



Thirteen Lines

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

summer 2018

What does "disposable" really mean?

We, as a society, have adopted the idea that "it is OK if I use it once and then fill a dumpster with it." Having a birthday party? I do not have to wash dishes! Going on a picnic? I do not want to carry anything home! Going to eat inexpensive, but quickly served food? Fortunately, everything is disposable.

I think "inexpensive" is the key word here (or should I just say cheap). A fork costing less than a penny does not feel special enough to wash for later, just throw it away. I finished my drink, toss the cup away. There was even a bag all of this came in, throw it away too.

I learned many years ago...there is no such place as away! All that "disposable" stuff is going to go somewhere and it does not really dispose. Typically it goes into a hole and gets covered and stays there a long, long time. Lots of this stuff travels, intentionally or not, and wreaks havoc on living systems. There are videos and stories galore of "disposable" stuff killing wild creatures and choking parts of the oceans.

Here are strategies that might help get out of this trap. It takes effort to change habits of convenience, but we can teach ourselves new habits.

Wash stuff, soap is inexpensive. Bring home the picnicware, it is not heavier to remove from the park than it was to take there. Bring a reusable drink cup and take it in for the fast food. At restaurants, refuse a straw. Take a re-usable shopping bag to the store. Use bio-degradable plates/knives/forks made of plant fiber. These actually dispose and turn back into soil.

Once a year I invite special friends to a special dinner. I am deliberate that my table is the no trash table. There are china plates, metal flatware, cloth napkins, glass tumblers. It costs me time to set up, time to pack carefully, time to wash. I don't mind a bit because these friends are special to me and worth my effort.

What have you done or are doing to avoid the one-use mentality? I would like to hear. And, please, think about the effect our convenience can have on wild places. Sometimes cheap is too expensive.

Naturally,

Scott Beam, LaGrange County Interpretive Naturalist





2018 Summer RECREATION

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.

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.

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.



day camps and swimming lessons for youth

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.

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.

weekdays at Dallas Lake Park
June 25 - July 6 (no lesson July 4)
July 9 - 20
July 23 - August 3



[click here to download the 2018 Summer Recreation flier](#)



Ribs @ Rogers

pork, ribs, brisket, chicken, live music



DAVID ROGERS MEMORIAL PARK
2355W 550S, WOLCOTTVILLE, IN

- 12:00 park opens
- 1:00 Smoker Seminar
- 2:00 music by Second Wind
- 2:30 judging begins
- 3:30 ticket sales open



LaGrange County Parks teams with Friends of LaGrange County Parks to host our first competition barbeque cook off.

Saturday, June 30, amateur and professional barbeque and smoker cooks compete for top prizes. Would you like to compete? Click the button to download the registration form or go to lagrangeparks.org/downloads.

The most exciting part is the tasting! At 3:30 Tasting Tickets go on sale for \$1 each until all tickets are sold out. Make your rounds and taste from as many cooks as you can.

RIBS REGISTER

Frog Call Census



Pine Knob Park

May 10 6p

June 7 6p

Dallas Lake Park

May 17 6p

June 12 6p

We are continuing our tracking of frog populations in LaGrange County Parks.

The competition to attract a frog mate is fierce since they are all trying to talk at the same time. It turns into a shouting match. Each specie has their own shout, so it is easy to identify who is there.

This summer's inventories occur twice at Dallas Lake and Pine Knob Parks. Dates and times are listed above.

Dress for the weather.



Patchwork Trails



This summer's walks incorporate the summer reading theme: Libraries Rock! Download the Patchwork Trails flier at lagrangeparks.org/downloads.

- May 22 - Howe Riverside Cemetery
- June 26 - LaGrange Rock Walk
- July 24 - Topeka Rock Walk

- August 28 - Shiphewana Rock Walk
- September 25 - LaGrange Greenwood Cemetery

May

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Primary Election Day all County offices closed	9	10 frog census 6p Pine Knob	11	12
13 Mothers Day	14	15 new moon	16 8:30 Breakfast with the Birds Eight Legs	17 frog census 6p Dallas Lake	18	19 Quilt Class MW free Fishing Day
20	21	22 Patchwork Trails 6p Riverside Cemetery	23 FofP 6:30 MW	24 7:30 Park Board	25	26 Maple Wood closed
27 1:30 Folk Jam no interpretive services	28 Memorial Day all County offices closed	29 full moon	30	31		

