



# Thirteen Lines

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

autumn 2018

Restoration has been a lot on my mind lately. I have been part of restorations big and small, near and far, and it is always exciting. I look forward to much more of it.

When I was training to understand the pieces of ecosystems, the whole idea of "restoration ecology" was rather new. There have always been those who intuitively knew that every part of the nature puzzle matters and should be kept in its rightful place. But to teach across disciplines that habitats can be actively repaired was a new way to look at human roles in nature. Prevailing thought at the time was give habitats enough time and they repair themselves. We realize now that notion was naive, mostly lazy, and very careless. Believing misconceptions does not make them true. The result is a delay in real restoration. Usually more degradation occurs in the delay.

Selfishness and not understanding the core needs of living things damages living systems world wide. In the great lakes area alone it is estimated there are about 200 non-native species, and they don't all live well together. Humans did this, sometimes intentionally, mostly not.

Restoration means deliberate understanding. It means action. It means continuous maintenance. For decades we have been learning how lives interact with others; tree, mammal, fungus, bird affect each other. If something toxic invades, the system generally does not know how to battle the invader. The invader wreaks havoc on the balance with which the system thrived. Intervention against the invader is called for. It is ecologic warfare at first and is not pleasant. But the after effect is a spectacular place crowded with diverse life. Management is the continued maintenance. To repel invaders is not enough. There must be constant vigilance to prevent the invader's return.

Restoration is a beautiful thing, especially when you grow to see life from another's point of view. For me it is most exciting that nothing is beyond repair. No one is beyond restoration.

Have you contributed to degradation of some living thing or system? Likely. What is your role in its restoration? The answer is up to you.

Scott Beam  
LaGrange County Interpretive Naturalist





# Pine Knob Field and Fish Day

## Saturday, September 22

### Competition Bow Shoot 8:00-11:30

It is time to tune up your bow and competition is a way to sharpen your skill.

The Competition Bow Shoot is Saturday, September 22, 8:00-11:30. Score cards must be turned in by 11:30 to be eligible for awards. The competition follows the 1.7 mile, 30 target 3-D course.

Registration is \$10 for 16 years and under, \$15 for adults 17 years and older. Email LaGrange County Parks for a copy of competition rules, [lagrangeparks@yahoo.com](mailto:lagrangeparks@yahoo.com).

Adults can pre-register at Pine Knob Park's facebook events page by following this link.



### Bluegill Fish Fry 11:30-1:00

The great flavor that is wild caught fried bluegill is something special indeed. Lunch is served 11:30-1:00 or until all the fish is gone. Friends of LaGrange County Parks is hosting lunch by donation.



### Camo Mud Run 5K 1:00 start

The Camo Mud Run is a 5K untimed fun run, Saturday, September 22, 1:00. There will be obstacles to conquer. There will be points to earn by shooting a few arrows. Earn more points by shooting airsoft sporting arms. Traversing mud is obligatory.

In addition to finishing well, there will be prizes for themed costumes. Dress as hunter or hunted, most creative camouflage, animal or fish. Pre-register to order a Camo Mud Run t-shirt and reserve a goody bag. Full registration is \$20 by September 8. No frills registration is \$5. Pre-register at Pine Knob Park's facebook event page.

Pine Knob Park is 2825E SR120, three miles east of Howe. Click [here](#) to download direction map or go to [lagrangeparks.org](http://lagrangeparks.org).



[click here to download a score card for 3D Archery Trail](#)



# Autumn Hunter Safety Classes

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/“number of event”](http://registered.com/events/view/number%20of%20event). Questions regarding hunting seasons and hunter eligibility can be answered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, [in.gov/dnr](http://in.gov/dnr) or Indiana Conservation Officers at 260-244-3720.

Three sessions are available as follows;

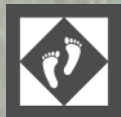
- September 11, 13, 14, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 5:30-9, Pine Knob Park, 127429
- October 9, 11, 12, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 5:30-9, Dallas Lake Park, 127430
- November 6, 8, 9, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 5:30-9, Maple Wood Center, 127431

## Pigeon River FWA FREE Family Fun Day

LaGrange County Parks joins Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area for FREE Family Fun Day! Saturday, August 18, 10-2.

FREE Family Fun Day is at Pigeon River Headquarters, 8310 E 300 N, Mongo, IN.

Celebrate wildlife conservation with hands-on learning. Multiple wildlife professionals will be present. LaGrange County Parks is hosting the archery experience. Popcorn, snow cones, and refreshments provided. Call Pigeon River FWA office for more information 260-367-2164.



## Patchwork Trails



This season's walks incorporate the summer reading theme: Libraries Rock! Download the Patchwork Trails flier at [lagrangecountyparks.org/downloads](http://lagrangecountyparks.org/downloads).

