a McDonalds and then traveled on up to Allatoona Lake to the Clark Creek South camp ground near Cartersville where we had reservations. They, of course were given a site and told the caretaker we were probably on our way. About two hours later we drove in and got settled in for the night. All the kids wanted to tell their stories and reactions to the weather.

El had her left knee replaced in May and is on the mend so we can do more outings, especially ones where there is a lot of walking to do. The key to any orthopedic surgery we've heard is whatever exercises can be done for a couple of weeks prior to the surgery, keep going on whatever exercises the surgeons and physical therapists tell you to do right after the operation, and continue for weeks and months afterward so that scar tissue doesn't build up and cause any type of atrophy in the area of operation. Being the designated coach, I'm trying to keep her on the ball so we don't have to sit at home and watch TV. Life's too short to let it slip by so soon. I don't think we'll be playing soccer or tackle football with the grandkids though.

If you have any questions about camping or something you'd like us to write about related to camping call us at 260-637-3524 or e-mail us at:

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It's hard to believe the suggestions about topics we have ahead for the winter. Examples are: Several of our family trips, our 89 day camping trip to Europe, camping in New Zealand, what you can or can't see from the Interstates, having trouble with your rig on route to or from desti-

nations, etc. Keep suggestions coming. We like to keep our mind active and maybe enlighten readers about some of our experiences.

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by Dan Graves

Sometimes I Hate Fishing

Everyone has one of those days occasionally, when everything you touch either breaks, won't start, or falls on your foot. Even the dog senses your mood and snaps at you. Those are the days I call being "snake bit". I can understand being snake bit when I try to change the oil on a car or the zipper gets stuck on my favorite pair of pants, but a day spent fishing should be relaxing and trouble free.

Right?

Well, I've learned that you're never exempt from getting your line wrapped around the prop on the trolling motor or getting snagged on the one underwater stump of a tree that fell sometimes during the period that marked the fall of the Roman Empire. But those should be rare exceptions and happen only once in a life time. I'm not implying that these things happen only to me, because I've talked to other fishermen who have experienced similar incidents, although I'm the only one so far to hook a petrified tree stump. But, after this summer, so far, I'm positive that the gremlins are out to get me. The little rats have decided to leave the other fishermen on the lake alone and concentrate all their efforts on me.

While fly fishing off a neighbors dock, I've managed to leave more than one fly hooked in an American flag he has flying beside the dock. I'm as patriotic as anyone, but I'm considering asking if he would mind flying the flag at half mast (hopefully) memory of the fish I'm about to catch instead of being hooked in a flag. Fly fishermen are always aware of what's behind them to avoid snagging on the back cast and I'm no exception. However, it seems that whenever I would check the wind to see which way the flag was fluttering, the wind would shift the moment I brought the line over my shoulder. There is no reasonable explanation for that other than gremlins.

Even though those flies cost a buck-and-a-half apiece, they were nothing when compared to spinning reels and rods. I admit that these

past three summers since we moved to the lake were the first time in many years I've used spinning equipment. I've previously used fly rods exclusively and have had to be re-trained on spinning gear by Rollin, my fishing partner. He's very patient and always is willing to interrupt his fishing and move the boat to let me retrieve my lure from a boat dock or from a limb fifteen feet above the water. But there are times when the gremlins stretch both our patience, especially when it comes to equipment failure.

Earlier last season while waiting at the dock for Rollin to pick me up, I cast along the shore to limber up like a marathon runner warming up. Suddenly, the back half of my reel came off and fell into the lake. When he pulled up to the dock I was standing there with half a reel while grumbling about gremlins and how much I hated fishing. He assured me that I could retrieve the part later in the fall when the lake level was lowered and that he had plenty of equipment on board for me to use. That fall, with the water level down two feet, I found the part and re-assembled the thing. That is, after I had replaced that reel and then broken six inches off the end of the rod trying to get a lure off the prehistoric stump.

This season hasn't proven to be any different. I have to admit that I haven't invested in high quality equipment but I don't think the gremlins would care whether I am using a Shimano reel or one made by Zebco. I've expanded my inventory to include two Zebco's and an Abu Garcia that worked well until it locked up and Rollin took it home for repairs. Then the Zebco gremlins took over. One persisted in winding the line around the center spindle and locking up. The other one just started falling apart. The top cap would fall off and slide up the line to the first guide. Then the back housing fell off. Meanwhile, Rollin would be catching fish while I threw hissy fits and tried stomping up and down without throwing the boat into a half barrel roll and tossing both of us into the lake. I finally asked Rollin if he would mind if I brought a stick of dynamite aboard and cut it into short pieces to bomb the little buggers instead of having to suffer so much trouble doing it the traditional way. Meanwhile, between repairs, I hooked boat docks, the motor, two trees, and almost snagged a curious duck that showed up to see what all the commotion was about.

The one thing that finally made me believe in gremlins happened after a fishing trip. Dragging all my gear into the garage one evening after a day of few fish and a lot of prime expletives, I opened the door, pushed the rods through and hooked a metal brace that supports the tracks for the rollers on the garage door opener. This thing is seven feet off the floor and has a bunch of three-sixteenth diameter holes in it. The hook on the jig slipped into one of those little holes and refused to come out no matter how much I jiggled the rod tip. It was too far off the floor to reach without a step ladder, so I left the rod dangling from the garage door all night. That was the smart thing to do because by that time I was considering tearing the garage door off and I didn't trust myself not to do it. Don't try to tell me there is no such thing as gremlins.

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by Don Bickel, Forester

If turtle is your menu, read on.....

August, the dog days. And the fishin' ain't easy. It's hot and muggy, the perfect time to get the mak'in' for turtle; fried, stewed or etouffee as Justin Wilson would have done, gar-ran-teed.

The turtle? Why none other than the snapping turtle. He was born mean and stays that way until he ends up on the dining room table, cut up in nice little pieces all cooked brown with gravy and laid on a bed of rice.

