



Thirteen Lines

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

summer 2017

“It’s the Model T Ford made the trouble. Made the people wanna get..wanna get..wanna get up and go.”

Ten points for you if you know where the above quote is from. 20 points if you know the name of the scene. 30 points if you can quote the other lines.

Automobile transportation has changed our culture for sure. Among the obvious things are paved roads, jobs many miles from home, groceries produced or purchased many miles from home, vacations in different states, temporary bedrooms scattered along roads across the country.

Cars have also changed the natural world. How many creatures have you noticed that did not make it across the road alive? Do you think there would be more wild creatures if there were no such thing as motorized transportation? Roads can become uncrossable boundaries for amphibian migration, plant seed dispersal, and water saturation.

It is not easy to know how to feel about these things and it is something I struggle with. I can argue both that cars are good and that cars are dreadful. On one hand I can’t stand it when I see fur or feathers along a road. On the other hand I like getting access to a prairie, a lake, and a forest on the same day. On another hand I am appalled that auto fuel is poisonous if it gets spilled and when it is vented as exhaust. I am also very impressed on the advances in modern engine management for efficiency. On one foot I am amazed that within one day’s drive I could be in the Smoky Mountains, or Niagara Falls, or the boundary waters, or the great plains, or Mammoth Cave, or Lake Superior. On the other foot I drive and see small town stores long abandoned since it is easier to travel past them rather than patronize them.

Last summer I got to drive vehicles with 25 horsepower and 500 horsepower and I enjoyed them both. I could be the only naturalist that shares part of his heart with hot rods. But in the attitude of conservation I have successfully modified a hot rod to get 30% better gas mileage than it used to.

I don’t yet know how to resolve these conflicts inside my passions. But I do know when I am on a road trip, the bird book and binoculars will always be at my side.

Naturally,

Scott Beam, LaGrange County Interpretive Naturalist

P.S. “Rock Island” from [The Music Man](#)





2017 Summer RECREATION

By Gone Days

By Gone Days meets at David Rogers Memorial Park. Outdoor games and pioneer activities are shared among the historic log house village. Finish the week with the traditional Campfire Cook Out. For grades 1-6. Additional details mailed upon registration. \$50.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are available at Dallas Lake Park. Two week sessions, 50 minutes per day. Available to children 5 years old and older. Registrations begin June 5. You must call the Park office at 854-2225 for scheduling an appropriate level class. Fee is \$50.00 for the ten day classes. No refunds due to foul weather lesson cancellation.

REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1

weekdays at Dallas Lake Park

June 26 - July 7

no lessons July 4

July 10 - 21

July 24 - August 4



Adventure Bound

Adventure Bound is for youth grades 6-9. Special activities for Adventure Bound may include challenge initiatives, ropes courses, canoeing the Pigeon River, swimming, and other outdoor recreation. Adventure Bound meets in various locations. Schedule provided upon registration. \$50.

Nature Bound

Have fun outside! Nature games, environmental education, outdoor skills, and hands-on activities are all part of Nature Bound. Nature Bound meets daily at Dallas Lake Park. Enjoy swimming, hiking, games, and crafts. For grades 1-6. Additional details mailed upon registration. \$50.

Request the Summer Recreation Flier:

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(260) 854-2225

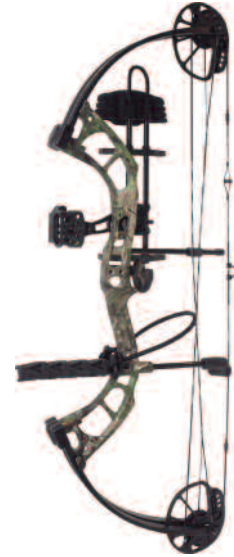
or click here to download



Bow Hunting 101

Learn the basic skills of bow hunting or explore the possibility of trying something new. Topics covered will be proper bow set-up, elevated stand safety, blood trailing, and range instruction. The program is appropriate for youth and adults.

Bow Hunting 101 is Saturday, July 29, 9:00-12:00 at Pine Knob Park program center. Participants also get free access to the 3-D archery range for the day. There is no charge. Registration is required, (260) 854 2225, lagrangeparks@yahoo.com. Click here to download the flier.



The Great Cruise In Delt Church Park Tuesday, June 27, 5:00-10:00

A Classic Car Cruise-In is a great way to celebrate the arrival of the Great Race classic car road rally. The party is June 27, two days before the pass through of the big rally.

Picnic tables and grills are available. VIP parking for classics of all styles and ages. Free popcorn by Friends of LaGrange Co. Parks. Click here to download the flier. Registration requested by June 20.



Delt Church Dash 5K run/walk

LaGrange County Parks is hosting the third Delt Church Dash 5K run/walk on Friday evening, June 23, at Delt Church Park. The Delt Church Dash meets at the South River Pavilion near the playground. Registration begins at 6:00p. The Dash begins at 7:00p.

Ribbons will be awarded in the following categories; Top 3 Overall, Top 3 Male and Female per age group - 15 and under, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and above.

Cost per runner is \$3.00. To pre-register for the Delt Church Dash, download the form at lagrangeparks.org or request the form through email. Contact LaGrange County Parks, (260) 854-2225 or email lagrangeparks@yahoo.com, ggrogg82@gmail.com.

