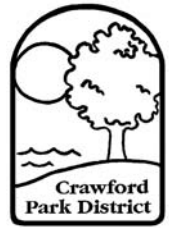




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### Financial Situation and Strategies

The Crawford Park District receives local government funds which are a target in Governor Kasich's plan to solve Ohio's financial crisis. The Local Government Fund was created by the Ohio General Assembly in the 1930's when they imposed the first state sales tax. Throughout Ohio, Local Government Fund monies are used to provide vital services at a local government level such as police, fire, ambulance, homeland security, natural disaster response, senior and child welfare programs, and parks/recreation. The Crawford Park District is faced with the stark reality that we must find ways to raise \$100,000 per year to keep our parks functioning. The CPD's annual budget is approximately \$150,000. With those funds, we must pay staff, operate a nature center, meet the nature education needs of the community, and maintain individual parks for habitat preservation/community nature enjoyment.

A special finance committee has been formed to develop the strategies needed to increase CPD income. Some of the strategies have been instituted and some remain in the planning stages. A sample list includes:

- New Friends Membership Drive
- Matching Gifts from Fraternal Organizations and other match sources
- Donations from restaurants as a percent of meals purchased by supporters (Applebees/Bob Evans)
- eBay Auctions of old coins or rare books
- Donation of farm land that can be cash rented
- Clean-up and recycle metals from farm dumps
- Casino Night
- Hog Roast and Music Night
- Apply for grants that may be used for operating expenses.
- Participate in Lincoln Highway Yard Sale
- Organize a Golf Scramble
- Increase Nature Center Store Sales
- Resurrect the CPD "Give A Buck" Campaign

### How can you help?

1. If you have names and addresses of potential Friends members, call or email the CPD office.
2. Inquire to find out if your employer, insurance company or service organization provides matching funds for volunteerism or donations.
3. Eat at participating restaurants when scheduled.
4. If you have old coins, rare books or farmland to donate, call or email the CPD office.
5. Volunteer to organize a Lincoln Highway Yard Sale site.
6. Volunteer to organize a Golf Scramble.
7. Volunteer to promote "Give a Buck" at your favorite store or gathering.
8. Participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.
9. Help the Friends of the Park District Endowment Fund grow.
10. Consider the CPD in your estate planning.

### Fishing at Lowe-Volk and Unger Park Ponds:

Catch and release fishing is permitted in the ponds at Lowe-Volk Park and Unger Park. A fishing license is **not** needed to fish at either location. Invasive cattails have restricted access at Unger Pond, but we have a plan to reduce the cattail population there.

### New Park Sign at Lowe-Volk:

A sandstone sign was created, donated and placed in front of the Lowe-Volk Park Nature Center by Bill Hauk. He hand crafted the park's name into the sandstone with a hammer and chisel. Look in the color photo pages to see how terrific this new addition to our park looks. It has already become a favorite place for school group photos.

### Can You Imagine?

An eagle raised some robin chicks.  
To find out how, see the photo pages in the center of the newsletter.

### **BACF 2011 Grant:**

Our 2011 grant request to the Bucyrus Area Community Foundation was fully funded. The request total was \$13,940. The BACF funded the following ten projects: 1. Summer Intern Scholarship 2. Hands-on Furs 3. iPod for bird, frog, toad and insect sounds 4. Radio Telemetry Equipment 5. Minnow Traps 6. PIT Tags and PIT Tag Reader 7. Camera 8. Camcorder 9. Wind Powered Pond Aeration System 10. Trail Signs

We appreciate what the BACF has done for our parks and also for the entire Crawford County community.

### **New Flagpole at Lowe-Volk Park:**

Colonel Crawford's Company will be having an opening ceremony for the 2011 Living History Celebration which begins at 9AM on Saturday, June 4. This ceremony will now include a flag raising. A flagpole was donated to the Friends by Greg's Auto Service of Galion. Greg's also donated a solar light to illuminate the flag at night. The flagpole is being installed by volunteers Cody Knapp and Mike Link. Thanks to all who were involved in making this possible.

