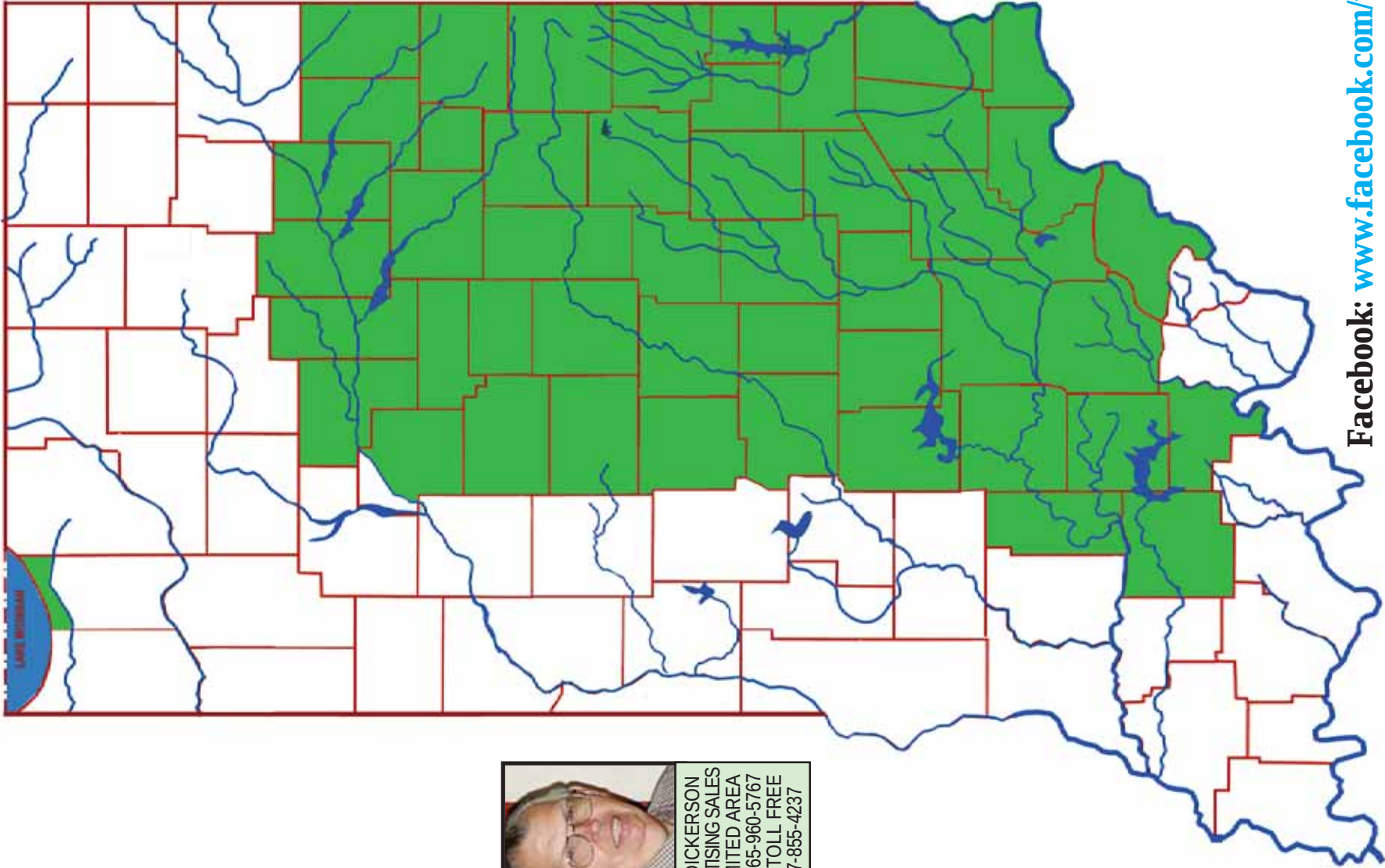


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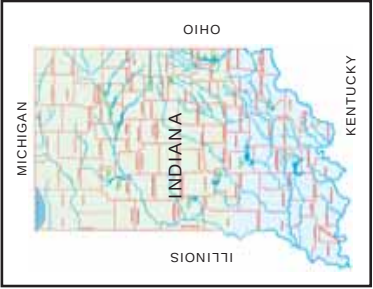


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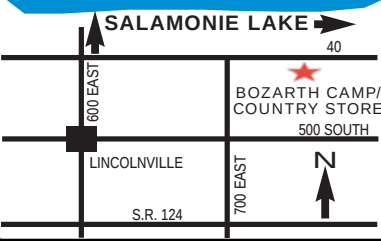
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**Top Right:** This photo was taken at the Brookville CanoeFest in 2011. The Recreational Canoe Race is the most popular. It starts at the tailwaters of Brookville Lake. The race runs the entire length of the East Fork where it then joins the West Fork. After racing along the beautiful Whitewater the race concludes at the Franklin County

Conservation Club totaling 2.4 miles. These races are intended for the novice, first-timer or weekend warrior--perfect for couples, parents and children, or those just in it for the fun. See more on page 8,9,27 & 28. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

**Bottom Left:** Lake Michigan Charter Captain Mike Schoonveld holding a King Fish aboard Captain Clint Taylor's boat The King Fisher in the Gulf of Mexico. In his article Capt. Schoonveld compares fishing in Lake Michigan to fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. See more on page 11. (Photo by Capt. Mike Schoonveld)

**Bottom Right:** Steve Cox from Indianapolis caught these two nice crappies while fishing with Tag Nobbe on Brookville Lake April 27, 2013. Tag told me that fishing on Brookville has been pretty rough with the high winds and cooler than normal temperatures. It hasn't stopped him from finding mushrooms though, he found 25 in his driveway. See Page 20-21 (Photo by Tag Nobbe)

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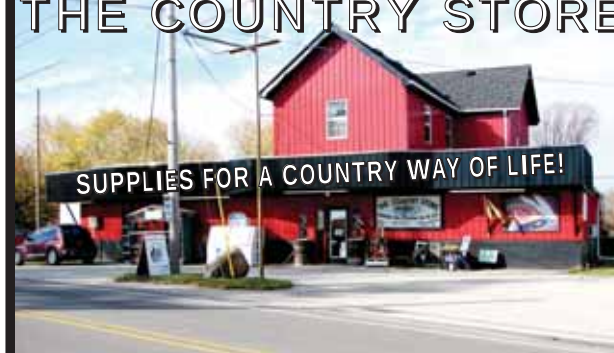
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Did you know every summer since 1970 the Indiana State Police has offered summer camps to well over 40,000 youngsters across Indiana (See Page 6). All you need to know to have fun at CanoeFest 2013 in Brookville is in here (See Page 8-9+). As Americans we all have the right to keep and bear arms, but do you know the results of using that right? "The responsibility of using your right to bear arms is great, and you need to know as best you can the results of using that right when confronted with a life and death situation (See Page 13)." Have you heard about the great Whitewater Canal hiking trail between Metamora and Brookville? You've got to read this one, it is very interesting and you can become involved too (See Page 14-15+). Another interesting article subject is, what do you see wrong in campgrounds (See Page 18)? How about you folks in Madison County, have you heard about the new Mounds Lake Reservoir, 7 miles long and covering 2100 acres that might become a reality near Mounds State Park. (See Page 20-21)?

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Meet Heritage Goodhew Enterprises, Inc., a business built on family tradition. From left to right, Victoria Goodhew, Jessie Goodhew, Emerie Thornbury, Vincent Goodhew Jr., Vincent Goodhew Sr., Terrie Goodhew, and Gus (the dog). A picture of their building is below. (Heritage Goodhew Photos)



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I met Vincent Goodhew, Sr for the first time when I stopped at his business in Ridgeville, Indiana last month delivering the May Gad-a-bout.

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In February 2008, Fred passed, leaving Heritage Goodhew Enterprises Inc. to his brother Vincent Sr. who continues to lead the company today.

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# So You Wanna Catch More Fish



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## Flat out fishing

When you stand on the shore looking out across Brookville Lake what you see is flat water. When you're on a boat looking at the bottom through a depth finder you see what it hides. Hills, valleys, trees, rock piles, drop edges, flats and fish. If you're a fisherman the next thing that goes through your mind is how can I put a fish in my live well. This all comes down to trial and error.

What you have to figure out is how all these different species of fish are using this structure to eat and keep from being eaten. You need to see the fish, be the fish. Brookville Lake has a pecking order. It is governed by the ecosystem. For example if you want to catch crappie you have to know where crappie live within the lake, how and what they feed on. To start, crappie are a schooling fish. They do not depend on each other to help each other feed but they will school together. What you're looking for is some kind of cover.

Look for a tree that has fallen in the lake, due to shore erosion. The tree limbs on the fallen tree provide a great spot for crappie to live. Crappie is a fish

that likes to suspend in the water column, but wants to do it next to something like a fallen tree. Little young of the year fish also like to live in amongst these tree limbs along with bugs and larvae. There are a few different methods to catch crappie. The most popular is under a slip bobber. This consists of a bobber stop, a bobber, a sinker and a hook tipped with a crappie minnow. What you do is cast the rig to the fallen tree. Let the line pay out till the sinker pulls the line through the slip bobber to the bobber stop. This determines the depth of the bait. Give it a few minutes, if you don't see any movement in the bobber reel up and adjust your bobber stop up or down the line to change the depth of the bait. You will know when you're at the right depth by watching the bobber. Another good method is a jig and tube. What I like to use is a plain 1/16 ounce jig and a 1 ½ inch tube tipped with a minnow or wax worm. What you do is cast the bait to the fallen tree. As soon as the bait hits the water start a slow steady retrieve back to the boat. What you're feeling for is just a little tick. A lot of times it's pretty subtle, so pay attention. If you cast and don't get any bites, count the bait down to a different depth before you start your retrieve. Remember this is all trial and error.

Another great fish to fish for is white bass. White bass is also a schooling fish, but these fish use each other as a team. They are like one big eating machine. They will use their sheer numbers to move an entire school of bait fish, swimming in the main lake, to an area where they can trap them against something and pound them till their hearts content. In the spring you can find them feeding in the river that feeds the lake or along any shore. In the summer though they will stay off shore roaming the main lake looking for unsuspecting schools of bait fish. A great way to catch this fish is to troll crank baits. Just flat line troll anything that looks like a shad. A good place to start is rip rap covered shore lines.

If walleye are more to your liking hit the flats. A flat is a continuous stretch of Lake Bottom that does not change in depth. When fishing a flat there are a few things to pay attention to. First, is the flat itself,

what's the depth of the water over the flat? Second, is there any structure on the flat that could possibly hold fish? Third, where is the drop off edge of the flat? One good way to learn a flat is troll over it from every angle, all the while looking at your depth finder. If you have a GPS system mark a few spots when you're looking around. Come back throw out a marker buoy on it and fish it. If you catch a walleye, bingo if not move on. This is why it's called fishing and not catching. When you're trolling around just tie on a crank bait that dives about 10 to 12 feet. As you move forward at an idle let out about 75 yards of line lock in the reel and just idle around over the flat. This is all trolling is. Try to troll over the irregularities you saw looking around earlier or just troll the drop edge of the flat. When you catch a walleye remember the speed you were going, how deep the water was, and where you were at on the flat, then just repeat it.

If you need help with crank bait or jig selection, we have what you need at 52 Pik-up Marathon in Brookville. We open at 5 am and close at 10 pm, 7 days a week.

Good luck  
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Myra Skimming from Middletown Ohio caught this nice walleye fishing with me on April 23, 2013. (Author Photo)



Steve Cox from Indianapolis caught these 2 nice crappie while fishing with me on April 27, 2013. (Author Photo)



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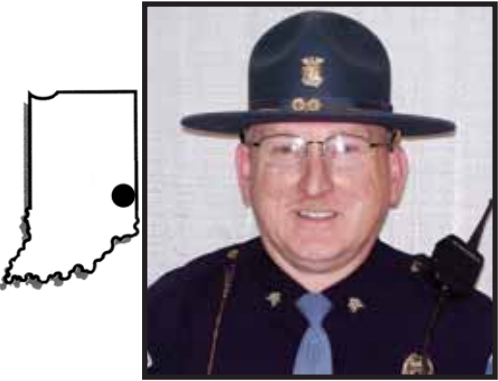


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# News from the Indiana State Police



by **Sergeant John D. Bowling**  
Public Information/Recruiting Officer

## Indiana State Police Summer Youth Camps

Every summer since 1970 the Indiana State Police has offered summer camps to well over 40,000 youngsters across Indiana. The camps were started by Ernie Alder, a trooper from the old Connersville Post. He went out and started Indiana Troopers Youth Services and got support from fine community organizations like Kiwanis, Lions Clubs, Evening Optimists, Jaycees and others to help sponsor kids to attend the camps.

For years Ernie and his wife selflessly dedicated their lives to help children throughout Indiana learn about law enforcement and the criminal justice system, most often operating and planning the camps out of their home.

The camps are designed to help students get an up close and personal view of law enforcement and the criminal justice system, but more importantly, gain respect for themselves and others. This is all done through programs that reward hard work, dedication and team work.

The camps always include demonstrations by our ERT (SWAT), Explosive Ordinance Disposal, Scuba and other specialty teams. Troopers volunteer to put on demonstrations on a variety of topics. The camp staffs are handpicked law enforcement personnel who dedicate their time to preparing youth for their futures.

The 11 camps are held at universities and state parks throughout the state. Below is a schedule for each camp offered for 2013.