May 2017 National Wetlands Month

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 full moon	11	12	13
14 Mothers Day	15	16	17 8:30 Breakfast with the Birds Pollinators	18	19	20 Quilt Class MW Free Fishing Day
21	22	23 Patchwork Trails 6p Nasby Dam	24 FofP 6:30 MW	25 7:30 Park Board new moon	26	27 Maple Wood closed
28 1:30 Folk Jam no interpretive services	29 Memorial Day all County offices closed	30	31			

June 2017

				1 swim lesson registration begins	2	3 Family Fishing Day at Pigeon River Rainbow Pit
4 free fishing weekend	5	6	7	8	9 full moon	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Fathers Day	19	20 Patchwork Trails 6p Kneipp Springs	21 8:30 Breakfast with the Birds Great Race	22 7:30 Park Board	23 7p Delt Church Dash 5k new moon	24
25 1:30 Folk Jam	26 By Gone Days gr 1-6 swim I to July 7	27 5-10 The Great Cruise In Delt Church Park	28 FofP 6:30 MW	29	30	

July 2017

						1 Maple Wood Closed
2 Maple Wood Closed	3 Nature Bound gr 1-6	4 Independence Day County offices closed	5	6	7	8
9 Maple Wood Closed full moon	10 Nature Bound gr 1-6 swim II to 21	11	12	13	14	15
16 Maple Wood Closed	17 Adventure Bound gr 6-9	18 Patchwork Trails 6p Pine Knob	19 8:30 Breakfast with the Birds Orchids	20	21	22
23 7:30 Folk Jam Maple Wood Closed	24 Nature Bound gr 1-6 swim III to Aug 4	25	26 FofP 6:30 MW	27 7:30 Park Board	28	29 9:00-12:00 Bow Hunting 101 MW closed
30	31					

Naturally Noteworthy

LaGrange County Offices closed

May 29 - Memorial Day
July 4 - Independence Day

Maple Wood Nature Center closings this quarter:

May 27-29 - Memorial Day
July 1-4 Independence Day
July 29 - Bow Hunting 101
Sundays in July

- **Maple Syrup** is still for sale at Maple Wood Nature Center or the Park Office.

- **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.

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

- **Season Passes**, \$40, are available for Dallas Lake Park at the Park Office.

- **Indiana Free Fishing Days** are May 20, June 3-4.

- **2017 Park Events**
David Rogers Country Fair
August 26
Pine Knob
Hunting & Fishing Day
September 16

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.



Pollinators

May 17 8:30a
I hope we all appreciate flowers for their beauty. But their real purpose is to make seeds and they need pollinators to do that. We will salute the pollen patrol and look at what you can do to make your habitation friendly to pollinators.



The Great Race

June 21 8:30a
It was a bold and seemingly impossible challenge, drive a car from New York to Paris...in 1908! This fantastic journey included US 6. A road rally inspired by that event is passing through in late June.



Orchids

July 19 8:30a
Orchids are easily found at flower shops as exotic, tropical beauty. You may even have some in your flower garden. Though rare due to habitat loss, orchids are native in LaGrange County.

Friends of LaGrange County Parks

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

The Friends assisted with acquisition and planting of orchids for the fen restoration at Pine Knob Park, April 23.



Friends of LaGrange County Parks summer meetings are May 24, June 28, July 26, 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 May 28, June 25, July 23, 1:30-5:00p.

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



Patchwork Trails 2017 Walking Season

Tuesday, May 23 Nasby Dam
6:00 p.m. 300N, east of 500E, Howe, IN

Reservoir Walk

An old mill site within Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area harbors many unusual birds, plants, and more. This is a off-trail walk that travels within site of an osprey nest.

Tuesday, June 20 Our Lady, Mother of Mercy Center
6:00 p.m. 2730 E. Rockport Rd., Rome City, IN

Kneipp Springs Walk

Explore the grounds of historic Kneipp Springs, and learn about the history of this famous campus.

Tuesday, July 18 Pine Knob Park
6:00 p.m. 2825E SR120, Howe, IN

Prairie Walk

Visit the tallgrass prairie restoration at Pine Knob Park while the tall flowers are at their best.

Download the complete flier at lagrangecountyparks.org.

Family Fishing Day

Saturday, June 3, 10:00-1:00, LaGrange County Parks and Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area are partnering to give new anglers the basic skills to Go FishIN.

Learn how to attach a hook, how to cast, how to identify Indiana game fish, fishy games to play and more.

Families are encouraged to picnic afterwards. Go FishIN is at Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area, Rainbow Pit, west of the junction of 300E and 400N. Registration is required, call 367-2164. There is no charge and supplies are provided. Download the flier.



Got Bats?



Indiana DNR is looking for volunteers to count bats at dusk. If you know where bats are roosting please contact soon!

Summer Bat Roost Monitoring Project



Questions?
helpbats@dnr.IN.gov
812-334-1137
To sign up:
Visit wildlife.IN.gov/8301.htm
select "ongoing service project"

May Quilt Class

May quilt class is "Broad Stripes, Bright Stars," a 30x30 table topper. It is a quick project suitable for two or more colors.

Class is Saturday, May 20, 9:00-3:00 at Maple Wood Nature Center. Cost is \$25. Register at LaGrange County Parks, (260) 854-2225 or lagrangecountyparks@yahoo.com.

For project details contact quilt instructors Ira Johnson 463-1438 or Julia Wolheter 367-1449. Bring a dish for a 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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