### **Summer Intern:**

We have hired Amanda Fruth, of Crestline, to be the 2011 Summer Intern. This internship provides important training for prospective naturalists and enables Josh Dyer the assistance he needs to run a top quality summer nature camp program. The intern's pay is funded by the Bucyrus Area Community Foundation. We welcome Amanda as part of the CPD team and thank the BACF for their support.

### **Two New Species Documented!**

As was mentioned in last quarter's newsletter, animals that are seemingly common, may have never been officially documented. Such was the case this spring for Spotted Salamanders. Having never been documented, they were found breeding at a minimum of two sites this spring. With one used for programming, attendants stated they have Spotted Salamanders near their homes and crawling

into their basements, en-route to their vernal pool breeding grounds. Another new species, the Smooth Green Snake, has been found in Crawford County at the newly preserved Daughmer Savannah. Smooth Green Snakes inhabit grasslands and prairies. Living in one of the most decimated habitats in Ohio, Smooth Greensnakes are on Ohio Division of Wildlife's "Species of Concern" list and since 1976, have only been documented in a handful of counties. See the color insert for its debut photo.

### **Lowe-Volk Park T-Shirts:**

New Lowe-Volk Park T-shirts are available in the Nature Center sales area. If you are interested in specific sizes or



colors, orders will certainly be taken. The design was created by artist, Lori Nelson, and the shirts are being sold for sixteen dollars each. For interested supporters who do not live close or cannot make it to the Nature Center, please call 419-683-9000.

### **Post Cards and Bookmarks:**

CPD post cards and bookmarks are new additions to the Nature Center store. Three different post cards are available and the bookmark design is provided below. The postcards are three for one dollar and the bookmarks are fifty cents each.



### **Friends of the CPD Endowment Fund:**

The trustees of the Friends support group voted unanimously to transfer its endowment investments to the Bucyrus Area Community Foundation. Although the funding crisis we are currently addressing involves the present budget, we must not forget that one of the solutions to long term stability is solid endowment investments.

## Programs

Please call 419-683-9000 with questions about programs. Most events are free. Donations for programs are appreciated.

### Living History Celebration

Saturday, June 4, 9 AM to 4 PM L-V Park



Step into the past and learn from military and American Indian camps set up by Colonel Crawford's Company. There will be an opening flag raising ceremony at 9AM which will honor all who have made freedom a cornerstone of our great country.

Scouts and veterans will be present for this ceremony. The celebration will include Revolutionary War period demonstrators. Expect to see blacksmithing, candle making, wooden flute construction, gourd birdhouse carving, American Indian pottery, pioneer living and native plants. Enjoy a reneactment of the capture of Colonel Crawford. Admission is free. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

### Youth Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 11, 9 AM to 11 AM L-V Park

Fun Family Fishing. Kids who are between 5 and 12 years old can enjoy this outdoor activity at Lowe-Volk pond and have a chance to win trophies too. Bluegill, bass, and catfish can be hooked and returned to the pond. Make it a family event!



### Viewing the Night Sky

Saturday, June 11, 9:30 PM L-V Park

Join Dan Everly and members of the Richland Astronomical Society as they share their knowledge and telescope skills with all who are interested in the celestial sights. This monthly program which will meet on the second

Saturday (rain or starlight). Bring your own telescope or allow the volunteers to assist you with those provided. Amazing universe!

### Nesting Season

Sunday, June 12, 2PM Unger Park

Early June is the peak of the breeding season for many of Ohio's birds. The woodlands, marshes and grasslands of Unger Park provide a great variety of habitats for nesting birds. Meet Warren Uxley at Unger Park for an exploration of the complex challenges faced by breeding birds.

### Walk and Woof

Wednesday, June 15, 7PM L-V Park

What better way to spend a summer evening than in the woods with your favorite pooch! Join CPD volunteer, Dee Meadows, and hike the trails around the nature center for a relaxing fun filled event. All ages and breeds welcome.