- RESPECT FOR LAW CAMPS (Grades 5-6)**  
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University of S. Indiana ..... June 13-15  
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Notre Dame University ..... June 27-29  
Anderson University..... July 11-13  
**LIONS LAW CAMPS: (Grades7-8)**  
**Cost - \$140.00**  
Vincennes University ..... June 12-15  
Anderson University..... July 10-13  
**CAREER CAMPS: (Grades 9-12)**  
**Cost - \$225.00**  
Vincennes University ..... July 7-12  
Trine University (Angola) ..... July 14-19  
**PIONEER CAMPOUTS:**  
**(By Recommendation Only)**  
Mounds State Park..... June 10-15  
Lincoln State Park ..... June 24-28

My good friend ISP Sergeant Ray Poole does a lot of hard work the year around planning and staffing the camps. If you have any questions or know of a child that’s interested, you may contact the Indiana Troopers Youth Services at **1-800-671-9851**, or contact Karen at [Karen@trooper.org](mailto:Karen@trooper.org), Ernie Alder at [ernie@trooper.org](mailto:ernie@trooper.org), or Sergeant Poole at [rpoole@isp.in.gov](mailto:rpoole@isp.in.gov)

## ISP Museum A Great Place to Visit

If you’re looking for an interesting place to take the kids that’s free, consider the Indiana State

Police Museum located at 8660 East 21st St., right next to the Indianapolis Post. The Historical Center is part of the Youth Services Program that puts on youth summer camps each year around the state.

The museum offers free tours of displays that include items from John Dillinger and the gangster era; ISP police cars from the 30’s through the 90’s; an Indian Motorcycle just like the ones ridden by the first troopers in 1933; a moonshine still; numerous guns and weapons with historical significance; as well as some interactive displays, like a two headed police car that allows kids the chance to sit behind the wheel and turn on the lights.

The museum is chocked full of historical items donated and seized through the years dealing with law enforcement. The museum was built in 1993 with monies from private donations. A lot of the items in the museum were donated by retired troopers and their families.

While at the museum, make sure to check out the ISP logo items for sale there. You can buy items ranging from blankets to t-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, miniature ISP cars, Christmas ornaments and wall clocks, all with the ISP logo. They truly have a souvenir for everyone’s budget.

Sure, I’m biased; but I think our museum is the best kept secret in Indiana, and is truly one of the coolest places you can visit. The museum is open 9a.m-3p.m. Monday through Friday. You can just walk in and browse, or schedule a guided tour at **1-888-ISP-YOUTH**, or **317-899-8293**. For a look into the history of ISP and all law enforcement, visit the **ISP Museum at 8660 E. 21st in Indianapolis.**

## Growing Season for “Illegal Farmers”

With the warm weather here many of us are preparing plants and planting vegetables for our gardens. Farmers are planting or already have planted most of their fields. Unfortunately there are other growers out there using farmer’s fields and our woods.

Marijuana growers use this time to take marijuana plants they started indoors and plant them outdoors. They plant them in fields and wooded areas and “tend them” just like you or I care for our gardens. They will often have well worn paths into their illegal “crop” where they go in to water and

fertilize.

A well tended plant may reach 6-12 feet tall and be worth \$1,000 to \$4,000. With this kind of money involved, is it no wonder our officers find grow operations with a bevy of booby traps? Things like fish hooks suspended by monofilament line at face level, and shotgun shells rigged with a trip wire and detonator, among others.

These “illegal farmers” are robbing you and me of access to woods and valuable farm land. Whether it’s a crop of a few plants, or a few hundred plants, growers will often times protect their crop as if their life depended on it. Heaven forbid that we or a family member “stumble in” on their operation.

The Indiana State Police Marijuana Eradication Section needs your help to combat the marijuana problem in Indiana. Many of the grow operations we find come from tips provided to us by you, the public. The Indiana State Police encourages anyone with drug information to call the Indiana Drug Tip line at **1-800-453-4756**. Please remember tips can be made and kept anonymous.

This ends another month’s installment. Thanks for allowing all of us to serve all of you. Be safe; take care of yourself and your families so we can talk again next month.



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# Talking Leaves



by Golden Eagle

## Seasons Come and Go....

The Golden and Green of Summer. Once more the annual cycle reaches mid-point. People who were complaining about the cold, will now begin to complain about the heat. As for me, I try to accept each season as it comes. I must admit, as I grow older, the cold grows more bothersome. However, an extra blanket or sweater, or another log on the fire usually takes care of that. I have to enjoy the snow from inside and watch he birds from my window. I have a pair of cardinals, who live here all year, feed regularly at he feeder. As in winters past, the little ones stay around and do everything to keep warm. I saw a pair of starlings the other day keeping the little ones away until they have filled their stomachs.

I heard a wolf howl at the moon the other night. They seem to be constantly on the move to stay away from the two legs. However their food supply has dwindled so between that and the hunters they will soon disappear from the land. My father used to tell us never to take more game than we needed to feed our people. If only the 'outsiders' would follow hat advise, there would be plenty for all. I remember

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# Indiana Department of Natural Resource News



by I.C.O. Gary Catron  
LE Division Spokesperson



A safety reminder at Quakertown SRA launching ramp on Brookville Lake. "Always Wear Your Life Jacket!"

## Nixle?

Indiana Conservation Officers will now be distributing their news releases using Nixle. Maybe you're already familiar with Nixle, I wasn't! Briefly, Nixle is a community information service that is designed to help people stay connected with information that is important to them.

Anyone wishing to receive news releases quickly by email, should go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to register. Once on the website, click on 'agencies' and check the box for Indiana DNR Law Enforcement. To receive news releases from Indiana Conservation Officers on your cell phone simply text DNRLE to 888-777.

Apart from receiving formal news releases, Conservation Officers will sometimes be sending out notifications regarding emergency situations which the public should be aware of or maybe enlisting the aid of the public to borrow their eyes and ears in particular matters. Try it, you'll like it!

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Recreational Race participants line up to enter first fast water at the 2012 CanoeFest in the East Fork of the Whitewater River, below the Brookville Dam in Brookville, Indiana.



Just below the second fast water area Recreational Race participants paddle hard to gain momentum and increase their chances on a winning time.

# 2013 BROOKVILLE CANOEFEFEST “50” YEARS 1963-2013 BROOKVILLE, IN JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> 2013

Article & Photos by Ray Dickerson  
CanoeFest Website Information Reprinted Here With Permission

What’s the biggest and most fun happening in Brookville, Indiana this June 28-29th - Brookville’s 50th Canoe Fest. Indiana’s largest canoe race began in 1963 and continues on June 28-29, 2013.

In the words of the CanoeFest crew, “*CanoeFest is a non-profit organization striving to bring appreciation to the sport of canoeing and kayaking as well as knowledge of the sport to better facilitate camaraderie among individuals of all ages. Brookville CanoeFest provides a venue for the public to better appreciate the natural resources of the community and to become future stewards of the environment. Proceeds from Brookville CanoeFest benefit the entire Brookville community through enhancements to the local park system, beautification efforts and future education programs and events. Our goal is to create safe and affordable opportunities for our children to learn teamwork and be able to enjoy the great outdoors through fishing, camping, water sports, paddlesports, boating, hiking and more.*”

Brookville CanoeFest activities happening on **Friday, June 28th:**  
**Festival Booths Open 5:00 PM,**  
H.O.B.O.S. Motorcycle Show 5:00 PM  
Chicken Dinners 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Opening Ceremonies 6:00 PM  
Ceremony Honoring Local Veterans 6:10 PM  
Present Past Queens and Princesses 6:15 PM  
Classic Car Caravan 6:30 PM  
Princess Crowning 7:00 PM  
Brookville CanoeFest Idol 8:00 PM  
Live Music 10:00 PM

**Activities happening on Saturday, June 29th:**  
Race Registration 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Biathlon Race 8:00 AM  
Championship Race 8:30 AM

Recreational Races 9:00 AM  
Including: Adult/Youth, Mens, Womens, Juniors, Fledgling and Couples.  
Recreational Race Grudge Matches 10:00 AM  
Including: Bank, Salon, Media, Realtor, Gillman and any Additional Matches.  
**Festival Booths Open 1:00 PM**  
H.O.B.O.S. 2nd Annual Chicken Trail Run 1:00 PM  
Brookville CanoeFest JR Idol 2:00 PM  
Chicken Dinners 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
The Great Chicken Fry-Off 4:00 PM  
DJ Music After JR Idol - 5:30 PM  
Brookville CanoeFest Idol Finals 5:30 PM  
Awards(Race & Fry-Off) 6:15 PM  
Live Band: Claypool Block 7:00 PM  
Live Band: The Drive 9:30 PM  
Fireworks Spectacular 10:15 PM  
*Schedule is Subject To Change*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
How would you like to help your community and have a great time by volunteering to help with the Brookville CanoeFest. They are currently needing volunteers for the following activities: Chicken

Trail, Fireworks, Stage/Sound, Festival Food, Set-up and Tear down, Tent Pick-up and Drop-off and Picnic Tables. **To Volunteer Call: 765 309 5726.**

**See Canoe Race Entry Information on Page 27**  
**CANOEFEFEST FRYERS CLUB**  
On July 3, 2010, the CanoeFest Fryers Club set an official **Guinness World Record** for the Largest Serving of Fried Chicken, filling a brand new Osagian Canoe (donated by Osagian Canoes of Missouri) with 1,645 pounds of FRIED CHICKEN. This brought the record back to the USA from Kuwait, who had held the record at 1,278 pounds. Another attempt by a large corporation in Kentucky reported to fry a contending amount, but the official record was awarded to CanoeFest in Brookville, IN!

**Go ahead, look it up**  
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People lining up to put their canoes into the Tailwater for the 2011 CanoeFest Recreational Race.



These young boys fall victim to the first fast water and attempt to guide their canoe to shore.

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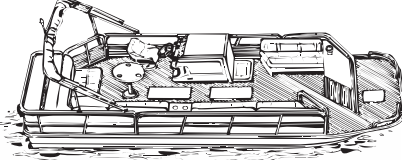
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Brookville CanoeFest Biathlon Course Map and Biathlon Trophy at right.



Brookville CanoeFest Championship Course Map and Championship Race Trophy at right.



Brookville CanoeFest Recreational Canoe Race Course Map.

held on Saturday June 29th at 4:00 p.m. Following is what you need to know to enter this years CanoeFest Chicken Fry-Off: \$40 to fry, \$40 to judge or eat at 15 Chicken Trail restaurants and judge for FREE!

**Registration:** Online or Form  
You must pre-register by June 14 to receive a t-shirt.

**Fryers:** Price includes T-Shirts, Credentials, 3 Birds, and the right to compete to become the Chicken Frying Champion of the World!

**Judges:** Price includes T-Shirts, Credentials, all the Fried Chicken you can eat, and the right to choose the Chicken Frying Champion of the World!

CHICKEN FRYING RULES

- Each team will consist of 1 or 2 members only.
- Each team will be provided with three chickens.
- All other equipment including fryers and tables (etc) must be supplied by frying teams.
- Any equipment or behavior by team members deemed unsafe will immediately disqualify that team.
- Teams must be signed-in by 4 PM on day of contest.
- All chicken must be fried.
- No chicken sushi or chicken tar-tar.

CHICKEN JUDGING RULES

- Judging will be conducted in a blind fashion.
- All Judges must be checked in by 5 PM on day of contest
- The \$40 judging fee includes T shirt, credentials, one vote and a whole lot of yummy fried chicken!!

The Canoe Princess Contest

The Canoe Princess Contest will be held at 7 p.m. on **Friday, June 28, 2013**. Registration can be done online or on a form.

Rules are as follows: •The competition is for girls age 13-15, determined by their age on the date of competition •The competition will occur on the afternoon of **Friday, June 28, 2013**, and the crowning will be at 7pm on the festival stage •Contestants must have a grade point average of C or above •Contestants must write an essay of 100-200 words entitled "My Future Plans" •Contestants must wear proper attire; formal dress and dress shoes •Contestants will be judged on poise and appearance, as well as their essay

•The Princess and her court will be required at various festival activities •Entry fee is \$20 •**Deadline for entries is Monday, June 3, 2013.**

The CanoeFest Idol Talent Show

The First Round will be at 8 p.m. on **Friday, June 28, 2013** and the Finals will be at 8 p.m. on **Saturday, June 29, 2013**. Registration can be done online or on a form.

Rules are as follows: •This is a vocal contest, similar to American Idol •Acts can perform a cap-pella, or with accompaniment from either CD or acoustic instrument. NO PLUG IN INSTRUMENTS •All acts must audition on **Saturday June 1, 2013** at 2:00 PM •All songs are to be no more than 5 minutes in duration and MUST have clean lyrics •Acts must submit a completed entry form and \$25.00 entry fee by **Friday May 24, 2013** •Acts not chosen to compete will have their entry fee returned •Entrants must be at least age 18 on date of show, **June 29, 2013** •Entrants using recorded music must get their song selection or CD to the show organizers before **Friday May 24, 2013** •No lewd or inappropriate acts are permitted; drunk or impaired contestants will be disqualified with no refund •The Brookville CanoeFest and/or its designated agents have the right to make all decisions regarding all aspects of the Brookville CanoeFest Talent show, including, but not limited to, choosing the performance field, performance order, deeming material inappropriate, and disqualifying contestants •Competition will be determined on a combined score from a panel of talent judges and on audience ballots.

CanoeFest Junior Idol Talent Show

The event will be held at 4 p.m. on **Saturday, June 29, 2013**. Registration can be done online or on a form.

