

# 'SALUTING BRANCHES' DAY OF SERVICE HELD

The Division of Forestry's Community & Urban Forestry (CUF) program served as site lead in September for the Saluting Branches program at the Indiana Veterans' Home for the fifth year. This national initiative's purpose is to organize volunteer service from arborists and tree-care professionals for such facilities. This year CUF efforts started to transition from removing predominantly dead trees and doing some pruning to doing maintenance/preventive pruning, tree inventory, plant health care, and tree planting. CUF also dedicated its Vietnam POW/MIA memorial grove of 51 trees with the Indiana Rolling Thunder group and the local VFW and American Legion chapter members attending. For information about the national program see [salutingbranches.org](http://salutingbranches.org). □



Frank Oliver photo

Arborist Ross Eads at work during Saluting Branches at the Indiana Veterans' Home cemetery. □

## NEW DFW DIRECTOR

**A**manda Wuestefeld, who has worked full-time in the Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) for more than 25 years, was promoted to division director in August. The assistant DFW director for the prior five years, she replaced Mark Reiter, who retired in July after 39 years of service.



Wuestefeld also previously served as the DFW's Go FishIN coordinator for eight years. She started her DNR career in 1991 as an intermittent employee, bringing her combined part-time and full-time service at DNR to 28 years.

She is the first woman to hold the DFW director position for Indiana. □

## ERRATA FROM LAST ISSUE

**I**n News & Notes, per Ronald Prusinski of Plymouth: The second USS Indiana (BB-58) was commissioned in 1942. She was decommissioned in 1947, yet remained in the naval inventory until being scrapped in 1963. The first USS Indiana (BB-1) served in the Spanish-American War before it was decommissioned in 1919. Another USS Indiana was started in the 1920s but scrapped due to treaty obligations.

In Reader Photos, the writeup for Chris Cumberworth incorrectly refers to her as he, per her brother, John J. Uskert of Fishers.

Per James R. Crouse of Fort Wayne, Indiana is fourth (not third) in the U.S. in number of covered bridges. Vermont is third. Also, the Moscow Covered Bridge was rebuilt and rededicated in 2010 not 2009.

We regret the errors. □

## BORTNER ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF PEER GROUP

**D**an Bortner, director of DNR's Division of State Parks, was elected to a two-year term as president of the National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) in September.

He previously served a one-year term as secretary-treasurer and a two-year term as vice-president. □

## AN INVITATION TO CONSERVATION

**O**n Nov. 2-3, a Learn to Trap workshop will be offered at Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA) near LaPorte. On Nov. 23, a women's pheasant hunt will be offered at Atterbury FWA near Edinburgh. See [calendar.dnr.IN.gov](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov) for more details and late additions. □

## DNR RECLAMATION GETS AWARD

**I**n September, an Indiana DNR Division of Reclamation (DOR) project in southwest Indiana received the highest regional award the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) issues annually.

The award was for the Narrow Lake project in Sullivan County. The project addressed public safety concerns posed by a large highwall left by a mine that operated between 1944 and 1947 in what is now a frequently visited section of Greene-Sullivan State Forest.

The DOR not only made the site safer, it also improved its recreational amenities. □