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## **Turtles - Secrets of the Shell**

*Turtles – Secrets of the Shell* is a traveling exhibit developed by the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque. Thanks to funding from a Resource Enhancement and Protection Conservation Education Program (REAP-CEP) grant, portions of the exhibit are now traveling to nature centers throughout Iowa.

The turtle exhibit is the fourth traveling exhibit we've hosted in recent years. Many of you visited the *Lions in Iowa!*; *Salute to Songbirds*; and *Prairies – Past, Present and Future* traveling exhibits that were also sponsored by REAP-CEP funding. We hope you will also visit this informative, hands-on exhibit that explores the wonderful world of turtles.

*Turtles – Secrets of the Shell* will be open during Nature Center hours beginning **February 16 through May 8, 2016**. We invite you to check out the many panels and displays including a scenic turtle statue created by Dubuque artist Isabelle Kirkendall. Visitors can hold a turtle skull, fossilized shell fragment, or view our live resident box turtles. Younger visitors may sit on a replica tortoise or crawl inside a shell and have their photo taken.

Turtles belong to the order Testudinata, one of four orders of living reptiles. Turtles are ancient creatures, yet modern turtles retain many features of the earliest reptiles. Recent fossils found in China date to 220 million years ago. These early turtles lived in the sea and had a fully formed plastron or bottom shell but a poorly developed carapace or top shell. They also had a full set of teeth! Its scientific name, *Odonto-chelys semitace*, describes them well, “toothed turtle with half a shell.”

One of the goals of the exhibit is to draw attention to conservation challenges facing Planet Earth's 260 species of turtles, including 120 species that are now listed as endangered or threatened with extinction. Here in Iowa, home to 13 turtle species, Yellow Mud Turtles and Wood

Turtles are endangered while the Blanding's, Common Musk, and Ornate Box Turtles are threatened. Ornate Box Turtles reside in portions of the Loess Hills. Visitors will have several opportunities to learn more about turtles in some upcoming programs at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center.

On Thursday, February 18 join us for an Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 pm to celebrate the exhibit opening. You be able to view the exhibit, meet the Nature Center's live turtles, make a turtle craft and enjoy a snack.

On Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m., take an armchair journey to the Galapagos Islands and see incredible images of the Giant Galapagos Tortoise and the Green Sea Turtle. These are just a few of the photos that will be shared during this program presented by Carlyn Iverson, scientific/medical illustrator and exhibit designer. The program is hosted by the Woodbury County Conservation Foundation as part of their Annual Meeting. For more on this program see page 4.

Meet several live turtles up close and personal on Saturday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m. Kenna Anderson, local animal rescue volunteer, will present Turtle Mania and share her knowledge of turtles and tortoises.

Nature Center hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. The Nature Center is closed on Mondays. For more information on the exhibits contact the Nature Center at 712-258-0838.

“Try to be like the turtle – at ease in your own shell.”  
~ Bill Copeland, author

**Check out photos of the Turtle exhibit on page 5 and our Calendar of Events for special turtle programming!**

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## Nature Center Hours

Tuesday through Saturday	9:00am-4:30pm
Sunday	1:00-4:30pm
Monday	Closed

**Playscape** closes at 4:30 p.m.

Also closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day,  
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

**Reminder:** Our parking lot is closed and the gate is locked when the building is not open. If you are planning to hike after building hours, please remove your vehicle from the main parking lot and park in the lower lot.

Visit our website at  
[www.woodburyparks.org](http://www.woodburyparks.org)

 Find us on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/DorothyPecautNatureCenter>

## Woodbury County Pheasants Forever

**Annual Banquet**  
**Saturday, February 27, 2016**  
**Doors open 5:30pm - Dinner 7:00pm**  
**Bluffs Area Family Center**  
**903 Topaz Drive, Sgt. Bluff, IA**

For information check website:  
[www.woodburycountypf.org](http://www.woodburycountypf.org)

For tickets or more  
information contact:  
Scott Rustwick at  
712-277-2263 or  
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## Field Notes

### Southwood Cabin Project Received MRHD Grant

A \$75,000 grant from Missouri River Historical Development (MRHD) awarded to the Conservation Board in October will provide nearly half the funds required for construction of two new cabins at Southwood Conservation Area near Smithland.