Rules are as follows: •This is a vocal contest, similar to American Idol •Acts can perform a cap-pella, or with accompaniment from either CD or acoustic instrument. NO PLUG IN INSTRUMENTS •All acts must audition on **Saturday June 1, 2013** at 2:00 PM •All songs are to be no more than 5 minutes in duration and MUST have clean lyrics •Acts must submit a completed entry form and \$25.00 entry fee by **Friday May 24, 2013** •Acts not chosen to compete will have their entry fee returned •Entrants must be under age 18 on date of show, **June 29, 2013** •Entrants using recorded music must get their song selection or CD to the show organizers before **Friday May 24, 2013** •No lewd or inappropriate acts are permitted; drunk or impaired contestants will be disqualified with no refund •The Brookville CanoeFest and/or its designated agents have the right to make

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by Dan Graves

## To Mushroom or Not to Mushroom

Every year I wrestle with the decision to spend time (or waste it, depending on my viewpoint at the time) looking for those spongy little bug factories called edible mushrooms. And every year I can't resist the temptation to wander through the woods in hopes I might find a few of the things. Personally, I don't really care for them, especially after finding the best ones nestled up to a dried cow pie. But my wife loves them, so for her sake I devote a few hours every spring in a mostly vain effort to find at least one mess for her. I never bother to tell her where I found them and I don't think she would care if they came from the bottom of a compost heap

We own eighteen plus acres in Franklin County that is entirely wooded and by all appearances is a perfect location to find baskets of the things. According to everything I've read about prime mushroom habitat I should trip over one at every third step. Apparently the local mushrooms either haven't yet read the book or I'm incapable of seeing anything less than three feet tall. During the ten years we've owned the land, only one year produced what I would call a bumper crop. Judy got about four good messes that year and the other nine produced nothing but excuses from me as to why I didn't bring any home. One year I packed my favorite .22 target pistol along while I scanned the trail to the shooting range looking for the little fungi. Since I didn't find any, in my opinion, there wasn't any reason to continue past the range, so I spent an hour punching holes in targets. When I got back to the cabin and proudly showed her the targets and the few holes in the black, her only reaction was, "where are the mushrooms?" That was a tough one to lie my way out of, but I managed it by explaining to her the effect of the phase of the moon and its influence on mushroom growth.

"Last year you told me it was because of storms along the Pacific coastline" she said. "What will it be next year? Meteorites impacting the Arctic Circle?"

My biggest problem in hunting mushrooms is concentration. I try to follow the suggestions by experienced hunters, such as forming an image of a mushroom in your mind. Supposedly, this will help you spot the elusive little buggers. I really try, but inevitably I find myself thinking about how to dismantle the carburetor on my old BSA motorcycle or



The elusive morel mushroom, so elusive this specimen was the only one Ray found on Sunday, April 29, 2013. But he carried it in his official Spore Boy mesh bag so that if any spores happen to fall to the ground, he may find them in April 2018. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

envisioning the last time a fish rose to take a fly. At those times I believe on the saying, I listen but I don't hear, I touch but I don't feel, and I look but I don't see. I wonder how many times I've walked right past a six inch tall morel and had no clue it was there. Another thing that interferes with my concentration is the condition the woods are in after a hard winter. Dead limbs litter the paths and hang from the branches of smaller trees. During the first weeks of warm weather I feel it's my civic duty to clean up the mess left by Mother Nature. So, I spend most of my time while mushroom hunting cleaning up her mess by pulling down dead limbs and moving others off the trails. After all, we wouldn't want a poor deer to trip and break something. Since very few if any species of edible fungi grow in trees, I normally come back empty handed but armed with some excuse as to why. However, these "reasons" are beginning to wear thin with Judy. And every year it gets tougher to try to convince her that I'm sincere. She didn't buy the swamp gas thing and the attack by a pack of rabid squirrels got me a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for supper.

This year, however, I got by with explaining how it was too cold during March and April for them to grow, even though I've read where the little assassins sometimes come up through snow and have even been found growing through cracks in asphalt. If she knew these statistics I would probably have been scraping around on our county road in six inches of snow. Every year though, I get in the doghouse when she asks a neighboring farmer how many he's found. The traitor always relates how he's already found a couple of pickup beds full and the season is just warming up. Next year I'm going to write him a check in return for a little white lie even though that may open me up to annual blackmail for the rest of my life.

I've never seen anything that causes as much springtime trouble as a stupid little mindless fungus armed with the best of camouflage and no set pattern as to where it can be found. Sometimes I wish they were armed with a vicious set of teeth and a real atti-

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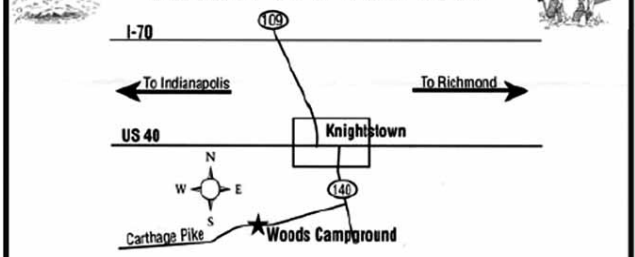
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# Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

## DEEP SEA FISHING ON THE GREAT LAKES

When I stepped on board the Kingfisher II at the dock at Fisherman's Village in Punta Gorda, Florida, the mate introduced himself as "Gary" and then all 6 of us passengers started our own round of introductions.

One of the other passengers was from Iowa, a husband and wife duo were from New Orleans and there was Grandpa, retired to Florida, and his visiting grandson from Pennsylvania. That was my first clue that things are a bit different on a "deep sea" charter boat fishing trip and one person might take up here on the Great Lakes.

I asked the captain of the boat if they regularly put together mixed groups of anglers—that is, fill the boat to its capacity of 6 with people who are strangers to each other.

"All the time," Capt. Steve told me. "If a person wants to hire the boat for the day for just him or him and a couple others without adding any more people, that's fine and the cost is \$550. However, we get a lot of inquiries from individuals or couples who are vacationing and want to share a boat with others because chartering the entire boat is too expensive. We charge by the head, in that situation—\$110 per person."

I certainly don't know all the charter skippers on the Great Lakes but I don't know any, personally, who will put groups together to make a "full load." I know some who charge the same whether he has one angler or 6 on his boat. I know others who offer discounts to smaller groups to make the fare a bit more affordable. That was my first inkling that things were going to be different than the chartering I've done on the Great Lakes.

### THE GEAR

The rods and reels weren't so different than what we would use on the Great Lakes. Some were heavier and some were lighter depending on what species of fish were being targeted. That wasn't surprising. What was surprising was how few rods and reels were employed. When we were bottom fishing for snappers and groupers, each angler got his or her own rod. It was very similar to perch fishing—a sinker, a hook and a shrimp instead of a wiggler or minnow.

It was when the trolling gear came out that the difference was apparent. They only used 2 rods! On Lake Michigan anglers are allowed to use 3 rods each and these guys only use 2 per boat.

### THE BAIT

I already mentioned we used shrimp when we were fishing bottom structure for snappers and groupers. When the captain switched to trolling, however, he didn't switch to lures. He had a bait well full of live baitfish—mostly pilchards which look quite similar to alewives. The pilchard would be



Fishing the Great Lakes has similarities to fishing on the ocean. (Author Photo)

pinned on the hook through the nose and dropped into the water. The boat slow trolled pulling a pair of the "liveys," as they called them waiting for a barracuda, bonito, or who knows what to strike.

### THE ELECTRONICS

There isn't much difference in the electronics on the Kingfisher II and the gear I have on my own boat. The difference is in how it's used. The GPS, of course, could be used to plot the course to the fishing area and back to the dock at the end of the day, but the way it played a key role in putting us on fish was more akin to walleye angling in a northern lake than how we use the tool on the Great Lakes. The gulf has a shallow featureless bottom most places off the Florida coast. Sunken ships, artificial reefs and the few places where a reef or rock outcrop occurs are fish magnets. The captain has dozens of those places stored as GPS waypoints. We'd head to one, make several trolling passes then pinpoint the structure exactly by watching the sonar and toss a marker buoy as we passed over the wreck or rock. In a few minutes 2 or 3 markers would show exactly how the structure laid out and we'd get out the bottom fishing rigs. There wasn't much worry about "marking" fish on the screen, just finding the bottom and staying right on top of the reef.

So yes, there are real differences in a Great Lakes fishing trip and a deep sea trip in the gulf. There's one great similarity, as well. A day spent on the water fishing, whether here or there, beats a day spent ashore every time.

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# Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

## Spring offers variety of outdoor activities, despite weather

Despite the unseasonably cool, windy and extremely rainy weather we had in April, and it looks like that possibly will continue off and on in early May, spring is slowly ushering in. The weather may have postponed the arrival of our typical spring days, but rest assured they are to come.

Without a doubt, the torrential rains have kept us from doing much spring fishing thus far, and the late arriving spring weather is definitely helping to make the turkey hunting a chore as well. Most of the area reservoirs are still stained with water rushing out of their spillways making fishing difficult in either area.

For the most part, the turkeys have still been in large flocks and the gobblers have been in the company of hens pretty much all day long, making it frustrating for many hunters as they aren't able to call a gobbler away from the hens.

Normally by this time of year, the hens may be with the gobblers until mid-morning when they head to their nests to lay and care for their eggs, but the weather seems to have pushed this back a bit. Plus, if any of the nests have flooded out, this will also cause the hens to remain with the toms.

Despite the weather, Nicholas and I have been toughing it out when we can since the youth turkey season began. We have also been attempting to get in a little casting and blasting. On the weekends we have been turkey hunting in the mornings and crappie or white bass fishing in the afternoons - each with little success. I expect that to change soon, however. As I pen this column the weather outside is gorgeous. It's a beautiful warm, sunny spring Indiana day. By later in the week and into the weekend, however, the temperatures are supposed to drop nearly twenty degrees and more rain is set to move in.

As is usually the case most years, I fully expect that the last few days of the turkey season will be the best. Over the years, I have found that besides the first couple of days of the season, the last few can be some of the best. By then the majority of the hens are spending most of their time on the nests, forcing gobblers to actively seek out any receptive hens - in turn making them much more susceptible to your calling and decoys.

Once the waters recede and the rivers and reservoirs clear up, expect good fishing for crappies



Top: Nicholas holds a rainy day crappie. Bottom: Nicholas trying his best to strike a gobbler during a recent turkey hunt.

through May. I look forward to that, and I know Nicholas sure does. Each day should get a little better - barring any more ridiculous amounts of rainfall like we have recently experienced.

Oh yeah, and people in the area are also beginning to find the first morel mushrooms of the season. You see, there is a light at the end of the tunnel so take advantage of the few nice days we are getting here and there to venture outside. There is plenty to do right now - when the weather permits!

I have high hopes for the month of May and I plan to enjoy as many of the days outside as I can before the dog days of summer hit, and hopefully we will have a turkey or two, some crappie fillets and fried morels along the way. Good luck to you in your spring outdoor pursuits and may the weather straighten up for you as well.

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by Marshall Smith

Carry Issues

With the issue of gun control and registration still being discussed by the Senate and the power hungry gun grabbing politicians in this country I decided to address some of the carry issues that are not understood or even considered by the generally uniformed public who listen to the gun grabbers misrepresentations and outright lies.

License(d) to Carry a Handgun (LTCH)

Many states require the handgun owner to attend training classes before a permit is issued. Indiana does not. It is your responsibility to know the law, both in Indiana and where you are going when traveling out of state. Do you know the laws of the states you are going through? There are several books available and the NRA website contains information of what states have reciprocity with Indiana and recognizes your LTCH. But reciprocity only allows you to carry, what happens should you have to use your



Don't go to Jail

right to protect yourself or another while you're in another state. Do you know the Law of that state? Believe me, plan on going to jail if you have to pull your gun and take another person's life, or at least injure them. The responsibility of using your right to bear arms is great, and you need to know as best you can the results of using that right when confronted with a life and death situation. This article is not to discuss the laws but to inform you of the necessity of being informed when traveling.

Your License to Carry a Handgun is not a license to shoot. Indiana law is clear that one of the responsibilities of carrying includes an understanding of when to use deadly force. Here is a link to Indiana Code IC 35-41-3 Chapter 3. Defenses Relating to Culpability: [www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title35/ar41/ch3.html](http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title35/ar41/ch3.html). Generally your responsibility to use or not to use force when protecting yourself, your home, or others is controlled by whether or not the actions you take

can be considered "Reasonable" in respect to the threat you are confronted with. Indiana and most other states recognize that a person in fear of losing their life is justified in using any means necessary to protect their life or the life of another. If you haven't attended one of the NRA's hand gun training courses you should sign up and get informed. The instructor will cover some of the instances that may arise and how you may act and the outcomes of your actions.

After you attend one of these sessions you may want to inform others on what you have learned and invite them to also attend a course whether or not they ever intend to carry a handgun. The information provided will

enlighten the uninitiated and uninformed (including the liberal gun grabbing media) on how strongly we law abiding citizens consider our responsibilities of gun ownership. To many of the uninformed public do not know about the responsibility that gun ownership and the possession of a license to carry a handgun places on the person. We, the LTCH license holders, need to inform the uninformed about;

The responsibility to protect one self and others; and

The responsibility to know and practice safety in presentation and carrying; and

The responsibility to know when to use or not use deadly force; and

The responsibility to know about where the licensee can carry and cannot carry (as a general rule don't carry In Federal buildings, most state government buildings, Police stations, Jails, Schools, or airports);

The responsibility to abide and obey the law (take time to talk an attorney familiar with gun laws and keep them on retainer you might need them).

Pass this information on to the uninformed and teach them what it really means to be law abiding gun owner and responsible Indiana License to Carry a Handgun permit holder.

U.S. Supreme Court

On Monday, April 15, 2013, "Tax Day", the U. S. Supreme Court refused to hear a case on the New York concealed carry laws. In New York, an applicant for a concealed carry permit must prove they have a special need to carry a firearm when not living in or working in a high crime area. New York and Maryland have similar laws and a case brought before the Supreme Court on the Maryland laws is still waiting to be considered. The National Rifle Association was supporting both challenges before the Supreme Court. I am not to concerned over the High Court's decision not to hear the New York case. The Supreme Court carefully considers what cases it will hear and not hear. If the Court doesn't believe that the case being brought before it doesn't have strong merits representing many similar laws or people's lives, then it will often refuse to hear the case as their decision will set precedent of law for now and many years into the future. The Maryland case has more merit and will probably be considered and their finding will effect the New York law and laws in many other states.

Gun Control update – Universal Background Checks

This is still being mulled around in the Senate. You need to let Senator Coats and Senator Donnelly know how you feel and how you will feel about them at the next election if they vote for gun registration.

That's all for this month. If you have a question or a comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or, would like to just make a comment send me an email at [PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com](mailto:PrarieWolfGuns@gmail.com). I'll try and answer your questions as best I can and some answers may be included in this column.

