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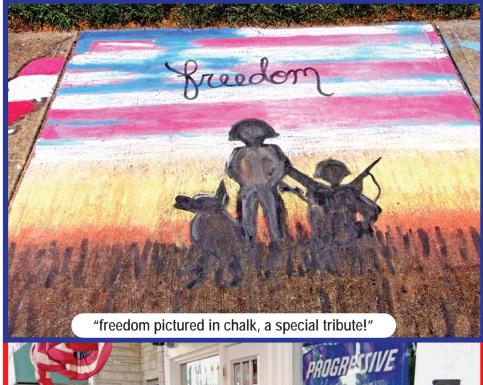
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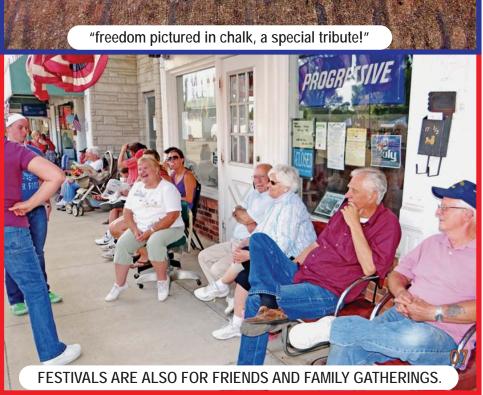
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Roaming The Outdoors



by Ray Dickerson The Gad-a-bout

SHERRY AND I TRAVELED EAST TO WORCESTER ("WOOSTER") MA. THE LAST WEEK OF MAY TO VISIT OUR DAUGHTER AMY AND THE GRAND KIDS

On page 13 thru 16 is about our trip to Worcester, Massachusetts (if you are a local there Worcester is pronounced "Wooster"). We've been there so often since 2007, when Amy moved there we call it Wooster too. While there we visited, shopped and attended our grandson Dylan's graduation from high school, which was a momentous occasion for the young lad. Sherry had promised him last year when we was there that she would be there for his graduation even if she had to fly there. Now that is a tremendous statement due to the fact that she has never flown in an airplane before.

Fortunately I was able to get some major work done on our passenger van and we went in it. Mike and Cody Legear (Best Stop Auto Care) finished the required repairs in time for the trip. We had a flawless trip. I hope you enjoy reading it.

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Tree County Quail Forever is focused on youth and habitat. Quail Forever is a non profit organization that is working to keep children interested in the outdoors and preserving the outdoors for years to come. Quail Forever promotes many projects through out the year for children and habitat. Please come, bring the kids, enjoy a great day in the beautiful outdoors and a free meal. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at noon. For more information please call Ryan at 765-561-3139 or Josh at 812-560-9766. Go to Andersonville via US 52 and **Follow Signs to Fields Outdoor Shooting Preserve**

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Tri-County Outdoor Power Equipment



Top Photo: Tri-County Outdoor Power Equipment located at 79 South SR 3 in Milroy, IN began advertising in The Gad-about in my June issue. Their business is located just north of SR 244 on SR 3, watch for their new sign (inset) easily seen from SR 3. Bottom Photo: One view of their showroom showing lawn mowers and UTV's. (Photos by Ray Dickerson)

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TRI-COUNTY OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN MILROY HAS JOINED THE GROWING LIST OF NEW ADVERTISERS IN THE GAD-A-BOUT

I got a call from Julie Comer, she and her husband Steve Comer own Tri-County Outdoor Power Equipment located at 3057 South St. Rd. 3 just north of SR 244. This is their new location having opened their business back in 2015 at 1294 W 1000 near Milroy, IN (formerly Schmidt Engine Service).

I stopped by to visit with them on June 5th and took the two photos above this write-up.

Steve Comer is a retired Indiana State Trooper. Julie Comer works at Audiology Associates in Rushville.

Their new building was built this Spring and opened in April. The bottom photo is just a portion of their huge showroom and products. They sell and service all outdoor equipment. Their inventory includes a myriad of outdoor equipment, if they don't have what you need they can order it for you.

Myra Clark, their secretary works in the office and their two sons, Nick and Steven work there also.

You can contact them by calling 765-629-2152. Their hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon and closed on Sundays.

Stop by and take a look around. Tell them you read about them in The Gad-a-bout.

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CHAP is an initiative through the DNR Division Wednesday and Sunday 12 to 5. Phone 812-560- of Fish & Wildlife to increase hunting opportunities

for deer in urban and suburban areas. Doing so can help alleviate human-deer conflicts. CHAP provides community partners with financial and technical assistance to administer hunting programs in their communities.

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So You Wanna Catch More Fish



by Tag NobbeProfessional Fishing Guide

Fishing Brookville Lake in July

July is the month where the young of the year shad schools show up in the lake. This is not an edible fish, at least not for humans, but other fish love em. They are a schooling fish that feed the masses. The way they survive is by deception. When they're in a tight bait ball to other fish they look like one big swimming thing instead of 10,000 little things, this is the deception. Every predator fish swimming in the lake is trying to feed on them, but the sheer size is puzzling to the fish that are trying to feed on them.

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White bass are also a schooling fish, but they are predator not prey. They know they are being deceived and they have a plan, and you will see it in action in July. Somewhere between 8am and 10am on the lake you will see what looks like piranhas feeding on the surface. What this is a big school of white bass feeding on a big school of young of the year shad. Their plan of attack is simple they work as a team to corral the big school of shad. Once they have them surrounded from all sides they will force them to the surface where they become disorganized and the bait ball comes apart. Now the white bass can zero in on each individual shad and feed on them as long as they can hold them at the surface. This only accomplished with team work.

Walleye feed on shad also, but their tactic is a little different. What they will do is move up on to a shallow flat or somewhere where the water is thin and wait for a 15-foot-high bait ball of shad to try and squeeze into 10 foot of water. When this happens the shad that are forced to the outside edges are picked off 1 at a time. This all takes place in shallow water in July so the lake water temperature as been 80 degrees plus for a month. Shad thrive in this hot water but most predator do not. I believe this is nature's way of keeping them separated for the most part.

Two big differences in these two feeding styles is the one you know when it's happening because you can see it as the other one will be just good timing. I have found over the years that fish feed better in the morning as its getting light and in the evening as its getting dark. This is why you would never catch me swimming in the ocean first thing in the morning or right before dark. Just food for thought.

For white bass anything white works. My favorite baits are white rooster tails or white curly tails. You want something with a little weight to it. Try to stay in the 1/8-ounce range. You want something that you can cast along ways yet the white bass can still get it in its mouth. The best method is to keep your eyes peeled when you're traveling around fishing spots on the main lake. Try and look for activity on the surface. When you see it start the big motor up and high tail it over close to them. Not to close though you will make

them scatter. Ounce your close to the feeding frenzy. Just a simple cast and retrieve works the best. If you buddies catching them and you're not speed your retrieve up or slow it down that what you're doing wrong.

When you're in this amped up cast and retrieve situation beware of other people on the boat, you do not want to be the guy with a hook in his chin. I have been there, not cool. The limit is 12 white bass per person so be careful with your count you can easily catch 12 in 12 casts. There is no minimum size limit on them, but your only allowed to keep 1 over 17 inches.

As far as walleye goes, if you're a troller nows your time. Have you ever heard a fly fishermen in a stream say you have to match the hatch? Well this is true in the lake also. Most of the year so far, the walleye has been targeting bugs, worms, larva, and crawl dads. But now there's a new food in the lake something that tastes like candy to a walleye and they are everywhere. There are so many shad in the lake in July that fish would have to swim backwards to keep from eating. If your timing is off your going home empty handed, but if your doing the right thing in the right spot your going to catch them one after the other. Just remember your allowed 6 per person and there is a minimum size limit or 14 inches.

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News from the Indiana State Police



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

Indiana State Police Pendleton District Holds Annual 2018 Memorial Service

The Indiana State Police Pendleton District held their annual memorial service on May 24th to honor those members of the department who gave their lives in the line of duty. Motor carrier inspectors, troopers, and civilian employees present were brought to attention to prepare for roll call. Retired department personnel and surviving family members of deceased employees were also in attendance.

Captain Bob Burke and Pendleton District Lieutenant Tony Delello each read the names of the 46 fallen members of the Indiana State Police, all those who have died in the line of duty since the department's inception in 1933. A description of the circumstances surrounding each member's death was also read.

Since the early days of the Indiana State Police, memorial services have been held each May at all Indiana State Police districts to perpetuate the memory of those who have died in the line of duty. The service serves as a means of paying tribute to those who died in the line of duty, that their sacrifice was not made in vain, and as a reminder to those of us left

behind that we should strive to maintain the level of professional service to the public our departed comrades so unselfishly gave their lives for.

For a complete listing of Indiana State Police employees killed in the line of duty and a summary of their deaths, visit the Indiana State Police website at www.in.gov/isp and click on the "In Memoriam" link on the left side of the page.

Indiana Fireworks Law

The Indiana State Police would like for all Hoosiers to have a safe Fourth of July holiday. Due to many Hoosiers celebrating our nation's independence with the use of fireworks, the Indiana State Police would like to inform citizens of the Indiana fireworks law which is in place for the safety of everyone. Below is the actual code from Indiana Statute 22-11-14-6.

)A person who ignites, discharges, or uses consumer fireworks at a site other than:

- (1) a special discharge location;
- (2) the property of the person; or
- (3) the property of another who has given permission to use the consumer fireworks;

commits a Class C infraction. However, if a person recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally takes an action described in this subsection within five (5) years after the person previously took an action described in this subsection, whether or not there has been a judgment that the person committed an infraction in taking the previous action, the person commits a Class C misdemeanor.

(c) A person less than eighteen (18) years of age who possesses or uses a firework when an adult is not present and responsible at the location of the possession or use commits a Class C infraction. However, if a person possesses or uses a firework when an adult is not present and responsible at the location of the possession or use within five (5) years after a previous possession or use by the person as described in this subsection, whether or not there has been a judgment that the person committed an infraction in the previous possession or use, the person commits a delinquent act under IC 31-37.

