



Autumn

in Monroe County

THE VIEW FROM ABOVE *Q* part 2

“Is there anyplace more beautiful in fall than our own Monroe County?” we asked readers a year ago.

The question accompanied a series of pictures showing the beauty of Monroe County in autumn as few of us ever see it—taken from a helicopter flying both high and low above Bloomington and the surrounding countryside. We received so many raves from readers who felt the answer was “no,” we decided an encore was in order.

So here you have them, more pictures taken by photographer J. Bruce Baumann, shot from a craft piloted by Bob Burke of BMG Aviation.

Baumann is a former *National Geographic* photographer, a 50-year veteran newsman, and a member of the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame—a man eminently qualified to take pictures hanging out the window of a helicopter.

On the morning he chose to take off, an early mist rolled away to reveal lush trees at their colorful peak under a cloudless blue sky. The day was so brilliantly beautiful that it took our breath away. So, too, do these photographs.

—the editor

Early morning sun illuminates a horse farm on the south side of Bloomington.

Photography by **J. Bruce Baumann**



The heart of the Indiana University campus, with Maxwell Hall (left), Owen Hall (right), and the Indiana Memorial Union (center).



Boats docked on a placid
Lake Monroe at the
Fourwinds Resort and
Marina.



Morning fog blankets the rolling hills near Lake Monroe.



The Monroe County Courthouse, looking south from downtown, with Walnut on the left and College on the right.



One of the town's most prestigious neighborhoods, Sterling Woods, on the southeast side of Bloomington.



Open farmland can still be found just outside Bloomington's city limits.



Indiana University's iconic Sample Gates, on South Indiana Avenue and East Kirkwood.