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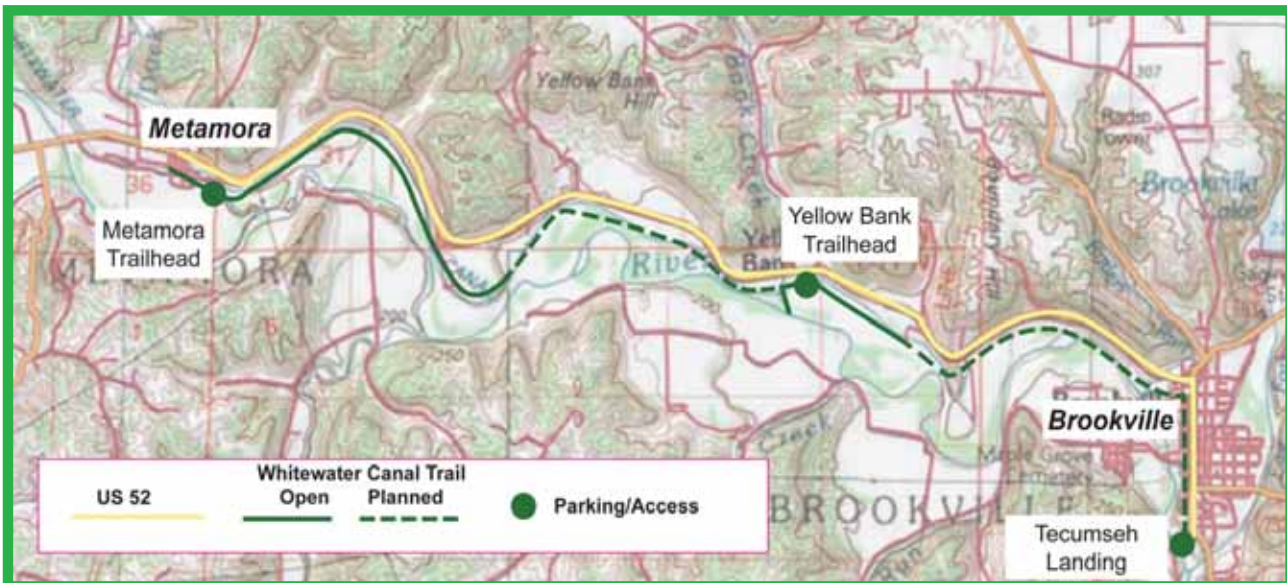




Tom Cooney and Kim Stroud showed me Whitewater Canal Yellow Bank Lock #21, still standing as a reminder of when canal packets passed through here in the 1840s.

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He added, "Destination trails, you don't go because you want to go a long distance, you go there



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Shortly after Tom and I returned to the parking area he introduced me to Don Vonder Meulen, Treasurer of WCT, who had just arrived. We walked towards the Kiosk that stood at the entrance to the trail leading to Lock 21. Tom explained the purpose of the Kiosk and said there was a bird trying to build a nest in it, but the wind kept destroying its' efforts.

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Whitewater Canal Trail Yellow Bank Trail Head Kiosk. This trail goes west for a short distance and ends at a decaying railroad bridge over Yellow Bank Creek.



Tom Cooney, President of Whitewater Canal Trail, Inc, walking around the Metamora Trailhead Kiosk. Visitors can rest here and read information about the trail.



At left, Tom Cooney, President WCT and at right, Terry Duffy, Vice President, putting up a Bluebird Sign that reads, These Boxes Are For The Birds “Please Do Not Disturb.”

We were joined by Terry Duffy, Vice President of WCT. Terry is considered the best authority on the Canal trails and was in charge of the spruce up-clean up project that day. We continued to the end of the trail, which ends at a decaying railroad bridge across the Yellow Bank Creek. Tom told me the bridge is a high priority project, to fix it and continue the trail on west towards Metamora.

I asked if we could go see the lock. Tom agreed, so he, Kim Stroud (another volunteer) and I walked down newly built wooden steps to a grass path. It was just a short walk and as we walked into the former Whitewater Canal bed, to the right stood the

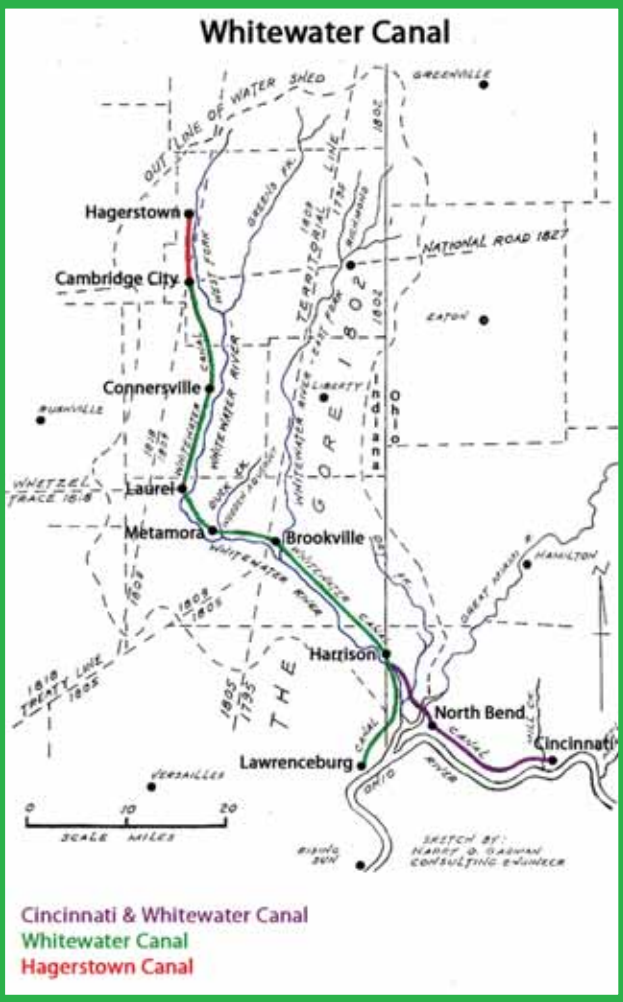


Trained Bluebird Monitor, Shirley Lamb from Metamora, checking the Bluebird boxes to see if there are any bluebirds eggs in the nest.

decaying lock. To me though it was beautiful, the best lock that I had ever saw between Hagerstown and Brookville, the former length of the Whitewater Canal. Tom told me the massive rocks in the lock came from a Laurel quarry which were moved to this location back when it was built.

I asked them how long they had been working on the Whitewater Canal Trail. Tom replied, "About thirteen years, I think."

He continued, "We're really standing on the shoulders of a lot of people who came before us. There was a project in the 1940's when the Whitewater Canal Association, had a project going



On the back side of the Metamora Trailhead Kiosk is this map showing the original 3 Canals and history of them.

and we discovered a note from the secretary written in 1941 that apologizes for the minutes being late because the war broke out. He got drafted. We have it in writing, the secretary wrote, "Don't blame me, blame Hirohito, Hitler and Mussolini."

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We then walked back to the trailhead and met some more of the volunteers who had arrived since we left.

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Three pound bass caught on the lower portion of the Whitewater River. (Author Photo)



Authors favorite crawfish pattern. (Author Photo)

# Fly Fishing Southeastern Indiana

by Dean Shadley

If I had to make a guess I'd say the only reason non- resident fly fishermen would consider coming to Indiana is if they were Indy 500 Race fans. To most out- of- state fly fishers the thought of Indiana wouldn't exactly conjure up visions of limestone streams and leaping smallmouth bass. They'd be wrong.

Between the rows of corn and soy beans lays a treasure of fishing opportunity. Esthetically this doesn't produce the urge to grab your waders and head for the Hoosier State. Contrary to popular belief not all of Indiana is covered with farm crops and asphalt. Much of Indiana is beautiful rolling hills and woodlands bisected by gorgeous smallmouth streams. Southeast Indiana is one area blessed with all of the virtues that should draw anglers from far and wide.

My definition of Southeast Indiana would be the region of Indiana contained within a boundary extending from Indianapolis to Richmond and Indianapolis to Jeffersonville. This pie-shaped piece of real estate contains hundreds of miles of productive smallmouth streams and rivers. Some of the streams are small enough to step across and are almost always ignored by anglers. Others are serious rivers and deserve the respect of wading fishermen. The most productive rivers are contained in the upper half of this area.

With all things that appear too good to be true Indiana smallmouth fishing is no exception. Access to these jewels can be difficult. The vast majority of these waterways lie on private property where permission must be obtained before entering. Indiana law is sketchy when it comes to stream access. Many of the rivers in this area are deemed navigable

which means once you gain access you can travel the waterway at will. All of the rivers and streams are crossed by county roads or state highways thus bridges are often used as points of access. If there is ample room to park a vehicle off the road right of way without being a hazard you can usually scoot around the bridge and into the water. Most Conservation Officers and prosecuting attorneys that I have discussed this issue with over the years feel that bridges are a legal means of entering the water. Bottom line, be courteous and don't be afraid to stop and ask for permission. Hoosiers are friendly people and will usually give you access to their property for fishing purposes.

The major smallmouth rivers in this area are the White River, The Blue River, The Flat Rock River, and the West Fork of the Whitewater River, Laughery Creek and the Muscatatuck River. All of the tributary streams that feed directly into the Ohio River have resident populations of smallmouth as well as the tributary streams of the rivers mentioned above. As with all watersheds some water fishes better than others.

Even though the White River runs through the most populated region in Indiana it is one of Indiana's best rivers. The area within Indianapolis city limits is productive for both quantity and quality of fish. If you prefer to escape the sounds of the city head upstream anywhere between Anderson and Indianapolis, it all fishes well. There are numerous public access sites in Indianapolis.

Personally I like a little more elbow room so I start my fishing expeditions thirty miles Southeast of Indianapolis on the Blue River (not to be confused with the Blue River in the very southern part of the state). The Blue is good anywhere from Knightstown to Edinburg and is floatable from the Roger Shaw Memorial Park located approximately six miles north of Shelbyville downstream to Edinburg. Public access is available at Roger Shaw Memorial Park and the city park in Shelbyville. This stretch makes a nice one day float trip.

The fishiest stretch of the Flat Rock River runs from Rushville to Edinburg. The river switches back and forth from limestone to sand/gravel base and holds a healthy population of smallmouth throughout its entire length.

Moving further east the West Fork of the Whitewater River is good fishing from Interstate I70 all the way to Brookville. The West Fork is Indiana's fastest flowing river and one of its most beautiful. Large sweeping gravel bars border the main channel for most of its length. Wading anglers can get wet at the county park approximately four miles south of Connersville and at the Feeder Dam located just downstream of the little town of Laurel. The Feeder Dam is a DNR property and offers easy access and parking. Those wanting to float the West Fork can gain access via Morgan's Canoe Rental located on the south edge of Brookville. You can use your own watercraft or rent one of theirs. They

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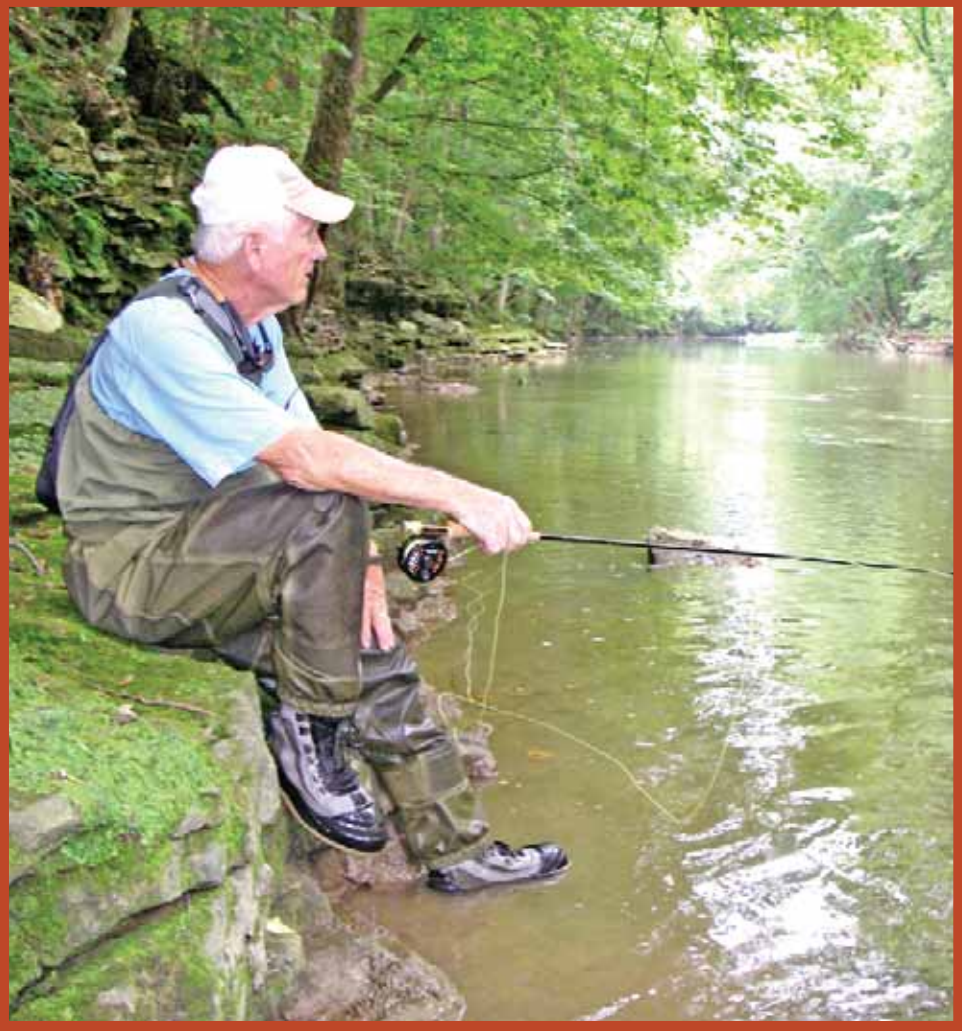
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Nice mid-summer smallmouth taken and released by author. (Author Photo)



Bud Denneman of New Palestine takes a break on the Flat Rock River. (Author Photo)

also offer pick up service. This stretch of the river should be fished early in the morning or spring and fall to avoid the canoe traffic.

