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Conservation Friends & Volunteers Recognized

The Woodbury County Conservation Board and Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center recently recognized two very special individuals for their outstanding service.

Anthony Gaul of Sergeant Bluff was recognized for the “**Conservation Educator**” award. Gaul has taught 6th Grade Science at Sioux City West Middle School for 22 years. He has mentored thousands of youngsters and exposed them to the wonders of nature with special overnight field trips and experiences. He is also very active in the community, volunteering with the Sergeant Bluff Fire Rescue, Boy Scout leader and as a youth coach for various sports.



Receiving the “**Friend of Conservation**” award was **Ginger Martin** of Sioux City. Martin is an active volunteer with the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Iowa State University Master Gardeners and Sioux City Wildlife Lodge and Clinic. She spends much of her volunteer time at the Nature Center tending the butterfly and wildflower gardens.



This is the 28th year the conservation board has recognized outstanding conservation efforts. Volunteers provide such a vital service to our nature center and county parks. Last year, 2,705 hours were logged by volunteers.

The Woodbury County Conservation Board also recognized more than 160 volunteers for the hours of service they provided the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center and Woodbury County Parks in 2016. This includes 23 Junior Volunteers, ages 12-17.

Specific volunteers recognized were Greg Andersen, Jack Anderson, Derik Bailey, Bob Baldwin, Audie Baughman, Julie Baughman, Briana Baughman, Cindy Bennett, Chris Birdsell, Rita Birke, Josh Black, Carol Blair, ShaiLynne Blakeslee, Dianne Blankenship, Kira Bliss, Jeanne Bockholt, Suzan Boden, Rick Borg, Missy Brandon, Sean Brandon, Reid Brandon, Shay Brandon, Katelyn Brinkerhoff, Emma Bruns, John Burns, Megan Carlson, David Chapman, Karla Claussen, Steve Claussen, Alexis Comer, Sydney Corcoran, Summer Cord, Kandi Custer, Mark Custer, Judi Deaton, Tracie Derochie, Don Dixon, Abby Duin, Nick Fondoulakis, Bill Forbes, Cathy Frost, Tracy Gates, Greg Giles, Tyler Griffin, Rae Hattan, Brian Hazlett, Jim Henning, Alexia Henschke, Kai Herron, Jane Hey, Sue Hinrichs, Phyllis Holzrichter, Bruce Hopkins, Sandy Horton, Loyanne Jensen, Chuck Johnson, Alicia Junge, Angela Kaiser, Kendra Kersting, Diana Kincaid, Laura Kinnaman, Kathy Koskovich, Randy Kramer, Tiana Kruid, Herb Kuehne, Rosie Kuehne, Leonard Kurtz, Sara Larson, Keri Leopold, John Leopold, Sarah Leopold, Marlin Lessmann, Kenny Leuenberger, Reid Linder, Lyle Listamann, Tina Listamann, Bianca Llamas, Sharese Manker, Brianna Martens, Ginger Martin, Courtney Massey, Desiree McCaslen, Chloe McClure, Jane Merritt,

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Nature Center Hours

Tuesday through Saturday 9:00am-4:30 p.m.
Sunday 1:00-4:30 p.m.
Monday Closed

Open until 7:00 p.m. Thursdays in June & July

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 or play after building hours, please remove your vehicle from the main parking lot and park in the lower lot.



Woodbury County Pheasants Forever

Fishing Derby
Saturday, June 17
9:00am to 1:00pm
Little Sioux Park ~Correctionville, IA

For information check website:
www.woodburycountypf.org

To register or for more information contact:
Scott Rustwick at
(712)277-2263 or
sarustwick@cableone.net



In the Parks

The Woodbury County Conservation Board Campgrounds are now open until October 31st. Many participated in our annual camping kickoff weekend held May 5th through May 7th. Those who came out for the beautiful weekend received free “goodies” and a coupon for a free night of camping to be used during the 2017 camping season. Beach areas at Brown’s Lake and Little Sioux Park are set to open Saturday, May 27th through Labor Day.