The addition of cabin facilities at Southwood has been a long range goal. Two cabin units will be constructed across the road from the shower/restroom facility near the campground. The cabins will be one-bedroom units with bathroom/shower, fully equipped kitchen and living room area, open porch, and will sleep up to six adults. Furniture will be crafted from local red cedar trees by a local cabinet maker.

Cabins will be available for rent during the park season with opening planned for May 2016.

Site grading has been completed and work has progressed on rocking the access driveways despite recent heavy rains and snow. Foundations will be installed soon with both units enclosed in January.

Watch for announcements next spring regarding the grand opening and rental availability of the cabins.

The Conservation Board wishes to especially thank MRHD for their financial support to make this project possible!

### Stub Gray Shooting Range News

Activity at the Stub Gray Shooting Range at Little Sioux Park has been steady since reopening the end of August. Users have been taking good care of the newly refurbished facility. Comments received have been very positive and appreciative of having the range open once again to the public.

Daily use permits (\$10) are available on site and Annual Permits (Individual or Family) can be obtained online through a link on the Conservation Board's website ([www.woodburyparks.org](http://www.woodburyparks.org)). Annual permits are only \$50 and are good through all of 2016.

Six volunteer Range Safety Officers have been certified and equipped and will be spending time at the range at random times to answer questions, ensure compliance with range rules and assist users as necessary.

## Loess Hills Audubon Society

**Loess Hills Audubon meetings:  
The First Thursday of each month**

**7:30 p.m. at Dorothy Pecaut  
Nature Center**

**Meetings are held September - May**

**For more information contact:**

Bob Livermore, President, at

[blivermore@southsiouxcity.org](mailto:blivermore@southsiouxcity.org)

**Loess Hills Audubon Outings, contact:**

Jerry Von Ehwegen at [jerryvon@cableone.net](mailto:jerryvon@cableone.net)

**Visit the website:** <http://lhas.tripod.com/>

The Conservation Board recently approved closing the range on the following holidays each year: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day. As a reminder, the range will be closed during the months of January and February. Range hours are daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weather conditions permitting.

*By Rick Schneider, Director*

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.com

## Snowshoe Rentals

The Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center is renting modern style snowshoes this winter season. The cost is \$6.00 per day per person or \$10 a pair for the weekend. Four inches of snow must be on the ground to use our snowshoes. The availability of our snowshoes varies based on program needs. A credit card number must be supplied for damage deposit. Rental fees must be paid with cash or check. For more information and availability call 712-258-0838.



**Woodbury County Conservation  
Foundation Annual Meeting**

Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.

***Documenting the Galapagos: A  
Science-Based Visual Journey***

Carlyn Iverson, Photographer and  
Scientific Illustrator

On Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m., take an armchair journey to the Galapagos Islands, the birthplace of Darwin's Theory of Natural Selection! Carlyn Iverson, shares images and anecdotes from her time on-board a living National Geographic scientific research expedition ship. During the 2 months of the expedition, Carlyn captured over 10,000 images of the extraordinary life of the flora and fauna that are found on these exotic islands... both terrestrial and aquatic. See some of her favorite images from this trip, learn about the evolutionary botany and biology from this breathtaking corner of the world, and become a virtual traveler through her incredible stories. There will be Q&A time after the presentation. This presentation content is designed for adult learners; suggested minimum age is 10.

Carlyn Iverson has worked as a scientific/medical illustrator for over 30 years. The first half of her career illustrating college and medical textbooks, followed with over a decade working as an exhibit designer/fabricator. Recent projects include the new Exhibition Hall in at the Charles Darwin Research Station. She is currently working for NOAA as a data visualizer, helping to show the dynamics of climate and ocean interactions and the changing conditions occurring today with global warming.