Farm ponds would rank high as the best place to secure a turtle dinner. Although, even the owner of any pond might say, "Oh, there's no snapping turtles in that pond. I've never seen one." He or she is probably wrong. Since snappers are seldom spotted laying on a log like the painted turtle, their presence often goes undetected.

Of the various methods to catch turtles, the wire cage suspended by a floating platform is often used. To my thinking, this is a cumbersome, although effective rig. My favorite method is hook and line.

A large hook should be used, a 3/0 to 5/0, regular or short shank. Attach the hook to a 4 to 6 inch wire leader and the leader to a length of nylon cord or 30 to 40 pound monofilament line. The hook, leader and line will then be tied to a float. A one-gallon milk jug works quite well, as the handle provides a place to tie on.

Allow the hook to suspend about 2 to 3 feet below the jug. The bait, a piece of bloody meat - my preference is beef kidney, but liver will suffice. However liver will get soft after a day or so in the water, while the kidney will stay firm. A piece of the meat about 1 inch square allows the hook to be embedded. Beef kidney may be found on some meat counters, but a butchering plant may be the best bet.

One or two floating jugs per acre of pond surface will provide adequate coverage. Check lines every day, a catch is generally signified by a moving float or even one that has been pulled to the shoreline.

From the boat or canoe, pick up the moving milk jug. Channel catfish will also take this type of bait. Whether turtle or catfish, pull it to the side of the boat and lift it by the line or by grabbing the turtle's tail or using a wide mouth dip net. Put the turtle float and all on the floor, watch your feet, that turtle is not happy at this point.

When on shore, cut the line from the wire leader. Don't attempt to remove the hook, you are not as quick as the turtle, guaranteed. Don't turtle fish with

a hook and line unless you intend to kill and eat the turtles caught.

So, you've caught a turtle, maybe more than one. It is said to prepare to butcher a turtle - snapper or soft-shell - you need a sharp knife and a half acre of space. The sharp knife is right, but you can probably get by with a little less real estate.

The turtle must be dispatched as humanely as possible and to my way of thinking, a sharp hatchet and a chopping block is a great combination. The turtle can retract it's head to a point that the neck is not exposed to the ax blade. With a pair of pliers, the lower jaw can be grasped, the head pulled across the block, and with one blow, the turtle is dead.

At this point, don't consider the reptile inactive. A headless turtle can walk away, until the loss of blood renders it incapable of this type of movement. Placing the carcass on it's back for about five minutes will allow the blood to exit through the severed neck.

Many turtle catchers will begin at this point to dismember the turtle. There is still a lot of kick in the carcass and removing the turtle's skin can be a job in itself. My method - cut a small slit about 3/8 to 1/2 inch, in the skin on the lower part of one back leg. Insert the tapered nozzle of an air compressor hose into the slit and give it small bursts of air.

Do this with each leg, the air will stay between the skin and flesh. Don't overdo it. Now the legs are puffed up, so it is time to put the carcass in the freezer. After about four hours for a turtle 10 pounds or less, the muscle action has ceased and the knife work can begin. At this point, the turtle is not frozen, but very cold. For protection of the freezer, put the turtle in a plastic bag and place upside down.

With the chilled turtle on it's a back, remove the feet - claws attached - with a heavy pair of pruning shears. Cut the under shell away from the harder upper shell, by cutting along the line between the two bony shells. Along these two shells, cut away the attached skin.

There is flesh attached to the underside of the cross-shaped shell and once it is removed, the entrails may also be removed and discarded. By the way, turtle liver is said to be a very good catfish bait.

The meat will be removed as eight pieces - the neck; largely white meat, the four legs; dark meat, the tail; if it is a large turtle and the two strips of white loin meat embedded in the shell. I use a sharp wood chisel to break the neck vertebrae away from the connection at the shell. The front legs are attached by muscle and the back legs, as well as the base of the tail must be severed, again using the wood chisel or a strong bladed knife.

When these pieces are removed, the white meat in the shell is exposed and a pair of blunt-nosed nippers or pruning shears may be used to cut the short pieces of rib bones.

Skinning may occur prior to removing the legs, neck and tail or it may be done after each piece is free. The compressed air should have helped loosen the skin. Cut the muscle pieces away from the leg bones and debone the neck.

If the turtle is small, the legs may be separated at

the joints. Rinse the meat pieces in cold water, check for small pieces of remaining skin and the turtle is ready for cooking.

For cooking methods, check through outdoor cookbooks. Our favorite is from Justin Wilson's Cook Book, the recipe is Turtle Etouffee. Wilson was a TV chef of Cajun upbringing.

Editor's Note: Google - Recipes for snapping turtle, I clicked on www.cooks.com, then I typed in Snapping Turtle on the recipe search and got 5 different recipes for snapping turtle. There was several other website choices besides the one I chose. ■



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Jeff and Johanna rebuilt the home entirely from the ground up. They put in the beautiful pond, graded the yard, planted grass, shrubs and trees. At one end of the pond near the entrance driveway Jeff put in layered natural stone which accents your first view of the property very well.

Upper Left: Jeff and Johanna Barlion's beautiful home sitting atop the hill overlooking their pond. Upper Right: Inside their home you can see the rustic cedar woodwork that Jeff has crafted long the ceiling and walls. Lower Left: Jeff installs lake and pond fountains, here he has 3 of them turned on in their pond. Center Right: The porch along the south wall of their home is more of Jeff's cedar woodworking, the posts, roof support, a log shelf and two benches. Lower Right: Inside the south entrance is a wood stove surrounded by a cedar bench, ceiling support and post, plus a clock and gun rack made of wood. Photos by Ray Dickerson)

They built the decking at the back of the home, the stairs down to the pond and decks. Jeff installed several fountains in the pond. The fountains add a sparkle to an already attractive outdoor scene.

Jeff is what we call an entrapeneur, whatever it takes to get the job done, he does it. He is a union electrician, he builds and installs lake and pond fountains, he is an electrical contractor, he does rustic cedar woodwork and custom woodworking. Crafting benches, crossbeams, support beams, fireplace shelves, cedar log furniture and much more. Besides all this Jeff and Johanna buy, sell and trade, you name it.