Shifting south to Laughery Creek in the vicinity of Versailles, public access is available at Versailles State Park one mile east of the town of Versailles on State Road 50. My fishing friends tell me the fish-

ing is good from a few miles north of the park all the way to the Ohio River. Fishing is also available in the park itself. Sources at the Fly Master Fly Shop of Indianapolis tell me the lower portion of Laughery Creek gets a sizeable run of stripers and wipers from the Ohio River. This action takes place sometime during April or early May depending on weather conditions and water level

Indiana hasn't always had quality fishing for smallmouth bass. As a child my father and I frequently fished the Flat Rock River and I don't ever recall catching a smallmouth over twelve inches. During the eighties I almost stopped fishing the local rivers and streams. It was very discouraging to fish all day long only to come up empty handed or with only a few small fish, however sometime during the mid nineties the smallmouth fishery appeared to be improving. Most anglers and biologists attribute the improvement to the lack of fall plowing by farmers and the concept of catch and release fishing. It is accurate to state that I've caught more and bigger smallmouth bass in the past ten years than I did in the previous thirty years combined. It's not unusual for a quick trip to one of my pet streams to produce a dozen fish or more. They won't all be giants but most days a fifteen incher or two shows up, some days a seventeen inch fish makes an appearance and occasionally one over twenty inches eats one of my offerings. But the real beauty of fishing Indiana streams is the lack of fishing pressure. I've gone years without seeing another fisherman. Granted some rivers get more pressure than others but if you seek solitude you can find

it in Indiana.

If you're a non-resident you should probably stick to the tried and true rivers and streams mentioned earlier. However if you live in or close to the area described I highly suggest you go exploring. Case in point; for eighteen years I crossed the same small stream on my way to work. Daily I dismissed it as to small to fish. One day for some reason I stopped and peered over the bridge and to my surprise I saw a very small smallmouth bass. Later in the week I parked my truck and walked upstream, my reward was the discovery of a pool fifty yards long and forty feet wide. The following day I returned with fly rod in hand and had one of the best days of smallmouth bass fishing in my life. This large opening in the small stream was the home of numerous bass in the fifteen to nineteen inch range. The key to finding these honey holes is locating small streams that flow into major streams that are known to have strong smallmouth populations. Fish from the larger rivers will migrate up the smaller streams to spawn or in some cases to hang out all summer.

Fly fishing for smallmouth bass can be challenging. If you don't know how to fly fish find a friend to give you a helping hand or seek out a professional instructor. A good instructor can cut years off of your goal of becoming a skilled fly fisherman.

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## Camping Here & Beyond



by John and El McCorry

### What Do You See Wrong In Campgrounds?

Over the years El and I have been in camping areas ranging from very primitive to ultra-expensive resorts, from private campgrounds, county and State Parks and recreation areas, to group camps and various stages of federal forests, parks and engineering projects. Can you believe none of these are exempt from problems small and large and many in between? In our campground we had every type of camping unit from the lean to and tipi's, tents, fold downs, travel trailers and 5th wheels to several hundred thousand dollar motor coaches. We even had one guy sleep in his car around the lakes for a while as he had lost his house and family and had to travel each day to work, so he came in late, got a little sleep and left early the next morning after a quick shower.

I think our campers would agree that we accepted all types of suggestions about what "could" or "should" take place to make things more acceptable to them and other prospective campers. They knew, as did we, which large changes could seldom be made, but even in seemingly small instances there may have been restrictions, usually finances.

An example, probably in the early 1990's, a spokesperson from the State Board of Health, told a gathering of Indiana Campground Owners at our annual meeting, that there would be a bill in legislature to restrict any discharge of untreated sewerage off property. Even though in our purchase of the campground in 1978 we had inherited a septic/chlorination type system and chlorine would not be able to be discharged into the environment, and especially off your property. We soon realized we would need to change systems to comply with State Board of Health regulations.

Even though we asked for and were given suggestions about what should be installed, I could see (mainly by having a little background with a Masters' Degree in Biology and another in the Geosciences) that there would be problems with the suggested systems on our particular property. It seemed to me that there would need to be various changes in the aforementioned systems every few years and I didn't want to tackle the expense and physical tearing up of the ground so often. I chose a system that was not entirely accepted in Indiana (we saw it in Louisiana on one of my Ecology Club's field experiences). It was a constructed wetland waste-water treatment system. To make discussion short, I had blueprints drawn, submitted them to the State Board of Health and waited a long time for a notification of acceptance. When it arrived we were told it would be on an experimental basis---and, if not functioning properly I would need to change back to one of the earlier suggested plans. At the time the system was installed it cost around \$70,000 and at present the same system is over \$400,000.

When the State found no problems with the system they told me we could probably hook up a whole community to it. We and the new owner have had no problems since the mid-1990's when it was installed.

This is the high end of suggestions and compliance. There are literally hundreds of things that could go wrong in a facility such as a campground. Observations and suggestions by campers do not always go in one ear and out the other, but in some cases in smaller campgrounds, money is usually the problem. Serious problems should be corrected immediately but smaller, usually insignificant ones, can be put on hold until the big and maybe dangerous situations are corrected.

Interestingly enough, county boards of health

throughout states (and not just Indiana) vary quite a lot on how they cite campgrounds (and probably other types of public facilities) for problems and possible necessary compliance with State rules. When our private campground owners got together at monthly meetings at campgrounds throughout the State, we heard of instances of necessary strict adherence to the rules to extreme bending of the rules. El and I have actually discussed similar problems with owners and managers of campgrounds through-out the United States. We usually have found a much larger range of problems in some of the states where there was a lot more slack in making the campgrounds comply than here in Indiana. We should be proud that here in Indiana if a problem is not fixed, the noose is fitted and tightened. We know there are a few places where the "good 'old boy system" is in effect but we're tough compared to other states. We asked owners/managers how they got by with certain activities and we've heard anything from "the inspector schedules annual or quarterly inspections with you or that they appear at any time to inspect, or that a state board has just changed a regulation and have a dragnet out to catch unsuspecting violators, to owners/managers that have a phone, text, or e-mail system where they warn one another that the state boys are on the road again and the real kicker, we've never been inspected or they come every two or three years." In Indiana we should be glad to get checked on a regular basis. We gripe but it's for the well-being of the health and safety of our campground guests, and it actually has a lot to do with keeping insurance rates down. Plus we don't get the questions and suggestions from our campers.

We'll write more about watching for and reporting to the owner/manager about various problems you might wonder about while camping in their facilities in the July Gad-a-Bout.

If you are going to any of the activities in or around the Lafayette area, to Purdue or to any of the many festivals and county fairs, you are welcome to visit **Wolfe's Leisure Time Campground** on Old State Road 25 at Americus. Mary and Dale have a lot planned. Weekend activities include: **May 17-20** Paw print Week Contest: [www.wltp.org/pawprints.htm](http://www.wltp.org/pawprints.htm), Mexican Potluck Saturday Night. Bring dish and recipe to show; **May 24-27** Memorial Day Weekend-Kids games, Bingo, Indy Matchbox Car Races, corn hole, Pancake breakfast, Karaoke Sunday Evening; **May 31-June 1** Minute-to-Win-It Weekend; June 7-8 Rummage Sale; **June 14-16** Fathers' Day-Fish Fry bring side dish to share, then Biscuits and Gravy Sunday morning; **June 21-22** Wii Tournaments w/ bowling and golf, bring your own controller; **June 28-29** Western Days, cook over open fire, make pudgy pies, a country rock band, bring cowboy hats. Website: [www.wltp.org](http://www.wltp.org).

If you have anything you would like us to write about, contact us at: 260-637-3524 or e-mail at: [jmacnut@yahoo.com](mailto:jmacnut@yahoo.com). Remember to pick up Indiana Festival Guides and Camp Indiana campground directories at rest areas on the interstate and in your neighborhood visitors' bureau. After a very rainy beginning of camping season here in Indiana, we've heard that nearly all the types of campgrounds are mopping up and ready to go. It's time to hit the road and see what your state has to offer. Good camping!!!!

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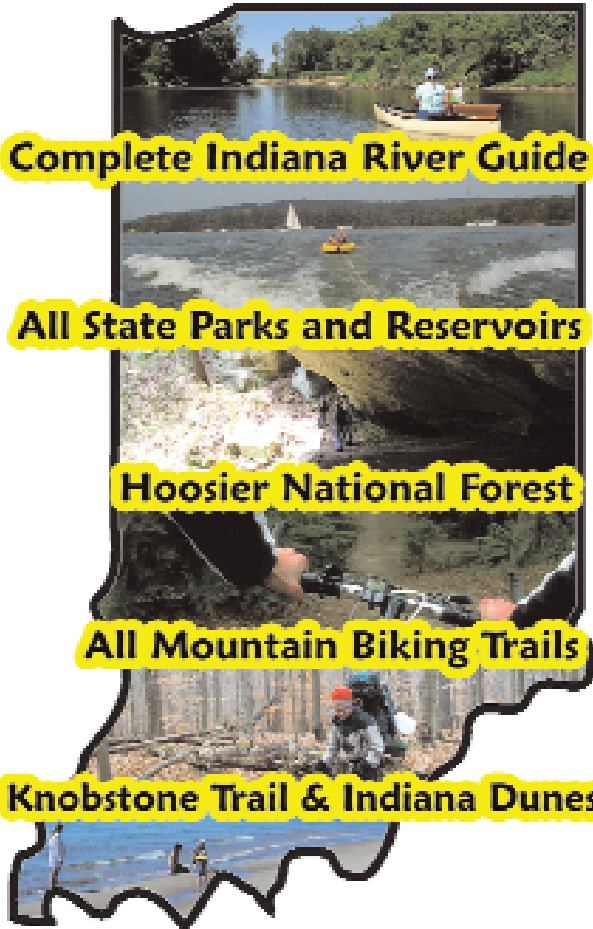
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Mounds State Park entrance sign. (Author Photo)



View of the Whiter River through Mounds State Park from road to campground. The bank towards the top of photo would be lake bottom property.. (Author Photo)

## Outdoors



With Rich Creason

### New Indiana Reservoir

Seven miles long, covering 2100 acres, holding six billion gallons of water, extending along White River from just west of Scatterfield Road in Anderson, around Chesterfield and Daleville, and ending around County Road 300 South in southeastern Delaware County—this is the proposed site of the Mounds Lake Reservoir.

Several years ago, officials of Madison and Delaware counties began talking about the possibility of creating a new reservoir in these two east central Indiana counties. But, it wasn't until early 2013 these plans came to the notice of the general public.

Creating a lake of this size, in this area, will naturally affect many individuals, businesses, and organizations, plus local flora and fauna. Some of these will benefit from the changes which will come if the new reservoir idea becomes a reality, while others will endure severe hardships. Three public meetings have already occurred in the two counties allowing the people to listen to the proposals, ask questions, and get a better idea of what is actually happening. Several hundred people have attended each of these events.

Rob Sparks, Executive Director of the Anderson/Madison County Corporation for Economic Development, and officials of both Chesterfield and Daleville, towns which would be directly affected by the proposed new lake, are in favor of the plan. Supporters of the proposed reservoir say it will bring new business to the area which Anderson desperately needs since the loss of Delco Remy and Guide Lamp many years ago.

The lake would bring increased revenue to the counties from tourism in the form of fishing, boating, and other water-related activities. Marinas would be built to supply the needs of the influx of boats and anglers to the affected towns. Waterfront property would be created raising property values significantly and bringing construction jobs and an increase in building material purchases. As the community improves and becomes more desirable, local population may increase, and lodging, restaurants, and other local businesses should see more money flowing through their doors. The new reservoir would probably bring in more income by supplementing the Indianapolis area water supply. Proponents say local wildlife habitat would also be improved.

Unfortunately, as would be expected with a project this size, there are also numerous problems which must be overcome. The first would be the cost. Mr. Sparks and his fellow members of the Economic Development Corporation suggest it would cost between 300 and 400 million dollars. Everything considered, this seems like a very reasonable figure to accomplish everything which must be done to complete this project. But is it a reasonable figure? If it goes forward, 2020 is the guestimate for completion of the reservoir.

Looking at cost estimates of building roads, bridges, stadiums, and other projects requiring even two or three years to finish, how many come in completed, at or near their estimated time and budget. Most, including several reservoirs built in Georgia, ended up costing two, three, or even four times the projected cost. The longer almost any project takes to complete, the higher the cost will probably be. Especially if it involves any government entity.

Another major problem is seven miles of riverfront property is going to be under water. On the west end of the impoundment, Mounds Mall in Anderson will be on the bottom of the lake. This Mall was the first enclosed mall in Indiana. Closing this establishment will eliminate many businesses and cost hundreds of jobs. Just across the street to the east, another large area of businesses will be destroyed. To the north of the mall hundreds of houses will become underwater property. Naturally, many of these

homeowners and business owners are against the proposed reservoir. How they will be compensated for their loss is still under discussion.

Just a short ways upriver from this area are two other obstacles garnering much debate. One is Mounds State Park. To what extent will this historic area be affected? At least one of the trails along the White River will be flooded. The campground will probably be on the banks of the lake while the Great Indian Mounds for which the park is named will probably remain high and dry.

Just north of the park lies the Anderson Airport. The 5400 foot runway can handle large corporate jets and the 1,000 foot safety area (required) past the end of the paved runway extends to the fence along the present banks of the river. Debates are still ongoing about how much of the airport will be affected. The present runway cannot be extended on the opposite end because of the nearby CSX railroad tracks.