Website - [www.carlyniverson.com](http://www.carlyniverson.com)

The public is invited to this program which is sponsored by the Woodbury County Conservation Foundation (WCCF). It coincides with the WCCF Annual meeting, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. that same afternoon. You need not be a member to attend the meeting or the program.



## WCCB Staff Changes

Resource Naturalist, Jim Henning resigned on November 4th after more than 6 years of service to the Woodbury County Conservation Department. He accepted a position with the South Dakota Game Fish & Parks and is now the Park Manager for Good Earth State Park near Sioux Falls. Jim wore many hats while here and divided his time between trails, playscape, animals, service groups, volunteers and a variety of programs. He said one of the things he loved most about the position was working with the interns and volunteers because they are the future of the conservation field. We wish Jim luck with his new position and location and he will be missed. Thanks, Jim!

Plan to welcome our new Resource Naturalist employee by the end of January.



*Jim Henning, above, educating visitors about the Hognose snake at a Meet the Animals program.*

## VOLUNTEER - *make a difference!*

**Annual Banquet: Tuesday, March 29, 2016**  
*Mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening of great food & volunteer recognition!*

Help support our mission of educating people and developing awareness and appreciation for our natural environment. Whether you are interested in volunteering once a week, once a month, occasionally or for a special event, the opportunities are endless. As the seasons change, so do our volunteer opportunities. For more information about volunteering, please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Betty West at 712-258-0838 or e-mail her at [bwest@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:bwest@woodburycountyiowa.gov).



*A few of our volunteers in action!*

## Turtles, Secrets of Shell

Photos of the *Turtles, Secrets of the Shell* traveling exhibit that will be on display February 16 through May 8, 2016 at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. We hope you all come visit it.



## Siouxland Fly Fishing Club There's more to fishing than fish

Meetings: held the last Saturday of each month  
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center  
Visitors Welcome!

For more information call 402-987-3945  
<http://www.siouxlandflyfishing.com/>



# Calendar of Events

All events are free and held at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center (DPNC) unless otherwise noted.

To Register for Events Call 712-258-0838

**January 8-24: Iowa Junior Duck Stamp** winners on display at the Nature Center during open hours.

**Tuesday, January 12: Nature Tales**, 10:00 a.m., DPNC. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about Owls. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Wednesday, January 13: Snowshoeing**, 1:00 p.m., DPNC. Learn the basics of snowshoeing and snowshoe on our trails. There must be at least 4 inches of snow on the ground for us to snowshoe. A winter hike will take place if not enough snow. Please dress in layers and wear snow boots or hiking boots. Ages 8 and up. Limit to 18 people. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838.

**Saturday, January 16: Birds of Prey**, 10:00 a.m., DPNC. Learn about Iowa Raptors and meet our live Kestrel, Barred Owl and Red-tailed Hawk.

**Thursday, January 28: Wine Bottle Bird Feeders**, 6:30 p.m., DPNC. Make a bird feeder out of a used wine bottle. We will have items to decorate your bird feeder and even some wine to sip while you enjoy designing your project. Limit 25. Cost: \$10 per person. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Tuesday, February 9: Nature Tales**, 10:00 a.m., DPNC. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about Birdwatching and Birdfeeding. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodbury-countyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodbury-countyiowa.gov).

**February 12- 15: Great Backyard Bird Count.** Individuals participate in citizen science by counting birds in their local area and at their feeders. For more information <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>. Once recorded, send your numbers online to help Cornell Lab of Ornithology track trends in bird populations and health. If you don't have access to the internet contact the Nature Center to receive more information.

**Saturday, February 13: Bagels & Birds**, 9:00 a.m., DPNC. Join us for the Great Backyard Bird Count! We will view and count birds at our bird feeders while we snack on tasty bagels. We will also make a small edible bird feeder for your birds in your own backyard. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**February 16 – May 8: Turtles: Secrets of the Shell** traveling turtle exhibit on display at the Nature Center during open hours.

**Thursday, February 18: Tremendous Turtles!** 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., DPNC. Help us celebrate the opening of our *Turtles: Secrets of the Shell* exhibit by viewing the exhibit, meeting live turtles, making a turtle craft and enjoying a snack.