(d) A person who ignites, discharges, or uses con-

sumer fireworks:

(1) after 11 p.m. except on a holiday (as defined in <u>IC 1-1-9-1(a)</u>) or December 31, on which dates consumer fireworks may not be ignited, discharged, or used after midnight; or

(2) before 9 a.m.;

commits a Class C infraction. However, if a person recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally takes an action described in this subsection within five (5) years after the person previously took an action described in this subsection, whether or not there has been a judgment that the person committed an infraction in taking the previous action, the person commits a Class C misdemeanor.

- (e) A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation causes harm to the property of a person commits a Class A misdemeanor.
- (f) A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation results in serious bodily injury to a person commits a Level 6 felony.
- (g) A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation results in the death of a person commits a Level 5

Safe Travel For Independence Day Week

To help ensure the safety of all motorists during this 4th of July holiday period, the Indiana State Police will be participating in Operation C.A.R.E., Combined Accident Reduction Effort, and DUIEP, or Driving Under the Influence Enforcement Project. Both of these programs are federally funded programs that will allow extra troopers to patrol Hoosier highways during the upcoming holiday period.

With the expected increase in traffic, it's important that motorists follow the safety tips below:

- Obey all speed limits and always use your turn sig
- Never drink and drive-If celebrating make sure to have a designated driver.
- Make sure everyone is buckled up and children are properly restrained in child seats.

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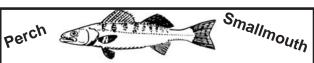
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Misfires & Snags



by Dan Graves

THE HAZARDS OF WARM WEATHER

(Some people in their quest for an attractive tan, spend a lot of time in tanning booths. Since when has it cost ten dollars to lays in the sun for twenty minutes?)

Warm spring and summer days lure hordes of people out to enjoy the sights of budding trees and flowers, the musical twittering of birds, and the melodious and heart warming thunder of legions of un-mufflered motorcycles. Just recently, I stood and listened to the melancholy song of a starling nesting in one of our gutters. Suddenly, the magic of the moment was shattered by the roar of what sounded like the cross between a badly out of tune Volkswagen and a rock crusher. One of the better known brands of motorcycles rumbled by carrying what looked like the poster child for the Fight Baldness In America campaign. Such was the spectacle of a werewolf on wheels that the bird flushed out of the gutter and did not return. At least now, rainwater flows down the down spout rather than gushing out over the gutter onto my wife's flower beds.

Aside from being on the hit list of every biker in the country for making unkind remarks about one of their kind, there are a number of perils that face the average outdoor person during the warm season. In our rush to the great outdoors we sometimes put aside common sense and spread our sunbathing blanket on a bed of Mexican fire ants. Along with insect bites and sun burn are pollen allergies, dry skin, and that most dreaded of ailments, foot injuries.

For whatever reason, people, especially kids, seem to think that feet that have been pampered in \$100 tennis shoes all winter are suddenly tough enough to stomp a spike through a two-by-four. The sun comes out, the shoes come off and the beer bottle that Bubba Grump tossed into the yard last winter is laying there croaking "No-Weiser-Er". Shortly after, the victim is whimpering in the emergency room as an intern plies his needle and thread while softly humming the theme song from "Jaws".

If you insist in going barefoot, try the following exercises during the cold months. Start with a bed of driveway gravel and spend a few minutes every day practicing your line dance routines in it, barefoot. When you can dance the Boot Scoot Boogy without

constantly yelling "Oooch, Yeeow, Ouch", exchange the gravel for crushed walnut hulls and repeat the procedure. After that, change to hot coals, a mixture of roofing nails and rose bush trimmings, and finally, a bed of broken beer bottles. By mid April you should be able to walk anywhere but on a lava flow. For those of you who have had the unpleasant experience of stepping on a bumble bee, worry no more. In fact, you may be able to seek out these foul tempered little demons and stomp on them with abandon. One word of advice, however. Don't miss with your first attempt, because if you do, the last place a bumblebee looks for to seek revenge is the bottoms of your feet.

Which brings us to the next phase of warm weather preparation. Insect bites are both annoying and painful, depending on what type of bug you have attracted. The more common types of stingers are honey bees, wasps, bumble bees and hornets. While all of them can make life miserable, the bumble bee and hornet are the most aggressive and will pick a fight at the drop of a hat. Either of these species, if provoked, will be all over you like a drunk in a bar room brawl. Trying to swat one is like swinging a tennis racket at a gnat. There is no sure fire protection against an attack by one of these little kamikaze's, but if you aren't too style conscious, perhaps a head to toe wrap in mosquito netting would serve the purpose. Another method would be to surround yourself with battery powered bug zappers or carry a stinging insect fogger can in a holster slung low on your hip. If you choose the fogger it would be advisable to practice your quick draw. These things are faster than a monkey in the fruit section of a super market. If you are seriously concerned about being stung, don't go out until after dark and pay to get your tan at the tanning salon.

As for mosquitoes, the only sure fire method to keep them at bay is to purchase the biggest, nastiest smelling cigar you can find and fire up. I've yet to meet the mosquito that can stand up to a cloud of smoke from an El Ropo cigar. Of course you'll have to decide between scratching mosquito bites or upchucking. There are a number of repellents on the market, but I've found them about as effective as garlic against vampires. Buy the cigar.

The most common form of warm weather misery is the sun burn. In spite of all warnings, we still bare ourselves as far as the law allows and spend hours under a blazing sun. The end result is painful and eventually the look of a snake in molting season as the outer layer of skin peels off. Numerous sun blockers are available in a variety of scents that attract pollen seeking stinging insects which requires you to carry the holstered fogger can. A simpler, cheaper solution is available. Mix liquid soap with an equal amount of used motor oil and apply to all areas of exposed skin. Liquid Joy and Pennzoil 10W-30 work well together. Harmful rays will be effectively blocked and it is easily removed by showering and working up a lather. For a soft, caressable skin use a non-detergent 10W-50 oil. By changing your oil after each outdoor tanning session, you'll look great, feel great, and your body will function like a well lubricated machine. If you follow this advice, you won't be trying to scratch a mosquito bite through a painful sunburn.

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Courthouse Square Gazebo decorated for Union County 4th of July Festival. (Photo provided by Melissa Browning UCDC Executive Director)



Patriotic Baby Contest contestant at the 2017 Liberty Festival July 4th celebration. (Photo provided by Melissa Browning UCDC Executive Director)

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46th Annual Liberty Festival July 6-8, 2017

Article by Melissa Browning Executive Director of the Union County Development Corporation

I am Melissa Browning the executive director of the Union County Development Corporation. I am inviting you to come spend a traditional weekend with our community. Our 46-year-old 4th of July tradition will have some new flare and the rejuvenation of some old time fun. The plan for the weekend is family fun for all ages!

The UCDC is proud to sponsor the festival on the courthouse square in Liberty this year July 6-8, 2018. Our celebration will have some wonderful entertainment and amenities. The Sons of the American Legion will have an adult beverage garden and live entertainment: Friday July 6th from 8 to 11 p.m. Jr Davis and the Funkyard dogs will entertain you. On **Saturday July 7th** from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.



Melissa Browning **Executive Director UCDC**

Olga Berezhnaya a professional violinist and singer from Crawfordsville, IN will entertain you. From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. the Sweetwater Band will entertain the crowd and from 8 to 11 p.m. saturday evening **Sean Lamb** will perform. The merchant's of Union County sponsor some contest's with prizes to be awarded during the weekend. Have a baby with some charm? The Patriotic Baby Contest on Saturday is a big hit! Bring those chubby checks and sparkling eyes and win! The hula-hoop contest all ages can enter, Classes will be determined by age groups. This fun event will be sure to cause fun on your Saturday!

Are you a ginger? Do you freckle in the sun? We invite you to our contest to see if you have the most freckles.

Honoring our Veterans on this holiday weekend is an important part of this celebration. Saturday afternoon the line of freedom will be displayed on the north side of the courthouse including past & present military service members. This is followed by a salute to veterans by the local honor guard!

With this in mind the UCDC would like your help in making this year's parade an event to remember. Get your creative mind in gear, dust off some wonderful ideas and develop a unique way to display your individual, business or organizations Patriotic pride and your love of Union County.

Be inspired with original or time period outfits or show off an inventive mode of transportation. Whether you are walking, marching, 4-wheeling it, driving your truck or tractor pulling a trailer, a miniature car full of clowns or just clowning around - we want to see you there! For more information about the Parade or this event please feel free to contact the UCDC: unioncodc@etczone.com Phone: 765-458-5976 on the web: ucdc.us.

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9:00am to 1:00pm - ANNUAL BOOK SALE at the Library

10:00am - until sold out - PIE SALE at the Log Cabin by Historical Society

12:00 to 4:00pm - HISTORIC DEPOT MUSEUM in Liberty open to public 12:00 to 2:pm-Olga Berezhnaya a professional violinist virtuoso & singer

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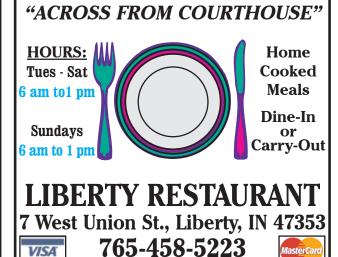
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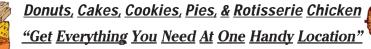
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Indiana Outdoors



by Joe Martino

Why you can - and should - elk hunt Colorado on your own

It is nearly every big game hunter's dream; to hunt elk out West. Too often though, that dream gets cut short from reality, mainly for two simple reasons – afford ability and intimidation.