The status of at least six bridges along the waterway will have to be determined. To avoid contamination of the reservoir, it has been suggested farmers along the river will have to change to non-polluting fertilizer and chemicals or move their farming operations further away from the shoreline. Others wonder if pollution of the water will occur when the Mounds Mall area is flooded. This used to be one of the local landfills.

Another potential problem to the final approval of Mounds Lake is the decision about several endangered species which live, or are thought to live, in the area. The Indiana bat will be able to fly away from the water, but some of its hibernation area may be inundated. Two species of mollusks are thought to live in the White River. While being underwater doesn't hurt them, these species prefer flowing water as opposed to still lake water. Three species of endangered dragonflies in the area will probably not be greatly affected. Several endangered species of plant life may have to be

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These businesses on the east side of Scatterfield Road will become water bottom property. (Author Photo)



This photo taken from the east side of Scatterfield Road shows the Mounds Mall in the background and the Texas Roadhouse restaurant in the foreground. Both will be under water.

considered.

There are still years of discussion and study which will take place before the 2500 foot earthen dam could be built. Economics, environmental studies, politics, and many other aspects will play a part in the final outcome. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources will have to eventually become involved as mandated by state and/or federal laws. The DNR would have to review a permit application for construction in a floodway which would also involve the Divisions of Water, Law Enforcement, Nature Preserves and Fish & Wildlife. Possibly the Divisions of Historic Preservation & Archeology and State Parks & Reservoirs would weigh in on the permit.

Other regulatory interests would include the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and possibly the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service, which manages the National Register of Historic Places. The entire Mounds State Park complex is on the National Register, so any impact the proposed reservoir might have on the park would likely be evaluated by the National Park Service.

The Anderson Herald-Bulletin newspaper has a website at [www.heraldbulletin.com/reservoir](http://www.heraldbulletin.com/reservoir) which has much more information on this subject, or just

Google Mounds Lake Reservoir, Anderson, Indiana and keep checking back for updated info.

It is still much too early in the project for me to have an opinion on whether I am pro or con on this topic. Because of the numerous entities involved

with the idea, it might just fizzle to a slow death in the next several years. Then, I won't have to decide which side I am on.

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## Indiana State Trappers Association



by Dr. Fred Philips, DVM

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I already mentioned that the Indiana State Trappers Association (ISTA), in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) puts on several Trapper Education (TE) classes each year. You can find some of these events at the ISTA's website, [www.indianatrapperr.com](http://www.indianatrapperr.com), in the Calendar section. The Fur Takers of America (FTA) also run some classes and have some local rendezvous's. You can find more about them at [www.furtakersofamerica.com](http://www.furtakersofamerica.com). Look under their Chapter listings to find one close to you. The Annual Conventions and Rendezvous are great places to see demonstrations on everything, and to meet up with people who offer specific services and training. Look on the above site for the FTA and at [www.nationaltrappers.com](http://www.nationaltrappers.com) for the National Trappers Association (NTA). The

NTA Convention and Rendezvous is in Lima, Ohio this year, August 1 – 4, 2013. The FTA Convention and Rendezvous is in Marshfield, WI, June 27 – 30, 2013. Both will have demonstrations put on by the big fur houses of Canada.

As I said last month, it is easy to turn a \$12.00 muskrat into a \$1.00 muskrat, or a \$35.00 raccoon into a \$5.00 raccoon. It is impossible to turn a \$1.00 muskrat into a \$12.00 muskrat, or a \$5.00 raccoon into a \$35.00. It is very hard to try and describe how to skin, flesh, and stretch an animal in print. My best advice would be to go to YouTube if you cannot find a Fur Buyer close to you. Skinning involves a whole other set of tools and equipment. You generally hang your catch from a skinning gabriel. This instrument locks onto the hind legs and holds them steady while they hang in the air. The skin is worked loose from the hind legs and tail and then you pull it off like taking your socks off. This is called case skinning and the technique is used for muskrats, mink, raccoon, fox, coyote, skunk and opossum. From there, things may be done quite differently, depending on the species we are discussing. You need equipment for fleshing, i.e. getting off the excessive fat and tissue so the skin dries correctly, and for stretching, either wire frames or wooden boards. This is why I recommended that you do not do this initially, because it is so easy to destroy an otherwise valuable pelt.

Alternatively, you may take the whole, "in the round", animals to local fur buyers and sell them as they are. You may also freeze them that way and bring them to an auction," as is". Mind you, most auctions require that the animals be thawed out so that they can be examined for any damage, and they will not bring as much money as if they were skinned, stretched and dried. There are a few people, like Dennis Cobb, (317.432.6593 or 765.534.4349) who will professionally process your catch for you at a very reasonable cost. I believe that he will even skin it for you. It just costs you more, that's all. If you want to learn, buy some DVD's or a good book, find someone to watch, go to the TE Classes, and visit the National Conventions. I have done all of that, and I still do not feel like I have a real good

grasp on fur processing, mostly because to get good, you have to practice, a lot. My catch is not that large, and I do not get the time to practice, a lot. I still try, and I learn more with every effort.

Now dealing with skunks, that is a whole different story. One that stinks if you ask me.

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First Place winners at Cataract Reservoir was Myron Etchinson and Jim Kiritsis. They caught their fish spider rigging four feet deep using bass minnow rigs.



First Place winners at Brookville Reservoir was Nate Noblitt and Lonnie Phillips. They spider rigged 20 feet of water 14 feet deep with Lake Fork sickle tails tipped with minnows.

Indiana Slab Masters



by Ron Bilbrey

April Tournaments

Photos by Ron Bilbrey

April 6th the Indiana Slab Masters held their second tournament of 2013 on Cataract Reservoir in Cloverdale, IN. We Launched out of Cunot ramp at 6:00am with a slight southwest breeze, shortly after daylight that breeze turned into a strong southwestern wind and made us rethink fishing a north eastern shore-line. The bite was good all day and the crappie were not in short supply. We made three moves throughout the day and never had a lack of fish just a lack of big fish. In all my partner and I caught well over a hundred crappie with most being in the 9 to 10" range. We managed to get seven crappie for a total weight of 4.66 not what we were looking for but good enough for eighteenth place out of 36 boats.

The winning team of Myron Etchinson and Jim Kiritsis fished an area near the State Park ramp and caught their 5.86 lbs of fish spider rigging four feet deep and moving slowly in seven feet of water in the back of a cove using bass minnow rigs with red hooks and hi-vis yellow line, Myron said they stayed in the same water depth all day but did change to three feet deep as the sun came up and their fish moved up in the water column. Congratulations to Myron and Jim on a well deserved win on a tough day.

The always tough team of Tom Hankins and Glen Gill finished in second place spider rigging 13-20' of water on the south side of the lake using Lake Fork baby shad sometimes tipping with live bait. Finishing in third place with 5.56lb Mike Bledsoe and Allen Sutkowski edged out the fourth place team of Charlie and Paul Hildreth with a 1.10lb big fish. Mike and Allen caught their fish spider rigging with hair jigs in

6-10' of water. Rounding out the top five is the team of Doug and Dawson Berg which also spider rigged near the state park ramp in 20-25' of water fishing 12' deep with minnows to claim their first top five of the season.

The Brookville tournament was held April 20th at Fairfield ramp on the east side of the lake. Jays Midlake was the hosts bait shop and we would like to thank them for supporting the Indiana Slab Masters for the second year. Conditions for the tournament were less than perfect, rain days prior to the tournament muddied the water and 25 mph winds the day before the tournament made pre fishing tough. My partner could not make this tournament so I decided to fish it alone as we needed the points to stay in the top ten.

The morning of the tournament I launched out of Fairfield ramp and headed south towards clearer water. I caught my first crappie at 7:30 spider rigging over a brush pile in 16 feet of water. I targeted the same water depth for the next three hours trolling between stumps and the brush pile catching three more crappie. 10:30 came and I had to decide which way to go as I felt it was time to make a move not catching a fish in almost an hour. I made my way North to a spot I had pre fished the year before, the water was muddy but 2- 3 degrees warmer than the previous spot, again I targeted 16 feet of water and using the side imaging I found a down tree on the edge of a flat and quickly set up and pushed my minnow rigs up to the tree. My first push landed two fish almost instantly and the tree paid off with about twenty more decent fish allowing me to cull smaller fish and finally giving up a 7 fish limit of 5.60 lbs. which was good enough for third place.

The team of Nate Noblitt and Lonnie Phillips won the Brookville tournament and big fish with a 1.47 lb slab and total weight of 6.09lbs. Congratulations on their first win with the Slab Masters. Nate and Lonnie spider rigged 20 feet of water 14 feet deep with Lake Fork sickle tails tipped with minnows and caught their big fish with only 3 minutes left in the tournament. Tom Hankins and Glen Gill finished second in their 2nd consecutive tournament and third top three in as many tournaments. Tom and Glen spider rigged 4to 11 foot of water with Lake fork baby shad and tubes tipped with bass minnows to catch their 5.64lbs. With our first top five Ron Bilbrey and Damon Phillips weighed in with 5.60lbs Finishing in fourth place and their first top five this year was the team of Brett Cunningham and Josh Kleber . Brett also fished this tournament alone and found his fish spider rigging nine feet of water 3-4 feet deep with Nothead tackle baits. The team of Jim Raymer and Doug Sikora finished in fifth place for their first top five of the season. Jim and Doug were vertical jigging 12 to 20 feet of water with



Catching the big fish at Brookville was Nate Noblitt, it weighed 1.47 lb. (Author Photo)

Bobby Garland and Southern pro baits using BnM rods to catch their fish.

Top five results from both April tournaments are listed below and complete results can be seen at [indianaslabmasters.com](http://indianaslabmasters.com)

| Cataract Reservoir |                                |         |
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| 1st                | Myron Etchinson & Jim Kiristis | 5.86lbs |
| 2nd                | Glen Gill & Tom Hankins        | 5.77lbs |

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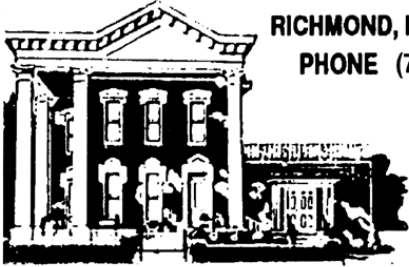


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Second Place winners at Cataract Reservoir was Tom Hankins and Glen Gill. They spider rigged in 13-20' of water on the south side of the lake using Lake Fork baby shad.



Second Place winners at Brookville Reservoir was Glen Gill and Tom Hankins. Spider rigging in 4 to 11 foot of water with Lake fork baby shad and tubes tipped with bass minnows.



Third Place winners at Cataract Reservoir was Mike Bledsoe and Allen Sutkowski. They caught their fish spider rigging with hair jigs in 6-10' of water.



Third Place winner at Brookville Reservoir was Ron Bilbrey. Ron fished with a spider rig, trolled between stumps and brushpile and fished a downed tree catching his fish.

|          |                                |         |
|----------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 3rd      | Mike Bledsoe & Allen Sotkowski | 5.56lbs |
| 4th      | Charlie & Paul Hildreth        | 5.56lbs |
| 5th      | Doug & Dawson Berg             | 5.31lbs |
| BIG FISH | Josh Ross & Gary Holcomb       | 1.49lbs |

**Brookville Reservoir**

|     |                                |         |
|-----|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1st | Nate Noblitt & Lonnie Phillips | 1.47lbs |
| 2nd | Glen Gill & Tom Hankins        | 5.64lbs |
| 3rd | Ron Bilbrey and Damon Phillips | 5.60lbs |

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| 4th      | Brett Cunningham & Josh Kleber | 5.47lbs  |
| 5th      | Jim Raymer & Doug Sikora       | 5.24lbs  |
| BIG FISH | Nate Noblitt & Lonnie Phillips | 6.09 lbs |

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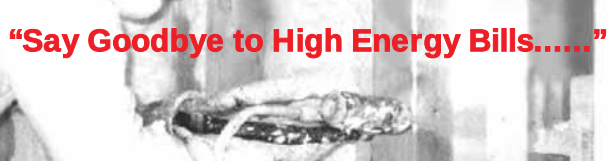
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# Looking Downstream



by Paul McCloud

## June a Visit to a DNR Fish Hatchery

My wife and I recently toured the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife fish hatchery at St. Marys, Ohio just below the East dam of Grand Lake St. Marys. The 160-acre facility is one of six hatcheries operated by the state. It was opened in 1913 by the Western Ohio Fish and Game Association and was officially taken over by the state in 1936. This hatchery has 26 ponds for an equivalent of 43 water acres including two outdoor raceways. The main indoor production area handles billions of fish eggs annually in large banks of hatching tubes and nine rearing troughs. Water is drawn from Grand Lake St. Marys at a rate of up to 5000 gallons per minute and an on sight well with a 375-gallon per minute capacity. The abundant water supply allows the hatchery to raise saugeye, walleye, yellow perch, channel catfish, and largemouth bass.

Production begins in the spring with walleye egg collection for use in producing both walleye and the hybrid saugeye. In the production of saugeye, tubs of walleye eggs are fertilized with sauger sperm and placed in the hatching tubes where they are continually bathed in fresh water. Damaged, dead and unfertile eggs turn white and float above fertilized eggs. When the fry hatch in three days they swim up in the tube and are carried into the brooding trough where they are kept for from three to no more than five days. The fry at birth have a yoke sack and a thin membrane over there mouths. In three to four days they have used up the yoke sack and the membrane over their mouths flakes off. At this point the highly cannibalistic fry have to be released or they will start to eat each other, so they are collected and released into whatever body of water in the state they're needed. I have to admit I was quite surprised by this; you have to think that most of these tiny little fish will quickly enter the food chain. It was explained that even in nature only a very small percentage of any fish species newly hatched fry live to become an adult fish, and they allow for this.

Also in the spring, yellow perch breeding adults are placed into hatchery ponds along with submerged trees and bushes that provide spawning structure. Later after the spawning is complete the adult fish are removed and the fry fed on zooplankton are allowed to grow to two to three inches then released into Ohio lakes.

