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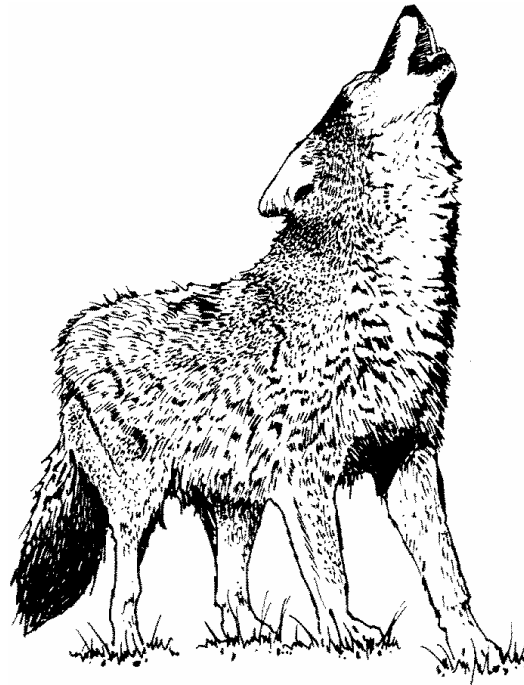
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## Red Wolf Sanctuary Awarded Grant for Staff

Historic Hoosier Hills has been informed by the Dearborn County Community Foundation that the amount of \$30,000 has been awarded from the Dearborn County Convention, Visitor and Tourism Commission (CVTC) Operating Support Grant Program to fund staff positions for Red Wolf Sanctuary for 2003. This will provide second year funding for full and part time staff positions for **Paul Strasser** and Red Wolf Sanctuary in Dearborn County. Red Wolf Sanctuary is operated as a non-profit rehabilitation center for native wildlife that has been injured or is unable to live in the wild.

Paul is working to develop Red Wolf to meet federal licensing requirements so he can house additional species and charge admission to generate a dependable source of income for the

sanctuary. For over 20 years he has depended on donations, bequests, and some grants to operate, maintain and develop Red Wolf Sanctuary. He is now working to meet new federal licensing requirements and expand the number of species he has at the Sanctuary.



Through a grant secured by Historic Hoosier Hills last year, Paul has employed one full time and two part time staff to help with care and feeding of the animals, and to work on improvements, upgrades to cages and enclosures, and to erect an 8-foot perimeter fence around the entire property.

Historic Hoosier Hills supports Red Wolf Sanctuary as a project committee and provides grants seeking and grants administration support for Paul's efforts. This second grant from the Dearborn County Community Foundation and Dearborn County CTVC will provide the

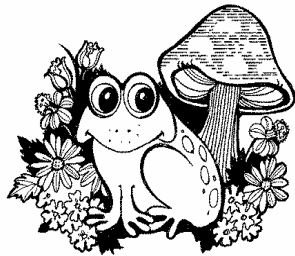
additional staff support to complete the perimeter fence and finish re-fencing the cages and enclosures so he can secure two key federal permits.

Historic Hoosier Hills and Red Wolf Sanctuary are very grateful to the Dearborn County Community Foundation and the Dearborn County Convention, Visitor and Tourism Commission for their strong support.

For more information on Red Wolf Sanctuary, contact Paul Strasser at (812) 667-5303. Paul offers tours of the sanctuary by appointment only.

## “Science on a Shoestring” Teacher Workshop

Twenty three teachers from all over southeastern Indiana convened on the Muscatatuck County Park in Vernon on Tuesday, October 8, to attend a day-long workshop on teaching science principles using the out of doors. The workshop was planned and hosted by the Conservation Education Committee of Historic Hoosier Hills. The workshop was presented by **Amy Carpenter**, SWCD Educator for Jefferson County and a committee member; and **Mary Roller**, SWCD Educator for Rush County.



Teachers were shown numerous activities with different themes that teach many science principles – they had

a lot of opportunities to do hands-on projects that they can do with their students. Mary and Amy presented activities related to bats, toads and frogs, hummingbirds, butterflies, fireflies, rocks and minerals, and more. Teachers were given handouts with lesson guides and lists of materials for each activity – all the activities can be done with very limited budgets.



Other committee members assisting with the workshop included **Wanda Brooks**, Jennings County SWCD Educator; **Becky Asche**, Ripley County SWCD Administrator; and **Sara Hughes**, retired Milan teacher.

The committee offers a teacher workshop each spring and fall – the Spring 2003 Workshop will be focused on geology and will include a tour of a quarry operation in Jennings County. The workshop will be held April 16, 2003. Workshop location will be announced at a later date.

## Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) Heritage Partnership Offering Heritage Workshop

The history of the land that became the Jefferson Proving Ground is the subject of a Heritage Workshop being offered by the Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) Heritage Partnership on Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at the Jefferson County Public Library in Madison. Guest speakers include **Diane Coon** on the Underground Railroad; **Richard Skidmore** on the John Hunt Morgan Trail; and **Mike Moore** on JPG history. A panel of past residents of the area will also discuss what life was like in the communities prior to 1940.



The workshop is open to the public – early registration is \$20 if received before November 4. After the 4<sup>th</sup>, it is \$25. Students can register for \$15 and all registrations include lunch and information packets. For more information or to register, call the JPG Heritage Partnership office at (812) 273-5877 between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. or call the Historic Hoosier Hills office.

## “Heritage Trail of Madison” Holds Dedication

The Heritage Trail of Madison celebrated the culmination of years of planning and hard work on Saturday, September 21 when they held the dedication and “Grand Opening” of the first section of the trail. The completed segment connects the hilltop at the Madison State Hospital with historic downtown Madison at the base of the hill on the Madison railroad right-of-way.



Madison Mayor Al Huntington and State Representative Markt Lytle help committee members and other dignitaries cut the ribbon to open the completed trail segment. When the trail is completed, it will connect the north walk-in entrance of Clifty Falls State Park with the riverfront of downtown Madison. The trail will link numerous historic and recreational sites along its route, and give trail users a wide range of recreation, education, and cultural opportunities along the way.

For more information be sure to check out their website at [www.heritagetrailofmadison.org](http://www.heritagetrailofmadison.org).

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Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Council meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every other month. The Executive Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every other month that the Council does not meet. All meetings are open to the public. Anyone wishing to attend will certainly be welcome.

## Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D

### *Mission Statement:*

“Serve as a catalyst to empower local people to solve the overall economic and natural resource problems of the area, and to properly develop, utilize, and conserve our natural and human resources.”

### *Vision Statement:*

“Workable economic climate in harmony with natural resources developed to their full potential for a higher quality of life.”

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