The price of an outfitted hunt can be steep. The advantages are that by hiring an outfitter, you hope that they have done the scouting for you and should be able to put on elk from the start, thereby hopefully giving you a reasonable chance at an opportunity. I said you hope. Whenever you hire an outfitter, it is akin to a crap shoot. You may knock it out of the park and find one that exceeded your expectations and provided you the hunt of a lifetime. In my experience, the odds are also as great that you will end up with one who seems more concerned with his returning clients or a celebrity hunter coming in to camp next week than giving two cents about whether you have a shot at an elk or not. So, it's like spinning the roulette wheel for the \$5-\$8,000 you'll plunk down for a guided hunt. I'm not saying they are not a good idea. I am just telling you to do as much research as you can before you choose an outfitter.

Then there is the intimidation factor of trying to plan a hunt on your own in the mountains. The one that kept me from going out West for more than a decade. The fear of not having a clue as to where to go, or how to go about it for your first time in the back-country. I'm writing this column to tell you that you should not be intimidated to head out West for a truly enjoyable elk hunt – as long as your preparedness and expectations are decent. I learned a few things on my trips out there that may help you decide to finally give it a go.

When an outfitter isn't an option, or you just prefer to try a do-it-yourself (DIY) elk hunt, it is easy to get intimidated when planning a hunt out West for the first time, especially for flatland Midwesterners like us! But, Î'm telling you, Once I made the decision to do it, I've been kicking myself in the keister for having not done so sooner. DIY hunts are still expensive, but can be cheap when you consider that you'll be hunting your dream animal in unmatched back-country.

There are several states you can go hunt elk, but I am going to talk about Colorado for two reasons; It is where I go, so I can discuss it a little easier with some first-hand experience, and if you want to draw an elk tag, especially during the archery season, there is no better place.

Colorado has the largest elk herd in the country and with that, either-sex archery tags are over-the-counter. You don't need to put in for a draw for an archery tag. Some other states, like Montana, also have over-the-counter archery tags, but if you don't put in for and are drawn for a specific area in advance, those over-the counter tags

will only be good for whichever hunt units had leftover tags, so you never know where you will be hunting. Plus, depending on which ones are left, you may only be allowed to shoot branch-antlered bulls, cows, or any elk, it all depends on what is

So, getting an archery tag in the Centennial State is a cinch? Yep. But with that does come heavier hunting pressure. With the largest elk herd in America comes more hunters looking for the same thing you are; elk meat. That's okay though, there is plenty of room out there to find your own place away from others, but it'll take some hiking.

So, let's talk how to do it. There are a few different ways to go about it. I lucked out and found some private ground. The area holds plenty of elk and bears, which by the way are in season together for much of elk season, making it a multispecies hunt, and was close to a few different towns, which made it awesome. I could be in the wilderness hunting bugling elk in the morning and afternoon, and be in town eating a 5-star lunch if I wanted to!

You likely won't get as lucky, but what I did learn from being out there is that you can do it regardless. Colorado (West of Highway 25, where the elk are) is nearly 90% public hunting land. Because of this the locals all hunt public ground out there and sometimes don't pack into the wilderness for a week's stay to do it. Yes, you can certainly pick a likely spot of Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or public land, hike in and pitch a tent for the week. There is nothing wrong with that. But since your maiden voyage may find you without any idea of where to begin, consider staying in a hotel or the like and doing what the locals do – hoof your way in each day. The problem lies in that you better be in pretty darn good shape. You may find that the best hunting requires at least a few-mile hike or more in each day to get into some less-pressured elk. If you aren't afraid to hike in and out each day, it will afford you the opportunity to explore a few different areas during



I took this magnificent elk in Colorado, you can do the same, but it takes some work and hiking on your part. (Author Photo)

your time there. Plus, you will have all the amenities of the town you are staying in for the evening. Often times, good elk hunting can be had within a half-hour drive or less from the nearest town. It's just the hike in that'll get ya!

We were close to a few different towns that made it great for those of us who got an elk early, or just needed a break. Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, New Castle and Silt were all within a 30-minute drive or so. An evening dinner at Juicy Lucy's Steakhouse or the Pullman in Glenwood Springs, to an exquisite dinner at the Allegrio Restaurant in Carbondale, owned by renowned chef Andreas Fischbacher were all well within our reach when we wanted a nice evening out to relax after spending the day in the rugged terrain. A nice soak in the many hot springs in the area also proved to help rejuvenate sore muscles. I know,

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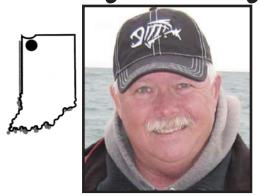




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Fishing Lake Michigan



by Capt. Mike Schoonveld

Building A Campfire

You'd be surprised the number of outdoor skills I learned in Boy Scouts I still use frequently. I still tie square knots when joining two ropes and a clove hitch when tying my boat to the pier. I have a triangular bandage in my first aid kit. (The sterile version of the Boy Scout neckerchief.)

None of the skills I learned are potentially as



useful as the campfire lessons drilled into us by the scoutmaster. In the spirit of "safety first" I still remember to clear a safe area around where campfire is to be constructed. Then there's the back stop, wind break or fire ring issue. It seems every time I need to build a fire, it's windy. Success or failure of getting the fire lit, keeping it lit and having a useful fire once it's burning often hinges on a pile of rocks, sod or carefully stacked logs to shield the wind.

After all, when Scouts are taking their

fire building test, they are issued only two matches. Fear strikes quickly in the heart and mind of a Tenderfoot when the wind blows out the first match before the flame can be transferred to the tinder. With only one chance left, the faulty windbreak must be rethought and rebuilt.

Other fire making skills were taught as I advanced through the ranks. I learned how to find dry wood on a rainy day, what sort of wood ignites easier than others, which burns longer or better burns down to cooking coals.

We learned what to do if the wind blew out the second match or they got wet. Dip wooden, "strike anywhere" matches in paraffin or melted candle wax to make them waterproof or at least water resistant.

We learned how to feed a fire. "A fledgling fire needs to be fed like a baby," my scoutmaster explained. Just put the fire to the tiniest toothpicks of twigs, then add larger twigs and dry leaves to expand the flame, proceeding on to ever bigger sticks and limbs. "A burning fire can be fed like a hungry Boy Scout!"

We were taught to tend the fire. The best campfire was one that never burned out. As long as it was going, there was no need to worry about paraffin coated matches or tenderly feeding a baby fire. A blazing fire will dry out all but the most waterlogged wood so it will burn.

Some of my favorite boy scout skills involved making a fire without matches. The easiest way was using flint and steel. We were handed a golf ball sized rock and a five inch chunk of thin, flat steel and told to whack the flint rock with the steel. The trick was to give it a glancing blow and when you hit it just right, a spark would fly. That was the easy part. Trickier was to direct the spark into the tinder which was allegedly, cattail fuzz,



Building a campfire is a Boy Scout skill worth learning and remembering. (Author Photo)

powdered wood, inner bark of a birch tree or some other substance that would easily catch the spark and ignite.

The only tinder that worked consistently for me was fine, steel wool. All I thought of was if I knew I was going to need a fire and remembered to bring along a chunk of flint, a chunk of steel and a wad of steel wool, why did I forget the paraffincoated matches?

It was more fun starting a fire with a fire drill. Needed materials are a long, perfectly straight stick, a stout length of rawhide cord and a flat piece of wood. If those are handy, the rest is easy. Watch a YouTube video.

On a Canadian fishing trip, we were tasked with catching enough fish for lunch during the morning fish quest. The guide had a box filled with skillets, knives, cooking oil, potatoes and all the rest needed to make our shore lunch, except a camp stove. The fish were to fry and beans to be baked with a campfire.

I set back watching the preparations and waiting to see a master build the cooking fire. First he dragged four or five logs out of the bushes, seemingly any old logs. He didn't look far and wide. Then he piled them on the rocky beach in no apparent pattern. It wasn't a teepee looking thing, or laid crosswise like building a log cabin - just a pile.

Then he walked over to the boat, grabbed the spare outboard gas tank and sloshed some 87 octane on the logs. Setting the fuel tank off to the side, he balled up a paper towel, lit it with a Bic lighter and tossed it on the gas-soaked firewood.

That worked too.

THE END



Outdoor Scenes & Verse



by Anita McFalls

The Mystery of Firefly's

To me, there is something to love about every season. Summer begins for me when the fireflies start their light displays. As a child I was always fascinated and mesmerized by them. To this day, I still am!

There is nothing more magical on a balmy summer night than the fields and trees lit up like in some places, at some times, they synchronize Christmas in July! Memories of catching God's little lanterns in mason jars, filled with grass, are part of every Hoosier's childhood.

I was never aware that in the western US, firefly's don't light up. They are more active in the daytime, and use pheromones to attract their mates. How sad to imagine summer nights without the glow of those little beetles.

They exist in every continent but Antarctica, and there are over 2000 species. In researching this article, I learned many facts about these bioluminescent creatures. I always wondered what made them glow, but I never tried to find out. until now. There is chemical reaction called bioluminescence that occurs when the enzyme luciferase, acts on the luciferin, in the presence of magnesium ions, ATP, and oxygen, to produce light. Luciferase is used wide spread in medical research. It is used to detect blood clots, for food safety testing, and also in some forensic testing, to name a few. This chemical was heavily harvested from fireflies until the science world was able to create a synthetic form. Even though the harvesting has decreased, they now face decline from light pollution, logging, and being pushed out of their habitat.

These little creatures use their flashes to attract mates, and once smitten, the female signals back with the same flash pattern. Some female species, such as the Photinus, even trick the males by mimicking their flash and then eat them. They do this in order to absorb their defensive chemicals to protect their eggs.

Lightening bugs are quite energy efficient. Incandescent light bulbs release 90% of energy as heat, and 10% as light, while fluorescent bulbs release 30% as heat, and only 70% as light. The firefly energy produces 100% light. crop and garden invertebrate pests. Snails and





Left Photo: Firefly in my hand. Right Photo: Firefly on my arm!. (Photos by Author on her Cell Phone)

They also produce different colors depending on the species. In the southern US they are known as "Blue Ghosts," because they produces a soft, steady blue glow, while other species vary in color from red to green to yellow.