### Organic Gardening

Thursday, June 16, 6PM L-V Park

Join naturalist, Wendy Peyton, for a sharing session on Organic Gardening. Two central concerns of organic gardeners are fertilizer and pest control. Meet with her and offer your successes and failures or you can just absorb it in like a solid root system.

### Fly Fishing

Saturday, June 18, 1PM - 4PM L-V Park

Dave Meadows and the Mohican Fly Fishers will lead an informative class on Fly Fishing. They will cover the basic equipment, knots, rods and information you need for great fly fishing. A central part of the instruction will be outside and will focus on technique. You may bring your own rod and reel, but they will be provided for all who need one. Registration is required by Wednesday, June 15. Call the nature center to reserve your spot.

## **Tubercled Rein Orchid**

**Thursday, June 23, 7PM Heckert Preserve**

Listed as potentially threatened by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Tubercled Rein Orchid flourishes at the Heckert Nature Preserve. Depending on conditions, dozens can be found flowering in late June. Meet Warren Uxley at the Heckert parking lot.

## **Can You Canoe?**

**Saturday, June 25, 1 PM**

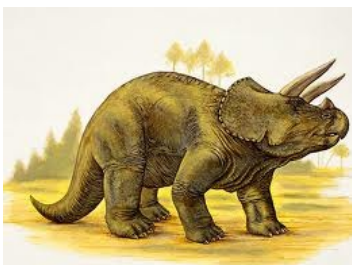
**Neff Reservoir, SR 98, Bucyrus**

CPD volunteer, Steve Meadows, will lead a program in the basics of canoe water craft operation and safety. He will then guide a leisurely canoe trip around the reservoir to see nature from the water's side of the shoreline. Program registration required and the deadline is Friday, June 17.



## **Dino Day!**

**Saturday, July 9, 12PM - 3PM L-V Park**



The lives of dinosaurs, who are giants in the interest and imaginations of kids of all ages, will be featured in this big summer event. Dino displays, movies and a

dig pit are examples of what to expect at this fascinating day of fun. The "terrible lizards" tantalize and fascinate. Come, learn and enjoy.

## **Viewing the Night Sky**

**Saturday, July 9, 9:30 PM L-V Park**

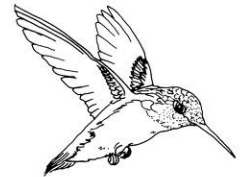
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second Saturday (rain or starlight). Bring your own telescope or allow the volunteers to assist you with those provided. It is a spectacular universe!

## **Hummingbirds: Wonderful Wildlife**

**Tuesday, July 12, 7PM L-V Park**

Joy Etter-Link will lead a program on hummers! The event is geared for kids who will enter grades K-5 this fall but all kids are welcome.



Come to learn, to make a hummingbird feeder and to have fun!

## **Applebee's Dining To Donate**

**Wednesday, July 13, 4PM - 9PM**

Enjoy a meal that is filling and fulfilling at the Friends of the Crawford Park District's meal deal with Applebees. Mansfield Applebees will donate 15% of your tab in support of everything the CPD accomplishes. You must bring an event flier with you. You can find one in this newsletter or you can download one from the CPD website. A very beneficial partnership!

## **Woodcarving**

**Thursday, July 14, 6PM Lowe-Volk**

Thadius Martin will be sharing his knowledge of woodcarving with eager young minds. Come join the fun and carve a bar of soap as you learn the basics of this age old art.

## **Walk and Woof**

**Wednesday, July 20, 7PM Heckert Preserve**

What better way to spend a summer evening than in the woods with your favorite pooch! Join CPD volunteer, Dee Meadows, and hike the trails at Heckert Nature Preserve for a relaxing fun filled event.

