

CONSERVATION AFFAIRS

Happenings Affecting Woods, Waters and Wildlife By THE BLUFFTON COMMUNITY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC.



squirrels were killed, Don Waters con- through the woods. ing to the department, only a half I to Jan. 1.

North Ohio Starts Squirrel Hunting great numbers of squirres in nearby reports the stand of nut trees back The Ohio squirrel season in the 35 woods. Russel Montgomery saw 20 of the gymnasium are producing in northern zone counties Friday and east of town in a woods in about an Good quantities. At one time was nimrods may hunt these frisky crea- hour's time. Jess Manges also visited able to gather two wheelbarrows full tures in all counties of the state until a woods in the Settlement where the of English walnuts from several of nightfall, September 30. Ample am- squirrels were plentiful. Jess says the trees. Berky also stated that this munition and an abundance of game the squirrels were tame as well as spring squirrels were very plentiful point to more shooting than last fall, plentiful and would just sit up on the and there were sufficient numbers when between 185,000 and 200,000 trees and bark at him as he walked that live trapping could have been at-

cations from field men for the depart- would be more plentiful this fall, with large numbers. ment point to a better squirrel seas- each hunter permitted to purchase 100 on this year than in 1943. In report- rounds of shotgun shells from Sept. Harry Wingate bagged a whopper

dozen field men have made pessimistic | The rabbit, pheasant and Hungar- near his place south of town. Wingate reports. The more general estimate ian partridge season opens Nov. 17th says the crow seemed to be the leader is that bushy tails will be at or near, and is followed by the Dec. 4 to 9 of a large flock and measured 371/2



There is little migration going on and counties only. with a heavy crop of beechnuts and | Hunting license fee is \$1.25 and acorns, moving away is not so great every person taking to the field rein spite of shortage of water and gardless of age must have a license hickory nuts, due to drought. Well unless hunting on his own land. on toward a million squirrels are likely to be bagged this season in Ohio, Increase in Hunting After War May game management agents estimate.

the southern counties report seeing a tember issue of "Outdoor Life," fears goodly number of squirrels. Bob Ben- that the invasion of woods and roth bagged two fox squirrels and streams by 22,000,000 after the war Alvin Augsburger four more in tim- may annihilate fish and game. ber near DeGraff down in Logan Graham basis his estimate on the county. They said a number more 30 percent increase in fishing and Herb Rupright bagged 3 fox squirrels due largely to increased interest of with his rifle down in Shelby county servicemen in guns and outdoor life. last Friday. He was accompanied by Charley Wood of Cairo who was not luck with his 12 gauge.



Brice Ferguson also had a good deal covered after dusk and Bob gave his o'clock. All directors and others inof luck near McConnellsville and had family a treat by escorting them all terested in the activity are urged to Clark, Clem Yoakam and Addie Yoaall the squirrel they could eat last to the spot and showing them the be present. Plans are underway to kam spent Sunday afternoon at Belleweek end. Squirrels were plentiful 'possum up a tree. in Morgan county these men report.

Some of the local boys back from Arthur Graham, writing in the Sep-

were seen but were out of range. hunting licenses after the last war,

cause of gasoline rationing.

making plans to meet this emergency, fice and cost \$1.00. but Graham points out Congressional approval is needed and state authorities must adopt additional conservation and restocking measures.

Ramseyer, Bluffton college president, in the Bluffton hunting area. This spotted a nice big fat opossum on the coon and several others will be re- Ralph Williams visited on Wednesday college game reserve near the feeder leased on Oct. 1 at the Rickly Game with Mrs. Williams' brother who is Clarence Stonehill, Dean Davis, and by the lagoon. The animal was dis- Refuge in the afternoon at 2:00 quite ill in Dayton.

tempted for redistribution to other servation director, said. The bag lim- | War production Board officials said areas. This fall there are some squirit on squirrel is 4 per day. All indi- ammunition for sporting purposes rels, but have not been noticed in such

of a crow in the Schaublin woods the peak in numbers for five years. deer season in Adams, Pike and Scioto inches in wingspread. Wingate bagged the crow while it was flying and says there are plenty more to be had in the area. Sometimes the birds make so much noise at night the neighbors trouble getting their eight hours sleep, Wingate said.

> Paul Shulaw and his family have accomplished a good turn for conservation in our area. The past few days the Marsh run has dried up nearly to the district by windray the marsh run has dried up nearly the marsh run has dried up nearly the marsh run has dried up nearly to the district by windray the marsh run has dried up nearly to the district by windray the marsh run has dried up nearly to the district by windray the marsh run has dried up nearly t the point of extinction spelling doom strong opposition. to a great number of catfish trapped | The lone setback came at the icea nd Findlay First Lutheran. | Triplett 5; Pandora 4 ry. The fish were of nice size and to 2 victory. measured 3 to 6 inches in length.

Duck Season Opens Sept. 20 Duck season in Ohio runs from limit is 10 ducks and in additionsingly or in the aggregate-5 mallards, pintails, or widgeon.