Our staff has been busy throughout the winter and spring months completing improvement to our parks and natural areas. Several big projects were completed at Little Sioux Park including an area of bank stabilization in one of the picnic areas. The addition of sidewalks and hard surface outdoor living spaces at the cabins and installation of a water control structure on Little Sioux Park Lake. This water control structure will help to maintain a more consistent water level in the lake and alleviate problems with high water at the swimming area.

Staff planted 100 new trees in the parks throughout the county in an effort to increase diversity of tree species in the parks.

If you haven’t been able to check out our new cabins at our Southwood Conservation Area they are really worth a look. The cabins opened midsummer 2016 they have become very popular. Located in the middle of Southwood Conservation area near Smithland, Iowa, this area offers hiking, hunting, fishing, equestrian trails, camping and picnicking. All cabin reservations for our parks are taken online on our website.

The Conservation Board has acquired a new access to the Little Sioux River. The access is located along highway 31 by the D-50 Bridge and will be named Meyer Access. This 2.5 acre area will have a parking area with the remainder to be seeded into a pollinator mix this spring. The new area will have signage put up later this year.

We are expecting 2017 to be another busy year. We hope everyone will have a chance to come visit one of our parks, natural areas, or nature center this year.

By Brian Stehr, Deputy Director

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:

John Polifka, President, at
jpospo141@gmail.com

Loess Hills Audubon Outings, contact:
Jerry Von Ehwegen at jerryvon@cableone.net

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



Recycling Available in our County Parks

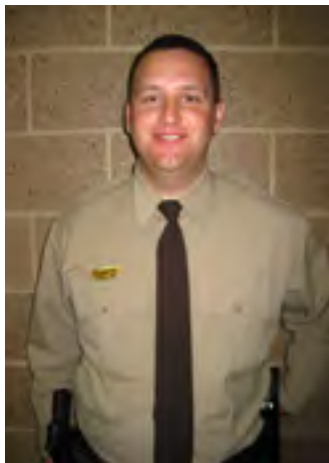
The Woodbury County Conservation Board now has recycling available in three of our four parks. Little Sioux Park, Snyder Bend Park, and Bigelow Park have a recycling dumpster available for park guests. Look for these clearly marked dumpsters located near the firewood shed at Snyder Bend Park and Bigelow Park. At Little Sioux Park the dumpster is located in the parking lot north of the cabins. We are asking park users to please place only accepted items into these dumpsters. Items accepted include cardboard, paper, rinsed plastics with lids removed, and tin. No trash or glass please! Thank you for efforts in keeping these items out of the landfill and for keeping the parks clean for all to enjoy.

Officers Graduate from Academy

The Conservation Board is proud to announce the graduation of Dylan Bales and Erik Lindsay from the 272nd Basic Class of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on April 14, 2017. Dylan and Erik are now certified peace officers and will serve in this capacity at Snyder Bend Park and Southwood Conservation Area respectively. The Basic Class consists of fourteen weeks of intensive study and training.

Due to retirements of certified officers in 2016, the Board needed to send newly promoted park managers to ILEA for certification. The Board also felt the need for a second certified officer at Southwood and approved the promotion of Erik to Assistant Resource Manager. Resource Manager and Assistant positions require law enforcement certification.

Assistant Resource Manager Nathan Silfies began his training May 8 as part of the 275th Basic Class and will graduate August 18. The Conservation Department will have a total of seven certified officers on staff.



Dylan Bales, left and Erik Lindsay, above at Academy graduation.

WCCB Staff Changes



My name is **Michael Massey** and I am the Resource Technician at Bigelow Park and Snyder Bend. I live with my wife Mary at Brown's Lake in Salix Iowa. We have three grown children and five grandchildren. We like spending time with our family and friends on the lake fishing and enjoying the water. I also enjoy working on remodeling projects that we are doing to our home.

My name is **Derek Bean**. I was born and raised in Onawa, Iowa and I have a twin brother and an older sister. I went to college at South Dakota State University and received a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. While growing up I enjoyed fishing and exploring the countryside with my siblings and grandpa, which led me to pursue a career in natural resources. These days I still enjoy fishing with family and friends along with hunting and golfing. I have worked in natural resources in South Dakota and Iowa as well as working as a chemical applicator. I am looking forward to being part of the team to improve natural resources and the parks. My goal has always been to have a career in this field of work and I am excited to start my career with Woodbury County Conservation at Little Sioux Park.