**August 28 - Shipshewana Rock Walk 6p**  
Shipshewana Library, 250 Depot St. This urban rock walk circles the older section of town to see rocks the town is made of.

**September 25 - Greenwood Cemetery 6p**  
LaGrange, south SR9.  
There are monuments of interest to explore in Greenwood Cemetery's shade. Look for family connections and even a geocache spirit quest.

# August

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# September

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# October

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## Naturally Noteworthy

### LaGrange County Offices closed

September 3 - Labor Day  
October 8 - Columbus Day

### Maple Wood Nature Center closings this quarter:

Sept 1-3 - Labor Day  
Weekend  
Sept. 22 - Bow Shoot  
and Camo Mud Run

- **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](http://lagrangepark.org).
- **Perseid Meteor Showers** peak August 12. This year it is over new moon which should make for a fantastic sky show.
- **Park volunteers** this quarter; Sunday hosts Maple Wood Nature Center; Sept. 22 Bow Shoot and Mud Run.
- **Wild Walkers** are traveling Dallas Lake Park, Friday, Oct. 12, 9:15a. Meet at Dallas Lake or learn more at [fortwayneparks.org](http://fortwayneparks.org).
- **Facilities are available** for reservation. Call Park Office, 260-854-2225 for details or download the Rental Facilities flier at [lagrangepark.org](http://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.



## Hoosier Forestry

August 15 8:30a  
Indiana is proud of its forests, and for good reason. Wood products surround us with usefulness and beauty. Shade gives us respite. Nuts and fruit and maple syrup satisfy the palate. Managing forests can be very healthy for the forest, and those that live there too.



## Cicada Killer

September 19 8:30a  
There is a wasp so large it carries away big bugs to feed its children. The Cicada Killer is common here, but is often overlooked. The name should strike terror into you, if you are a cicada. For the rest of us, harmless. Understand its life cycle and where to see them.



## Vermiculture

October 17 8:30a  
Vermiculture is raising earthworms. Vermicomposting is letting worms help reduce waste and make fertilizer. Hear the benefits worms play in our soil and see the different stages of a worm farm. Guest speaker for this program is Diella Bovee.

## Friends of LaGrange County Parks

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

Bow Shoot, Camo Mud Run and Bluegill Fish Fry is Saturday, September 22 and Friends of LaGrange County Parks will be there serving lunch. New and Renewal Memberships available!

Friends of LaGrange County Parks autumn meetings are August 22, September 26, October 24 6:00 p at Maple Wood Nature Center. Contact (260) 350-3036, [friendsoflagrangeparks@gmail.com](mailto: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 August 26, September 23, October 28, 1:30-5:00p.

For questions contact Erv Troyer, 260-463-2247, [reo43@aol.com](mailto:reo43@aol.com) or Maple Wood at 260-463-4022, [lagrangeparkparks@yahoo.com](mailto:lagrangeparkparks@yahoo.com)



## Rug Hook Event

The Autumn Northeast Indiana Rug Hook Event is at Maple Wood Nature Center on Saturday, September 29, 10:00-4:00.

This is a day of personal projects and exhibits. Bring projects to work on and finished projects for display. Those curious about hooking and fiber arts are welcome too.

Seating is limited, participants are required to contact Judy Privet, 260-466-1625.



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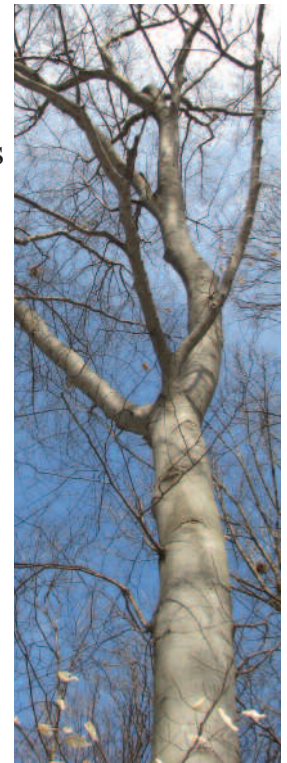
Northeast IN Steam and Gas Show

August 10, 12:30p

Forests are very important to LaGrange County and to Indiana for their wood and nuts that we harvest. And we have many wild neighbors that live there too.

The health of our forests, just like all of our wild habitats, depends upon care and management.

The roles of forest managers and the wild things that benefit will be presented.



## Quilt Class

Autumn Quilt Classes are September 29 at Dallas Lake Park and October 27 at Maple Wood Nature Center, 9:00-3:00. Cost is \$25.

September's choice is Fall Pumpkin or Pinwheels and Stars. October is Old Barn Door.

Instructions provided upon registration.

Registration is required, [lagrangecountyparks@yahoo.com](mailto: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.lagrangeparks.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

### **LaGrange County Board of Parks and Recreation**

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