**Sunday, February 28: Woodbury County Conservation Foundation Annual Meeting**, 1:30 p.m., DPNC. The Annual Meeting will be followed by the Galapagos Islands program.

**Sunday, February 28: Documenting the Galapagos: A Science-Based Visual Journey**, 2:00 p.m., DPNC. Take an armchair journey to the Galapagos Islands, the birthplace of Darwin's Theory of Natural Selection! Carlyn Iverson, shares images and anecdotes from her time on-board a living National Geographic scientific research expedition ship. During the 2 months of the expedition, Carlyn captured over 10,000 images of the extraordinary life of the flora and fauna that are found on these exotic islands...both terrestrial and aquatic. Sponsored by the Woodbury County Conservation Foundation.

**Tuesday, March 8: Nature Tales**, 10:00 a.m., DPNC. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about Turtles. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Saturday, March 12: The Incredible Webb Egg Collection**, 10:00 a.m., DPNC. Learn about the Webb Egg Collection as Naturalist, Theresa Kruid shares tidbits on the history of egg collecting and provides a glimpse of the nature center's collection of over 800 bird eggs.

More events listed on page 7

## Calendar of Events Continued

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**Saturday, March 19: Turtle Mania**, 1:00 p.m., DPNC. Join animal rescue volunteer Kenna Anderson as she shares her knowledge about turtles and tortoises. She will have several live examples for you to meet and learn about turtle biology and conservation. Free!

**Thursday, March 24: Animal Tracks**, 1:00 p.m., DPNC. Join us during Spring Break to learn more about tracks and the animals that make them. Prepare to go outdoors for a hike if the weather allows. Free! Co-sponsored by Scheels.

**Tuesday, March 29: Volunteer Awards Dinner**, 6:00 p.m., DPNC. Nature Center Volunteers mark your calendar for this date and plan to join us for dinner, conversation and awards. More information to follow.

**Wednesday, April 6: Summer Day Camp Early Registration begins for Woodbury County Conservation Foundation Members.** For more information contact [camps@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:camps@woodburycountyiowa.gov). To become a member go to <http://woodburyparks.org/membership>

**Tuesday, April 12: Nature Tales**, 10:00 a.m., DPNC. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about Spring. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Wednesday, April 13: Summer Day Camp General Registration OPENS.** For more information contact [camps@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:camps@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Saturday, April 23: Roadside Cleanup**, 10:00 a.m. – Noon, DPNC. Help the Friends of Stone Park pick up litter along Hwy 12. Meet at the parking area inside the entrance to Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Safety vests, trash bags, and gloves provided. Contact Park Ranger, Kevin Pape for more information at 712-255-4698.

**Saturday, April 30: Volunteer Work Day**, 9:00 a.m. – Noon, DPNC. Help us spruce up the trails, gardens, Nature Playscape and grounds this spring. Wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Pre-registration is appreciated so we can plan our volunteer tasks.



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A Big "THANKS" goes out to all of you who helped with, attended, or wished us well during our Chili Feed and Auction fundraiser!!! ~We promise to be good stewards of the new funds with your help. We encourage your feed back!

Call Jim: 712-389-0841 or send us an email: [nwiasierragroup@gmail.com](mailto:nwiasierragroup@gmail.com)

Every 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30-7:45 PM, NW IA Group Sierra Club hosts a presentation and discussion held at 2508 Jackson St, Sioux City. It is always free and we encourage all members of the community to participate! Come as early as 5:30 PM for salad potluck and conversation.

**January 26:** Highlights from 2015 and Plans for 2016  
Jim Redmond

**February 23:** I ♥(Heart) Water- Iowa's clean water activism and you!

**March 22:** Thoughts of Rachael Carson, inspired by a visit to her stomping grounds - Jane Hey

**April 26:** Earth Day Celebration

**May 24:** Speaking of Mother Earth and Sacred Water  
Elrae Mazakahomni

## Camping Coupon Books Available

The Conservation Department has camping coupon books for sale. The coupon books contain ten coupons, each good for one night camping in any Woodbury County Conservation campground, and will sell for the price of \$180. This provides the purchaser one free night of camping if buying the coupon book. The coupons can be used the same as cash or check and placed in the camping registration envelope at the time of camping. Coupons can be removed from the booklet and given to friends or relatives and are good for one year from the month of purchase.