Go Green!

Request this newsletter electronically.
Email dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov
or call 712-258-0838.

Nest Box Neighborhood

On April Fool's Day 2017, there was no "fooling" around for two local Girl Scouts, who took to the trees at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center looking to provide potential homes for area birds. Their task leading up to this day was to research locally nesting bird species, build appropriate sized nest boxes for them, install the boxes and document their project. All this sounds simple enough, but when you're vying for the most prestigious award in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award, a project like this would require hours of research, planning, construction and a minimum fear of heights!

Beginning almost one year earlier, Kalyope Miller and Kira Bliss collaborated with the staff at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center and discussed project ideas that would qualify them for their Girl Scout Gold Award. Desired projects would be able to be used as educational resources for the Nature Center, enhance the Center's mission statement and be a benefit to the environment and wildlife surrounding the Center.

All discussion completed, the Nest Box Neighborhood project was a go! This project would require the scouts to research and construct nest boxes designed to attract local cavity nesting birds, as well as an informational notebook containing local bird species facts and nesting information, nest box construction plans, a map of where all the boxes are located at the Center and a scrapbook highlighting the project.

With the assistance of DPNC staff, the two Girl Scouts successfully installed nine nest boxes and two nest baskets along the trails surrounding the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Since the installation, DPNC staff has witnessed several species of birds taking interest in the boxes. House wrens, black-capped chickadees, American robins, great-crested flycatchers, blue jays, mourning doves, and wood ducks have all been seen frequenting the areas around the boxes, and in some cases, even sticking their heads inside to review the accommodations.

As a final requirement for their Gold Award project, Kalyope and Kira led a public hike. As the scouts led guests through the Nest Box Neighborhood, they discussed what it means to be a Girl Scout, the importance of encouraging young women everywhere to consider becoming a scout, the scope of their Gold Award project, the benefits to be received from the project and why it's so important to set goals and see them through to completion. The DPNC staff are very pleased with all the work these wonderful young ladies have put into this project, and are excited to watch the nesting neighborhood grow!

Summer is here folks! Grab your binoculars, field guide, water and snacks and come visit the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center.

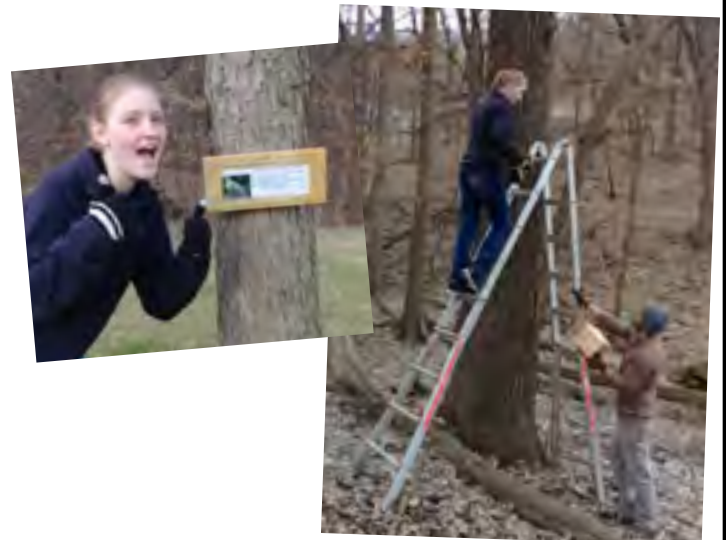
By Tyler Flammang, Resource Naturalist



Above: Kalyope Miller & Kira Bliss preparing to hang sign

Below Right: Kalyope Miller hanging birdhouse with Tyler Flammang's assistance.

Below Left: Kalyope having fun!



