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WLL welcomes new Council member, **Greg Hughes**, representing the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District. Greg has a small farming operation and a great appreciation for rural America. He is committed to the conservation and development of its many resources. Greg volunteers as a Board member on the Salem Center Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and is employed as an Engineering Tech for Spectrum Engineering in Auburn. ♦

Submitted by Barb Angel, Administrative Coordinator, Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District

Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHH) will sponsor a fund raising Banquet and Bow Shoot on Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Izaak Walton League of America Fort Wayne Chapter Archery Range. **Deb Treesh**, Coordinator of the local Northeast Indiana chapter, covering DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben counties, invites you to bring the whole family. There will be instructors on site to teach archery, and specialty shoots for men, women and youth. The banquet will begin at noon and is provided by Outback Steakhouse.



Last year, **Deb and Doug Treesh** began promoting the donation of venison, beef or pork by local hunters and farmers. The Treesh's were able to fund the processing of five deer. The meat provided approximately 1000 meals for local food pantries to feed the hungry. "Response that we had about our program was unbelievable," Deb Treesh said. Unfortunately, the number of donated deer exceeded the budget and all donations could not be accepted.

The Treesh's are making certain that won't happen this year. They asked for help from Wood-Land-Lakes in making this the best chapter it can be. Wood-Land-Lakes brought members from Michiana Quality Deer Management Association, Community Harvest Food Bank, Whitetails Unlimited and the National Wild Turkey Federation and other interested individuals together. The group's goal is to process 750 deer, at a cost of about \$37,000. Funds donated will pay the meat processing costs. Distribution to local food pantries will be coordinated by the Community Harvest Food Bank.

Costs are \$10 for the bow shoot (12 years and under are free) and \$16 for the banquet (8 years and under are free). Tickets can be purchased separately for the bow shoot or banquet. All proceeds go to the Northeast Indiana Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry chapter. For tickets or other information, please contact Deb or Doug Treesh at 260.281.2311 or dtreesh@norwood.com. ♦



RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT



Volunteers are needed to help with the **Trees Indiana Harvester NeighborWoods Project** on Saturday, October 14, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Harvester/McCormick neighborhoods. Trees will be planted at 30 selected sites in the neighborhoods.

Trees Indiana will engage residents as stewards who plant, care and protect their urban forest. Two plantings have been planned for this project. The second planting will be a Youth Service Project and will be held in the spring. Time and date to be announced at a later date.

Trees Indiana's mission is to inspire and educate Indiana's youth to become stewards who plant, protect and maintain their community trees. If you would like to help or find out more, contact Trees Indiana, 5048 Stellhorn Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46815 or **Nancy Bradtmiller** at nbradtmiller@myway.com. ♦
Submitted by Carol Cavell, Executive Director, Trees Indiana

Council Assistant

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently recognized Wood-Land-Lakes as a group worthy of support. Wood-Land-Lakes was awarded funding to contract for a Council Assistant, matching funds to provide the Council assistance.

This funding signifies the mutual interest in accomplishing the goals described in Wood-Land-Lakes Long Range Area Plan and Annual Plan of Work. This will enable Coordinator **Kathy Latz** to work more directly with the Council, committees and volunteers to complete projects and search out new initiatives.

Special thanks are extended to NRCS State Conservationist **Jane Hardisty**, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations **Kimberly Neumann** and NRCS Contracting Officer **Judy Weber**. The Council will continue to seek funding for a Council Assistant. ♦

Friends of the St. Joseph River (Lake Michigan) held workshops and a forum in Indiana and Michigan earlier this year. The need was to get public input on an organizational structure to implement the St. Joseph River Watershed Management Plan. About 80 individuals from different backgrounds came up with the first goal. Goal 1 is to establish and sustain the financial and institutional capacity of a stakeholder group that assumes responsibility for coordinating implementation of the management plan. These stakeholders will also act as the primary advocacy group, information clearinghouse, and planning partner for the watershed.

The watershed encompasses 15 counties, 217 sub-watersheds, and 2,998,400 acres of land. Seventy percent of the watershed is agriculture. Between Indiana and Michigan there are 33 water bodies listed as impaired on the Clean Water Act Impaired Water list, which includes any water body that does not meet the state's water quality standards.

Now an interim steering committee will summarize those ideas and begin implementation of Goal 1. A follow-up meeting scheduled for August 30, 2006 will determine the next steps. Thanks to all of the individuals and organizations involved over the past months. For more information, go to www.stjoeriver.net. ♦ *Submitted by Dona Hunter, District Manager, LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District*



Wood-Land-Lakes Area Plan

Ever wanted to tell a 12-year what to do AND had them listen to you? What kind of natural resource improvement or rural community development project would you do, if you had available funding? Wood-Land-Lakes needs your help as we get ready for the next 5 years. We are seeking direction and guidance from you. Now is your chance to shape the future of your community or rural area. If you have some areas of concern or would like to see action where help is needed, please let us know. Contact any of Wood-Land-Lakes Council member or **Kathy** at 260.665.3211, x5 or email woodland-lakes@in.rcdnet.org. ♦



Tri-State Woodlands and Wildlife Workshop

This year's workshop will be held Saturday, October 28, 2006 at the Quincy Schools Complex in Quincy, Michigan from 8:15 a.m.-

3:30 p.m. Forestry and wildlife experts from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana will be offering you their expertise.

