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Timmy Lee Smith, 60, of Proctorville, OH, passed away on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at home. He was born on January 16, 1962, in Huntington, WV, to the late Robert and Wanda Riley Smith. He was also preceded in death by three sisters Cathy Baldwin, Janie Smith, and Cynthia Hunt. He is survived by one sister Bobbie Belle and several nieces and nephews. Private Family Services will be held. Hall Funeral Home and Crematory, Proctorville, OH, is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family at ehallfuneralhome.com.



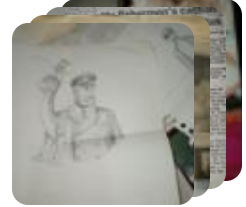
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Schneider-Hall Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



November 20 at 5:39 PM



Phillip Bowman lit a candle in honor of Timmy.

Prayers for the family

November 1 at 8:00 PM



Yvette Lemley-Adkins lit a candle in honor of Timmy.

Prayers for the family

October 27 at 8:00 PM



Chris lit a candle in honor of Timmy.

So many memories including going to Carter caves when I was younger. Timmy could draw almost anything and was an incredible artist. We are going to miss him dearly

October 26 at 8:00 PM



Jennifer Belle lit a candle in honor of Timmy.

Tim was a great left handed artist. Loved fishing and was once our hometown hero during a flood, that left many people with no transportation to get necessities. He loved his family and his late wife, Ona Smith.

October 25 at 8:00 PM



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Always telling his stories, and memories to others made him happy. He had some good ones. Hardworking and fun to be around. He will ne missed and remembered. May he finally find peace. Love you uncle Tim.Love, sissy.

October 24 at 8:00 PM



BC

Barry Crump lit a candle in honor of Timmy.

Prayers for the family

October 23 at 8:00 PM



AS

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Timmy Lee Smith lit a candle in honor of Timmy.

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Hall

October 23 at 8:00 PM





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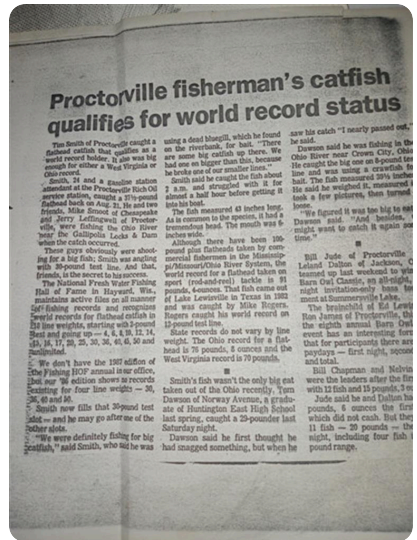
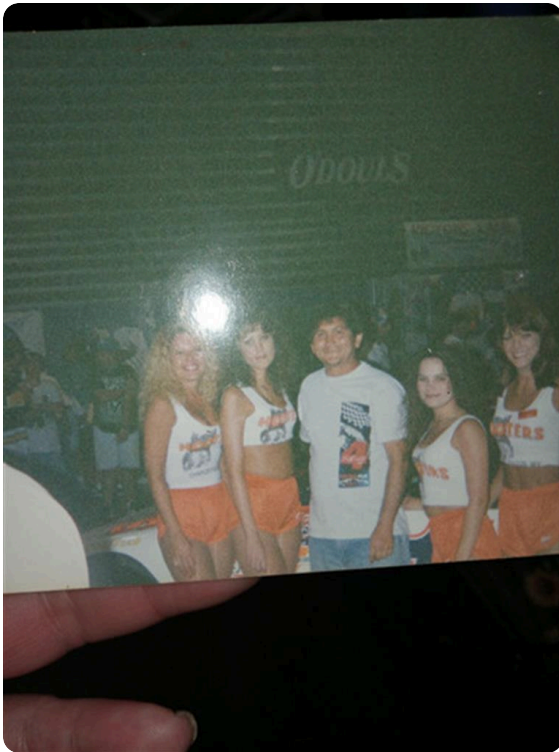
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Proctorville fisherman's catfish qualifies for world record status

The death of Proctorville caught a national catfish that qualifies as a world record holder. It was big enough for either a West Virginia or Ohio record.