Volunteers Continued

Jill Miller, Judy Miller, Kalyope Miller, Brenda Nelson, Erica Newbrough, Lori Newbrough, Jeff Olson, Kevin Pape, Judy Peers-Tagstrom, Annie Peterson, Lynne Peterson, Mark Peterson, Walt Peterson, Eric Pfautsch, Kathy Pfautsch, Zach Pike, Hillary Ping, Donna Popp, Elizabeth Reiva, Gill Ridenour, Kelly Ridgway, Pam Ridgway, Jaelyn Riemenschneider, Becky Roberson, Pat Roberson, Becky Roemmich, Lauron Rossie, Heidi Rouse, Norb Ruhland, Catherine Saulsbury, Pat Saulsbury, Shannon Saulsbury, Angie Schneider, Barb Schultz, Herman Schultz, Chris Schwerin, Michele Schwerin, Anne Shaner, Ellen Shaner, Gary Shaner, Ben Shaputis, Nancy Shulenberg, Mary Siepker, Mary Sievers, Barb Small, Sam Sneed, Bennett Snyder, Stacey Snyder, Grace Stevens, Neil Stockfleth, Doris Swanson, John Swanson, Mike Swanson, Tracy Swanson, Bob Sweeney, Olivia Tidwell, Rod Tondreau, Sharlene Torres, Lynette Tullis, Dean VanRoekel, Hunter Vedral, Emma VonHagel, Howard Wanned, Olivia Warren, Paul Weber, Tracey Wenger, Emma Wenger, Carly West, Gina West, Alyssa Wicker, Becky Williams, Jessica Wisnewski, Eric Wodtke, Dottie Zales and Chris Zellmer-Zant.

Volunteers assist with educational programs, trail maintenance, playscape construction, gardening, special projects, fund raising, trail patrol, animal care and other duties at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center and Woodbury County Parks. For more information on volunteering contact Betty West, Volunteer Coordinator at 712-258-0838 or <http://woodburyparks.org/volunteer/>.



Some of our Super Volunteers at our Annual Banquet!



Animal Adoption List

Battle Creek Ida Grove First Graders -
Skye, American Kestrel
Dean & Paula VanRoekel -
Olaf & Harlan, Barred Owls
Gene & Ginger Martin - Scarlet, Red-tailed Hawk
Scott Kayl - Raptors
Kingsley State Bank - Snakes
Scott & Laura Phelps - Turtles
Dick's Bait & Tackle - Weekly Minnows donation

Thanks to all who help sponsor our educational animals!

Local Partnership

The Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center is participating with Siouxland Public Media (KWIT Sioux City FM 90.3 and KOJI Okoboji FM 90.7 radio) as part of their membership benefit for sustaining members. Sustaining members of Siouxland Public Media (SPM) receive a membership card and special benefits at local and regional businesses and organizations. Show your SPM sustaining membership card at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center and receive 15% off gift shop purchases, excluding consignment shop items. We are pleased to collaborate with SPM and appreciate all they offer to the community.



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

Be a Tourist in Your Own Town! Pick up a Passport at the Nature Center and other local attractions, visit attractions during June and July to stamp your passport and get registered to win some fun prizes!

Saturday, June 10: Iowa Mammals, 6:30 p.m., Snyder Bend Park, 3 miles SW of Salix, Iowa. Join a Summer Naturalist at the open shelter by the boat ramp to learn about our native Iowa mammals and how to identify them. Free!

Tuesday, June 13: Nature Tales, 10:00 a.m., DPNC. Preschoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about stars. Pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov.

Saturday, June 17: Pheasant's Forever Fishing Derby for Youth, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Youth up to age 18 are invited. Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult with a valid fishing license. Youth 16 and up must have a valid fishing license. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the shelter by the beach. Free. For more information and to pre-register contact 712-277-2263.

Saturday, June 17: Digital Photography. 10:00 a.m. – Noon. DPNC. Bring your own camera and be prepared to go into the field to learn some basic digital photography techniques. Please pre-register. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov.

Saturday, June 17: Nature Hike. 1:30 p.m. DPNC. Join a Summer Naturalist Intern on a guided hike on the trails. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Saturday, June 24: Nature Hike. 1:30 p.m. DPNC. Join a Summer Naturalist Intern on a guided hike on the trails. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Saturday, June 24: Camouflage Critters. 6:30 p.m., Southwood Conservation Area, 1 mile S of Smithland, Iowa. Join a Summer Naturalist at the parking lot near the ponds for a program about animals and camouflage. Free!