Jeff and Johanna, have two sons, Shea and Dylan and one daughter, Brooklyn. They attend school in nearby Manchester.

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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Hunting for Fish

As my buddy eased the Stratos bass boat around the corner with the trolling motor, we were both in a state of anticipation as we approached the "fishing hole". Once we reached the hole, we could see several fish cruising around. I was the first one to get my line in the water. Thwack! My arrow bounced off a rock shattering the early morning silence. Yes I did say arrow, but we were not after bass on this day; we were bowfishing for carp!

While it may look and sound a little odd shooting at fish with a bow and arrow, this creative pastime is full of excitement and the sport has really been catching on in recent years, partly due to the explosion in the Asian or Big Head carp throughout the Midwest.

It was early June when the aforementioned trip took place, and it was to be the first of our many bowfishing exploits throughout the years.



Bow fishing shooter at the Hoosier Outdoor Experience. (Outdoor Indiana/DNR Photo by John Maxwell)

Yes, this is a good time of year to actually be doing some "real" fishing, but bowfishing is sure a good way to take a break for awhile when the fishing slows down, or just to try something different. Besides that, bowfishing is a great way to do your part in helping to control the spread of invasive non-native species into our fragile waterways.

In terms of equipment, there are bows, both compound and recurve, made specifically for bowfishing, but if you do not wish to incur the extra expense, using the bow you already have will Nowadays, I prefer to have a separate rig just for

bowfishing, but if you are just starting out, you may choose to go the least expensive route possible.

It does not take much at all to turn your bowhunting setup into a bowfishing setup. For my inaugural trip several years ago, simply screwed on a Zebco bowfishing reel in place of my stabilizer and wire tied my TM Hunter prong style arrow rest up to keep it from falling down under the weight of the heavy fiberglass bowfishing arrow. It wasn't the prettiest set-up, but it worked. There is also a plethora of equipment out there also, but all you really need to get started besides a bow is a bowfishing reel and seat, line and arrows. For around \$100 you can turn your hunting bow into a fish hunting machine. One last, yet very important piece of equipment if you are chasing your quarry during daylight hours is a pair of polarized sunglasses. They can be just the ticket and make the difference between spotting your prey or not

As for places to try your hand at bowfishing, almost anywhere can provide action at the right



Left: Spending tons of cash on bowfishing equipment isn't a requirement. As you can see, with a few simple modifications, your hunting rig can be set up to bowfish. Right: There's hardly a more exciting way to spend a summer night or day than plinking at rough fish with stick and string. (Photos by Joe Martino)

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IDNR Aquatic Biologist Brant Fisher boating on the W. Fork of White River near Elmore, IN, jumping Asian Carp nearly hits him. (Outdoor Indiana/IDNR Photo by John Maxwell)



Big Muddy National Wildlife Refuge employees hold Asian carp, (Invasive species), for the camera. (United States Fish & Wildlife Service Photo)

time of year. Probably the most popular method is to slowly patrol shallow coves and bays at night in lakes and reservoirs. The use of spot or flood lights enables you to easily spot fish as they meander along in the shallows. However, simply stalking along creek or river banks in late spring can produce shreds at carp and gar as they cruise the shallows. I have even shot them from small ditches at certain times of the year. The spillway areas below small dams are also a good place to try your hand. Or, you can do what I generally do – take the boat out at daylight and search for them cruising or rolling in the shallow bays and coves. This way, I am coming off the water about the time that the onslaught of skiers and boaters are putting in.

You will be surprised at how easy it is to miss a ten pound carp at a distance of mere feet. This is due to a phenomenon known as the light refraction factor. Because of this factor, the fish you are sighting in on simply is not where your brain tells you it is. This makes it necessary to aim low on fish, generally anywhere from 6-12 inches low, depending on at what angle you are shooting. The closer the shot is to 90 degrees, the less you are required to hold below your target. A good rule of thumb is to start out by aiming about ten inches or

so below the bottom of the fish. You can adjust as you go along.

Probably the newest method of bowfishing – and certainly more challenging – is called aerial bowfishing and involves targeting the Asian big head carp and its close cousin the silver carp as they leap several feet out of the water. As far as I know, Chris Brackett of Peoria, Illinois was the first to guide people on aerial bowfishing adventures in the Midwest as the extremely invasive species began infesting the Illinois River. These fish become startled by the sound of the boats engine, causing them to leap into the air, at times by the dozens. This creates a serious threat of injury to boaters as these fish can easily weigh up to fifty pounds. This is extreme bowfishing, and certainly one of the most enjoyable methods, but don't count on hitting hundreds of these fish in a day. Trying to punch a hole in a fish as its airborne while in a moving boat is no easy task, but it's off the charts on the excitement level. Beware this is a contact sport. You will undoubtedly get smacked on occasion by flying fish.

Thanks, or actually no thanks at all, to the rapid expansion of the big head carp, they are no longer found just in or near the Mississippi River and its main tributaries where they originally escaped

from ships during transport and/or were irresponsibly released into the wild. They now exist in rivers throughout the Midwest and their numbers continue to spread.

Bowfishing is rapidly growing activity in the outdoor lifestyle repertoire, and for good reason! Besides the obvious fun and challenge that it brings to the table, it serves a vital role in attempting to do all we can to try to stop invasive species from proliferating out of control.

So remember, it isn't necessary to spend loads of cash on equipment for bowfishing. Sure, if you are serious about it, the proper boat and equipment might be in order, but if you just want to go out and have a good time and hone your shooting skills, then a few simple modifications will work.