Shooting hours on ducks are from one half-hour before sunrise until sun-



All persons over 16 must have on The new army of sportsmen also their person in addition to their reg- to put a full team of experienced ing Kenton forward wall, but a wil linclude millions of hunters and ular hunting license a Federal Mi- players on the gridiron this year, third Kenton touchdown came in the fishermen who have been unable to gratory Bird Hunting Stamp, validat- lost to Ada last Friday night in a fourth period indulge in their favorite sports be- ed by his signatures written across 7 to 6 game, and with that hurdle Bluffton's starting lineup included the face thereof in ink. These duck past many Ada backers already are Newlan and Klassen, ends; Tripple-Federal conservation agencies are stamps are obtainable at the post of- talking in terms of an undefeated horn and Niswander, tackles; Alt-

Coon Purchased

Albert Garmotter has purchased another coon for the club. This makes 29 raccoon that will have been re-Bob Ramseyer, son of Dr. 'L. L. leased through auspices of the club release a few squirrel and install dens fountaine. in the timber. Motion pictures will Locally some hunters have spotted | Prof. H. W. Berky at the college | be taken and photographs for publi-

Channels are Hitting

Some folks have the technique for snagging those big channels in the Buckeye quarry. Last week Sam Stepleton in one hour's time hooked 11 nice channel catfish in the evening at the quarry. The fish were of good size and averaged 14 inches in length. Sam used leeches and crawlers for bait and the episode was witnessed by Joe Herrman, Fred Tschantz, and Frank Cunningham.

W. R. Dally hooked a nice bass at the quarry on minnows, but other than these two incidents no other anglers reported any sizable catches.

LaFayette

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snyder and son Ed, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Snyder and Clyde Gender of Lima. daughter, Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Carey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Plate and children of Lafay- Burden attended funeral services for ette, Miss Lilly Selover and Miss Clark Burden of Roundhead which Pearl Selover of Ada spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Selover of Ada. The day was in honor of Mr. are with the Cruiser Cincinnati in the Selover who is 83 and his grand-dau- U. S. Navy are on furlough and were

Richard Watt and Edsel Downing the past week. are spending furloughs with their parents and friends in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Si Williams of Toledo are spending the week end with LaRue, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Michael

and children, Mr. and Mrs. Merril Mrs. Eda Hall is visiting Mr. and Arnold and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mrs. Clifford Hall of Huntington, Ind. Pugh and son Jack attended the La-Mr. and Mrs. Nate Stober and dau- Rue reunion held at Lafayette park ghter of Ada were Sunday dinner Sunday. guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Guthrie. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bailey of Crid-Hardwick of Bluffton were Sunday guests at the J. T. Huber home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Desenberg. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wiekett of Toledo, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burke, on Thursday evening. Other than Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bechdolt of Har- the members two guests, Miss Betty rod were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. Herron of Lima and Mrs. Margaret and Robert Shrider.

TRIPLETT SOFTBALL TEAM WINS 16



Pictured here are members of the Triplett softball team which concluded one of its most successful schedules in history by winning 16 of 17 games against some of the strongest opposition in this area. First row, left to right, Robert Burkholder, Bert Swank, Evan Anderson, Paul Eikenbary, Don Ream, Timer Spaeth, Russ Gratz; back row, Weldon Deppler, Roger Berky, Maynard Geiger, Robert Luginbuhl, Fred Swank and Jess Manges, manager. Absent from the picture are Ken Moser, Norm Triplett and "Cubie" Basinger.

season racked up the best record of August.

in the receding waters. With the hands of the Routh Packers, of A two-game series was split with Triplett 21; Columbus Groye 5

blot on the record of the outfit is benefit of Buckeye Lake. seen in the fact that the Routh | Timer Spaeth and Maynard Geiger Triplett 8; Findlay 1st Lutheran 1

already has one victory to its credit.

Beaverdam

The Mary and Marha S. S. class of

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green and

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hoffman and

children Karen and Bill of Continen-

tal were Sunday dinner guests of Mr.

and Mrs. Leonard Green and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rockhill of

Columbus Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Byron

Anderson and daughter Karen of

Bluffton and Mrs. Etta Yant spent |

Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

an over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs.

Delmer Beery and son.

Carl Weaver of Fremont.

was held on Monday.

Ralph Elliott of Indianapolis was

Mrs. Lillie Anderson spent a few

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lee were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burden, Lew-

Jack McCullough and Jim Neu who

guests of Bill and Dean Chiles during

Mr. and Mrs. John Augsburger, Mr.

Mrs. Mary Homes and Mrs. Lloyd

Mrs. W. C. Lacock was hostess to

and Mrs. W. A. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs.

William Younkman, Mr. and Mrs. Ira

is Burden and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence

days during the past week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs.

the Methodist church enjoyed a picnic

at the church on Tuesday.

touchdown late in the last quarter. Herr, fullback.

Bluffton High Eleven Will Play

Smarting under the sting of a, Against Kenton last Friday night,

20 to 0 setback administered by Ken- the Pirate outfit was at a disad-

will try the fortunes of war again however, the locals played scrappy

this Friday night in a tilt with Ada ball all the way, and Kenton had

Ada has an all-veteran outfit which nine minutes of the second stanza.

under the floodlights at Harmon anything but a pushover.

