The Brown County Voter

MARCH 19, 2017

CALENDAR

Monday, April 10	10:00 am Board meeting downstairs at the Library Everyone is welcome!
Thursday, May 18	League Annual Meeting at the Seasons 6:00 Social, 6:30 Dinner Speaker TBD and Business Meeting Add to your Calendar and Watch for Details
Thursday, June 15	Brown County Community Foundation Annual Meeting Volunteer Fair 4:30-6:00 Foundation Report 6:00 Volunteer of the Year announcement
Monday-Saturday July 31-August 5	Brown County Fair League booth will need volunteers.

Dorothy Stewart Scholarship

Please think about a donation to the "Dorothy Stewart Scholarship" with the Brown County Community Foundation. Dorothy was one of our League founding members and its first president.

The scholarship will go to a Brown County graduating senior who is interested in a political or environmental field of study. The board has pledged at least $500 for the 2017 scholarship awardee. Your tax-exempt donation provides scholarships to Brown County students interested in civics.

Observer Reports

by Heather Nicholson

Nashville Arts & Entertainment 3-9-17

• The Commission is in the process of deciding where to move various public art sculptures within Nashville. They wish to eventually have all public art located on public property. In the past, private property owners, who have public art on their premises, sometimes change their minds. This causes the Town the expense of moving the artworks. It is hoped that public prt on public locations can be more permanent and less costly. The Commission also will try to rotate more artworks into the Town's public spaces.

• The public art located inside the Village Green restrooms has been hung. Everyone is very pleased. The metal-photos are from the life-work of Brown County photojournalist Frank Hohenberger. It is worth stopping by to see the facility that Nashville offers to our tourists.

• The Summer Season Pavilion Music series is set. This year's start times will be 5:30, except for the September concert starting 4:30. The music fund was $6,000 last year. Donations are welcome!

• The Gamification Committee is making progress. They are combining efforts with the CVB.

• The official A & E "leaf" symbol for Nashville Arts will continue and expand. Per request by Ruth Reichmann, the leaf symbol will now be included on important historical sites/buildings. Art businesses, special cultural/historic sites, CVB maps, the Chamber's passports, and gamification can use these special "leaf" logos, but only with the approval of the A & E Commission.

Nashville Town Council Meeting, 3-16-17

• The Riverfront District licenses for Big Woods and for the Pine Room were renewed.

• Arts & Entertainment Commission has contracted with the Convention and Visitors Bureau for $100 per month to get their events out on the website.

• Security cameras and lighting are being planned for public spaces and parking lots.

• The Big Woods/Firecracker Hill Annexation into the Town was postponed due to the fiscal and services impact report not being available. The report should be available by March 22. The hearing and public comment meeting concerning the annexation will take place March 27 at 6:30 pm, Town Hall.

• Nashville will contract with a new IT from Columbus. Expected savings is approximately $2,000 to $4,000 during next year.

• The 5-year Town Plan is finished and a work session is needed for review with the Council.

• Town Manager Scott Rudd attended an All-Utilities forum sponsored by Duke Energy.

• The Indiana Water Utility Conference was attended by Town staff.

• Utility Manager Sean Cassiday is looking into a loan to replace an existing grant. The grant was to install two pressure regulator valves for the Town's water system. The expected cost is $200,000. The grant requires $30,000 more in environmental studies, which would be saved by going directly through a loan. The grant monies would then be used for other improvements.

2017 Indiana Lakes Management Society Annual Conference

by Clint Studabaker

I attended as a Volunteer Lake Monitor with the IU School of Public & Environmental Affairs (SPEA). Besides myself at this March 2-3 event, others present included NGOs, IDEM Divisions, USACE, EPA, water sampling, monitoring & miscellaneous equipment companies.

Topics varied: Watershed & Lake Management, Shoreline Protection, R&D, Legislative Issues, and non-point source (NPS) pollution.

Met IDEM Salt Creek Watershed Manager Kathleen Hagen.