**Did you know?** Goldfinches time their nesting as thistle flowers go to seed.

## **The Guy Denny Prairie**

**Sunday, July 24, 2PM** Meet at Lowe-Volk Guy Denny, former chief of Ohio DNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, has been collecting prairie plants from all over Ohio for many years. Spectacularly beautiful, his prairie in Knox County is one of the best assemblages of prairie plants in the state. Meet Warren Uxley at Lowe-Volk Park to car pool.

## **Family Tent Camping**

**Friday, July 29, 7:00 PM** Lowe-Volk



Come anytime after 5 PM to pitch your tent around the pond at Lowe-Volk Park. Adults must accompany youth of any age. Registration will begin at

7:00PM with programs starting at 7:30. There is a registration fee of \$3.00 per camper. Bring a treat or a dish to share with other campers. Please call the Nature Center (419-683-9000) for reservations. Join the Steve and Dee Meadows family and enjoy yard games, fishing, nature hike, campfire, and a woodland night hike.

## **Seccaium Park: Memories/Memorabilia**

**Saturday, July 30, 2PM**

**Ed and Dee Ann Speece's, 1727 SR 19**

If you have stories to tell, pictures to share, or you just want to learn about the former Seccaium Park, then plan to attend this special session of Tellin' Tales. Seccaium Park was Crawford County's very own amusement park from 1899 until 1948. Ed and Dee Ann Speece own the property where the park was located. They have invited us to their picnic shelter on their pond to tell our tales and to view some of Seccaium Park's remnants. This program met such success two years ago, we had many requests to repeat the event.

## **CPD Hog Roast and Music Festival**

**Friday, August 5, 4PM - Midnight**

**Lincoln Way Recreation Center**

**2817 SR 602 North Robinson**

**4PM until Midnight**

Come to Terry Agin's Lincoln Way Recreation Center and enjoy some food and entertainment. A terrific way to support the parks, eat out and relax in a grove of trees to the sounds of local music talent. Put a star on this calendar date and plan to bring your family, friends and neighbors! \$8 donation to include food and music.

## **Water Carnival**

**Saturday, August 13, 11AM - 2 PM** L-V Park

Water is a natural resource that we often take for granted. The Water Carnival will give you an opportunity to focus on the importance of water in an ecosystem



and to have a **great time** getting wet during water games! There will be fire trucks, a bicycle that goes across water, a slip and slide and food concessions. Come ready to get wet and to have great family fun!

## **Viewing the Night Sky**

**Saturday, August 13, 9:30 PM** Lowe-Volk

Join Dan Everly and members of the Richland Astronomical Society as they share their knowledge and telescope skills with all who are interested in the celestial sights. This is a monthly program which will meet on the second Saturday (rain or starlight). Bring your own telescope or allow the volunteers to assist you with those provided. It is a spectacular universe!

**Through the knowledge we now have and the uses we make of it, we have a large measure of responsibility for what happens on Earth, and consequently what happens to us.**

**Paul B. Sears**

## Walk and Woof

Wednesday, August 17, 7PM Unger Park



What better way to spend a summer evening than hiking with your favorite pooch! Join CPD volunteer, Dee Meadows and hike the trails at Unger Park for

a relaxing fun filled event. All ages and breeds welcome.

## Cricket and Katydid Walk

Thursday, August 18, 8PM Unger Park

The dog days of summer bring with it a rich cacophony of insect songs. Tree Crickets, Bush Crickets, Ground Crickets and various Katydids all add their calls to the evening chorus. Meet Warren Uxley at Unger Park to learn about these late summer songsters.

## Butterflies and Nature Walk

Saturday, August 20, 1PM Lowe-Volk

Children ages 5 to 10 are the target audience, but kids of all ages are welcome. Joy Etter-Link plans fantastic crafts and makes a hike informative and enjoyable. Not to be missed by young, budding nature lovers!