Tuesday, June 27: Riverside Bluffs Hike, 6:30 p.m., Riverside Bluffs Prairie. Meet at the last parking lot on top of the hill in Kirk Hansen Park, along West 19th Street in Sioux City. Join the Woodbury County Conservation Foundation board members on this hike through this native prairie. We will search the hillsides for blooming prairie plants. Wear sturdy walking shoes. A rain date of June 28 at 6:30 p.m. is scheduled if the hike is canceled due to severe weather. Sponsored by WCCF.

Thursday, June 29: Make a Paracord Dog Leash—Part One. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. DPNC. Create a handmade leash for your best four-legged friend! This is Part One of the two-part course. Cost is \$15.00/leash and all supplies will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Limit of 10 participants. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov. Open until 7pm on Thursdays in June and July.

Saturday, July 1: Play in the Park, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Join us for a day of fun at Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. There will be various activities set up throughout the park that may include: archery, water games, hikes and live animal programs. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

Thursday, July 6: Make a Paracord Dog Leash—Part Two. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. DPNC. Create a handmade leash for your best four-legged friend! This is Part Two of the two-part course. Cost is \$15.00/leash and all supplies will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Limit of 10 participants. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang if you didn't make it to Part One or with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov. Open until 7pm on Thursdays in July.

Saturday, July 8: Nature Hike. 1:30 p.m. DPNC. Join a Summer Naturalist Intern on a guided hike on the Nature Center's trails. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Saturday, July 8: Reptiles. 6:30 p.m. Brown's Lake, 2 miles west of Salix, Iowa. Join a Summer Naturalist at the open play area near the playground to learn about our scaled animals such as turtles and snakes. Free!

Tuesday, July 11: Nature Tales, 10:00 a.m., DPNC. Preschoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time at the Nature Playscape, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov.

Thursday, July 13: Live Animal Lunchtime, 4:30 p.m., DPNC. Come and watch our live animals eat. Learn about their habitat needs and adaptations. Free! Open until 7pm on Thursdays in July.

Thursday, July 20: Map & Compass. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., DPNC. Learn some basic orienteering skills using a map and compass. Bring your own compass if you have one.

More events listed on page 8

Calendar of Events Continued

To Register for Events Call 712-258-0838

Saturday, July 22: Nature Hike. 1:30 p.m. DPNC. Join a Summer Naturalist Intern on a guided hike on the Nature Center's trails. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Saturday, July 22: All About Birds. 6:30 p.m. Snyder Bend Park, 3 miles SW of Salix, Iowa. Join a Summer Naturalist at the open shelter by the boat ramp to learn about birds and tips on how to identify them. Bring binoculars if you have them. Free!

Thursday, July 27: Meet the Animals. 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. DPNC. Stop in to meet our feathered and scaled live animals. This will give you an opportunity to view the salamanders, turtles, snakes and birds of prey up close and personal. Free! Open until 7pm on Thursdays in July.

Saturday, July 29: Canoeing & Water Safety. 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Meet at the beach area. Learn about sun and water safety and canoeing basics and then practice your skills on the lake. All equipment provided. This program is free and pre-registration is appreciated by calling 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov.

August 2-6: Come see us at the Woodbury County Fair in Merville. We will be in the Varied Industries Building.

Thursday, August 3: Reptiles at the Fair. 1:00 p.m. Old Town area. Meet some live reptiles up close when you are at the Woodbury County Fair. Free!

Tuesday, August 8: Nature Tales, 10:00 a.m., DPNC. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about frogs & toads. Hike included. Pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov.

Thursday, August 10: Live Animal Lunchtime, 4:30 p.m., DPNC. Come and watch our live animals eat. Learn about their habitat needs and adaptations. Free!

Friday, August 11: Evening Campfire, DPNC. 7:00 p.m. Join the Summer Naturalists and celebrate a great summer of activities while we enjoy time around the campfire—complete with S'Mores. Free!

Loess Hills Heritage Youth Poster Contest for Grades K-12 Opens. Download instructions, application and information at <http://www.visitloesshills.org/>. Or call Dawn Snyder at 712-258-0838 or dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov for more information. See alternate sites for each county in the Loess Hills at <http://www.visitloesshills.org/>. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top winner in each age category.