Triplett softball team in the 1944 | the Ohio state championship in | runs were scored.

Grove, Cairo, Findlay Point Serv- Triplett 1; Ada 0

help of his family Paul was able to Tiffin, a team which Triplett beat Tiffin Routh Packers, and single Triplett 10; Cairo 2 seine out several tubs full of bullheads on the home field, 7 to 4, but which wins were racked up over Jenera, Triplett 7; Tiffin Routh 4 and release them in the Buckeye quar- turned the tables at Tiffin for a 4 Findlay All-Stars and the Blufton Triplett 8; Findlay Point 0 Lions team. The latter outfit was Triplett 2; Tiffin Routh 4 That the loss to Tiffin was no an exhibition game played for the Triplett 2; Findlay All-Stars 0

Sept. 20 to December 8. Daily bag outfit was one of the few to defeat were the hurlers for the crew thru- Triplett 20; Lions Club 8 Ferguson's State Auditors during out the season, and between them Triplett 14; Findlay Point 2 the regular season. The Auditor's turned in four shutouts; four games Triplett 8; Findlay 1st Lutheran 2 outfit, with Dizzy Kirkendall, former in which opponents made but one Triplett 3; Cairo 0 Triplett hurler, on the mound won run, and four in which only two Triplett 7; Columbus Grove 1.

Complete record for the successful

Triplett 2; Jenera 1

Pleasant Hill

Ada At Harmon Field Friday Night Mr. and Mrs. Russell Huber called on Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mefford, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Blosser and children spent Sunday evening in the ton at that place last Friday, Bluff- vantage most of the game because of Lyman Barnes home. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stratton atton High's inexperienced gridders its inexperience. In spite of that,

tended the home-coming, Sunday afternoon at Bethel church.

Mrs. Harvey Welty called on Mrs. Bluffton battled the Hardin coun- Paul Faze, Monday afternoon. In most respects this week's game ty crew to a standstill in the first Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gleason and will be a more severe test than the quarter, but the home team pushed family were dinner guests Sunday of season opener against Kenton, for across two touchdowns in the first

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Basinger and daughter called at the Jerry Basinger home Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Zimmerman

Wapakoneta, which also is able held its own against the hard-chargand children were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Long, Coline O'Neil and Carol Sue Hitchens of Beaverdam.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gleason and haus and Hartman, guards; Sommer, children of Red Key, Ind., were Sunday overnight guests in the C. M. Last year Ada won over Bluffton center; Basinger, quarterback; Zim-Gleason home. Mrs. Gleason and 18 to 12 by scoring the winning merly and Swank, halfbacks, and children remained to spend a few days here.

> Mr. and Mrs. Larry Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Avery Watt and son Roney of Lima spent Saturday evening in the Raymond Stratton home.

> Mrs. Chas. Miller and Mrs. Arden Baker and son were visitors in the Dennis Brauen home, Sunday. Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Orton Stratton called Sunday afternoon on Mrs. Lou Arris

and Mrs. Dan Badertscher were Mor

day callers.

and Henry Arris of Arlington. Wednesday afternoon callers of Lilly Fett and Nellie Huber were Hazel

Fett and Crystal Stratton. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fleming of Lafayette and Mrs. Winston Jennings and son spent Friday in the Willard Jennings home.

Elrose

Mrs. Frank Haines of Toledo spent the week end with the E. L. Bish family here.

Callers at the Ami Nonnamaker home were Betty Bish, Helen Pifer, S. F. Nonnamaker of Bluffton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mamilton and daughter Betty, Chas. Nonnamaker, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nonnamaker, sons Dean and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Klingler, daughter Marilyn and son Howard.

Union prayer services at the Bethesda church Thursday evening.

Mrs. Ida Stratton of Tiffin spent Saturday and Sunday at the M. J. Stratton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lendon Basinger, daughter Jeanette and son Gareth, called Friday evening on the Philip Basinger family.

Mrs. Anna Koontz of Kenton spent the week end at the Arthur Nonnamaker home. Callers on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Stratton and Mrs. Ida Stratton of Tiffin, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clymer, Mrs J. R Fisher and Mr and Mrs. Thomas Koontz.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nonnamaker and daughter Kaye spent Friday evening at the Ivan Montgomery home.



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All Firearms, including Rifles, BB Guns and Shotguns will be confiscated if used for shooting game or song birds within corporation limits.

This order will be enforced by the Police Department in cooperation with the Bluffton Community Sportsmen's Club, Inc., operating under state laws.

> Signed by: VILLAGE COUNCIL W. A. Howe, Mayor

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ghter, Mrs. Carey, who is 35.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Biteman.

ersville were Sunday dinner guests of

the Leisure Hour club at her home Robnolte were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams and the roof. Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Ellen

Attic Floor Insulation The attic floor may be covered with layers of newspaper or wrapping paper to help hold in heat. Building paper or other insulation may be tacked to the underside of

In the third quarter Bluffton again