## Bats Gone Batty!

Saturday, August 20, 8PM Lowe-Volk Park

Great insect eaters, bats live all across Ohio. There are 11 species in the state and we are going to see which bats call Lowe-Volk home. Bat bander Merrill Tawse will string up nets across the Sandusky to capture, band and release the bats that traverse this river. Rain or shine. All ages.

## Junior Naturalists' Hike to Hemlock Falls

Sunday, August 21, Meet at L-V at 1PM



The hot August air will temper just a bit as the Junior Naturalists hike to the Hemlock Falls near Mohican State Forest. The microclimate created by the geology and flora provide the conditions for some welcome cooler temps. That in turn, makes some special

species of migratory birds and dragonflies call the area home. The hike will be lead by a staff member of the Mohican Outdoor School. The Mohican Outdoor school naturalists are experts in nature education.

## Medicinal Plants

Thursday, August 25, 6PM Lowe-Volk

Have you ever wondered what our ancestors did about a headache or even a serious affliction before there was modern medicine? Native plants and herbs are the answer, of course. Come learn about medicinal plants and their uses with natualist, Wendy Peyton.

## Sail Away

CPD volunteer Steve Meadows will offer beginner sailing lessons to interested individuals. Please call the Nature Center or email [bfisher@crawfordparkdistrict.org](mailto:bfisher@crawfordparkdistrict.org) if you would be interested in his class.

## Call for Volunteers

Two major projects at Lowe-Volk Park will be completed by volunteers this summer. The first is the construction of a bridge that will extend our boardwalk to the Sandusky River overlook deck. The other project will shore up the foundation of the Allen Run bridge which has has been the victim of erosion.

# Backyard Beetles

Joshua Dyer

It has always been my goal to improve the landscape of places I live for the benefit of wildlife. With that intention in mind, I sought to plant evergreens at my current residence; not only for wildlife, but as a sound and wind buffer as well. So, fifty little Norway Spruces later, two rows of evergreens lined my front yard. While digging those fifty holes, I realized I just wasn't digging up dirt; little white grubs, a few inches below the surface, were also appearing. Hmm? I know that people spray their yards for "evil grubs" that'll make their yards turn brown; were these it? What were they? I sought an answer and found, to my surprise, they were June Beetles, or more commonly June Bugs, those cinnamon colored beetles that hit our windows at night and land on our screens. I reckoned that proved their commonality around homes: house equals yard equals June Beetles.

June Beetles are in the beetle order, Coleoptera, in a family known as Scarab Beetles. Other notable scarabs include Stag, Tiger, and the dreaded, Japanese Beetles. These coleopterans are further broken down into their own respective genus. *Phyllophaga*, the June Beetle genus, is aptly named since "*phyllophaga*" means "leaf-cutter". As an insect, their life cycle involves complete metamorphosis. Most June Beetles fall into the following life cycle regimen. The females lay eggs in late spring or early summer, they hatch, and the larva, or grub, feeds just under the surface of the ground. The larva continues to eat and grow for three years, finally pupating in its third year. It then emerges in late spring (May Beetles) or early summer (June Beetles). As an adult, it feeds on the foliage of various plants. The males find their "girlfriends", mate, and the cycle continues.

The June Beetles that hit our screens and windows at night are the males. Large and lumbering, their wings have adapted to fly these honkers, not land them; hence the crash. The females give off a pheromone that a male can smell from 20 yards away. Since she can't fly, she is positioned near optimal egg deposition sites. After their "ritual", she burrows into the soil and deposits a few dozen eggs in the moist soil. The male then continues his incessant slamming into our lights, doors and windows: fun to watch, except for those summer evenings as you traverse through your entry swatting the chunky kamikazes.

