

County parks getting ready for summer activities Come out and play!

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When the weather turns warm (it was bound to happen soon), people just normally gravitate toward outdoor activities to fill their free time. Fishing, camping and boating enthusiasts, as well as those who just like to be outdoors in rustic settings, may be scoping out areas to use to fulfill their woody wishes. And it's Carroll County to the rescue!

County residents and non-residents alike are encouraged to set their sights for both

county-maintained parks this summer. The county owns and operates Deer Creek Park and French Post Park, located in opposite corners of the county, for residents and visitors to enjoy the great outdoors and to appreciate some of what makes Carroll County a special place in Indiana.

Park board president Bob Burton has accumulated a history of Deer Creek Park that tells a tale of long-time use and enjoyment. Burton said the old Washington Township Conservation Club sold the park to the county in 1967 for one dollar.

Common activities for the time included trap shoots, softball games, fish fries and euchre tournaments.

Located on SR218, just west of SR29, the park offers a variety of amenities for today's visitors. Campsites with electrical hook-ups, water and sanitary disposal are available for rent. Playground equipment, basketball goals, picnic shelters, a tennis court, modern bathrooms and a lake to fish in are free to use. The clubhouse is available for rent, by the hour or day, for groups to hold meetings or reunions.

"Deer Creek Park is a great place to fish and take the family," Burton said.

Reservations for camping are not necessary. However those

with questions about park usage can call park caretakers at (574) 859-2371.

French Post Park, which was dedicated Aug. 18, 1923, is more rustic, without all of the modern conveniences of its sister park. However, it has one thing the other park does not - a boat ramp.

"French Post is a wonderful place to launch a canoe or boat into the Wabash River," Burton said. "It is also a great place to sit back and just watch the river flow."

Iron Workers Local 379 formed and poured concrete and built picnic tables for the French Post shelter house in the 1950s. They used the facility for annual picnics until the 1970s. Boy Scouts cared for the park and held meetings during the same period.

French Post Park is located off of Towpath Road near Lockport. It offers a handicapped-accessible boat ramp, shelter house with picnic tables, fresh water and playground equipment. A portable restroom is available from spring through fall.

Everyone is encouraged to lace up their hiking boots or pack a picnic lunch and visit both parks this summer. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life and visit these two Carroll County diamonds in the woods!

Delphi native is Walgreen's new president and COO



Wasson

Gregory D. Wasson, a native of rural Delphi and rural Monticello, has been named president and chief operating officer of Walgreen Co., the nation's largest drug-store chain, effective May 1.

Wasson, 48, is currently Walgreen Co. executive vice president and president of Walgreens Health Services (WHS), the company's managed care division.

He was raised in rural Delphi and moved to rural Monticello when he was 13. Wasson graduated from Twin Lakes High School in Monticello, and his parents still reside in rural Monticello.

Wasson joined Walgreens in 1980 as a pharmacy technician while a student at Purdue University's School of Pharmacy, where he graduated in 1981. He managed several Houston stores before being promoted to district manager in 1986.

Wasson became a regional vice president of store operations in 1999 and Walgreen Co. vice president and executive vice president of Walgreens Health Initiatives, the company's pharmacy benefit manager (PBM), in 2001. He was promoted to president of Walgreens Health Initiatives in 2002, named a Walgreen Co. senior vice president in 2004, and promoted to an executive vice president in 2005.

"Combined with his 21 years of experience in store opera-

tions, Greg's WHS experience will be critical in his new position as we work to fully integrate the healthcare services offered by WHS into our store

pharmacies," said current president and CEO Jeffrey A. Rein. "No one understands the managed care side of our business better than Greg."

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French Post Park
An eight-foot concrete teepee monument erected by founding park members stands on park grounds. The teepee is admired by all who visit there. Photo provided



Deer Creek Park campers
The Carroll County Park Board would like to fill Deer Creek Park with campers this summer. Campers were a-plenty several years ago and the park is still equipped to accommodate several forms of camping. Photo provided.



Donnelly visits Delphi

U.S. Representative Joe Donnelly met with Delphi Democrats Sunday afternoon at the home of Randy and Denise Strasser. They discussed upcoming events and made plans for a town hall meeting to be held May 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Stone Barn in Delphi.

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