Thursday, August 24: Sunset Photography. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., DPNC. Bring your camera, tripod and shutter release to capture the setting sun. Pre-registration is required. Limit of 20 people. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov.

Wednesday, September 6: Akron Farmer's Market Conservation Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Local conservation organizations will host informational booths at the Akron City Park as well as local grown foods.

Friday, September 8: Monarch Butterfly Tagging in the Prairie, 6:00 p.m. We will search for any migrating monarchs and hope to tag them on their journey to Mexico. Wear sturdy walking shoes and meet at the Talbot Road entrance to the Sioux City Prairie. Free! The prairie is located approximately 1/2 mile North of the Military Road & Talbot Road intersection in Sioux City. Event is sponsored by The Nature Conservancy in Iowa and Woodbury County Conservation Board.

Tuesday, September 12: Nature Tales, 10:00 a.m., DPNC. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about Monarchs. Hike included. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov.

Friday, September 22: Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls preparation.

September 22: Loess Hills Heritage Youth Poster Contest applications due. 4:00 p.m., DPNC, 4500 Sioux River Rd., Sioux City, IA 51109. 712-258-0838. Dawn Snyder, dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov. See alternate sites for each county in the Loess Hills at <http://www.visitloesshills.org/>.

Saturday, September 23 & 24: Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls

Saturday, September 23: Nature Calls, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Sioux City Convention Center. Fundraiser featuring beer & wine tasting, nature art & charity auction to raise funds for the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Call 712-258-0838 for tickets or purchase online after August 1 at <http://woodburyparks.org/>.

September 23 – October 1: Loess Hills and Heritage Week. Celebrate the Loess Hills! Check online at <http://www.visitloesshills.org/> for a listing of activities found throughout the seven county Loess Hills region in Iowa.

Sunday, October 1: Prairie Wildflower Walk, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Mount Talbot State Preserve, Stone State Park. Celebrate Iowa's Loess Hills and Heritage Week! Join wildflower enthusiast Rich Pope as he leads us on a walk to find fall prairie bloomers and grasses. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather. Meet at the east entrance of Stone State Park to travel north along Talbot Road to Mount Talbot State Preserve. Contact Dawn Snyder with any questions at 712-258-0838 or dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov.

Goodbye Olaf ~ Hello Harlan

As many of you know already, Olaf, our resident educational Barred Owl of nearly four years, passed away on March 28, 2017. We believe it was from old age and definitely of natural causes. He was at least 10 years of age but could have been much older. Since coming to the Nature Center, Olaf has attended 170 educational programs and helped teach over 10,000 people about owls and raptors. All will sorely miss him.

On April 18, 2017 a new Barred Owl joined our animal ambassador crew. We believe it is a male but do not know its age. Harlan is permanently injured and unable to sustain flight, thus he cannot hunt for food. He was hit by a car and found near a city park in Harlan, Iowa. A compound fracture damaged the elbow and shoulder. Harlan is still acclimating to his new home and people, but we hope he'll be ready for programs soon.

Thanks to Kay Neumann and Saving Our Avian Resources (SOAR) for their assistance with this owl and with our other raptors.

Stop out to the Nature Center and meet Harlan!



Olaf on the left and Harlan on the right. Both are Barred Owls. Stop at the Nature Center to meet Harlan!

**The Loess Hills
Longbeards Chapter
National Wild Turkey
Federation**



For more information contact
Ralph 712-239-4531 or phyllisbuys@hotmail.com

Save the Date!

14th Annual Nature Calls Fundraiser Saturday, September 23, 2017

Sioux City Convention Center

Tickets go on sale in August.

*Beer & Wine Tasting, Nature Artists,
Silent & Live Auction & More!*

www.woodburyparks.org/naturecalls



*Contact Dawn if you would like to be a sponsor
or donate an auction item.*

Brown's Lake Beach Hours to Change

Swim beaches at Little Sioux Park and Brown's Lake opened for the season on May 27th at 11:00 a.m. during the Memorial Day Weekend. Due to recurring problems at the Brown's Lake beach, closing hours there will be shortened from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Little Sioux Park beach will still remain open until 8:00 p.m. The beaches are open daily, weather permitting, from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, September 4.

