



Trails...

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Monarch Tag Recovered in Mexico

The Crawford Park District has received notice that a Monarch butterfly tagged in Bucyrus was recovered at El Rosario, Mexico.

The tag was placed on the butterfly by Allie Crall at a tagging event hosted by the Park District and Cindy Eusey at Unger Park on September 13, 2008. Allie is the daughter of Shelley and Steve Crall of Bucyrus. This was her first year participating in the tagging of Monarchs.



“AWESOME!” was all Allie could say when she found out about her recovered tag. This is the second recovered tag within the past two years. In the late summer and fall, approximately 60-120 million Monarch butterflies travel from Canada and the United States to their overwintering grounds in the trans-volcanic mountains of central Mexico. The Crawford County Monarch flew a distance of over 1,700 miles to reach this area. The Crawford Park District works with Monarch Watch from the University of Kansas to assist in the tagging of the Monarchs. Monarch Watch travels to Mexico each spring to collect and buy the tags found by the Mexican people. The recovered tags help with Monarch migration research. More information can be found on the park’s website at www.crawfordparkdistrict.org

Tick Alert

Hikers and outdoor enthusiasts have noticed an increase in the number of ticks found in Crawford County. It is not documented, but one cause could be the warming trends that have occurred. Please be proactive since serious illnesses can be transmitted by ticks. Tick prone areas include any thick grass and leaf litter. Of course, staying on trails is not only mandatory,

but preventative. In areas where ticks are commonly found, use a tick repellent that contains DEET and reapply it every one to two hours for maximum protection. Additional help is obtained by wearing clothing that covers the arms and legs, with cuffs fastened and pants tucked into boots and socks.

If you have a tick that is embedded in your skin, there are several techniques to keep in mind:

1. Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to the skin and pull it straight out.
2. If you must use your fingers instead of tweezers, cover them with a tissue during the procedure and wash them after the tick is out.
3. Do not twist or jerk the tick; this could cause the creature’s head to separate from its body, leaving its mouthparts lodged in your skin.
4. Wash the bite with antiseptic and place the tick inside a plastic container marked with the date in case it is later needed for verification of illness.
5. Nail polish, liquid soap and petroleum jelly are not good ideas for tick removal because the tick has enough air to complete its feeding before dropping off.

After an outdoor excursion into areas where ticks are commonly found, adults should carefully check themselves, their children and their pets for ticks.

Friends of the CPD Election of Trustees

Two new Friends Trustees will be elected at the June monthly meeting to be held at 7:30 AM on Thursday, June 18. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please contact Patti Schiefer at the Nature Center. All Friends members are eligible to become a trustee and to vote at this election. At present, two members have agreed to run for Trustee. They are Jan Maddy of Crestline and Emerson Eckstein of Galion.

Work Experience Program

The CPD has entered into a cooperative agreement with Job and Family Services to be part of their Work Experience Program. Currently two men, Jeff Hickman of Bucyrus and Jeff Olszko of Galion are assigned to work for the Park District. It is stimulus funds helping Crawford Countians!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Pre-registration is requested for some programs. Phone the Park District at 419-683-9000 to reserve your space! Youth are welcome to attend with their parents. Most events are free. Donations for programs are appreciated.

Living History Celebration

Saturday, June 6, 10 AM to 4 PM Nature Center
Step into the past and learn from military and American Indian camps set up by Colonel Crawford's Company. There will be period demonstrators who will illustrate trades such as blacksmithing, shingle making, candle making, wooden flute construction and gourd birdhouse carving. Enjoy a reenactment of the capture of Colonel Crawford. Admission is free. Food and drink will be available for purchase and profits will benefit the St. Bernard's Relay for Life Team.

Cornhole Tournament

Sunday, June 7, 4 PM Lowe-Volk Park
Get your cornhole team of two together and encourage your friends to form teams! It is the game that has gotten everyone out on the lawn with friends and family. Toss those bags with accuracy! Come and prove your skills are the best! Sandwich and drink provided for participants. Winning team gets trophy and prize money\$\$\$! Registration fee: \$10/person.

Youth Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 13, 9 AM - 11 AM Lowe-Volk Park
Summer...Fishing...Fun. With our well stocked pond at Lowe-Volk Park, kids who are between 5 and 12 years old can enjoy this outdoor activity and have a chance to win prizes too! Bluegill, bass, trout and catfish can be hooked and returned to the pond. Make it a family event!



Viewing the Night Sky

Saturday, June 13, 9:30 PM Lowe-Volk Park
Join members of the Richland Astronomical Society and CPD volunteers as they share their knowledge and telescope skills with all who are interested in the celestial sights. This begins a

monthly program which will meet during the summer on the second Saturday. Note that start times may vary as sunset changes. Bring your own telescope or allow the volunteers to assist you with those provided. It is a spectacular universe!