Editor's Note: Silver carp are exotic Asian carp colonizing parts of Mississippi, Illinois, Ohio and Missouri rivers and tributaries, including Indiana Wabash & White rivers. Silver carp sometimes leap from the water to escape danger, such as the noise made from boat motors. For a graphic view of Asian carp jumping from the West Fork of White River log onto the website below. (This information provided by Outdoor Indiana/DNR) <http://www.in.gov/dnr/slides/asiancarp/index.html>

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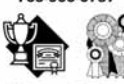
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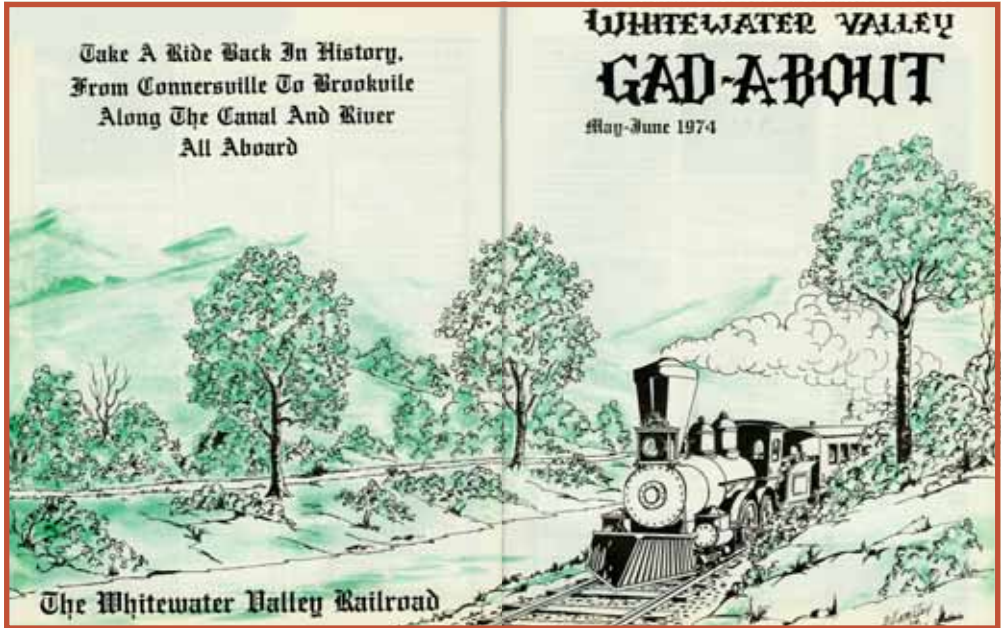


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This picture which was the front and back cover of the May/June 1974 Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout was drawn by Paul Hamilton of Centerville. I told Paul I needed a picture of a steam locomotive that might have been traveling between Connersville and Brookville around 1868 when the original Whitewater Valley Railroad opened for business.

Whitewater Valley Railroad Then & Now

by Ray Dickerson

Reprinted from the

Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout July-August 1974

Then

My wife, Sherry and I was guests aboard this second run of the newly restored train travel from Connersville to Brookville aboard the Whitewater Valley Railroad on May 19, 1974.

Editor's Note: Today the train can only go from Connersville to Metamora. The railroad track beyond Metamora was washed out by floods too devastating to restore.

On May 19, 1974 the Whitewater Valley Railroad made its second official run along the old Whitewater Canal bed, upon which part of the rail rests. This second run was VIP day and guests from all parts of Indiana and southwestern Ohio were aboard. Lieutenant Governor, Robert Orr, as the official guest, was presented with a golden spike similar to the one driven at Promontory Utah when the rail from the east met the rail from the west in days gone by. After an exchange of congratulations and presentations of awards, the immortal words "All Aboard" were given by Lt. Gov. Orr, and every one boarded the train.

The train was to be pulled by a Lima diesel number 25. One hundred and seventy-three passengers were aboard the three coaches, nineteen of whom had never before ridden a train. Shortly, movement was felt as the newly restored tracks shuddered under the weight of the train.

I have been traveling this same route by car for the past five years and had never seen as much scenery as I did this eventful day aboard the train. Sitting in the train coach a new vista unfolded before our eyes. The west fork of the Whitewater River meanders close and away from the track bed as the train slowly travels down the track. A few miles from Connersville we passed over a small creek and first signs of the old canal appeared. Over-grown locks rest as they did back in the 1840's when they were built for the new canal. Shortly, when summer gets into full swing, these out croppings will disappear under the wild growth.

Approaching Laurel, the train slowed and behind us appeared about a dozen cowboys, masked and waving their guns, they followed us on their horses until the train came to a stop. The outlaws tried in vain to convince the conductor, Richard Wilkes, that they wanted aboard the train. Meanwhile, as the train came to a stop, Indians boarded the train and captured a willing victim from the seat close to Lt. Gov. Robert Orr. With all this excitement going on white settlers sneaked aboard and collected money for a worthy cause.

Laurel was left behind, except it seemed we had taken aboard a couple of Indian captives, a chief (the first Indian chief I ever saw with a mustache) and his Indian woman. Once past Laurel and into the safety of the lower Whitewater hills we came upon the longest trestle on the line, where the railroad crosses the Whitewater River. Farther on down the line the train approached the area known as the Laurel Feeder Dam. There a dam stretched across the river, put there to provide water for the canal, as it still does. It is here that the restored portion of the canal begins, and from here on the railroad tracks are bordered on one side by the river and on the other side by the canal.

Traveling on, wildlife could be seen scurrying away, from the approaching train. As each country road was approached, the bell could be heard clanging, and then the familiar toot of the whistle, warning any cars coming on the road. The train slowed as it made its appearance at Metamora, stopping just short of the newly restored grist mill operated by a breast wheel turned by water from the Whitewater Canal. Walter Johnson of the Department of Natural Resources manages this interesting development. In fact, it is through his efforts that this mill is as advanced as it is, a complete story of the mill will appear in the next issue.