June Beetles are unfortunately considered pests in two stages of their life. The grub, when fully mature, is about 1" long, white, and with a brown head. They are usually found curled into a C-shape. The larva feed exclusively on grass roots; this in turn kills the grass. In yards with high larval densities, large areas of lawns can turn brown. The larva can also damage some cereal crops. The adults get themselves into trouble much like the Japanese Beetle: by defoliating our trees and shrubs. While not as severe as the Asian invaders, they can be troublesome. Fortunately, there are biological controls: birds, bats, bugs. Blackbirds are common perusers of yards, probing their beaks into the soil for the little, white morsel below the surface. Bats are a consumer of the adults, using their echolocation at night to hunt the ungainly flyers. Finally, ants will eat the eggs that are laid and wasps and other parasites will use the beetles as hosts for their own larva.



While many lawns will be mowed this summer, I loathe mowing. June Beetles are welcome any day! With the addition of the spruce trees, I hope to attract more wildlife, be it birds, bugs, or bats. Our yards are little micro-habitats in a great sea of agriculture, beckoning animals to seek refuge. Whether it is a June Beetle hitting our windows, a toad working our landscaping, or a katydid singing from the overgrown corner, our yards should be looked at as important living quarters for even the smallest of wildlife. As you mow your yard this summer, remember those little animals, underneath the blades and tires, eking out their survival.



**Rose-breasted Grosbeak by Steve McManes**



**Baltimore Oriole**



**Egret at Pines Reservoir**



**Egret Photos by Bob Gobrecht**



**Egret at Pines Reservoir**



**Funky Bird Nest Contest Winner: Toni Lind**



**Funky Bird Nest Contest Winner: Loren Pry**



**Janet Shuck shows grandsons "how it's done."**



**Cody Kent teaches about Woodland Ecology**



**Prairie Burn at Daughmer Bur Oak Savannah**



**Hepatica at Heckert Nature Preserve**



**New Sandstone Sign Created/Donated by Bill Hawk**



**Smooth Green Snake at Daughmer Prairie**

## The Marsh Wren

### One Species or Two?

*By Warren Uxley*

Recently I spent the day at Killbuck Marsh, one of the few places in Ohio that still supports a significant population of Marsh Wrens. They move furtively through the cattails rising only occasionally to transmit their rattling calls across the wetland. Like other Wren species, the males are highly territorial and are quick to react to any trespasser, but they approach an intruder unseen as they move through the emergent vegetation.

Many years ago I was in the Klamath basin which straddles the border between California and Oregon. Marsh Wrens are abundant there, but they behave and sound different from their eastern counterparts. The Klamath Wrens were bolder, spending a great deal of time in full view, chattering constantly, and their songs were different in a way that I could not quite define. At the time I thought it was just my imagination; they couldn't be that different.

Researchers have discovered that there are indeed some very real differences between the eastern and western versions of the Marsh Wren. In the west, the males have a repertoire of between 100 and 200 different songs; the eastern males have repertoires of from 30 to 50 songs. The western males are rigorous about singing their full repertoire in a strict sequence, never deviating, while the eastern males do a lot of mixing. The western males also have more complex songs than the eastern males. And, there is the audacious display behavior of the western males.

There is a convergence zone in the Great Plains from Saskatchewan to Nebraska where the eastern and western versions of the Marsh Wren will often share the same patch of wetland. The question arose, "Will they freely mate with one another?" The answer is a resounding NO! The eastern females are turned off by the western males and the same situation prevails with the western females and the eastern males. "Hybrids" are virtually unknown; they are behaving as if they are different species. DNA analysis also supports the idea that there are two Marsh Wrens. Physically they look identical but the argument for two species is compelling.

So what caused this situation to arise? The advance of glaciers into the heart of North America caused the ancestral Marsh Wren to split into two populations that then lived in isolation from one another for thousands of years. The glaciers retreated and the two Wren populations came into contact once again. But, in those thousands of years of isolation, each population had changed to the point where they no longer recognized each other as brethren.

This has happened to several bird species. There are now Eastern and Western Meadowlarks; Eastern and Western Kingbirds; Eastern and Western Peewees, Red and Yellow Shafted Flickers; Bullocks and Baltimore Orioles and Spotted and Eastern Towhees, to name just a few. In each case, where there was once one species there are now two. All were created by the action of advancing glacial ice.