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/>

Acknowledgements and Thanks

- **Sioux City Garden Club** for \$500 grant for native wildflower plants
- **Ed Walding** for cash donation for intern fund
- **Scott & Laura Phelps** for cash donation
- **Kingsley State Bank** for cash donation
- **Mark & Judy Monson** for cash donation
- **Carol Blair** for cash donation for snakes
- **Scott Kayl** for cash donation for raptor food
- **Rob McClary** for deer skull
- **Siouxland Fly Fishing Club** for fly tying demonstration
- **PEO Chapter GZ** for cash donation
- **Gene & Ginger Martin** for cash donation and Adoption of Scarlet the Red-tailed Hawk
- **Rod Tondreau** for cash donation
- **Doris Swanson** for meat & cheese tray
- **Thompson Electric** for steel pipe for eagle sculpture
- **Jolly Time Pop Corn** for popcorn for “On Golden Pond” event
- **LAMB Regional Arts Theatre** for “On Golden Pond” Projects of HOPE benefit
- **Judi Deaton & Fiskars** for donation of 48 pairs of scissors
- **Heather Tillotson** for cash donation
- **Kay Neumann & SOAR** (Saving Our Avian Resources) for Harlan the Barred Owl
- **Woodbury County Pheasants Forever** for newsletter ad
- **Catherine McKnight** for tree seedlings
- **Donna Popp and Anne Shaner** for bird seed
- **Sacred Heart & Riverside School Beyond the Bell** for craft supplies & paper products
- **Helen Schuck** for coyote, bobcat, raccoon and fox furs and fur hats
- **Zack Durr Science Nutrition** for “Super Hero” drink mix containers
- **Brenda Nelson, Doris Swanson & Katelyn Brinkerhoff** for clerical assistance
- **Bennett Snyder, Elizabeth Reiva, Blake Christensen, Abby Duin, Caroline Oberg & Laura Kinman** for trail maintenance
- **Leonard Kurtz** for bee keeping
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- **Dean VanRoekel** for Playscape consultation & construction
- **Gary Shaner** for fishing rods & reels repair
- **Kalyope Miller, Kira Bliss, Jill Miller & Bruce Miller** for nesting boxes & signs
- **Sydney Corcoran & Katelyn Brinkerhoff** for general maintenance
- **Becky Roemmich** for painting & donating painted birdhouse gourd
- **Ginger Martin** for care of orphaned baby birds
- **Dominic Johnson** for trail maintenance and habitat work
- **Cindy Hyndman, Ginger Martin & Tracey Wenger** for assisting at ticket window & concession stand at “On Golden Pond” fundraiser
- **Carrie Radloff, Chad Heath & Greg Giles** for working the Nature Calls Booth at Steins & Vines Festival
- **Tiana Kruid** for books and bug boxes
- **Wray Wright** for raptor food
- **Sheryl Cripps** for Birds & Blooms magazines
- **Steve & Lynn Corrie and friends** for Bald Eagle nest assistance.

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

Memorial Gifts

Thanks to a memorial gift, kids can look at three states through a viewing scope, see a life-size Bald Eagle sculpture and “play” in a bald eagle’s nest. The family and friends of Michael Corrie generously donated funds to create these additions at the Discovery Forest Nature Playscape and the Kestrel overlook deck.

Michael was the son of Steve and Lynn (Bitsy) Corrie of Sioux City and brother of Liz. He passed away suddenly from a rare brain abscess in April 2016 at the age of 22. He grew up in Sioux City, attended Sioux City Public Schools and was a senior at the University of Iowa majoring in psychology at the time of his death. He loved spending time at the family cabin in northern Minnesota watching bald eagles. His parents thought it fitting to sponsor the Bald Eagle sculpture and nest as a memorial gift.

Thank you to the Corrie family and friends for their contribution to enhance the trails and Playscape at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. We are honored to receive these gifts.



*Viewing scope at Kestrel Point, left.
Bald Eagle sculpture, above and Eagle nest
with sculpture at playscape, right.*



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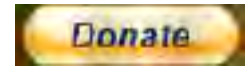
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