Largemouth bass breeding adults are stocked into hatchery ponds that have gravel spawning beds. Once the springtime water temperature reaches 65 the bass spawn. After the all the eggs have hatched the fry are collected and transferred to grow on ponds at a rate of 15,000 per acre. Adult fathead minnows are often stocked in these ponds ahead of the young bass, and the minnow fry are then available as a natural food for the bass. Later, in the fall the young bass having grown to three to five inches are stocked into public fishing waters determined to need



Fisheries worker explains the operation of the hatchery to visitors, standing next to two brooding troughs full of millions of tiny Saugeye fry. (Author Photo)

a boost of the bass population.

They begin channel catfish production in early summer using adult fish kept on sight at the hatchery. The adult fish deposit their eggs in ten gallon containers placed on the bottoms of the hatchery ponds. The eggs are then brought indoors for incubation, and hatch in about a week. The newly hatched catfish are then transferred to brooding ponds and fed a formulated diet until they grow to around 12 inches in the first year. Catfish are normally stocked throughout the state in the fall.

The fisheries people are not only responsible for operating the hatcheries but also conduct most of the annual statewide fish surveys. I got to speak to Jim True who leads the survey team for Ohio District Five, which includes my favorite fishing hole, Acton Lake at Hueston Woods State Park. His team conducts test nettings and operate the electro-fishing survey boat. The large, heavy gauge, flat-bottomed aluminum boat is fitted with a pair of extendable booms that can extend to over ten foot in front of the boat. Each boom with a circular patterned array of electrodes that are lowered to the waters surface discharging 400 volts at 4 amps. In shallow areas this charge will temporarily stun all the fish in close proximity allowing them to be netted then measured, weighed and any other tests needed, then safely returned to the water. Usually on the same outing of two to three days, (actually most work is done at night so as not to disrupt activities of local anglers). Up to ten net traps are set and checked every few hours. "Acton Lake is at or near the top of our best Ohio bass lakes, and we pay particular attention to them when we're down there" said Mr. True. "Also since the introduction of saugeye at Acton Lake we monitor their progress closely as well." Asked about the crappie population at Acton Mr. True responded, "after the bad fish kill there back in 1990, we restocked Acton with several truck loads of adult crappie netted from Grand Lake St. Marys. Hatchery raised bass, catfish and bluegill were also stocked as part of the lakes rehabilitation. Acton Lake has made a complete recovery and is one of the states best all around fishing lakes."

The annual survey at Acton Lake is coming up soon and I hope to be able to ride along with them and learn first hand exactly how a survey is done. In the mean time fishing reports from Whitewater Lake, Brookville Lake and Acton Lake are very good with high numbers of good-sized Bass, Catfish and Crappie taken daily. Don't forget Whitewater Lake is restricted to trolling motors only, Acton Lake is restricted to a maximum of 10 hp, and Brookville is unlimited with strictly enforced idle zones. So if you're not fishing you're missing out, don't forget your life jackets and other safety equipment. As always your comments are appreciated, [pasports@ydial.net](mailto:pasports@ydial.net).

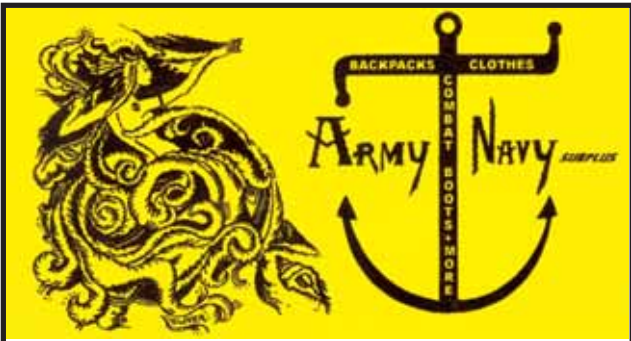
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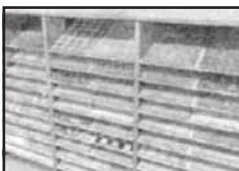
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# Reminiscing

Slow day - perfect. On our back deck, it's under roof, so I guess Hal Bench would say it's a porch. Suits me, whatever rocks your chair. Back some years, growing up on the farm, it would have been a porch. Besides, I don't know of anyone back then what would have built a wooden floor without a roof.

So as I said in the beginning, here on the back porch, it's very comfortable. The temperature is 75 degrees and there's a slight breeze from the south east. It's good to see the weather vane arrow creep around to the south. That should improve fishing, but more on that further on.

Along with several hanging planters of various colored petunias, there are two small bird houses. One, painted red, white and blue and built by grand-daughter Elizabeth a few years back, hangs on one corner of the porch, but under the roof edge. The other, in a tasteful brown stain, was built by grandson Gus about a year ago.

Today, a house wren is beginning the nest building process in the brown house. Seems to me to be a bit late in the season to begin nest building. Maybe wrens are like mourning doves and build nests and lay eggs several times a year - at least from spring to fall. It's paying a compliment to the dove, calling the affair of 12 sticks arranged on the flat fork in a tree branch, a nest.

Anyhow, this wren is stuffing the brown house with various sticks, grass and dried weeds. Now as I watch this process - I can only see the part that goes on outside the house - there are ends of sticks and stuff protruding from the entrance hole and the ventilation opening under the roof.

I'm unsure whether the builder is the only wren on the job. Telling the difference between him and her in the wren world is beyond my scope of knowledge.

Now, the wrens or maybe just this wren was constructing in the red, white and blue bird house about five or so days back. It also has an assortment of sticks and such sticking out of the entrance hole and the ventilation areas. Now, it seems to me that I have read where the male house wren will build several nests, allowing the prospective mate the opportunity to make her choice.

Right now, the wren is trying to get a six inch piece of barberry twig into the 3/4 inch hole. Seems this piece of barberry with its thorns would not be a choice item of building material. But then maybe he doesn't want her to pick this particular house.

At the rate construction is proceeding, the little brown house should be stuffed full in another hour

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or so. This brings to mind an incident several years back, when we placed wood duck boxes on Lake Waveland. The boxes were put up in early spring and then checked for cleaning in the late fall or early winter.

One box was stuffed absolutely full of sticks, dried grass and weeds. Now, a wood duck box has at least a cubic foot of space inside and these little bird houses have only a twenty-fifth of that space. If one wren filled that wood duck box, he must have worked day and night for a week.

A pair of chickadees had started nest building in the red, white and blue house earlier in the spring. This same house was used by chickadees for three springs prior to this year. After putting a few pieces of furniture in place, over two week's time, the pair apparently gave it up as a bad attempt. Maybe there was a divorce in the family or it was decided there was a better house on the market.

Later in the day, mid afternoon, grandson Gus and I trailered the boat to Lake Holiday. The initial reason was to fish for bluegill with slip bobbers and bee moth. This attempt was successful although most of the fish caught - bluegill, long-eared sunfish and green sunfish - were under the seven inch mark. After trying several locations and only four fish in the live well, it was decided to try for another specie.

The slip bobber rigged poles put away and the boat headed out of the big cove, we put three trolling rods in the rod holders. With the lures - Rapala No. 5 Shad Raps - running about 30 yards behind the boat, I set the throttle at idle and now we'll see if white bass, wipers or any other fish is interested in our offering.

The 48 hp SPL Evinrude idles as smoothly as any outboard I've had. I thank Tom and Ken Shaver, Tom's Marine for the motor's performance. There's no fun or advantage to be on the water - anywhere - with a hit and miss outboard.

As we continued up the lake, I reminded Gus to keep an eye on the rod in the holder at the boat's stern. My instructions, "When the rod tip suddenly bends toward the water, tell me."

As we passed over an area where the water depth deepened, a number of fish were indicated on the Garmin depth finder. And just seconds later, Gus said, "There is a fish on." At that point, he took the rod from its holder and began to reel against the fish's pull. No instructions needed from Grandpa.

I had turned to look at Gus and when I turned back to check the boat's direction and two rods in the bow - one of which was bent under the pressure from a fish. Now it's my turn to bring in a fish. A double on the first strike. We boated two white bass - both 16 inches in length. White bass are identified by the solid black lines running on their sides from gills to tail. The wiper is a hybrid, produced by the crossing of white bass and striped bass. The same black lines are present, but broken in pattern.

In another 45 minutes of trolling, Gus had boated another 16 inch white and seven or eight smaller fish, some identified as small wipers. One more final pass through an area where several fish had been hooked and it would be time to load up and head home.

It was at this point, I noticed one lure riding on the surface - it should have been running 6 or 7 feet down. The lure had, in the process of the boat's turning, crossed over and entangled on the neighboring line. What a mess. So, gather in the two lines, hopelessly tangled, and the third and on to the ramp. Hey, fish, we'll be back next Thursday. ■

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# Happenings in Metamora, Indiana



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## Metamora, Indiana May Activities

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It's Strawberry time in Metamora. The 27th Annual Strawberry Daze is June 1st and 2nd from 10am-5pm. Strawberry shortcake tent will be set up on the front lawn of the Bane House. There will be musical entertainment around the village.

Sunday, June 2nd also brings us another installment of Jammin' on the Front Porch of the Mill. This is a free jam session on the porch of the Grist Mill from 1pm-4pm.

The Whitewater Valley Train is very busy this month. On June 7th is the Twilight Train to Dinner. This is the usual train ride to the Laurel Hotel for dinner. Reservations are required so be sure to call: **(765) 825-2054** for a fun evening.

Thomas the Tank Engine and the GoGo Thomas Tour are coming to Connersville for 2 weekends June 14-16 and June 21-23. This is a fun day in Connersville with activities at the train station as well as a chance to meet various Thomas the Tank Engine characters. For more information call TicketWeb at **866-468-7630** or visit <http://www.ticketweb.com> and search for Thomas the Tank Engine in Connersville, Indiana. Just a reminder during these 2 weeks there will not be any trains in Metamora.

June 28th is the Lasers and Lights Train to Dinner. This is a special running of the Twilight Limited Train to Dinner excursion. The train will return in time for the Connersville Laser Light Show. Limited seating is available and reservations are required. Fares are \$29 per person and includes the round trip train ride, the meal, tax and tip. For more information call **765-825-2054** or <http://tickets.whitewatervalleyrr.org/>.

While this doesn't happen in June, if you're interested you need to get your tickets now! The Dinosaur Train from the hit PBS show is coming to Connersville August 17,18,24,25. According to the website: "families take an adventurous ride to the



Earth Day in Metamora, Indiana April 20, 2013, looking East along the Canal, Railroad and in the distance the Aqueduct. (Photo by Ray Dickerson)

Nature Trackers Activity Area where they explore, play and learn about life science, natural history and dinosaurs. Guests will meet their favorite T-rex, Buddy, find real fossils and dig for dinosaur bones!" This will be another train that sells out quickly. Tickets are available at <http://tickets.whitewatervalleyrr.org/> or calling **765-825-2054**.

One of the fun things about Metamora is the two big music festivals. The first one of the year happens June 26-29 with the Third Annual Whitewater Valley Bluegrass Festival at Gateway Park. Some of the featured bands this year are Appalachian Grass, Tish and Co., The Retread Bluegrass Band, Berachah Valley, Open Rail and My Favorite Bluegrass Band. There will be workshops, a jam session, instrument vendors, open mic night and more. All proceeds go to support the Whitewater Canal Byway Association. For more information call **765-647-2541** or visit [www.facebook.com/events/118008611727221/](http://www.facebook.com/events/118008611727221/).

Acoustic Final Friday, June 28th at the Lover's Lane Stage in Metamora. This is a free open mic in downtown Metamora. So stop by to perform or just listen. Sign up is at 6pm with music starting at 7pm.

Finally, on June 29 from 5-10pm it's Twilight Time: A Night in the Islands. Enjoy an island themed, catered dinner at the Grist Mill Park, a twilight cruise on the canal as well as live entertainment. Cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are required. For more information call **765.647.6512**.

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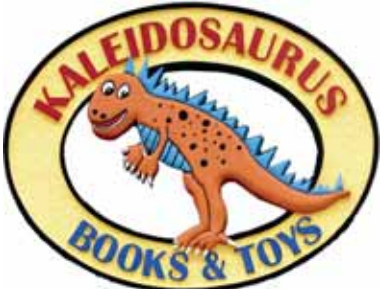
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## Brookville 2013 CanoeFest

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all decisions regarding all aspects of the Brookville CanoeFest Talent show, including, but not limited to, choosing the performance field, performance order, deeming material inappropriate, and disqualifying contestants •Competition will be determined on a combined score from a panel of talent judges and on audience ballots.

### Paint Your Paddle

The Support the Franklin County Public Library District Art Fund by painting a CanoeFest mini-paddle and entering the Paint Your Paddle contest. The entry fee is \$10. Registration can be done online or on a form.

Paddles need to be turned in by **Saturday June, 22** at 3:00 PM. Trophies given for top finishers.

**Age Groups:** • ADULT - 20 years +

• TEEN - 13-19 years • KIDS - up to 12 years

**Categories:** •ARTISTIC - (intended to be an art object) •NOVELTY - (commercial organization or other theme)

**Information:** •Paddles can be purchased at the Brookville and Laurel libraries, and at FCN Bank •All paint and glue must be dry, and all objects must be securely fastened to the paddle •Each paddle must have its official entry form fastened on it •All paddles turned in for judging will be entered in the CanoeFest Silent Auction •All entries become the property of the Art Committee •Minimum bid at the silent auction is \$5.00 •All paddles must be claimed from the silent auction by the end of CanoeFest •Paddles due by **Saturday June 22, 2013** at 3:00 PM. Paddle must be DRY or you will not be allowed to turn it in.

### CanoeFest Fireworks Spectacular

The Fireworks Spectacular will be held at 10:15 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2013 following the last activity.

