

Thirteen Lines

News and Notes from the LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation

winter 2018-19

What's in a name? A name can carry lots of meaning. Your name can tell me who you are related to. It might give me a hint what town you are from. It is very likely I can tell where your family was 200-300 years ago. Would you believe, by your name I have a really good chance of guessing your shoe size? Your name might have changed when you pledged your life to another. I know one song that has your name in it. Do you wear the same name as a parent or grandparent?

You can get a new name by character or by circumstance, even though it is seldom your choice. Just ask Giggles, Rosco, Bo, Bear, Skitz, Dogbite what they did to get their names. A new name can be earned. Doctor, Lieutenant, Your Honor are titles that add respect to your name. You do not need to know the person to understand that there was lots of training to get to where they are now.

In the nature and science world names matter a lot too. Striped Skunk is clearly similar to, but different from Spotted Skunk. Grey Fox and Red Fox have an obvious difference. Some names are not so apparent, but still connote a difference that matters such as Acadian Flycatcher or Least Flycatcher.

Names matter so much to science that centuries ago the standard became to name things in latin. Since no culture speaks latin as an everyday language, it does not change, therefore the names would last. Latin is also a very descriptive language. That is why Large-flowered Trillium is scientifically named *Trillium grandiflorum*, or three petaled large flower. Another example is *Populus grandidentata*, the poplar with grand teeth, or Large-toothed Aspen.

My favorite wild names are the ones that memorialize a person of honor. Blackburnian Warbler (Anna Blackburn, 18th century entomologist), Cooper's Hawk (William Cooper founded NY natural history museum), Douglas Fir (David Douglas, Scottish botanist), and so on. I do have a mentor who is named on a tree. American Ash, *Fraxinus americana barrii*, is named after Robert Barr. Yes, he is a man of honor.

Maybe you can guess who these things honor; *Jeffersonia diphylla*, *Cervus roosevelti*, *Erigeron muirii*, *Pillipsia Stratton-Porteri*.

You may not know something's name or perhaps call it by the wrong name. A heron will never know if you call it a crane. Not every Canada Goose is Canadian. But taking time to learn our wild, living neighbors' names is good for you. It will help you respect them and give them honor.

My name is

Scott Beam
LaGrange County Interpretive Naturalist





Pine Knob Field and Fish Day

Saturday, September 22

3-D Competition Bow Shoot Winners



Winners are;

Adult - 1) Bill Bohm 2) Austin Pierson 3) Dakota Turner
Youth - 1) Brett Ward 2) Logan Yoder 3) Olivia Yoder.

LaGrange County Parks wants to express heartfelt gratitude to the following donors to the 2018 3D Competition Bow Shoot

- Dutchman Hunting Supply, Shipshewana
- Big D's Archery, Angola
- 3Rivers Archery, Ashley
- Schlemmers Hardware, LaGrange
- Kings of Paracord
- Mighty Herd Deer Supplement
- Flying Arrow Archery
- Public Land Man - Wesley Combs





November Hunter Safety Class

Successfully passing Hunter Safety Class is required before obtaining an Indiana hunting license.

Class is no charge, On-line registration is required. Register at <http://registered.com/events/view/127431>. Questions regarding hunting seasons and hunter eligibility can be answered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, in.gov/dnr or Indiana Conservation Officers at 260-244-3720.

November 6, 8, 9, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 5:30-9, Maple Wood Center, 127431. All three sessions of the class must be attended to earn your certificate.

Camo Mud Run

What fun! What a mess! Thank you to all of our participants in our first ever Camo Mud Run 5ishK.



Maple Syrup Making

Maple Wood Nature Center hosts tours for Maple Syrup Making late February through March 13.

School and Senior tours are available.

Schedule and registration details are available January 3, 2019. Space is limited.

Request the Maple Syrup Making letter. Call or email LaGrange County Parks (260) 854-2225 lagrangecountyparks@yahoo.com.



November

				1	2	3
				All Saints Day		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
daylight saving time ends		Election Day LaGrange Co offices closed 5:30-9 Hunter Safety I Maple Wood	new moon	5:30-9 Hunter Safety II Maple Wood	5:30-9 Hunter Safety III Maple Wood	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Veterans Day LaGrange Co offices closed					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			8:30 Breakfast with the Birds Lunar Eclipse	Thanksgiving Day	LaGrange Co offices closed Maple Wood closed	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
1:30 Folk Jam			Friends of LCP MW 6:30			

December

2	3	4	5	6	7	1 Quilt Class MW 9-3
					new moon	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			8:30 Breakfast with the Birds Thomas Say	Maple Wood closed		full moon
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1:30 Folk Jam	LaGrange Co offices closed	Christmas Day LaGrange Co offices closed	Maple Wood closed			
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Maple Wood closed						