A keynote presentation on Woodlands for the Future: Intergenerational Transfers and Conservation Easements. Concurrent sessions will include: Woodland Stewardship and Planning for New Woodland Owners, Managing Hardwood Plantations, Income Tax Strategies and Wildlife Identification. There will also be sessions on dealing with invasive plants, woodland ponds, identifying wood, tree identification, home heating alternatives, and more.

Some sessions will be outdoors, so dress appropriately. There will be displays, a lunch and plenty of opportunity to interact with presenters to get your questions answered. Cost is \$20 per person **before October 13th**. For more information, contact **Tom Eickholtz**, Steuben County Extension at 260.668.1000, x1400.♦

New projects & activities adopted for 2006 include:

- * Biodynamic Vineyard
- * Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry

Wood-Land-Lakes' meetings are open to everyone. Contact a Council member to have your name and project idea placed on the agenda.♦



New Master Naturalist Program in LaGrange

Do you want to study things that buzz, fly, flutter, roam, ramble and crawl, gaze through a telescope and study the fall night sky or discover the importance of the fall equinox just four days after it happens? Then this program is for you.

LaGrange County is hosting an Indiana Master Naturalist Program this fall. Beginning September 2, LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District, LaGrange County Parks and Recreation and Wood-Land-Lakes will sponsor the 2006 Indiana Master Naturalist program. Participants will enjoy learning from knowledgeable instructors at various scenic locations.

The Indiana Master Naturalist program is designed to provide adults with an understanding of Indiana's natural resources. This program is coordinated in LaGrange County and is open to anyone who wishes to participate.

Class size will be limited to 30. The fee for this program will be \$110. This will include field guides, handouts, and refreshments. If you need further information or a registration form, please contact **Julie Diehm** at the LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District office, 260.463.5200, ext. 3 or julie.diehm@in.nacdn.net.♦ *Submitted by Julie Diehm, Indiana Master Naturalist, LaGrange County*

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All meetings of Wood-Land-Lakes serving DeKalb, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben and Whitley counties are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to attend will be welcome. For assistance with new projects, please contact a Council member to have your name and project placed on the agenda. Wood-Land-Lakes prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, political beliefs or family status. 9.06

Upcoming 2006 Events

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| <p>OCT 3 LaGrange County Master Naturalist class, 6-9 pm, MapleWood Nature Center, Julie Diehm, 260.463.5200 x3 or julie.diehm@in.nacdnet.net</p> <p>6 Hoosier Riverwatch, E. Coli Training, Elkhart County, Nancy Brown, 574.533.3630 x 3 or nancy.brown@in.nacdnet.net</p> <p>7-8 Kendallville Apple Festival, 9 am</p> <p>10 LaGrange County Master Naturalist class, 6-9 pm, Dallas Lake Park Lodge, Julie Diehm, 260.463.5200 x3 or julie.diehm@in.nacdnet.net</p> <p>14 LaGrange County Master Naturalist class, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Par-Gil Natural Resources Learning Center, Julie Diehm, 260.463.5200 x3 or julie.diehm@in.nacdnet.net</p> <p>17 LaGrange County Master Naturalist class, 6-9 pm, Par-Gil Natural Resources Learning Center, Julie Diehm, 260.463.5200 x3 or julie.diehm@in.nacdnet.net</p> <p>21 LaGrange County Master Naturalist class, 9 am, Par-Gil Natural Resources Learning Center, Julie Diehm, 260.463.5200 x3 or julie.diehm@in.nacdnet.net</p> <p>26 Wood-Land-Lakes Council Meeting, 4 pm, Kendallville Public Library</p> | <p>28 LaGrange County Master Naturalist Final Exam, 9 am-12:30 pm, Par-Gil Natural Resources Learning Center, Julie Diehm, 260.463.5200 x3 or julie.diehm@in.nacdnet.net</p> <p>28 Tri-State Woodland & Wildlife Workshop, Quincy Elementary School, Quincy, Michigan</p> <p>NOV 4 Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society (INPAWS) Annual Conference, Bradford Woods conference facility. Registration and additional information at www.inpaws.org</p> <p>6 IN League of RC&D Councils meeting, TBA</p> <p>8-10 North American Lake Management Society International Symposium, "Making Connections—People, Watersheds, Lakes," Indianapolis, www.nalms.org</p> <p>28-30 Innovations in Reducing Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference, Indianapolis, www.riversinstitute.org/events/nonpointsource/index.php</p> <p>DEC See our web site, wood-land-lakes.org, for future December events. Look for our winter newsletter to be published around December 21st</p> |
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