June

					1	2 Go FishIN at Pigeon River Rainbow Pit free fishing weekend
3 free fishing weekend	4 swim lesson registration begins	5	6	7 frog census 6p Pine Knob	8	9
10	11	12 frog census 6p Dallas Lake	13 8:30 Breakfast with the Birds Go Fishing! new moon	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Fathers Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 1:30 Folk Jam	25 By Gone Days gr 1-6 swim 1 to July 6	26 Patchwork Trails 6p LaGrange Rocks	27 FofP 6:30 MW	28 7:30 Park Board full moon	29	30 Ribs @ Rogers Maple Wood closed

July

1 Maple Wood Closed	2 Nature Bound gr 1-6	3	4 Independence Day County offices closed	5	6	7
8 Maple Wood Closed	9 Adventure Bound gr 6-9 swim II to 20	10	11	12 new moon	13 7p Delt Church Dash 5K run/walk	14
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Naturally Noteworthy

LaGrange County Offices closed

May 8 - Primary Election
May 28 - Memorial Day
July 4 - Independence Day

Maple Wood Nature Center closings this quarter:

May 26-28 - Memorial
Weekend
June 30 - Ribs @ Rogers
Sundays in July

- **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 lagrangeparkcountyparks.org.
- **2018 Park Events**
August 18 - Family Fun Day
Pigeon River FWA
August 25 - David Rogers
Country Fair
September 15 - Bow Shoot
Pine Knob Park
- **Season Passes** for Dallas Lake Park \$40 at Park Office.
- **Free Fishing Days 2018**
no fishing license needed for Indiana residents; May 19, June 2-3.
- **Facilities are available** for reservation. Call Park Office, 260-854-2225 for details or download the Rental Facilities flier at lagrangeparkcountyparks.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.



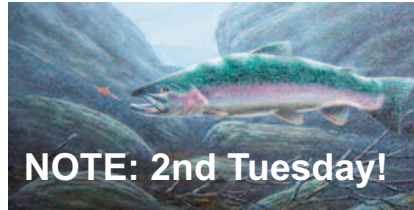
Breakfast with the Birds

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.



Eight Legs

May 16 8:30a
I already know some of you do not like the idea of a public program on this group of living things. I want you to know that we will not be handling them. They are fascinating, and share the world with us nearly everywhere we travel on Earth.



Go Fishing!

June 13 8:30a
Got any bluegill? No. Go Fish! For some folks, the go to answer for anything it to go fishing. Our special quest, John Emerson, wants you to be an angler like him and spend lots of time outside this summer. Gear and fishing basics discussed.



Frog Report

July 18 8:30a
Throughout the summer we have been assessing the health of our frog populations within LaGrange County Parks. The results of our surveys will be presented and compared to other locations throughout the state and the implications interpreted.

Friends of LaGrange County Parks

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

Ribs @ Rogers is Saturday, June 30 and Friends of LaGrange County Parks will be there serving side dishes. New and Renewal Memberships available!

Friends of LaGrange County Parks summer meetings are May 23, June 27, July 25, 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 27, June 24, July 22, 1:30-5:00p.

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



Family Fishing Day

Saturday, June 2, 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. There is no charge and supplies are provided.



Delt Church Dash 5K Run/Walk

LaGrange County Parks is hosting the 4th Delt Church Dash 5K run/walk on Friday evening, July 13, at Delt Church Park, 6155S 200W. The Delt Church Dash meets at the East River Pavilion near the playground. Registration begins at 6:00p. The Dash begins at 7:00p.

Age classes are; 15 and under, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and above.

Cost per runner is \$3.00. To preregister for the Delt Church Dash, download the form at lagrangecountyparks.org or request the form through email.

Contact LaGrange County Parks, 260-854-2225 or lagrangecountyparks@yahoo.com.



Quilt Class

Summer Quilt Class is May 19, 9:00-3:00. The project is a table runner called "Pinwheels in the Garden." Fee is \$25.

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

For more details contact instructors Julia Wolheter, 260-367-1449 or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438. Bring a dish for potluck lunch.

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<http://www.lagrangeparkparks.org>
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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