Because the putative two species of Marsh Wren are indistinguishable visually, the officially sanctioned split may be a long time coming. The American Ornithologists Union is the entity that makes such decisions and that organization is somewhat plodding in its decision making process. The Wrens, of course, don't care what the AOU decides – they have already made their decision. East shall not meet west in the marshes.

# MAKING MEMORIES

Jim Patterson

Recently, my family and I attended the Animal Extravaganza at the Nature Center. This is one of the many events scheduled for the public by the Crawford Park District. The first thing I noticed as we entered the doors was all the smiles, laughter, and wide eyes from not only the children but from the adults as well as they experienced the variety of animals brought to the center.

My oldest son and I decided to take a break from the activities inside and walk the trails located at Lowe-Volk Park. As we walked, I noticed two young children with sticks in their hands running and exploring the woods along the trail. Behind them was mom and dad holding hands. A little further down the trail we encountered three young boys who had lifted some rocks and found some salamanders. They were very excited to show them to us. This reminded me of my younger years exploring the fields and woods of the New Washington area.

Watching the adults and children made me think that these are the things that make memories. Memories are not made while one of you is watching TV, the other is on the computer, and the kids have their ipods connected to their ears. Memories are made by spending quality time together.

We are blessed to have access to many activities for quality time made possible by the Crawford Park District. With the gas prices at \$4.00 a gallon, you don't have to go far to experience great times together and make memories. The Park District offers the Nature Center with interpretive displays for all ages. Then one can take a walk on the trails that take you by the sandstone cliffs and waterfalls, along the beginning of the Sandusky River. You can also go to the Heckert Nature Preserve between Bucyrus and Galion to experience the vernal pools which burst with sounds as the spring frogs emerge. There is also Sears Woods, west of Bucyrus, with its diverse array of plant and animal species and a bluff that overlooks the Sandusky River. Finally, just on the edge of the city of Bucyrus, is Unger Park. Here are many prairie plant species and the prairie is beautiful in the fall when goldenrod is in bloom.



The Crawford Park District offers monthly programs and summer camps for the kids. So please get outside this year, make memories with your families, and enjoy the many activities the Park District provides. Please support the Crawford Park District, whether monetarily or voluntarily, and make memories for today and for future generations.

# Things to do Outside with Kids...

As the summer cranks into high gear, seek some fun in the sun!!! Or the clouds...or the rain...or the moon...



\*Plant some Parsley. This family of plants is the host plant for Black Swallowtails. Watch for signs of caterpillars feeding on the leaves, and watch them grow!

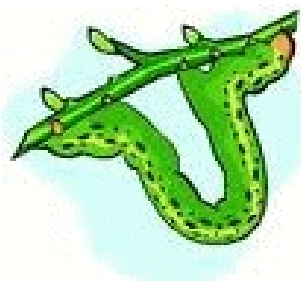
\*Lay on your back and watch the clouds roll by. What shapes can you see?

\*Allow an odd area of your yard to go un-mowed. Notice the changes that occur and the different animals that may use your new little "weed patch" throughout the summer.



\*From a safe vantage point, follow a thunderstorm as it heads toward you, the wall of rain that slowly engulfs the landscape and as it goes past into the horizon.

\*After a thunderstorm, find any puddle you can and splash, splash, splash!!!



\*Walk to a nearby creek and find some "boats". The boats could be sticks, seed heads, or any other natural object that will float. Throw them into the water and see which one the current carries the longest and fastest.

\*Investigate signs of wildlife in your landscape areas. The number of animals seen may surprise you!

\*When there is a new moon and the skies are clear, look up. The number of visible stars is astounding! Binoculars are great for star gazing. If you live in town, drive out to a back road away from the light pollution for a better view.

\*Later in the summer, sit outside and listen to all the different night sound. Try to pick out the different songs and sounds in nature's chorus.