After a short stop here, the train moved on towards Brookville. Passing the Mill, passengers got a good look at old Metamora (a nice place to visit)

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On May 19, 1974 the Whitewater Valley Railroad made its second official run, along for the ride was the then Lieutenant Governor Robert D. Orr. Here Orr receives a golden spike from Fred Bunzendahl, Chairman of the Board of the railroad at the time. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

and then see the oldest Aqueduct in Indiana. The Aqueduct is where the canal passes over Duck Creek. Past the Aqueduct is where the only lock still operating on the canal. Located at the lock is the storing area of the Valley Belle a summer attraction boat ride on the canal.

Traveling to Boundary Hill, along the river, it was not uncommon for the passengers to see canoeists in the Whitewater, Indiana's fastest river, a natural for canoe enthusiasts. There are three canoe rentals in the area, and later on the train will pick up canoeists at the canoe rentals and ferry them and their canoes to the Feeder Dam area. The Boundary Hill crossing is extremely interesting to note since the cut through the ridge was done with pick and shovel. It has to be seen to be appreciated.

Once we arrived at Brookville the trip was half over and there was time to get out and stretch your legs while the engine was transferred from the front of the train to the rear for the return trip to Connersville. Upon disembarking from the train coach, one couldn't help but notice that the Brookville Depot is built over the Canal itself. Resting on ties on the other side of the depot is the Baldwin Steam engine number 509, currently being restored back to steam.

The return trip was just as exciting as the trip down, but as an added note that really made the trip

complete, upon our arrival we were greeted by the authentic welcome. During our trip to Brookville, members of the Whitewater Valley Railroad had worked feverishly to get enough steam built up to sound the whistle on the return of the VIP train. The steam engine doing the job was one of the two Heisl steam engines on hand.

On board the train approaching the Connersville Depot someone said, "Is that a steam whistle I heard?" Every one stopped talking and tried to hear above the track and train noise. Sure enough, barely audible, we could hear the shrill screaming of the Heisl Engine. As our car pulled past the steam engine, all passengers, as well as crew, gave a rousing cheer for the men who produced such a warm, heartening welcome.

By July 4, 1974 both Heisl's were in operation providing a shuttle service from Brookville to Metamora and Metamora to Laurel. The big Baldwin steam engine will be pressed into operation in 1975, operating the main run.

The crew on our run was as follows: Engineer Bill Rolesen, Fireman John Richter, Conductor Richard Wilkes, Brakeman John Hillman and Larry Sheets. General Manager of the Railroad is H.E. President is Paul Moffett and Chairman of the Board is Fred (Freddy) Bunzendahl. Hostesses who served refreshments to the guests were as follows: Mame Kennedy, Cheri Bernzott, Becky Bernzott, Jaime Lipman, Tracey Lipman and Amy Sillermann.



Here the Whitewater Valley Railroad's Baldwin Steam engine number 509 makes its run from Connersville to Brookville along the toe-path of the once well traveled Whitewater Canal. The railroad track is laid over the toe-path. This photo was taken by Stoops Studio in Connersville and appeared in the April/May 1977 issue of the Outdoor Gad-a-bout.

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ARE YOU WEARING IT?

It has not been a very good start to the summer swimming and boating season in regards to lives lost due to drowning. Properly wearing a life jacket would have changed the tragic outcome to many of these incidents. This simple device would have saved lives.

With so many special designs of life jackets on the market today there really isn't a good excuse not to wear one. Perhaps we should consider wearing a life jacket for when we unexpectedly find ourselves in the water rather than having them inboard in the event somebody falls overboard. Expect to get wet!

From the National Safe Boating Council website: In 80% of fatal boating accidents, drowning is the cause of death. In 90% of these drowning the victim was not wearing a life jacket. You can imagine how many lives could be saved each year by life jacket use.

As a reminder, on Indiana waterways, there must be a USCG approved life jacket/PFD designed to be worn for each person inboard a watercraft. A USCG approved type IV (throwable device) must be inboard all watercraft 16' and longer in length. ■

Outdoors Tales

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The holiday goes back to freedom from the British. And while we are now close friends with the former Red Coats from across the ocean, let's hope we don't continue to import their craziness. We have enough of our own.

In part of England (Hampshire), anglers have been banned from using white bread as bait to catch carp and other fish because it makes fish fat. It is unhealthy. (The eco-nuts really would have hated the dough ball bait my dad made for carp).

According to writer Andrew Hough in the Telegram, fishermen have been urged to toss out pieces of whole meal and granary bread into lakes.

So-called experts say white bread lacks the protein that brown slices contain and too much of it leaves fish bloated, lethargic and with bad guts.

White bread has been almost commonly used as a hook-bait for centuries and is even referenced in The Compleat Angler by Izaak Walton penned way back in 1653.

The white bread ban in Hampshire reportedly follows a sporadic trend across the country of members of the public being banned by local authorities from throwing white bread to ducks.

Some English fisheries have prohibited other baits in the past such as cat food.

In England and other parts of Europe, fishing for carp and other rough fish is great sport. In part, that may be because there are few fishing opportunities that we have in the U.S.

Malcolm Coller of the Carp Society, said: "In my experience bait bans are the last refuge of the unimformed."

"Carp have been around since Biblical times so they will probably survive eating white bread," he was quoted by Hough in the Telegram.

See, the British do have something to worry about besides the American rebels who fled the fold, and the Royal couples trip to Canada and California.

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Bruce F. Hardy

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the dedication, Dr. Wendell S. Arbuckle. Dr. Arbuckle was reared on the land now covered by the lake. And equally important, stated Mr. Hardy, "Dr. Arbuckle is the foremost authority on Ice Cream, and is known as Mr. Ice Cream throughout the United States. He has written a 500 hundred page book on Ice Cream."

Side note: I thought to myself, Dr. Arbuckle was the guy I had lunch with back in Scottsburg. The same one who had asked if I would be interested in printing an article on ice cream if he sent it along, indicating to me at the time that he was only a technical writer on the subject! I am now looking forward to receiving his article with great anticipation. Dr. Arbuckle is a Professor at the University of Maryland, Author, the foremost authority of Ice Cream in the United States and soon to appear in The Whitewater Valley Gad-a-bout - wow! (Dr. Arbuckle's article appeared in the Jan/Feb 1975 Outdoor Gad-a-bout, I had changed the papers name

with that issue. Dr. Arbuckle article was entitled, "Homemade Ice Cream.")