January

		1 New Years Day LaGrange Co offices closed full moon	2	3 Maple Syrup Making tours open for scheduling	4	5 new moon
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Martin Luther King Day LaGrange Co offices closed	15	16 8:30 Breakfast with the Birds	17	18	19 Quilt Class Maple Wood
20	21 full moon and lunar eclipse	22	23 Friends of LCP MW 6:30	24 7:30 Park Board	25	26
27 1:30 Folk Jam	28	29	30	31		

Naturally Noteworthy

LaGrange County Offices closed

November 6 - Election Day
 Nov. 22-23 - Thanksgiving
 December 24-25 - Christmas
 January 1 - New Years Day
 January 14 - MLKing Day

Maple Wood Nature Center closings this quarter:

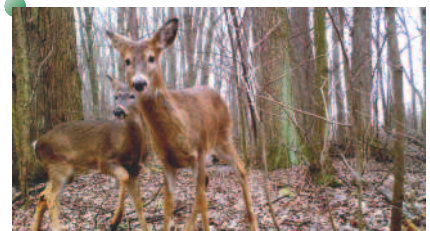
November 22-24
 Thanksgiving
 December 20-January 1
 Winter Break

- **Receive 13 Lines** newsletter and monthly Park news as emails. Respond to our email address with "13 Lines" or "e-news" in the subject. Or download online at lagrangepark.org.

- **Orionid Meteor Showers** peak December 13-14.

- **2019 Events**
 Mar 16-17 Maple Syrup Days
 June 29 Ribs @ Rogers
 July 13 Moon Walking
 September 21 3D Bow Shoot

- **Facilities are available** for reservation. Call Park Office, 260-854-2225 for details or download the Rental Facilities flier at lagrangepark.org.



Please inform us if you have difficulty accessing any facilities or programs. We are glad to accommodate and want to enhance your experience in the parks.



Breakfast with the Birds

Breakfast with the Birds is for anyone who is free one Wednesday morning of each month. The program starts with coffee and doughnuts. Then a talk or discussion is offered by the naturalist. Bring your binoculars and enjoy a hike in the woods afterward. Recommended donation is \$2.00.



Lunar Eclipse

November 21 8:30a
Our moon, Luna, at is brightest is a wonder, I am sure you will agree. But sometimes Earth shadows Luna's beauty. Lunar facts and stories are the topic as we prepare for an early 2019 lunar eclipse. We will also discuss other moons within our solar system.



Thomas Say

December 19 8:30a
Every American naturalist in the 21st century owes a great deal to the explorers and scientists who came before us. One in particular, Thomas Say, left a legacy of discovery so significant that we still look to his work for inspiration to interpret the web of life.



TBD

January 16 8:30a
Breakfast with the Birds in January will announced after New Years.

Friends of LaGrange County Parks

[http://www.facebook.com/
FriendsOfLaGrangeCountyParks](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfLaGrangeCountyParks)

Saturday, March 9 is return of the Sap Run and Syrup Stroll.



Friends of LaGrange County Parks winter meetings are November 28 and January 23, 6:00 p at Maple Wood Nature Center. Contact (260) 350-3036, friendsoflagrangeparks@gmail.com.

Folk Jam



Folk Music Jam Sessions are hosted the fourth Sunday of each month. Jams are mostly folk, country and bluegrass music with other styles thrown in from time to time.

This quarter's Jams are November 25, December 23, January 27, 1:30-5:00p.

For questions contact Erv Troyer, 260-463-2247, reo43@aol.com or Maple Wood at 260-463-4022, lagrangeparkparks@yahoo.com



Indiana Endangered/Threatened/Rare

Help Indiana's nongame fish and wildlife. There are more than 750 endangered and nongame animals in Indiana that need your help. All management funding for these things comes from Hoosiers who donate to the Indiana Nongame Fund.

There are three categories that guide management of species whose survival is at risk; Endangered, Threatened, Rare.

Lists of ETR species can be accessed at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources website. <http://in.gov/dnr>.

You can search by county, just plants, and fish and wildlife.



Newsletter Subscription

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Quilt Class

Winter Quilt Classes are December 1 and January 19 at Maple Wood Nature Center, 9:00-3:00. Cost is \$25.



December has three projects to choose from; wreath, Leah's Star, vinyl zipper pouch. January's runner pattern is called All Through the Night.

Instructions provided upon registration.

Registration is required,

lagrangecountyparks@yahoo.com or call the park office, 260-854-2225.

For more details contact instructors

Julia Wolhete, 260-367-1449

Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438.

Bring a dish for potluck lunch.



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Parks open 8:00 am - sunset

Park Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8 am - 12:00 noon, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

4550E 100S
260-463-4022

Hours: Wednesday 8 am - 4 pm
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

other days by special appointment
closed Sundays in July

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