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# Youth Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 11 from 9am to 11am

Kids ages 5 to 12

Come to the pond at Lowe-Volk Park

2401 State Route 598

Trophies for  
winners!



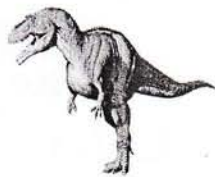
Catch a  
fish!

Have fun!

# Dinosaur Day

Saturday, July 9, 12pm-3pm

Lowe-Volk Park



If you like dinosaurs, come for a day  
filled with dinosaur fun!



# Water Carnival

Saturday, August 13,

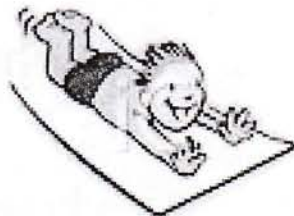
11am to 2pm

Come to Lowe-Volk Park for an  
afternoon of water fun!

Fire Trucks      Slip and Slide

Water Games

Food Concessions



**FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP'S****Kinglet** (student/senior)

Brad Sobers  
 Marguerite Seif  
 Jimmy O'Heron  
 Louis Baldasare  
 Hal Wagner  
 Delores Kalb  
 Donald Matey  
 Jenny Shull  
 Bill Debolt  
 Jack Olson  
 John & Jackie Wingert  
 Jane A. Cremeans

**Cardinal** (individual)

Mark & Pat Murray  
 Charles Carr  
 F. Jay DeNise  
 Mary Yost  
 Sandy Fankhauser  
 John F. Ewing  
 Bernice Pugh  
 Ruth Clem  
 Charles Tidaback  
 Linda Getz  
 Robert Libens  
 Kimberly Dawson  
 Jan Knisley  
 Dawn Lohr  
 Tascha Bell  
 Peg Smith  
 Ginny Neighbor  
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## CPD Abbreviated Calendar of Events Summer 2011

Sat. June 4	Living History Celebration	9am - 4pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Sat. June 11	Youth Fishing Derby	9am - 11am	Lowe-Volk Park
Sat. June 11	Viewing the Night Sky	9:30 pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Sun. June 12	Nesting Season	2pm	Unger Park
Wed. June 15	Walk and Woof	7pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Thurs. June 16	Organic Gardening	6pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Sat. June 18	Fly Fishing	1pm - 4pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Thurs. June 23	Tuberclad Rein Orchid	7pm	Heckert Nature Preserve
Sat. June 25	Can You Canoe?	1pm	Neff Reservoir, SR 98, Bucyrus
Sat. July 9	Dino Day!	12pm -3pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Sat. July 9	Viewing the Night Sky	9:30pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Tues. July 12	Hummingbirds: Wonderful Wildlife	7pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Wed. July 13	Applebee's Dining to Donate	4pm - 9pm	Mansfield Applebee's
Thurs. July 14	Woodcarving	6pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Wed. July 20	Walk and Woof	7pm	Heckert Nature Preserve
Sun. July 24	The Guy Denny Prairie	2pm	meet at Lowe-Volk Park
Fri. July 29	Family Tent Camping	7pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Sat. July 30	Seccaium Park: Memories/Memorabilia	2pm	Speece's, 1727 State Rt. 19
Fri. Aug. 5	CPD Hog Roast and Music Festival	4pm - Midnight	2817 SR 602, North Robinson
Sat. Aug. 13	Water Carnival	11am - 2pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Sat. Aug. 13	Viewing the Night Sky	9:30pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Wed. Aug. 17	Walk and Woof	7pm	Unger Park
Thurs. Aug. 18	Cricket and Katydid Walk	8pm	Unger Park
Sat. Aug. 20	Butterflies and Nature Walk	1pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Sat. Aug. 20	Bats Gone Batty!	8pm	Lowe-Volk Park
Sun. Aug. 21	Junior Naturalists' Hike to Hemlock Falls	1pm	meet at Lowe-Volk Park
Thurs. Aug. 25	Medicinal Plants	6pm	Lowe-Volk Park