Another amazing feat of these firefly's is that their flashes. This only happens in a few places in the US, such as Allegheny National Forest in PA, Congaree National Park in SC, and, the Smokey Mountain National Park in Tennessee. The best place to view this phenomenon is in Tennessee, and begins on May 30th. So many people show up to witness this amazing spectacle, that they are loaded onto trolleys, and taken to a tiny campground where at 9 pm, it's lights out, and all quiet, as the forest fills with perfectly timed flashes.

Most species are born and thrive in rotting wood and undergrowth of forests near lakes and ponds. Fireflies are cold blooded. The more humid the temps, the better they like it! Sadly, the lifespan of a lightening bug is only about 2 months. Once the female chooses her "flashy" mate, and she lays her eggs, she dies shortly after. The larvae aren't left helpless, however. They use their lights to ward off predators. Once a firefly is attacked, they shed drops of blood that have a chemical that creates a bitter taste, and can actually even kill some vertebrate predators with their poison. Toads, frogs, and spiders are not affected by this distasteful chemical, however.

Now on to happier thoughts! The Say's firefly is now our state insect, thanks to a civic project completed by students in Posey county and West Lafayette. Their persistence resulted in Governor Holcomb proclaiming the Pyractomena Angulata, (the Say's firefly,) the state insect on March 28, 2018. These tiny flashing natives were named by Hoosier entomologist, Thomas Say, in 1826. He was hailed as the "Father of Entomology and Zoology and was from New Harmony, Indiana.

As larvae, fireflies feast on several common

slugs are their meal of choice, and as adults, most feed on nectar and pollen. The students argued that they best represented the state because of the agricultural benefits and their place in history.

Now that we know the facts about these little beetles, just give the glory to God and sit back and enjoy the miraculous light shows of sum-



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Well Sherry, get comfortable this is our sleeping quarters for tonight. We were parked at the Fishkill Rest Area located on I-84 a short distance from the Connecticutt state line. Photo taken next morning, we arrived after dark the night before. It was comfy!



The alarm sounded around 5 a.m. so we prepared for the next leg of our trip. We said goodbye to the Fishkill Rest area thanking it for a pleasant nights sleep, except for the noise of two semi's running their engines all night. But hey, the price was right!



Here I am standing in front of the former BX that was on Stewart AFB when I was stationed there in 1963. Except now it's a Subway shop and has a Marine BX in it. The lady inside said this small area was all that was left of the original Air Force Base.



The traveling Gad-a-bout's made it to their destination, an Inn in Auburn, Massachusetts safe and sound. Last year Sherry promised her grandson, Dylan Smock, she would be here to see him graduate. We made it.

The Gad-a-bouts Head East To Visit Daughter and Grand Kids in Worcester, Massachusetts

by Ray Dickerson

(Photos by Ray Dickerson Except Where Otherwise Noted)

Sherry promised her grandson last year, when we visited Amy and the grandkids at their home in Worcester, Massachusetts she would see him graduate from High School even if she had to fly up there alone.

Well Sherry has never flown in an airplane, but we would see about that when the time came!

Graduation time was approaching, I asked her was she still wanting to fly to Massachusetts to see Dylan graduate from high school.

She said she would, but I could tell she didn't really want to fly. Neither did I.

We still had better than a month to go when I suggested we drive to Massachusetts. I had figured how we could get away between my June and July Gad-a-bouts. It would cut me short getting the July out, after we got back, but I could do it. Of course now writing this article about our trip I'm wondering if I'm going to make the deadline tomorrow when I need to send it to the printer on time.

It's Sunday and I'm still writing this article, I've got about 7 hours to go to get this layout sent to the printer.

The trip was worth whatever the out come.

We left Centerville at about 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 26th. We drove all day with the intention of making it to the Fishkill rest area on I-84 between Newburgh, NY and Danbury, Connecticut. The last several trips to Massachusetts, we've stopped at the rest area to get a few hours of sleep and leaving before the traffic gets really heavy driving through Danbury, Waterbury and Hartford, Connecticut. Of course this trip would be on Sunday and the traffic shouldn't be too bad anyway.

The only problem this trip was it was rather warm when we arrived at the rest stop after dark. There were several semi's there, see photo above. We settled in for the night, it was quiet until a couple of the semi's started their engines, I suppose to use their cab air conditioner. We had all our window that were capable of opening open. At about 3 a.m the wind had picked up and the breeze was really cool coming in on us. So I started closing all the windows, which also helped reduce the engine noise from the semi's.

We left the rest park around 6 a.m., traffic was light all the way to Auburn, Massachusetts.

We arrived in Auburn a little too early to check into our hotel/inn. We checked with the Inn and

was told to check back at noon.

So we called Amy to see if she would like to meet us for breakfast at Friendly's Restaurant which was there in Auburn.

About a half hour later we all met at Friendly's and had a very good breakfast.

After breakfast Amy drove home, she had some things to take care of there.

Sherry, Breanna and I went to our Inn to get us checked into our room. Which I must say it was a very large and comfortable room.

We needed some things so the three of us drove to a Walmart nearby before driving on to Amy's home. We visited the rest of the day, Amy fixed us spaghetti for supper. Later we drove back to the Inn for some needed rest. We were very tired.

Monday morning after having our breakfast at the Inn we drove to Amy's.

I called Don Slessler my Air Force buddy who lives on the Tailwater area of the Quabbin Reservoir asking him if we could visit him at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29th at his home. He said that would be fine so I told him we would see him Tuesday.

About mid-morning Dylan took Breanna, Sherry and I to the Solimond Pond Mall quite a distance from Wooster. This is a big mall, we had visited it on one of our earlier visits, a couple years ago.

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The reason for this trip was to visit our daughter Amy and her family who lives in Worcester, MA and for us to see our grandson, Dylan, graduate from High School. From left to right, Amy, Sherry, Dylan, Breanna and in front, Logan.



Sherry wanted a photo of her with Dylan and Breanna. This trip was for Sherry, with Dylan graduating from school this year and Breanna in a couple years she wanted something to hold onto of the three of them together.

There was a merry-go-round in the food court. The food court had about any kind of food you would want for lunch. We worked lunch off by walking about 700 miles, I may be exaggerating a little bit. But I had to sit down a few times between floors.

A short time later Amy called Breanna to see how we were doing. She decided to meet us at the Mall. She found us and the five of us continued shopping in the Mall.

We all left the Mall and met back at Amy's home. Then all of us went out for supper, Sherry and I, Amy, Paul, Dylan, Breanna and Logan at a real nice restaurant. We had good food and a good time.

On Tuesday Sherry and I got up early, had a brief breakfast at the Inn and drove to Don's home. His house is a little hard to find, but easy if you plan ahead. This year I used google maps to pin point his location. I bought a 11 x 17 printer earlier this year and by using capture software was able to print out very legible map sections from the Inn to Don's home. We got there just a few minutes past nine

Don greeted us at the front door along with his dog, Blaze, who we hadn't met before. Don's had



Sherry and Granddaughter Breanna taking a selfie in their home in Worcester. We have a lot of good memories in the years Amy and her family have lived there. Our first visit was in 2007, shortly after they moved from Centerville to Massachusetts.



Dylan standing next to his own car, he works at a KFC there in Worcester where he earned the money to buy it. He took Sherry and I for a ride in it. Knowing the traffic in this town is an experience to say the least, he did very well driving in it.

the right places.

Don's home which he and his late wife, Phyllis, built from scratch sits adjacent to the tailwater of the Quabbin Reservoir on 40 acres of forested acreage. The water coming out from under the Quabbin Reservoir dam is frigid, even in the summer time. Our very first visit was I think in 1983 when Amy was only about four years old. We spent a few days at their home before traveling on to Boston and home. He has a Boston Whaler boat and thrills at taking visitors on a wild ride on the Swift River, even to this day. Don's 95 going on 96.

Don and I were stationed at RAF Chelveston in England in the early sixties. He was a Warrant Officer 4 and I was an Airman 2/C. We both worked in Base Supply. He got myself, Gerald Folkerth, Anthony Trezza and a couple other Airmen interested in joining the Chelveston Pistol Team. Later when I was transferred to RAF Alconbury Don got me on its Pistol Team, he was a member of both teams. Over the course of many months I was privileged enough to become closer to his family in England. One Christmas Don and Phyllis invited many different dogs since living there. His first one is the one I remember the most "Chelvy" a German is the one I remember the most "Chelvy" a Chelvy "C Shepherd he had in England. Blaze is a black Eve, then getting up Christmas morning and watch-Labrador retriever, who I found to be very friendly ing their five children open their presents, Alan, once he found out I knew where to scratch him in Donna, Lori Ann, Marla and Mark - Mark being the



Quilt presented to Don in memory of a WWII Veteran.

gold colored revolver with a pearl pistol grip. It was kind of an odd friendship, him being a Warrant Officer and my being just an airman. But that was

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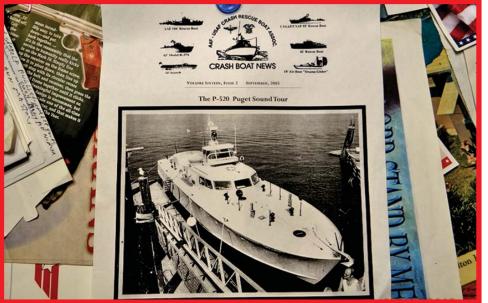
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Don Slessler sitting at his kitchen table with Sherry. His table has many books and magazines of different facts and stories he was telling us about. One fact resonates in my mind. I've known some interesting people, but Don is the most interesting.



A photo of an Air Force Crash boat like the one Don Slessler served aboard during his many years of service. When I got to know him in England he had many different responsibilities at RAF Chelveston.



Don is holding a book he said had been finally written about the truth of the Korean War. Don served on a Air Force crash boat that picked up downed pilots shot down. in the China Sea. He also served in many other ways. but thats classified!