Firewood coupons will also be available in books of ten for the price of nine. Firewood is usually sold in individual bundles for \$5, and the coupons would provide a 10% discount.

All coupon booklets are available at the Conservation Office and all park offices.

# Acknowledgements and Thanks

- **RBC Foundation–USA** for core mission support grant
- **Polly Murphy** for cash donation for annual hognose snake adoption
- **Jerry Hoss** for beef liver for raptors
- **Alcester-Hudson Girl Scout Troop** for craft materials
- **Kohl's Cares** for cash donation
- **Bomgaars** for pumpkins, Christmas tree and bird seed
- **Diane's Pumpkin Patch** for pumpkins
- **Larry & Stephanie Fillipi** for pumpkins & gourds
- **Earl May** for pumpkins
- **Jeff & Beckie Wahlberg** for pumpkins
- **Jolly Time Pop Corn** for popcorn for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Winter Fun Day
- **Pepsi Co.** for pop & water
- **Singing Hills Wal-Mart** for gift card
- **Shirley Knight** for framed feather donation
- **Junior League of Sioux City** for cash donation & Done In A Day grant project and volunteers
- **Causetown via Zeke's Tree** for cash donation
- **Ursula Runge** for mink fur pieces
- **Ken Muller** for taxidermy & art prints
- **Jeff & Shay Gebauer** for cash donation
- **Kyle & Jacki Kelly and Century 21 ProLink** for cash donation Playscape
- **Neva Bean** for framed art prints
- **Dr. Pat Saulsbury** for veterinary services
- **Bruce & Carol Bickel** for burlap and craft materials
- **Ron Perrin** for live traps & pet carrier
- **Gary Heineman** for birdseed
- **Panera** for bagels
- **Barbara Benson** for framed wildlife prints & figurines
- **Joe & April Bousquet** for picnic table
- **Tyler Flammang** for filling bird feeders, naturalist program assistance, exhibit docent, transporting injured raptor, constructing shelves in raptor building and snow removal
- **Bennett Snyder** for playscape assistance, filling bird feeders, exhibit docent, trail patrol & clean-up, general maintenance
- **Leonard Kurtz** for bee keeping
- **Donna Popp & Brianna Martens** for preparing crafts
- **Genna Salmon, Tam Doan and Grace Stevens** for animal care
- **Diana Camberos, Belen Castaneda, Laura Kinman, Elizabeth Reiva and Brianna Martens** for trail patrol
- **Brianna Martens** for office help, general maintenance & naturalist assistance
- **Bianca Llamos** for animal care, filling bird feeders, general maintenance & naturalist assistance
- **Barb Small** for naturalist assistance with Ponca Expo Kids Day program
- **Sacred Heart 7<sup>th</sup> Graders** for general maintenance
- **Ginger Martin, Brianna Martens** for gardening
- **ShaiLynne Blakeslee, Abby Duin, Kira Bliss, Sara Wiedenfeld, Diana Glicck, Brianna Martens, Megan Carlson, Summer Wulf, Rhonda Henry, Tyler Flammang, Amber Bliss, Grethen Cooper, Nadine Meis, Ginger Martin, Doris Swanson, Annie Peterson, Tracy Swanson, Walt Peterson, Rick Borg, Alison Uhl, Lisa Wagner and Nate Henning** for assisting with the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- **Kay Neumann, Tyler Flammang, Terrie Hoefler and SOAR** for Raptor program & release at 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- **Julie Baughman, Audie Baughman, Lynne Peterson, Catherine Saulsbury, Pam Ridgway and Loyanne Jensen** for Nature Calls committee recap meeting
- **Donna Popp, Brianna Martens, Grace Stevens, Shelby Blomberg, Ashley Petersen, Tyler Flammang, Doris Swanson, Anne Shaner, Mary Sievers, Barb Small, Jeanne Bockholt, Kai Herron, Brenda Nelson, Carly West, Becky Roemmich, Bianca Llamos and Megan Carlson** for helping with Winter Fun Day
- **Southern Hills Scheels** for cash donation