Cedar Bog Trip

Sunday, June 14 1 PM Meet At Lowe-Volk Park
Cedar Bog State Nature Preserve is one of the most significant natural areas in Ohio. Highlights include the largest population of Showy Lady Slipper Orchids (they should be in bloom) in the state. Meet Warren Uxley at Lowe-Volk Park to car pool.

Bass Fishing

Tuesday, June 16, 7PM Nature Center
Join Tommy Barnes of WMAN Radio and members of the Clearfork Valley Bassmasters for an hour of Bass fishing conversation. We will go over techniques and talk about the area lakes to help improve your fishing this summer.

Walk and Woof

Wednesday, June 17, 7 PM Lowe-Volk Park
It is time once again to bring your furry friend and join Josh and Carley as they gallivant the trails around the Nature Center. As summer kicks up, what can be more enjoyable than a hike in the shade of trees with your favorite companion. After the hike, we'll have fetching in the pond. All ages and breeds welcome!



Bees, Bats and Bedbugs

Thursday, June 18, 7 PM Nature Center
Join beekeeper and exterminator, Dave Duncan, (see color insert for pictures) to learn about what's happening now and what to expect in the future with bees, bats, bedbugs and other organisms. He has learned from experience and has studied the topic thoroughly. He is called upon often to speak at state and national conferences. His delivery is often witty and humorous! Dave maintains the beehive at the Nature Center and volunteers regularly for CPD events and school group activities.

Did you Know? Only 3% of the earth's water is fresh water. Plan to attend our Water Carnival on August 15.

Grand Opening: Unger Horse Trail

Saturday, June 20

Sack Lunch : Noon Ceremony and Ride : 1 PM
Unger Park West of Barn

This event was rescheduled from May 9, due to wet conditions. Bring your favorite horse and join the Crawford County Council of the Ohio Horse Council for a trail ride at Unger Park, Bucyrus. They will have signs west of the Unger House to let you know where to enter with your trailer. The group has worked very hard to provide a great trail for all to enjoy. Come at noon and bring your sack lunch or come later, if you wish. Join the fun!

Living on the Edge: Finding Frogs and Wetland Wonders

Friday, June 26, 9:30 PM Nature Center



Life is abundant on the edge of ponds and wetlands. Dragonfly and Damselfly nymphs, tadpoles, scuds, and if you're quick: Frogs! Get ready to get your hands dirty as you join Josh in trying to capture some of the slippery, and large, Frogs of Lowe-Volk! Bullfrogs and Green Frogs abound around the wetland and pond, being most notable at night due to their loud calls. Bring a flashlight and boots/old shoes as we'll be stalking the perimeter, trying to capture these otherwise wary predators. All ages welcome

Built On A Rock: Sacred Heart Church and Leesville History

Saturday, June 27, 2PM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 5754 SR 61 South, Shelby, OH

Join Steve Metzger, researcher and historian for the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in a program that will link the Shelby Settlement community with the Leesville community. The Settlement's majestic church stands above the grain fields as a beacon to summon residents to worship. Leesville sandstone, a common building material for the developing area and beyond, was used to build this beautiful church. Meet at the church to see the church, inspect sandstone masonry and to learn about our connected histories.

Did You Know? The Northern Water Snake is often confused with the water moccasin, or cottonmouth. Water moccasin's do not occur in Ohio.

Pickereel Creek Trip

Sun. June 28 1 PM Meet at Lowe-Volk Park

Pickereel Creek Wildlife Area holds one of the largest remaining populations of the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid. It is a Federally listed Threatened Species. It is also a great place to see rare birds – last year saw good numbers of Sedge Wrens and an Avocet was also sighted. A brief stop at Resthaven Wildlife Area is included in this trip. Meet Warren Uxley at Lowe-Volk Park to car pool.

Bug Bonanza

Saturday, July 11, 12-3 PM, Nature Center

Look at bugs. Get brave and hold bugs! Hands on bug displays, bug collections and active learning programs will enthrall kids of all ages. Hold a tarantula, eat a chocolate covered ant or just keep your distance and learn about this buggy world. Step into a "butterfly house." Maybe one will land on your shoulder! Insects, arachnids, millipedes, bring 'em on!



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Daughmer Savannah

Sun. July 12 1 PM Meet at Lowe-Volk Park

Bur Oak Savannah is one of the world's critically imperiled ecosystems. Luckily, one of the finest examples of this rare habitat is in western Crawford County. Many rare prairie plants can be found there. Meet Warren Uxley at Lowe-Volk Park to car pool.