### CanoeFest Races Biathlon Canoe & Run

This event will be held at 8 a.m. on **Saturday, June 29, 2013.**

Two person teams \$50 pre-registered, \$75 on race day / Solo biathlon \$30 pre-registered, \$40 on race day (boat not included). Registration can be made online or on a form.

#### Biathlon Classes

**Open Teams providing their own canoe**

Male/Male 2 Males

Female/Female 2 Females

Male/Female 1 Male 1 Female

Adult/Youth 2-person team (1 over 18 and 1 under 14 years of age)

Seniors 2-person team (combined age of at least 100 years)

Masters 2-person team (combined age of at least 80 years)

Solo 1-person canoe or kayak

The biathlon is a race that combines an 8.4 mile Canoe Race and a 6.7 mile run. Racers start at the Brookville Tailwater Recreation Area. Racers canoe the entire length of the east fork to where it joins the west fork and continue along the Whitewater until the end of the canoe segment at Morgan's Canoe Rental in Cedar Grove. After docking the canoes the foot race begins. Leaving Morgan's the racers continue south on S.R. 1 to River Road. Traveling north along River Road, there will be drink stations along with some beau-

tiful countryside. The finish line is located at the Franklin County Conservation Club ending up to be 15.1 miles in total length. Transportation will be available after the race.

Biathletes compete for the biathlon Cup. Winners have their names engraved the Cup, and will get to hold it for one year. The Cup was generously donated by Franklin County's premier racing family, the Leffingwells.

**Awards** will available to winners as soon as results are confirmed, with the exception of the grand prize Biathlon Cup. Those wishing to receive their award early in the afternoon may do so.

There will be an official awards ceremony at 7pm for those who wish to receive their awards on stage, the presentation of the Biathlon Cup, and to those who wish to receive wild raucous applause from the CanoeFest crowd. The awards ceremony is presided over by the Canoe Princess and her Court. Those winners who are not in attendance will still have their name(s) announced at the Awards Ceremony

#### Biathlon Rules

•Both participants must complete both the canoe race and the run

•Solo participants not eligible for the biathlon cup

•Open division must furnish their own canoe

•The open division is intended for those individuals extremely skilled in canoeing

•Except open division, only rental canoes and paddles will be used, or their equivalent

•Participants must sign waiver of liability and have USCG life vest, if under 18 parent or guardian must sign waiver

•Minors must have parent or guardian's written consent

•Racers must pull their boat to a designated area at the end of the paddling section before continuing on with the running section

•Race-day officials can make adjustments to rules and classes as needed

•Judges decisions are final

### Championship Canoe Race

This event will be held at 8:30 a.m. on **Saturday, June 29, 2013.**

1 & 2 person teams \$20 per person pre-registered, \$30 per person race day (canoe not included). Registration can be made online or on a form.

#### Championship Race Classes

•C-2 Mens Cruiser 2-male person team with cruiser canoe

•C-2 Standard\* 2-person team with standard canoe

•C-2 Aluminum\* 2-person team with aluminum canoe

•C-2 Womens 2-female person team with standard canoe

•C-2 Mixed Male and female team with standard canoe

•C-2 Seniors 2-person team (combined age of at least 100 years)

•C-2 Masters 2-person team (combined age of at least 80 years)

•C-1 Mens Cruiser 1-male with cruiser canoe

•C-1 Womens Cruiser 1-female with cruiser canoe

•K-1 Sea Kayak 1-person team with sea kayak

•K-1 Downriver 1-person team with downriver kayak

\*To compete in the Standard or Aluminum classes, your vessel must comply to the following specifications

1. It must weigh 50 or more pounds

2. It must be 18.5 feet or less in length

3. It must be wider than 15% of the length at its midpoint.

The Championship Canoe Race is 11.25 miles in  
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For more information contact Tom Cooney (765-580-0111 or [tomcooney@hotmail.com](mailto:tomcooney@hotmail.com).)

After we got back from the bluebird box tour Sharon McMillin, Judy Hancher and Tom Cooney's wife took trimming tools, a small chain saw with them and began working on the trail leading to Lock #21. They removed dead limbs, weeds and cut down some smaller trees that obstructed walkers. Terry Duffy joined them soon thereafter.

A little after 10 a.m. Tom picked up a bluebird sign and a sign post taking them over near the fence. Then he got a tool that you use to pound posts into the ground. Terry Duffy went over and helped Tom put the sign up, it read, "These Boxes Are For The Birds - Please Do Not Disturb."

At 11 a.m. sign up began in Metamora for the first official event of the Whitewater Valley Walkers, the Canal Trail's new walking club. The 10k walk took participants through Metamora and along the canal trail. Their instructions read, less committed walkers are also welcome. No need to walk the entire distance or register. This event will accommodate the casual stroller, the speed walker and everyone in between. Learn about our club in the process.

Tom said we needed to go to Metamora for the 10k Volksmarch walk, so we drove our vehicles to Metamora. We got there a few minutes after the walk kicked off. Tom told me they had 37 signed up for the walk. A really good number considering the

cool day. Tom introduced me to the folks who were in charge of putting on the 10k hike for them. They were Paul Mullen from Indianapolis, Sara Duffy (Terry's wife), Kim Vonder Meulen and Denny Fritz. They had 80 registered walkers before the walk was finished.

Then Tom wanted me to see the Metamora Trailhead, so we walked through downtown Metamora, down past the Aqueduct into the field where the big Belgian draft horses are. These are the horses used to pull the Canal Boat, Ben Franklin III, from where it is docked at the bridge in downtown Metamora to Lock 24. There is a sign on the Metamora Trailhead Kiosk, "Do not pet horses."

It was nearing noon so we had to double-time back to our cars to make it in time to see the Girl Scout tree planting ceremony that was to be held west of Park Road near the US 52 Rest Park across from the Hearthstone Restaurant. Girl Scout Troop 49369 raised money by selling saplings of white pine, cedar and dogwood for a few years, then they looked for a project to help fund. They chose to help the Whitewater Canal Trail by planting two trees along the trail between Park Road and Metamora. This project helped ten of their eighteen girls win their Silver Award.

We made it just in time. For the Ceremony, Board Member of the Whitewater Canal Trail, Gary Schlueter presented Sydney Hornberger a special recognition award and read it out loud for all to hear. He read, "The Whitewater Canal Trail Board wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank Sydney Hornberger for her work in helping us create an arbor of original hardwood trees along the Whitewater Canal Trail between Park Road and Metamora. A Red Oak and a Burr Oak were planted on Earth Day, April 20, 2013."

Attending the Ceremony also was Girl Scout Troop 49369 Co-Leader Becky Hornberger, Girl Scout Makayla Plymale and Mrs. Edith Simmersmeyer.

The ceremony was over at 12:30, it was time for me to go. I bid my farewell to Tom, thanking him for a wonderful Earth Day. I enjoyed myself tremendously. That was probably one of my most memorable Earth Days. But of course I always celebrate the actual Earth Day every year, April 22nd is my birthday.

Here is a little bit of history of the Whitewater Canal I found online in Wikipedia.

The Whitewater Canal was built based on a 1834 survey conducted by Charles Hutchens. The design called for a canal seventy six miles long starting at Nettle Creek near Hagerstown and following the river valley through Connersville, Brookville and into Harrison, Ohio, then back into Indiana to finish at Lawrenceburg. In the 76 miles (122 km) the canal dropped 491 feet (150 m). This a very ambitious route as it was quite steep and required the crossing of the Whitewater over an aqueduct at Laurel as well as several other streams of lesser size.

Because of the steep grade the canal required 56 locks and seven dams.

The canal was started as a state project and ground was broken on September 13, 1836. The first boat arrived in Brookville from Lawrenceburg on June 8, 1839. Because of budget problems construction was suspended in August 1839 not to be resumed until 1842.

In 1842 the state of Indiana transferred its ownership in the canal to the White Water Valley Canal Company, which was required to complete the canal

to Cambridge City in five years. By 1843 boats were arriving in Laurel. 1845 saw the canal operating into Connersville. The canal company was running out of money and borrowed from Henry Valette of Cincinnati to finish the canal into Cambridge City from Connersville. From Cambridge City to Hagerstown the Canal was built by the Hagerstown Canal Company and was finished in 1847.

The Whitewater Canal was a short venture, but it left a lasting mark on the communities it traveled through. The canal development project was funded under the Act of 1836 and was allotted \$1,400,000 to build the canal through the Whitewater Valley. This was a huge sum at the time and investors did not take out many loans due to the prediction that they stood to make considerable profit. In fact it was the Mammoth Internal Improvement Act of 1836 that ended up straining the coffers of the State of Indiana. Indiana went bankrupt during the summer of 1839. Therefore, canal construction was halted until 1842.

In November 1847 the Whitewater Valley flooded and many sections of the canal were washed out. The section between Harrison and Lawrenceburg was never rebuilt. This effectively ended the canal era in Lawrenceburg after only eight years of service, and only a few months after the canal was finished to Hagerstown. It was ten months before the canal was again operational north of Harrison. Debt incurred to finance repairs in 1847 were a serious problem for the rest of the canals active history.

The White Water Valley Canal Company was granted a charter by the Indiana General Assembly of 1825-26. The company was set up after the State of

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A successful trip on a canal boat required support and cooperation of the entire crew. Would you like to be part of the "crew" of the Whitewater Canal Trail? You can support the trail as a:

**Driver:** A canal boat was pulled along the canal by horses or mules.

**DRIVERS:** (also called "Hoggies") were responsible for making sure the horses moved along at the proper speed.

**STEERSMAN:** The steersman (also called a "Tripper") used the canal boat's rudder to keep the boat in the middle of the canal.

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Darrell Collins, Jr. took his first turkey (25 lb.) during the 2013 youth season. Checked in at 52 Pickup in Brookville, IN



Randy Knotts took this turkey in Wabash County. (Bozarth Country Store Photo, Lagro, IN)



Daughters biggest fish. 10 year old Shayanna Gray caught this 14" Largemouth bass while fishing in the Whitewater Lake in Whitewater Memorial State Park on May 1, 2013. (Photo submitted by her mom Stephanie Herbert)

## Whitewater Canal Trail, Inc.

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Indiana could no longer afford to finish the Whitewater Canal system. The White Water Valley Canal Company finished the canal through Cambridge City, Indiana.

Hagerstown was supposed to be the northern most terminus of the Whitewater Canal, but after the state went bankrupt, Hagerstown was forced to finance and construct its own canal to Cambridge City. The Hagerstown Canal Company completed an eight-mile (13 km) long canal between Hagerstown and Cambridge City in 1847.

A connecting canal was built to reach Cincinnati, The Cincinnati and Whitewater Canal. This canal was built by Ohio interests and went from Harrison to Cincinnati. It was completed in 1843 and replaced Lawrenceburg as the end of the line after the 1847 November flood. This stretch of canal closed in 1862 and was used as a railroad right-of-way at that time.

Some of the canal's towpath is currently used by the Whitewater Valley Railroad and has been used in various train operations over the years. A section of the rail line is still in use as a tourist railroad. The Whitewater Valley Railroad operates between Connersville, Indiana and Metamora, Indiana. The remains of many of the canal locks on this section of the canal can still be seen as well as the diversion dam near Laurel, Indiana that was rebuilt in the 1940s and provides water for the restored canal section in Metamora as well as the mill. The restored grain mill in Metamora which runs on water provided by the canal shows that transportation was not the only use of the canal. The most visible area of the Whitewater Canal that exists today is in Metamora. Here the Canal Era is recreated and tourists can stroll through a nineteenth century town.

Much remains of the Whitewater Canal today. There is still water in about ten miles of the canal's original channel from the Laurel Feeder Dam to the creek at Yellow Bank, and almost all of the original canal structures from Laurel to Brookville still exist. The long-term goal of the Whitewater Canal Trail folks is to get a trail built all the way from Brookville

to Laurel so visitors can fully experience the history and enjoy the scenery along this enduring transportation corridor.

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The bridge crosses Sugar Creek and connects the developed area of the park with the park's northern section and its popular hiking trails through the sandstone canyons and forested area of Rocky Hollow Falls Canyon Nature Preserve.

DNR staff is reviewing options to bring the bridge back to safe standards for public use.

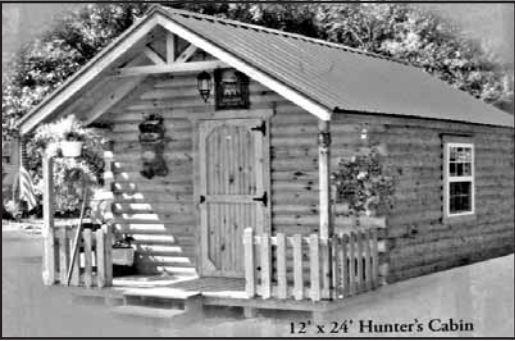
The suspension bridge was built in 1918; two years after Turkey Run became a state park.

The 202-foot-long bridge is 4 feet wide and supported by steel cables nearly 2 inches in diameter. A 50-ton concrete tower on the south side of the bridge supports the cables.

Visitors will still be able to access the north side of the park by following Trail 1 to the Narrows Covered Bridge. All trails south of Sugar Creek remain open to public use.

**Editor's Note:** Next month I will try to reserve space for more information from the DNR, had one on "What to do if you find a baby or injured animal."

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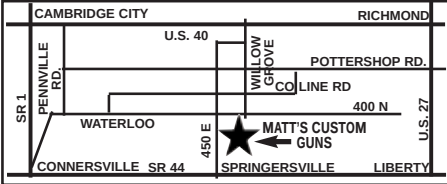
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9 year old Sam Sprouse of Greenwood, IN took his first turkey, a 25 pounder, with a shotgun during the youth hunt. (Photo submitted by Grandmother Roseann Strouse)

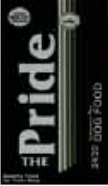


Charles Mead took this 9 point Buck on 11-24-2012. (Red Barn Bait, Guns & Deli Photo, Salem, IN)



12 year old Audra Volz took her first turkey on her first hunt during youth season on 4/20/13. (Photo Submitted by Andy Volz)

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