Mr. Hardy concluded his talk thanking all those attending for the great honor they had bestowed on him.

After the dedication ceremony had finished I asked Mr. Hardy if I could interview him at his home in the near future. We set the date for November 26, 1974. I left Scott County much richer than when I arrived. I met many new people there and I was glad that I had included the area in what I called "The Gad-a-bout Territory."

The Bruce F. Hardy story will be told in the Jan/Feb 1975 issue. Mr. Hardy is of old stock, a man, dedicated to what he believes in and with guts to back up his ideas with hard work.

Jan/Feb 1975 Outdoor Gad-a-bout

Bruce F. Hardy, A Legend in his own time

On June 13, 1972, Quick Creek Reservoir was officially changed to the name of Hardy Lake by order of Edgar Whitcomb, then Governor of Indiana. The official ceremony was held at Ivan H. (Jack) Morgan's residence. Governor Whitcomb publicly read the proclamation. "Usually," Whitcomb said, "this type of announcement is made after the honored individual has passed away." Hardy in reply, said, "Well, to say I appreciate this distinct recognition would be idle talk, I've got a lot of things yet to do, though - if I'm not dead, as you just mentioned..."

On November 26, 1974, I visited Bruce F. Hardy and his housekeeper Mrs. Catherine Lynch in his home located on the southeast corner of the junction of SR 3 and 203 roads.

Bruce sat down in his easy chair, I sat across from him across from a roaring fireplace. He told me he was born in this same house in 1895. I asked him to tell me his story, his life's work and achievements.

He told me he graduated from Purdue University in 1917 where he majored in Animal Husbandry. He taught Vocational Agriculture at Scottsburg High School. In the 26 years he taught, the class won more state contests than any other school. One of his students he helped to go Purdue was Dr. Wendell S. Arbuckle.

He was director of the 20 state institutional farms from 1942 to 46, being chosen for that job by Governor Gates. The farms produced two million dollars in products per year.

In 1963 he was selected by the Scott County Emergency Water Committee to be coordinator to local, state and national agencies. The 79 year old Scott County boy has sure done his job. On September 25, 1974 the Governor of the state of Indiana bestowed upon him added thanks for a job well done. A picture hangs above Mr. Hardy's desk in his home signed by the Governor, "To my good energetic young friend Bruce F. Hardy - with best wishes," signed Otis R. Bowen, M.D.

Scott Counties' water problem dates back as far as time. But in 1937 a program was started to prevent the either flood ravaged five county area or bone dry area, which ever the year had been, too wet or not wet enough. The first dam proposed was a Federal Project at Shoals, Indiana which would back water over some of the best farm land in the five county area. Alarmed citizens, opposed to the Shoals dam idea, formed the East Fork of the White River Association for flood control to combat the Shoals idea.

The Shoals Dam idea was abandoned later, and a three year study was drafted to find out what could be done with the problem. Monroe Lake is one of the results of the three year study, along with Brookville Lake and several others still in the planning.

In 1953-54 a severe drought happened in Scott County that closed Morgan Packing Co. and the American Can Co. The drought returned again in

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1963. In 1961 they had began work on 165, working in Scott County on the road in 1963, the workers could find no water, the Muscatatuck river was dry. To get water the workers went over the river bed and carried water seven miles back down the dry bed from infrequent pot holes. Later they installed a pump and some pipe to get a small trickle of water for the town of Scottsburg.

That same year Scott County was visited by Senators Bayh (Evans father) and Hartke to view the problem, if there was one. When they were showed the small trickle of water that flowed to Scottsburg and Austin they were convinced something had to be done for the communities.

Bruce and the rest of the White River Association wanted a reservoir built at Deputy, Indiana for flood control and water storage. However, due to a problem in the structure of the land around Deputy, Quick Creek was picked to be dammed.

Since the decision to make Quick Creek Reservoir, Bruce has relentlessly bulldozed the state officials in getting not only a beautiful lake suitable for drinking water, but camping and all other forms of recreation on the lake, plus 300 miles of water line and six stem pipes. In 1970 the lake was completed.

The beautiful extension of Road 203 to the new Hardy Lake also came from the unrelenting work of Bruce. The road crosses 18 different properties and Bruce got free grant of right of way for 16 of the properties himself, during four weeks of work. The other two took the combined efforts of Bruce and Ivan Morgan.

Bruce's next project, just as soon as he is over his slight illness, will be the sewer project still hanging from the lake. He has gotten easements from most of the landowners whose land the pipe must cross, but has suffered some setbacks with a couple landowners.

Ruth Hardy, the late wife of Bruce, taught 37 years in the local towns as a Home Economics teacher. She graduated from Purdue in 1929 (second highest in the class). She published three cook books illustrating home cooked foods. Bruce and she raised two daughters.

Bruce is well taken care of now by Catherine Lynch, his housekeeper.

I thanked Bruce for taking the time to talk to me. We said our farewells and I headed back to Centerville.

April/May 1976 Outdoor Gad-a-bout

I got the following note from Bruce:

Dear Friend Ray;

"I thought you might want a short article to let your readers know what changes are being made at the lake and the time frame of the latest contracts.

I have been very busy getting the funds and the contracts let and have had fine cooperation from all state and local agencies of government. I think Southern Indiana will be happy to have the improved facilities which will soon be available to our pleasure seekers.

Hope you have been well - as I have been - and will drop in on me when you are down this way."

Sincerely, Bruce

Hardy Lake-Update by Bruce F. Hardy

Hardy Lake in Scott County has been the scene of much activity in recreational development during the past 12 months, and 1976 will be a banner year in providing facilities for the sports loving public of Indiana and surrounding states.

In 1974 the new access highway connecting SR 256 with the lake area and the internal roads was completed, as well as four boat ramps and a 3-acre beach area, 900 feet long.