We've stopped at Wilton's Children Store in Ware, MA so many times buying clothing for Dylan and Breanna when they were much younger. Left to right Nancy Gurmond who works there, Sherry Dickerson and Store Manager Theresa Robert.



Don Slessler at home with his black Laborador "Blaze."

the kind of a friendship that all that mattered was the friendship. We've been friends now for over 40

We sat around his kitchen table, then moved around the living room looking at mementos of his National Defense Service Medal

life in and out of the Air Force. He retired after 31 years in the Air Force. He wrote a book, "Lord Stand By Me", copyright 1999. In the front of the book I cherish the following, "To Ray Dickerson my friend for over 40 years and a great newspaper man. Donald R. Slessler."

Around lunch time we drove to a nearby restau-

After lunch we returned to Don's home. I don't have room in this issue to write about the many accomplishments of Don's. It is suffice to say he is a Great American who served his country and earned the following medals from 1941 to 1996. Donald R. Slessler, CWO 4 Retired USAF Russian Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 Great Patriotic War 1945-1995-50th Anniversary Munitions Maintenance Master Badge Bronze Star Medal Meritorious Service Medal Air Force Commendation Medal 3 Army Commendation Medal Distinguished Presidential Unit Citation 2 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Good Conduct Medal Army American Defense, December 7, 1941, Coast Guard

American Campaign Medal WWII Victory Medal

Korean Service Medal 7

Vietnam Service Medal 4

Air Force Longevity Service Award 6 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Republic of Korean Presidential Unit Citation Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal 3

United Nations Medal

Excellence in Competition Medal (Pistol)

It's hard to sit with Don and not feel the urge to leave his presence. He is a great American, one who has served his country to his fullest capabilities, but asks nothing in return.

We had to depart, we had other plans for the evening with Amy in Worcester.

I look forward to seeing Don and Blaze next time we are in Massachusetts.

On the way back we stopped at the town of Ware which is a few miles to the east of Quabbin Reservoir. See above photo of my wife standing between our good friends at Wilton's Children Store. We stopped there the first time taking Amy, Dylan and Breanna in to buy them some clothes. Theresa Robert the store manager was there then and was there the day we visited this time. It became a regular stop for many years when we visited Don and Phyllis, to stop in Ware and visit with Theresa Robert and the other employees too. I make sure I have a couple of Gad-a-bouts to give

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Dylan Smock waiting anxiously for his name to be called so he can take that final walk to the podium and be handed his Diploma.



Amy, Dylan, Breanna and Logan shortly after Dylan received his Diploma, which he is proudly displaying.



A proud moment for Grandpa and Grandma to see North H.S. Senior High School student Dylan Smock graduate from High School. (Photo by Amy Dickerson)



Dylan sporting glasses for the occasion, his graduating from North High School in Worcester, MA on May 30, 2018. He and 283 class mates got their diplomas that night.

them too. They are dear friends.

If you get in their neck of the woods stop in and tell them you read about them in The Gad-a-bout. strode to the drum beat towards the stage seating. They are located in Ware at 50 East Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. Phone # 413-967-5811. Their store hours are Monday to Saturday 9 to 5, Sunday 12 noon to 5. Website: http://wiltonkids.com.

After visiting Theresa Robert and Nancy Gurmond we took Route 9 back to the Inn in Auburn.

That evening we went to our daughters for a grand cookout supper planned earlier. Dylan's senior class was having a pre-graduation party later that evening. Ah, to be young again, I can barely remember my graduation in 1959

We went back to the Inn.

The next day, Wednesday was Dylan's big day, Graduation Day. We spent most of the day at the Inn resting, we had to be at Amy's later in the day and be at the North High School Graduation Exercises by 6 p.m. at the DCU Center.

We arrived at Amy's in time. We had already pre-arranged that we ride with someone to the event. So Amy took us to the DCU Center.

Graduation Exercises, Class of 2018

Class Motto: "The future belongs to those who The Gad-a-bout. On the believe in the beauty of their dreams"

Processional Drum Line - Color Guard

I was impressed at the sight of the American for lunch. The exit I

Flags, the Color Guard and what followed.

It was a very solemn moment as the 254 Seniors We saw Dylan briefly walking quickly to the stage then disappearing from sight.

The program included Salute To Flag;

The Star Spangled Banner sung so eloquently by Clarise Martin one of the students.

The time came for the presentation of the Diplomas

It was hard to see what was going on the stage due to most everyone standing in front to get a photo. I was able to use my telephoto lens using available light to get a couple fairly good shots of Dylan. The best one was when he stopped at the last check point before walking to the podium to get his diploma. It is the one on the left at the top of this page..

We got better photos afterwards out in front of the DCU Center. See above.

Afterwards Dylan drove us back to Amy's. We said our farewell to everyone as we had to leave for home early on Thursday. We left after having breakfast at the Inn.

I needed to get back to work on this issue of way back I wanted to stop at Newburgh NY

took had a surprise waiting for me. We were at the NY International Airport Subway sandwich shop. I looked around and realized the shop was part of what used to be our BX at Stewart AFB back in

See Page 13 for photo of me standing in front of the now Marine Base Exchange.







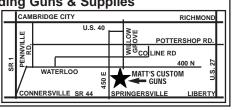
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INSTINCTIVE SHOOTING

Now that the weather has warmed up many gun owners will be going to the range to practice and hone their shooting skills. I read an article not long ago expressing the theory that the Point and Shoot method should be practiced more, and I agree. The Point and Shoot method has been around since archers first shot an arrow from their bows. The Point and Shoot method believes that if the shooter can point their finger, they can hit whatever their finger is pointing at. Early on, as far back as the beginning of the 1800's, it was taught to lay the index finger along side the gun and pull the trigger with the middle finger. The belief being that whatever the shooter was pointing at with their index finger, the bullet would strike. That is as long as the target wasn't to far away, say 5 to 20 feet. The U. S. Army taught this method and the early Army manuals on the use of the 1911 cautioned that the use of the middle finger to pull the 1911 trigger could result in a jam caused by the index finger pressing against the slide stop pin when fired. The Army said the index finger should be used to pull the trigger on the 1911. The Point and Shoot method has and is taught in many pistol and rifle classes.

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The training has the shooter focus on a specific point on the target such as button, or stain, or number and becomes tunnel vision until the trigger is pulled. For close combat shooting this is effective and relatively accurate. The Point and Shoot method doesn't teach the fast draw but accomplishes a fast target acquisition and firing of a second or What it less. the barrel of the

gun, and firing when the gun is pointed at the target and the index finger is aligned with the eye and gun. This takes practice and lots of it. It can be frustrating at first yet rewarding as the shooter becomes more accurate.

Training is simple. Start with a target about 3 or 4 inches in diameter, at a range of 3 feet. Practice using a 2 hand grip or a one hand grip, or both, until the shooter can hit the target consistently. Next traget is half the size of the first. Repeat. Next, move target to 21 feet. Start with larger target and repeat. Next move to 2 or 3 targets set at different distances and located left and right of the shooter's position.

Col. Jeff Cooper, in his book the Modern Technique of the Pistol taught a form of rapid target acquisition using the flash sight-picture. That technique took lots of practice but proved to be more accurate than the point shoot method. The flash sight-picture technique was accurate to 25 yards for those who chose to learn it. It meant acquiring the front sight immediately and aligning the rear sight as you brought the gun to bear. Sometimes the sight picture may only be the front

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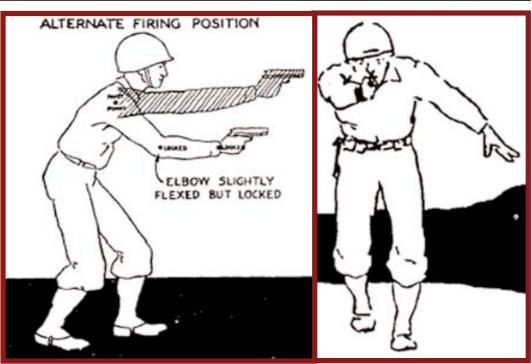
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sight in focus and the gun and target aligned but out of focus. This is the method being most often taught today to our law enforcement and military.

I've learned both techniques and have decided that both work well when used by someone who has trained in both techniques but tend to lean towards the flash sight picture alignment more when qualifying or in competition and going for the points. However, the dueling tree gets the point shooting method most often as more shots are fired rapidly. If you have not practice either method start with the point shoot training first. It will help when you begin the flash sight-picture training.

Quote of the Month

"A smart man only believes half of what he hears, a wise man knows which half" Col. Jeff Cooper

That's all for this month. These notes are mine alone and do not represent the opinion or position of anyone, just me. If you have a question or a comment on guns, gunsmithing, gun rights, or, would like to just make a comment email me with your comments at

PrairieWolfGuns@gmail.com. I'll answer your questions with the most up to date information available. Some answers may be included in this column as I'm sure there are others with the same question. No question dealing with guns or self-defense is a bad or stupid question. Only those questions not asked.

Remember, B SAR (Be Safe, Be Aware, Be Responsible)

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Left: Winners Dave Bowser and Mike Morrison with a 2-day total of 18.04 lbs. Right: 2nd place finishers Tom Hankins and Ron Bilbrey with a 2-day total of 17.07. (Author Photo)

Indiana Slab Masters



by Jim Raymer President & Founder of the Indiana Slabmasters

Mississinewa / Salamonie Super Tournament

The weather leading up to the Mississinewa / Salamonie Tournament on May 5-6 couldn't have been better. With quickly rising water temperatures, it created a perfect storm for the Indiana Slab Masters super event. The result was one of if not the largest overall weigh-in results from top to bottom that the Indiana Slab Masters have ever experienced. The water temperature was quickly approaching spawning temperatures and the fish were shallow and very aggressive. We had a record of 52 teams show for the event eclipsing 49 boats that was the previous record at Patoka a few years back.