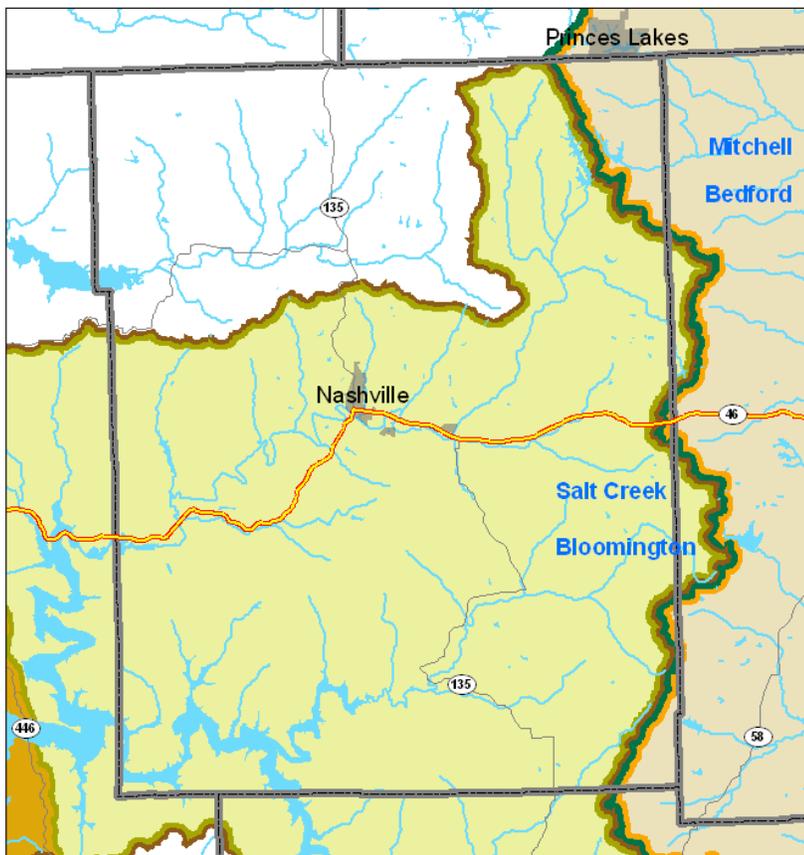Met co-founder of a new group: Friends of Lake Monroe, Sherry Mitchell-Bruker.

Friends of Lake Monroe (FLM):

At Sherry's invitation, I attended a FLM Watershed Committee meeting:

• Committee began work on planning a Lake Monroe Watershed Tour for summer 2017.

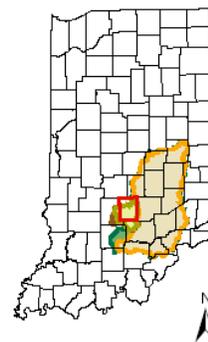• Committee requested LWVBC participation in planning & implementing a tour.

Also attended a full meeting of the Friends of Lake Monroe group in Bloomington. FLM recently became part of the Center for Sustainable Living - a 501(c)(3).   It is just beginning to identify stakeholders interested in sustainability of Lake Monroe as a drinking water source and recreational lake and protection of its watershed.

A presentation was made by Friends of Yellowwood - Charlie Cole & Linda Baden. Extensive data has been compiled in 2006 report on Yellowwood's 4,100 Ac. watershed through an Engineering Study funded by CWA Sec. 319(h) grant - requires 40% match.

Brown County Watersheds Used for Public Drinking Water

Legend:
- Salt Creek Watershed (Monroe Reservoir)
- Bloomington Watershed (Monroe Reservoir)
- Mitchell Watershed (East Fork White River)
- Bedford Watershed (East Fork White River)

Lake Monroe Watershed Map:

Indiana is divided into 4 broad sections by IDEM (note: USEPA lists 41).

Brown County lies within the Salt Creek Watershed section managed by Kathleen Hagen.

Lake Monroe Watershed is a subset of Salt Creek Watershed illustrated on a larger scale map.

Review smaller components of Upper, Middle and Lower Salt Creek Watershed sections.