Two contracts were completed in 1975. The first one included water, sewer, electric and telephone lines

throughout the recreation area, including the 149 camper sites, the picnic grounds, the beach and boat ramp areas. Four car parking areas were graded and stoned, more roads were built and two lift stations were installed for sewage. Drinking fountains were put in place at the modern camping and at the picnic grounds.

Late in the fall a six mile sewer line was built from the state property to the Austin sewage treatment plant to provide disposition of sewage from the recreational area. This should assure cleaner water from the lake, which provides water for the Stucker Fork Water Utility, a 300 mile water system supplying water to 3400 customers in parts of five counties and towns.

The latest contract to be completed during the current year calls for construction of 12 buildings, a connecting sewer from the camp to the Austin sewer line, a large beach house, a patio to accommodate the floating, diving platform already in use, an office, service center, storage building, a gate house, a concession building at the five major ramps, 2 shelter houses and five rest rooms.

Later in the year a contract will be let for a floating boat dock for rental and privately owned boats.

Nine of the buildings will be faced with Metamora stone, several will be heated by electricity and all facilities will accommodate handicapped persons.

A nature trail has been established for hikers and a marshy pond has been built to propagate fish to restock the lake.

Thus the 741 acre lake - third largest in Indiana, which is owned and operated by the Natural Resource Department of Indiana, should prove to be one of the most colorful recreational spots in Hoosierdom.

Editor's Note: Hardy Lake is the smallest state-operated reservoir but has Indiana's largest state-owned dam. Hardy Lake is owned and operated by the Indiana DNR.

Jun/Jul 1977 Outdoor Gad-a-bout

Bruce F. Hardy / Hoosier Buffalo Riders Award
Before the Hoosier Buffalo Riders meeting for 1976 I nominated Bruce F. Hardy to receive the "Conservationist of the Year Award" at the Hoosier Buffalo Riders meeting set for June 12, 1976.

This would be the Hoosier Buffalo Riders fourth year in a row since it first formed in 1973. The original name came from NRC chairman John Hillenbrand II. He and Joseph Cloud, Director of the DNR put it all together. Mark Wright and I attended that first meeting. I still have the cloth patch we all received from the DNR that day.

The purpose of the Hoosier Buffalo Riders was to have persons interested in conserving our natural resources sit down in discussions and round tables to offer the DNR their thoughts and ideas on how best to stop the disappearing resources. Stop the trend before they, like the buffalo-disappear all together.

Just prior to the meeting on June 5th, I received a letter from Bruce Hardy which went like this:

"Remembering what you told me some time ago about the 'Buffalo Riders' I think you have had a hand in a deep plot to get me killed from a fall on a wild buffalo next Saturday night at Turkey Run Park."

"I had a call from publicity Director Herb Hill of DNR to be present at the banquet of the 'Riders' and I fear they have evil designs."

"Hope to see you at the Park, next Saturday."

I was tickled pink when I received the letter from Bruce, because I knew they had picked him for the annual award.

On June 12, 1976 I attended the Hoosier Buffalo Riders meeting at Turkey Run, I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Before the awards banquet, round table and public speak-

ers gave one of the best presentations since the beginning.

At the banquet when they came to Conservationist of the year award, Joseph Cloud, Director of the DNR explained to the audience the lifetime of work and self sacrifice that the honoree had spent working for the benefit of his five county area and Indiana. How he had spent hundreds, days and weeks traveling to Indianapolis making sure that he was heard by state officials and the Governor about the problems in his area and that the cure was needed desperately. Joe mentioned about how the officials in Indianapolis had remarked at the Hardy Lake dedication that Bruce had camped outside their door to get his message across to them.

Joe then announced, "Would Bruce F. Hardy please come to the podium and accept the Conservationist of the Year award for 1976 from the Hoosier Buffalo Riders."

Bruce accepted the award from Joe Cloud and John A. Hillenbrand II, thanking them for such a prestigious award on this occasion. Bruce gave a short acceptance speech and sat back down.

Afterwards I talked with Bruce and told him I would stop by his home when I was in the neighborhood. Then we parted company.

Back to reality on June 16, 2011 at Hardy Lake. Once my wife, Sherry and I stopped and spent most of a day visiting with Bruce at his home. Then as happens in many cases it was a spell before I stopped by his house, unfortunately since my last visit he had passed away. I felt the loss of a true friend and wished I had stopped by to see him sooner.

Bruce F. Hardy was an extraordinary man, I and everyone that knew him are very fortunate to have known him.

Editor's Note: This entire article, except at the very beginning and two paragraphs above was written from articles I wrote about Bruce F. Hardy in four former publications from 1974 to 1977. I wrote this because I think that people living today in the five counties he lived in and nearby, will enjoy reading about his accomplishments at their area. Comments may be sent to thegadabout@frontier.com.

Whitewater Valley Railroad

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Morgan's Raiders, plan and wait. Enjoy a relaxing train ride through the scenic Whitewater Valley, on your way to the historic town of Metamora. Enjoy a two hour layover before your return trip to Connersville. Train departs Connersville's Grand Central Station at 12:01 pm.

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Aug 13 - Family Fun Day and Teddy Bear Tea Party 10:30am-4:30pm Face painting, crafts, stuffed book bag raffle, prizes, and story time. Bring your special stuffed friend to the tea party. Pick up itinerary and map at Cranberry Junction Gifts.

Aug 13 - Everybody is a Kid Day Ben Franklin III Canal Boat noon, 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m.\$2 per person.

This event takes place in conjunction with the town of Metamora's Children's Teddy Bear Tea and Family Fun Day. Adults and seniors can take a ride on the Ben Franklin III Canal Boat for the same price as a child.