Coming out on top was the team of Dave Bowser and Mike Morrison. Dave and Mike were in the top ten after day 1 with a solid 7.66 lbs. on Mississinewa, but it took 8.71 lbs. after day 1 to lead it. On day two, Dave and Mike came back strong and overwhelmed the field to capture their first win in the Indiana Slab Masters with an impressive 10.38 lbs. on Salamonie, for a two-day total of 18.04 lbs. Dave and Mike caught their fish both days in 1-3 feet of water.

Finishing in 2nd place was two of our former officers who have made it big on the national scene, Tom Hankins and Ron Bilbrey. Tom Hankins was the man who is responsible for assisting me in starting the Indiana Slab Masters and was the club vice president and Ron Bilbrey was one of the original advisory board members, then became tournament director, and was the former writer of this column. Tom and Ron won the Inaugural American Crappie Trail tournament on Grenada Mississippi, proving Indiana Fisherman are becoming the cream of the crop! Ron and Tom were also in the top ten on day 1 with a very good 7.35 lbs. after day 1, and they also came back strong on day two with another impressive 9.72 lb. 7-fish stringer on Salamonie for a two-day total of 17.07 lbs. Ron and Tom spider rigged both days in shallow water to take home 2nd place honors.

Finishing in 3rd place with a two day total weight of 16.83 lbs. is the always tough team of Doug Allen and Larry Yates. Doug and Larry have been points champs for 4 years and always seem to rise to the occasion. These men are a threat to win any Indiana Slab Masters event, and one of the best teams we have from Ohio. Doug and Larry had very consistent weights both days with a Mississinewa day 1 weight solid in the top ten with 7.89 lbs. and backed that up with another great day 2 weight on Salamonie of 8.94 lbs. Doug and Larry were swimming jigs in 1-3 feet of water to take home 3rd place.

Finishing in 4th place was the team of Jeff Yeakle and Jonathan Brumley with a two-day total

of 16.54 lbs. This is a Grandfather/ Grandson team of Jeff Yeakle who fishes with his very talented grandson Jonathan. This team has endured some very tough times as Jeff continues to fight a very serious illness. We are always very happy to

see this team whenever they can make it out. Jeff and Jonathan were very much in contention on day one with a nice 7.96 lb. day on Mississinewa, and backed that up with an 8.58 lb. impressive stringer on Salamonie. Great job!

Rounding out the top 5 was another team from Ohio that is a threat. The team of Rodney and Lloyd Hiler. Rodney and Lloyd have been great addition to the Indiana Slab Masters and we enjoy their competitive spirit! Rodney and Lloyd were just about the most consistent team both days. They were in the top 5 after day 1 on Mississinewa with a day-1 weight of 8.16 lbs. and

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Left: 3rd place Larry Yates and Doug Allen with a 2-day total of 16.83 lbs. Right: 4th place Jeff Yeakle and Jonathan Brumley with a 2-day total of 16.54 lbs. (Author Photo)

on day two at Salamonie had another great 8.30 lb. 7-fish limit with a two day total of 16.46 lbs. Great job men, and congratulations to the top finishers!

A quick rundown of the overall tournament. This tournament had average weights each day that were amazing! On day-1 at Mississinewa the 52 teams brought in a total of 344.48 lbs of crappie. Every team had their 7-fish limit. The average

fish for Mississinewa was .95 lbs. On day-2 at Salamonie, we had 3 teams go home early, so 49 teams weighed in an impressive 352.65 lbs. and once again every team that weighed had their 7-fish limit! The average weight of the fish at Salamonie was 1.03 lbs. This will go down as one of the best events in Indiana Slab Masters history! Thank you to all who attended and with Lake

Monroe tournament on June 2nd, and the Tanners Creek/ OH River tournament on June 23rd, we will wrap up our early season and take a break until September so all our teams can vacation and enjoy family time during the summer months when boat traffic and high temperatures can stress the crappie. Until the next article, I hope to see you out on the lake soon! Tight lines everyone!

Indiana Outdoors

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not what you'd expect on a back-country elk hunt, right? I refer to the hunting and atmosphere that Colorado offers in such close proximity as Glelk hunting because you can literally be in the Rockies chasing elk during the day and back in town with fine dining, shopping and attractions at night. Such a hunt would also be very accommodating for your spouse or non-hunting family members as well. They could stay and play n town while you sweat it out after an elk!

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Colorado has also launched a slick new tool that can save out-of-state hunters a lot of headaches and dough.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) has overhauled its online application system, saving outof-state hunters from \$350 to more than \$600 in most cases. The new CPW purchasing system now allows out-of-state hunters to apply for a big game hunting license and purchase their hunting license only if they draw a Colorado hunting tag.? For 2018, a \$3 application fee per species application is all that is required (and a \$10 habitat stamp, if applicable). Nonresident and resident hunters who have applied for Colorado big-game licenses in the past are encouraged to follow the online guide and tools account set-up instructions. Hunters should look up their previous account to ensure their past preference point and purchase history stays with their account in the new system.

CPW has also expanded their customer service for hunters with a new 24/7 phone number for online account set-up questions or big-game applications taken by phone: 1-800-244-5613.

To research the best places to stay, shop and eat while in Colorado, get with the Colorado Dept. of Tourism. They can help set you up with the best options on lodging, etc. for your hunt. Don't forget this step. It will save a lot of effort, and they are wonderful to work with. You can contact them at https://www.colorado.com/activities/colorado-hunting.

Regardless of whether you kill an elk or not, with what Colorado has to offer, you're sure to have a hunt to remember.

The cost of an elk license isn't cheap. Pushing \$700, it will likely be the costliest part of your trip. Even with lodging, food and fuel, a DIY Colorado elk hunt can be done for around \$2,000. Less if you camp in the mountains.

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As part of the program, managed hunts are administered by a certified CHAP coordinator trained in hunting safety, deer biology and public relations. The community partner determines when and where managed hunts occur, what hunters can participate, and which certified CHAP coordinator they use or contract.

Training for people interested in becoming a certified CHAP coordinator will take place on July 11. Before attending training, those interested in becoming a CHAP coordinator must complete the following prerequisites:

- 1) Any state-sponsored Hunter Education certification.
- 2) Any DFW-Approved Firearms Instructor Training. Examples include: National Rifle Association (NRA) Firearm Instructor Training, Indiana Hunter Education Instructor Academy, 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification, etc.
- 3) Any DFW-Approved Formal Deer Hunting Training. Examples include: NRA Hunter Clinic Instructor Program Certification, QDMA Deer Steward 1 Certification, etc.
- 4) Provide name and birthdate for routine DNR background check.

To sign up for coordinator training, or for questions regarding prerequisites, email south region urban biologist Megan Dillon at mdillon@dnr.IN.gov.

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Outdoors





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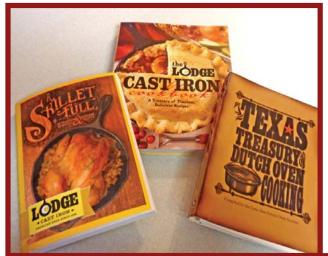
Cast Iron Cooking Great Indoors or Out

With temperatures in the nineties, I wasn't very interested in cooking anything outdoors this week. In fact, my wife didn't want me cooking much indoors and heating the house up. This wasn't a bad situation since we went out to eat almost every meal and I didn't have to fix the meal or clean up after it. But, when I feel like fixing a meal, especially when camping, I utilize one or several of my cast iron skillets or Dutch ovens.

I have three large (12 inch) Dutch ovens in our motorhome. These are all Lodge brand with three legs, a recessed flat lid, and a metal bail. If I am cooking over charcoal, I put some briquettes under the base and more on top of the lid. This allows the food to cook from both the top and bottom evenly. If I plan on cooking over a wood fire, I have a tripod to suspend the oven or skillet over the heat. Lodge Dutch ovens come in sizes from six inches to 14 inches. The 10, 12, and 14 inch size come in both shallow and deep.

We also have numerous cast iron skillets of various sizes. These are great for frying fish, potatoes, pancakes, eggs (which can also be fried on the flat lid on the inside 2 onions of the Dutch oven), and almost anything else. I have a deep skillet with glass cover which is great for frying chicken (or squirrels or rabbit). For years, when I purchased any of these cast iron items, I had to season them after I got them home. It was a big pain and if I did it in the house, it smelled up the kitchen. Now, most of them come pre-seasoned. I just acquired a new Lodge Wildlife Series 10.25 inch skillet. It came with a heavy leather accessory to fit over the handle to prevent grabbing a hot handle.

Over the years, I have added several items to make cooking with my cast iron items easier. The lid lifter is almost a necessity for removing the lid from the Dutch oven when checking the contents or adding more ingredients. I have two pair of the heavy gloves suitable for lifting hot skillets from the fire. Lodge also offers a chimney starter for easy starting of charcoal briquettes. A couple sheets of newspaper and a match and the char-





coal is glowing white in about 15 minutes. I have three of these for when I am using all three ovens at the same time. Other accessories are available on the Lodge website.

I use my Dutch ovens usually for two different recipes. One is my beef (or venison) stew. The other is for making assorted flavor cobblers. These are my two favorites when camping. The stew is for us. When I make the cobblers. I have to make three because the campers around us always want to help us eat them. I am

sharing these two recipes with you here.



Top Left Photo: Just three of the many cast iron cookbooks I have. Top Right Photo: One of my Lodge Dutch ovens. I have been using this for decades. Bottom Photo: My new skillet with leather handle. I hope to try it out soon. And my deep skillet with glass lid I always use for frying chicken or small game. (Author Photos)

BEEF STEW

2-3# stew meat 4 beef bouillon cubes 3 or 4 potatoes, chunked can of peas, drained

flour and oil for browning several sliced carrots 2 & ½ cups hot water

2 or 3 chopped tomatoes 35 charcoal briquettes, heated to white crust

TOPPING FOR STEW

Pick your own favorite biscuit topping. I have several, or use a can of refrigerated biscuits cut into quarters.