Nature Story & Craft Hour

Thursday, July 16 10:00 AM Nature Center

"On Beyond Bugs! All About INSECTS" will be the featured book at this summer's Story & Craft Hour. Geared toward grades K-3, children will hear the Dr. Seuss-like rhyming book and then create their own insect in a craft activity. Reservations are requested. (419) 683-9000.

Woodland Wildflower Bonus: Wild Ginger

Milkweeds: Ohio Asclepiads-An Overview

Sunday, July 19 2PM Nature Center

Presenter: Roger Troutman

Many milkweeds are neither milky nor weeds! Join Roger Troutman to discover the importance of this varied group of plants. Roger, of Lexington, is a long time field naturalist and photographer whose specialties include the Asclepiads. In addition to Monarch larvae, the leaves of milkweeds are used as food by the immature young of many other insects. Find out about the poisonous chemical in the leaves of milkweeds and how this affects the food chain! Milkweeds: fascinating, floriferous and food!

Family Tent Camping

Friday, July 24, 7:30 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 7:30PM with programs starting at 8:00. The registration fee of \$3.00 per camper will cover programming and a campfire breakfast (8AM). Bring a treat to share around the campfire, if you wish. Please call the Nature Center (419-683-9000) to reserve your spot. Yard games, fishing, nature hike, campfire stories/songs, and a woodland night hike will be on the schedule.



Secciaum Park: Tellin' Tales on the Road

Saturday, August 1 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 Secciaum Park then plan to attend this special session of Tellin' Tales. Secciaum 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. Special moderator, Eric Honneffer, who researched and authored the book, *Jolly Times at Secciaum Park* will be on hand to share his insights. Jim Croneis, local historian, will also be present.

Viewing the Night Sky

Saturday, August 8, 9 PM Lowe-Volk Park

Join members of the Richland Astronomical Society and CPD volunteers as they share their knowledge and telescope skills with all who are interested in the celestial sights. Marcheta Gibson will begin inside with a power point presentation on the Summer Triangle. Note the earlier start time. Bring your own telescope/binoculars or allow the volunteers to assist you with those provided. It is a spectacular universe!



Walk and Woof: The Prairie Tour

Wednesday, August 12, 7 PM, Unger Park

It is time once again to bring your furry friend and join Josh and Carley as they gallivant the trails of Unger Park. With the incredible views of a mature prairie as the backdrop, you'll enjoy grasses, forbs, and a walk along the Sandusky River. Grab your leash and your favorite pooch for an enjoyable summer's eve stroll. All ages and breed welcome.

Water Carnival

Saturday, August 15 11AM - 3 PM Lowe-Volk 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 contests, fire trucks and even a bicycle that goes across water! Come ready to learn, to get wet and to have great family fun!



Crickets

Friday, August 21 8 PM Lowe-Volk

Field Crickets, Tree Crickets, Mole Crickets – August brings with it a rich cacophony of insect sounds. This program will look at the different Cricket groups as well some of the more common species in Crawford County. PowerPoint presentation followed by a walk to listen to these highly vocal insects. Meet Warren Uxley at Lowe-Volk Park.

Did You Know? Hummingbirds are found only in North and South America.

Brattie Bike Tour

Saturday, August 22. Begins at CC Fairgrounds

The Bucyrus Tourism and Visitor's Bureau sponsors the Brattie Bike Tour but our Nature Center is a key rest stop. Registration for the event is at the Crawford County Fairgrounds between 7 and 8 AM. If you are a cyclist, we encourage you to participate!

Monarch Tagging at Unger Park

Thursday, August 27 1 PM Unger Park

Join Naturalist Cindy Eusey at Unger Park for a Monarch butterfly tagging program. Learn about the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly, its need for milkweed plants and their amazing migration to Mexico. You will have an opportunity to help Kansas University with Monarch migration and population research by attempting to capture, tag and release a Monarch butterfly. Nets will be provided. Meet at the Unger Park parking lot on Nevada Road just West of Aumiller Drive.

Hunting Lottery

Saturday, August 30, 10 AM Lowe-Volk

The annual hunting lottery for the Sandusky Wildlife Area and Sears Woods will be held on Saturday, August 29, at 10:00am. The lottery drawing along with a mandatory orientation session will be held at the Lowe-Volk Park Nature Center. Permits will be given out for various hunting seasons.

Naturalist Intern

Thanks to funding from the Bucyrus Area Community Foundation, the CPD has hired Ben Bellamy as our summer naturalist intern. Ben is a Wynford graduate and is attending The College of Wooster where he is majoring in biology. He is an EPA certified level two stream quality monitor and has solid experience working with youth. We welcome Ben to the CPD staff and look forward to a great summer!

Nature Center Hours

Monday through Saturday 9AM to 4 PM

Sunday Noon to 4 PM

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

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