Aug 13 - 14, Ride the Statesman with Mr. Abraham Lincoln. Whitewater Valley Railroad - Train departs Connersville @ 12:01 pm Travel through time on The Statesman as you spend the day with the 16th President Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln will be riding along as you travel along remnants of the Whitewater Canal to the historic town of Metamora. Ask the former president questions and have your photos taken to preserve the memories. Listen to Mr. Lincoln as he delivers a memorable speech before the train departs Metamora for the return to Connersville. For more information call the Whitewater Valley Railroad at (765) 825-2054 or www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions

Aug 20 - Overland Limited Wild West Train Whitewater Valley Railroad - Train departs Connersville at 12:01pm. Join the Circle D Rangers as they protect the Metamora bound train. Come and see Bandits, Marshals, Robber Barons, fancy and some not so fancy women as you roll through the scenic countryside. For more information call the Whitewater Valley Railroad at (765) 825-2054 or www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/excursions

Aug 26 Open Mic Music Night

Metamora Music Fest Stage - Lover Lane Signup 6:00pm Performance 7:00 pm - 10:00pm Come to play, come to listen, or both! This is your opportunity to get on stage and show off your music skills. If you just love to listen this is a FREE opportunity to enjoy an evening of music.

Aug 27 - American Limited Civil War Train Whitewater Valley Railroad - Train departs Connersville at 12:01pm

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Aug 5 2nd Annual Rock-A-Hula Luau, John Lowery City Pool, Bedford, 6:30-8:30 pm. Family swimming, music, and food. Free event but tickets must be picked up at Parks Dept 812-275-5692.

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Aug 8 Carousel Winery 8th Anniversary Party, Carousel Winery, Bedford, 1-6 pm. Enjoy a BBQ, wine tasting, and the jazz band "Charlene Blay and the 2nd Edition. 812-277-9750.

Aug 12 Judah Heritage Ice Cream Social & Cruise In, Johnny Junctions, Bedford, 6-9 pm. Ice cream social, classic car cruise in, 1950s hits with DJ, wear

1950s outfit for prize. 812-277-0436.

Aug 12-14 58th Annual Indiana Cave Capers, Camp Riverdale, Mitchell. Caving, food, music, speaker, and outdoor fun. BCGRNWLD@earthlink.net

Aug 17 Take Me Out to the Ballgame Trip, Thornton Park, Bedford, 10:45 am. Transportation and tickets to Indianapolis Indians vs. Louisville Bats game. Deadline to sign up is August 10 @ 4 pm. Cost is \$25, limited to 14 people. 812-275-5692.

Aug 20 The Lloyd Wood Show, Opera House of Mitchell, Mitchell, 8 pm. Country, rock, bluegrass, oldies music, and country impersonations. 812-849-2337.

Aug 27 Gone Caving! Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell. Special events for the caves of Spring Mill State Park. 812-849-3534.

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Fans who want to go a step further can multiply the effort by asking friends, families and neighbors to vote, and by posting links on their Facebook page, Tweeting about the promotion or sending emails asking people to vote. Checking in at Pokagon using Facebook Places also earns five votes for the park.

Ginger Murphy, assistant director for all DNR State Parks & Reservoirs, encouraged even those who might prefer other state parks or reservoirs to vote for Pokagon.

"We know many Hoosiers have other favorite parks or reservoirs around the state, and we're glad they do," she said. "But we also know that we need a united effort for one place to win, so we're all behind Pokagon."

"If you really want to vote for another Indiana state park or reservoir, do that, but be sure to press the button for Pokagon a few times, too."

Last year, Bear Head Lake State Park in Minnesota won the inaugural vote sponsored by Coca-Cola through its America is Your Park program.

"Right now, another Minnesota state park leads with over 100,000 votes," Murphy said. "Pokagon has a little over thousand, but we're catching up fast. We need to get ahead, then stay ahead until Sept. 6, and I'm confident Hoosiers can help us do it."

The funds from a victory would be used to help construct a portion of a multi-use trail or a fishing dock in Pokagon's Trine State Recreation Area, a new portion of the park that will open soon, offering cabins, fishing, hiking, and a number of other recreational activities.



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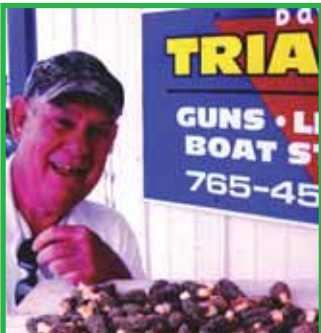
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Scott (Turkey Thug) Mann of Shelby County took this 16 lb. Jake on 5-5-11, it had a 4 1/2" beard. (Scott Mann Photo)



Jim Rowe found these gray morel mushroom around Brookville Lake, exact spot unknown in April 2011 (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Dave Wilcox took this 24 lb. Turkey opening day, it had a 10 inch beard and 28mm spurs. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Andrew Bourne took this 20 pound Turkey in Union County, it had 20mm spurs. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



Levi Bolser took this 21 pound Turkey in Union County it had 10mm spurs. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)



This 35 lb Flat head was caught on a trot line by Jim Walters and Paul Ross on the Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Photo by Ryan, Lagro, IN)



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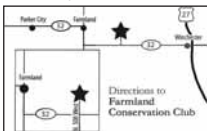
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Bruce Foutch caught this 6 pound 11 ounce, 27 inch walleye in Brookville Lake in May 2011. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



Kayne Ervin, 4yrs old, needs help from his Dad, Chad Ervin, to hold up the bass that Kayne just caught. 6-1-11, at a private pond near Cambridge City. (Photo sent in by Carrie Ervin, Lynn, Indiana)




CodyBeeks caught this white bass while fishing on Salamonie Reservoir. (Bozarth Country Store Photo by Ryan, Lago, IN)



Mike Townsend took this 26 pound Turkey in April 2011 in Union County. It had 33mm spurs. (Dave's Triangle Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



11 year-old Clay Ealey from Ft. Wayne, IN caught this 7 pound, 6 oz, 23 3/4" Largemouth Bass. (Frame's Outdoor Photo, Liberty, IN)




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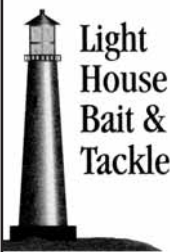
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