Place 15 hot briquettes under the Dutch oven. Flour the meat and brown in hot oil in the oven. Add the onions and carrots and cook for several more minutes. Dissolve the bouillon cubes in water and add to meat. Cover and add the rest of the charcoal to lid. Cook for about 15 minutes. Carefully remove the lid. Add the potatoes, peas, and tomatoes. Replace lid and cook another 15 minutes. Remove lid again and spread the topping over the stew. Check in another 10 to 15 minutes. When the cobbler is brown, stew is done. (This recipe can also be used in your kitchen in a regular stock pot.)

My other favorite for the Dutch oven is my fruit cobbler. After a pitch-in at the campground, I hardly have to clean the oven because it has been scraped clean!

FRUIT COBBLER

2 cans fruit pie filling (your choice) 2 boxes white or yellow cake mix 2 sticks butter

25 hot charcoal briquettes

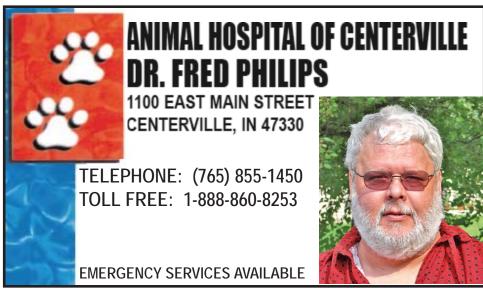
Place 10 briquettes under oven to preheat. Dump pie filling into bottom of pan. Pour cake mixes on top of fruit and spread evenly. Cut butter into 1 inch pieces and spread over cake mix. Put lid on oven and add remaining coals to top evenly. Bake for about 40 minutes, then check. Cobbler is done when topping is brown and fruit is bubbling through.

For more information on cooking with cast iron, go to www.lodgemfg.com. If you are ever traveling on Interstate 24 between Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee, look for the signs to South Pittsburg and visit the Lodge store there.

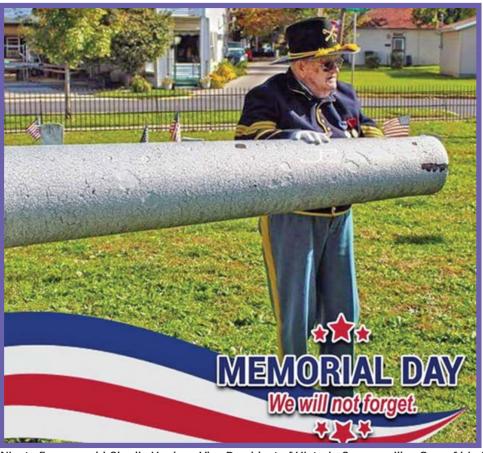
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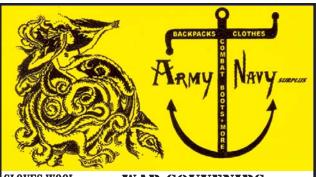








Ninety-five year old Charlie Hughes, Vice President of Historic Connersville. One of his favorite duties is to dress in his Union Army uniform and take his station at the cannon in City Cemetery during tours. Young and old alike enjoy his details about the cannon. (Author Photo)



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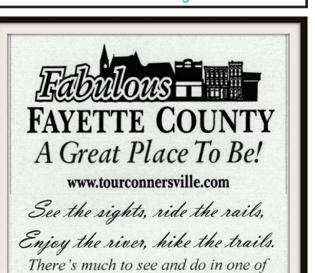
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New Adventures In Old Places



by Donna Schroeder

Lest We Forget

Originally, I had planned to write this month about our new museum location in Fayette County. I will write a bit about that later, but I realized that there's something nearer and dearer to me, and I think this is an appropriate time to share with you.

Memorial Day has passed. By the time you read this, Flag Day will also have been celebrated, and we will be moving toward July 4th. Every year, when Memorial Day arrives, I think of my dear friend Charlie Hughes (aka Speedy) who celebrates his birthday on May 29th. This year was his 95th.

Charlie has been my vice president at Historic Connersville for the past seven years. We could always count on him to answer questions about the city and county's history. He's always been there to host at the museum. One of his favorite duties was to dress in his Union Army uniform and take his station at the cannon in City Cemetery during tours. Young and old alike enjoyed his details about the cannon.

He was born in Connersville, one of five sons of Hugh and Neta Hughes. He was set to go to college, but family circumstances and WWII

changed all that. Charlie doesn't willingly talk about his service to his country, but, with a little prodding, he will describe the plane crash that almost ended his life and resulted in a long recuperation.

He came home to Connersville after the war, got married, and went to work in o factory.

But Charlie's life was much more than that. He also was an employee of the police department. For many years, he patrolled the downtown at night, making sure that stores were secure. Until a couple of years ago, he cleaned at a local bar and grill after closing. He probably knows more about what happened in Connersville than anyone else, but he never gossips. Two memories always bring a tear to his eye. He lost his wife several years ago, and that's a sad memory. The other – his account of taking the Honor Flight to Washington, DC – brings a tear of pride.

It has always seemed to me that Charlie never slept. How else could he have done all that? He was extremely active in the Kiwanis Club. I don't think he ever missed being part of the annual pancake breakfast. When it was time to place the flags on the veterans' graves for Memorial Day, Charlie was always there. He gave tours to hundreds of school children at the museum and City Cemetery, in addition to cleaning and restoring markers in the cemetery.

No matter what I needed at Historic Connersville, Charlie was there. At each meeting, he proudly led the Pledge of Allegiance after reminding everyone to uncover (remove their hats). When I would compliment him on a job well done, he answer was always, "I keep telling you I'm more than just a pretty face". Is he ever!

The past year has been a rough one. Heart problems have forced him to curtail his activities. He's given up driving and bemoans the loss of his independence.

So, I couldn't let all these flag related holidays **CONTINUED ON PAGE 23**



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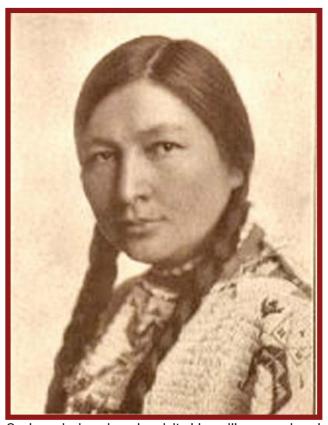
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Quaker missionaries who visited her village convinced Gertrude Simmons to go to White's Institute.

News of Native American Indians in Indiana



by Shirley Willard
Fulton County Historian, Rochester, Indiana

White's Indiana Manual Labor Institute

The Indian school, White's Indiana Manual labor Institute at Wabash, was founded by Josiah white, a Quaker. Yes, the name is Indiana not Indian, because White's family founded another school in Iowa. White's at Wabash served as an Indian school from 1883 to 1895, one of only two Indian schools in Indiana. The other was St. Joseph's at Rensselaer.

Josiah White made a fortune producing coal in Pennsylvania. His three sons died young and his daughters had no children. As a poor boy who got rich, he decided to help the poor by providing free education. His goal was to found schools for "poor children, white, colored, and Indian." He died in 1850 but his daughter and others carried out his plans to build Indian schools in Iowa and Indiana. They purchased 640 acres for a school and self-sufficient farm directly from Miami Chief Meshingomesia for \$6,500. This land is at Treaty Creek four miles south



White's archivist Kathy Gibson provides this photograph, which says "Harvey F. White and Indian boys at White's Institute." The year is not legible but is between 1883 and 1895. (Photos provided by Author)

of Wabash off Indiana 15 and 124.

Founded in 1853, White's Indiana Manual Labor Institute of Wabash, built an administration building, boarding house, and schoolhouse in 1859. It languished in the 1860s 1870s. In 1862 the first three children were admitted -- they were children from poor Quaker families and others. The first teacher was Asa Baldwin. Two Miami children attended 1862 to 1883. It was difficult to find boarders and qualified supervisors. In 1882 the yearly meeting of the Friends in Indiana entered into a contract with the federal government to board and educate Indian children for \$167 per pupil. The first Indian group consisted of 27 who arrived in 1883. Eventually more than 60 Indian children from a number of reservations arrived.

The Yearly Meeting of Friends in Iowa founded a similar Indian school near Salem, Iowa, in 1863. It did not last long and no buildings survive.

White's Institute of Indiana taught Indian children from 1883 to 1895. The graveyard at White's has 16 graves from 1885 to 1917. Their names are found in Ron Woodward's Noble Township Cemeteries of Wabash County and on the Internet. Woodward is the Wabash County Historian.

White's Institute became famous because the writings of a girl from the Yankton Sioux Reservation, South Dakota. In 1884 Gertrude Simmons (missionary- given name), age 8, left the reservation and rode a train to Indiana. She later wrote her autobiography, telling that she wanted to come because Quaker missionaries came to her village and convinced her and her cousin that the land of red apples was a beautiful happy place. White's had 150 apple trees. On the train she realized her mistake and cried to go back to her mother, but could not. In "The School Days of an Indian Girl," she described misery, having to pray as a Quaker and having her long hair cut, and the joy of learning to read and write. Her stories are on the Internet and are very interesting to read giving a personal insight to life in an Indian boarding school.

She stayed at White's for three years and returned to the reservation in 1887 to live with her

mother. But life for her had changed and she was no longer content to live on the reservation. She returned to White's in 1891 to further her education. She studied violin and piano and started to teach music at White's. In 1895 she received her White's diploma. Later she took an Indian name Zitkala-Sa which means Redbird. She became an Indian rights activist as described in the biography Red Bird, Red Power.

On June 28, 1895, White's Indian school held its first commencement for four students, and the closing exercises were held on the lawn in front of the Institutes's main building. The Institutes's band played and the choir sang. Gertrude Redbird gave an oration on the progress of women, detailing women's inequality, which received praise from the local Wabash newspaper. Two of the graduates were Thomas Marshall and William FastHorse, who returned to their homes and planned to attend college. Lottie Peck returned to her parents' home in Nebraska to teach in a reservation school. Zitkala-Sa stayed at White's teaching music to 12 students until she went to Earlham College, another Quaker school in Richmond, Indiana. On July 1, 51 Indian students were taken to the train station in Wabash and sent home.