## Animal Adoptions:

- **Scott Kayl** for cash donation for raptors
- Annual adoption of **OZ**, Ornate box turtle for one year in honor of **Kai Herron**
- **Camille Walters** for cash donation for Red-tail Adoption in honor of **Wesley Michaelson**

*If your name is not included above and you have helped us, the omission is unintentional. Please accept our apologies and thanks!*

## Memorials

**Debra & Alan Phillips and Lisa Lee Milbrodt**  
for cash donation memorial for Deloris Milbrodt

**Shannon Fredrickson** for memorial bench and tree at Little Sioux Park in memory of  
Heidi Ketelson



## Planning for the Future

A planned gift to Woodbury County Conservation Foundation through a bequest in your will, through memorials or by naming us as a partial beneficiary are ways to ensure our mission lives long into the future. Suggested Language for Directing your Bequests, Beneficiary Designations and Memorials is as follows:

### Through your Will:

*I, [state your full name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to Woodbury County Conservation Foundation, an Iowa not-for-profit corporation, tax ID#42-1354176, [amount or percentage of the estate or description of the property] and the rest, residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal for its unrestricted use and purpose. [Gifts can be designated to the general fund, endowment or both.]*

### Through your Primary Beneficiary Designations:

\_\_\_\_\_ % to spouse or children,  
\_\_\_\_\_ % to Woodbury County Conservation Foundation, 4500 Sioux River Rd., Sioux City, Iowa tax ID#42-1354176

### Through Memorial Contributions:

To specify for yourself or a loved one, you may use the sample text below:

*We would be blessed if you would help protect and conserve our natural resources by sending your memorials in memory of [Name of Deceased] to Woodbury County Conservation Foundation, 4500 Sioux River Rd., Sioux City, IA 51109.*

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information contact Dawn at 712-258-0838 of [dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov).



Your gift can last forever. To make a donation contact Dawn at 712-258-0838 or [dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov)

## The Loess Hills Longbeards Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation



Annual Banquet - Saturday, March 12, 2016  
Masonic Temple, 820 Nebraska St, Sioux City, IA  
Doors open 5:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm  
For more information contact  
Ralph 712-239-4531 or [phyllisbuys@hotmail.com](mailto:phyllisbuys@hotmail.com)

## Summer Positions Available

Like the outdoors? Looking for a rewarding summer job?

The Woodbury County Conservation Board and Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center will be hiring summer interns in March. There will be four positions available for Summer Naturalist/Habitat Interns. There also may be additional opportunities for a Habitat Stewardship Intern and Outdoor Skills Intern. These summer employees teach Summer Day Camps, lead hikes, plan and lead public programs, maintain trails, complete habitat improvements and conduct general grounds maintenance.

Check out <http://woodburyparks.org/employment> in early 2016 to view all available positions and to download an application for employment. Seasonal positions at Woodbury County Conservation Board Park areas will also be listed. Deadline for applications is typically by the end of February so pay close attention and get your application in early.

## Summer Camps 2016

### COME EXPLORE WITH US!

We are looking forward to a great summer of exploring nature with the children of Siouxland. We'll be hiking, playing games, making crafts, exploring outdoors and so much more. Watch our website: [www.woodburyparks.org](http://www.woodburyparks.org) for dates and details of available camps. Registration begins April 6th for Woodbury County Conservation Foundation (WCCF) members and non-member registration begins April 13th. If you have questions or need more information please call 712-258-0838 or email Theresa Kruid at [camps@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:camps@woodburycountyiowa.gov). To join the WCCF see the back page of this newsletter.



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**Sioux City IA 51109-1657**

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 Sioux City, Iowa  
 Permit No. 138

**Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center Hours:**  
 Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Sunday 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
 Closed on Mondays and Holidays

**No Admission Fee**

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