Smith, 24 and a gasoline station attendant at the Proctorville High Oil service station, caught a 20 1/2 pound fathead bass on Aug. 21. He and two friends, Mike Brock of Chesapeake and Jerry Lattinovich of Proctorville, were fishing the Ohio River near the Columbus Lake & Dam when the catch occurred.

These eyes obviously were shooting for a big fish. Smith was angling with 30-pound test line. And that, friends, is the secret to his success.

The National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame in Hayward, Wis., maintains active files on all summer sport fishing records and recognizes world records for fathead catfish by 20 line weights, starting with 3-pound test and going up—4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 17, 20, 25, 30, 36, 45, 50 and 60-pound.

"We don't have the 1987 edition of the Fishing Record annual in our office, but our '86 edition shows records existing for four line weights—30, 36, 45 and 50."

Smith now files that 30-pound test fish—and he may go after one of the others.

"We were definitely fishing for big catfish," said Smith, who said he was using a dead bluegill, which he found on the riverbank, for bait. "There are some big catfish up there. We had one as big as this, but it was not as big as our another one."

Smith said he caught the fish about 2 a.m. and struggled with it for about a half hour before getting it into his boat.

The fish measured 41 inches long. As is common to the species, it had a tremendous head. The mouth was 6 inches wide.

Although there have been several big fatheads taken by composed plus fishermen in the Huntington-Ohio River System, the world record for a fathead taken on sport (rod-and-reel) tackle is 31 pounds, 4 ounces. That fish came out of Lake Lewisville in Texas in 1955 and was caught by Mike Rogers.

Rogers caught his world record on 15-pound test line.

State records do not vary by line weight. The Ohio record for a fathead is 70 pounds, 8 ounces and the West Virginia record is 70 pounds.

Smith's fish wasn't the only big one taken out of the Ohio recently. Tom Dawson of Norway Avenue, a graduate of Huntington East High School last spring, caught a 25-pounder last Saturday night.

Dawson said he first thought he had snagged something, but when he saw his catch "I nearly passed out," he said.

Dawson said he was fishing in the Ohio River near Crown City, Ohio. He caught the big one on 8-pound test line and was using a crayfish for bait. The fish measured 39 1/2 inches. He said he weighed it, measured it, took a few pictures, then turned home.

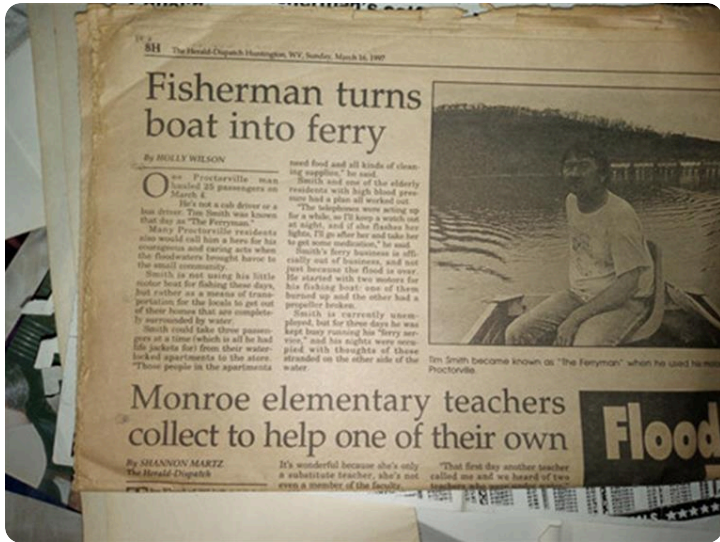
"We figured it was too big to eat," Dawson said. "And besides, I might want to catch it again one day."

Bill Jahn of Proctorville, Leonard Dalton of Jackson, C teamed up last weekend to fish Bare Oil Creek in an all-night, eight-involvement tournament at Huntington Lake.

The brainchild of Ed Lewis, then mayor of Proctorville, the eighth annual Barr-Dawson event has an interesting twist that for participants there are paydays—first night, second and third.

Bill Chapman and Melvin were the leaders after the first 12 fish and 18 pounds, 3 ounces.

Jahn said he and Dalton had 11 pounds, 6 ounces the first night which did not count. But the 11 fish—20 pounds—the night, including four fish-pound rings.





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