White's Institute continues today as a school for troubled youths. The name was changed in 1992 to White's Residential and Family Services, 5233 S. 50 E., Wabash. Area teenagers have been sent there per order of local judges.

Red Power From White's Institute Wabash, Indiana

White's Indiana Manual Labor School of Wabash became well-known because of one graduate, Gertrude Simmons Bonin, a.k.a. Zitkala-Sa or Redbird. She became a musician and writer and Indian activist and traveled widely

After graduating from White's in 1895, she attended Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. However, in 1897, six weeks before her planned graduation, she became ill. She soon recuperated and went on to play for the New England

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In 1899 she began teaching at Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, the school Jim Thorpe made famous when he won the 1912 Olympics. Redbird's articles were published in the Atlantic Monthly and Harper's Weekly. She was a good writer and a good musician.

In 1900, Carlisle School sent her to the Yankton Reservation to recruit students. She saw bad things happening to her tribe: her mother's house in disrepair, her brother's family fallen into poverty, and white settlers taking Indian lands.

Upon her return to Carlisle School, she argued with the school's founder Col. Richard Pratt, about how the Indians were being treated and how they were being trained only for low-level work, assuming they would return to rural cultures.

In 1901 she was dismissed and returned to the reservation to help her mother who was in failing health. While home on the reservation, she collected and wrote "Old Indian Legends."

She married Capt. Raymond Bonnin, a soldier of mixed race and one quarter Yankton Sioux. He worked for the Bureau of Indian affairs, which sent him to Utah to work at the Ute reservation for the next 14 years. There they had a son, their only child, Raymond Ohiya Bonnin.

While in Utah in 1910 Redbird collaborated with a professor, William Hansen, at Brigham Young University to write "The Sundance Opera." This received critical acclaim in Utah. When it was performed in New York in 1938, it was attributed only to Hansen as the author.

She joined the Society of American Indians in 1911 and served as its secretary from 1916 on, editing its journal American Indian Magazine. Her husband lost his job with the Bureau of Indian affairs in 1916 so they moved to Washington, D. C., hoping to find allies there. They were politically active and Red Bird wrote many articles exposing how the whites cheated the Indians and took their land in Oklahoma and other states.

She was co-author of "Oklahoma's Poor Rich Indians: an Orgy of Graft and Exploitation of the Five Civilized Tribes, Legalized Robbery."

This graft got worse and included the taking of oil wells from the Potawatomi who were descended from those on the Trail of Death Indiana to Kansas.

Working with the National Council of American Indians, Zitkala-Sa, (Red Bird) ran a voter registration drive among the Indians both on and off reservations. She supported the Curtis Bill, which granted U.S. citizenship to all American Indians in 1924.

Isn't it amazing that the American Indians were not granted citizenship until 1924? The black people were granted citizenship in 1868 with the 14th amendment. Both groups have struggled to get civil rights. Many Indians have simply given up and taken a white identity. Others chose to retain their Indian ancestry and promote their culture.

CHAP funding and para 31, 2018). Communitie 2019 should visit the their wildlife biologist.

Gertrude Simmons Bonnin a.k.a. Zitkala-SA or Redbird, died in 1938 in Washington, D. C., and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery because of her husband's military service. She is remembered for many books and articles and writings and her work to advance the cause of the American Indian. Many of her books are available on the Internet - all this from a little Indian girl who rode a train from South Dakota to learn to read and write at White's Institute, Wabash, Indiana.

News From The Indiana State Police

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- approaching construction zones.When stopped in traffic be watchful of traffic
- approaching from behind and be ready to take evasive action if it appears traffic is

ready to take evasive action if it appears traffic is approaching too fast to stop.

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For summer travel safety tips please visit http://www.in.gov/isp/2968.htm

New Adventures In Old Places

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pass without paying tribute to my sweet Charlie and all the other veterans who made sure we have our freedom, especially the ones who came home and just kept on giving to their communities.

Now, about that museum...it's coming along. I had hoped to have an opening date by now. Personally, I'm shooting for the first part of July, but I'm not making any promises. The best I can tell you is that you can check our Facebook page: Historic Connersville, call us at 765 825 0946, or email us at historic.connersville@gamil.com Hopefully, we will be open soon, and Charlie will be there as much as possible to welcome you.

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CHAP funding and participation has passed (March 31, 2018). Communities interested in participating in 2019 should visit the CHAP webpage and contact their wildlife biologist

For more information on CHAP, the grant application, and the current certified CHAP Coordinators list, see wildlife.IN.gov/9420.htm. Contact information for wildlife biologist by county is at wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm.

To view all DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

FIREWORKS OVER MISSISSINEWA LAKE JUNE 23

Mississinewa Lake will host a fireworks show on Saturday, June 23, at 10 p.m.

The 30-minute show will include a 16-inch mortar, believed to be the largest to be fired in Indiana. A total of 518 mortars ranging from 3 to 16 inches will be fired during Fireworks over Mississinewa.

Visitors can watch the show by land or lake.

On land, visitors can set up lawn chairs and blankets at the beach. Arrive early because parking will be limited. Campers are encouraged to walk from their campsites due to parking limitations.

Alcohol is prohibited on the beach. Private fireworks also are prohibited on the property.

The day's activities are:

- —9 a.m.: Boat tour by reservation. Cost is \$5 per person.
 - —10 a.m.: Disc golf, at the beach.
 - —1 p.m.: Cornhole tournament.
 - —5 p.m.: Youth pellet shoot.
 - —6:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Cadillac Creek Band.
 - —10 p.m.: Fireworks.

Also, at 2, 4 and 6 p.m., Peru Amateur Circus will perform at the beach. Visitors can watch tumbling, aerial doubles on trapeze, advanced aerials, and juggling. A juggling clinic for kids will take place each session.

Free-will donations will be accepted at the beach, boat ramps, and entrance to the property beginning at 5 p.m. Park gates will close at 9:30 p.m., or before if parking fills to capacity sooner.

"Donations are critical to continuing this event," said Jordan Epp, assistant property manager. "We've had an outpouring of generosity from sponsors so far, but we still need to rely on event donations to strengthen the event each year."

Gold and Platinum sponsors of this year's event are: David and Patricia Folck, 4ZS RVS INC., Shankster Bros., Health Hoosier Oil LLC, RV Dynasty, Quality Plumbing and Heating, First Merchants Corp., Ivy Tech, Triple J Engineering LLC, First Bank of Berne, Red Bridge Marina, Bowman's Heating and Cooling, Ronald and Judy Newhouse, and NIPSCO.

For more information, call Epp at **765-473-6528**. Mississinewa Lake

(<u>stateparks.IN.gov/2955.ht</u>m) is at 4673 S. 625E. Peru, 46970.

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SALAMONIE PRESCHOOL OFFERS "WEATHER CHANGES JUNE 27

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "Weather Changes," June 27.

Preschoolers will learn about why weather changes throughout the year.

The class will be offered once, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews.

Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including learning letters, building a craft, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme.

The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at **260-468-2127**.

For more information on other UWIS programs, see dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upper-wabash, or call 260-468-2127.

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Outdoors With Lonnie



by Lonnie Snow

Special Olympic Athletes Competing

Our Special Olympic athletes have been very busy since the weather broke and we can get outside. We held our annual unified track meet with Earlham College students April 22nd. We had about 30 Earlham students and around 40 of our athletes compete together in track and field events. It is always a great time at this event.

I sent the pictures email to you in another email of the track meet at Earlham College.

On May 3rd Union County High School held their 2nd Annual Unified Champion Fun Day at their facility. Special Needs students were bussed in from around Wayne County to attend this fun day event. There were over 100 student volunteers from Centerville, North Eastern, Fayette County, Franklin County, Western Wayne, and Union County assisting our special needs students. There were over 150 special needs students attending this event.

The main objective of the day was to have fun and they did. The students participated in many different sport events such as soccer, shot put, running events, tunnel craws, parachute drop, water contest, jumping, and wheel chair events. There was an event for every athlete and his/her partner.

After their completion, the individuals were scored and placed in first, second or third for ribbons. It was exciting to see the youngsters receive their awards. The support from the schools and the students was amazing.

It took a great deal of planning by Union County High School to organize and plan this event. I want to recognize their efforts and thank each student, parent, partner, or teacher who played a role in this event. Thank you Union County for hosting this Special Olympics Event.

July 7th is our Annual, Special Olympics Fundraiser Golf Outing at the Elks Country,





We held our annual unified track meet with Earlham College students April 22nd. We had about 30 Earlham students and around 40 of our athletes compete together in track and field events. It is always a great time at this event. (Author Photo)

Richmond.

This golf outing provided 2/3 of our annual operating cost for Wayne County athletes. We would welcome your sponsorship or providing a team to participate.

A free meal from the Olive Garden is offered to our golfers

Cost of a team is \$100.00 each player for 4 man team

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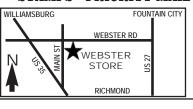


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Natalie Jester her first turkey on 5/22/18. It weighed 20 lbs and had a 9" beard. Taken in Jefferson county. (Submitted by William Jester via e-mail).



Dave Wilcox took this 22 lb Turkey it had 1 inch spurs and an 11 inch beard on 4-25-18 in Union county. (Dave's Triangle, Inc. Photo, Brookville Lake, IN)



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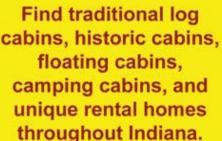
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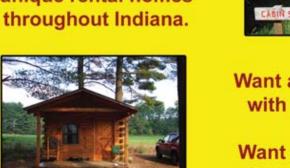
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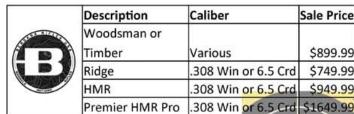


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