



# The Otter Creek Quarterly

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*A Newsletter of the Buchanan County Conservation Board*

*Comment on the Future of the Iron Bridge Near Quasqueton (page 3)!*

## A Prairie for the Ages

Dan Cohen, BCCB Director

Last spring, the Conservation Board acquired what is perhaps the last sizable tract of native prairie that remained unprotected in Buchanan County. The 33-acre Quigley-Slattery Heritage Prairie contains more than 150 species of plants, and is home to many grassland birds and other wildlife. It is located off 180th Street, about four miles northeast of Wintthrop.

As with any county land acquisition, the success of this project relied on many people and partner groups. The Quigley Family owned the property for generations, and never plowed the prairie. About 20 years ago, they enrolled the land as a private prairie reserve. Jerry and Virginia Slattery purchased the ground along with the adjacent farm land in 2012. Unable to farm the wet prairie ground, they agreed to sell the 33 acres to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF), which coordinated with the Conservation Board to hold the property while grant funds and donations were sought.

Successful grant writing brought in funds from Iowa's Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP), North American Wetland Conservation Act (through Iowa DNR), Iowa Pheasants Forever State Council, and Iowa's Living Roadway Trust Fund. Partner donors included: Buchanan Chapter of Pheasants Forever and other local county chapters (Clayton, Linn, Benton, Black Hawk); Buchanan County Wildlife Association; and Iowa Prairie Network. Other major donations came from Carylann Mucha; In Memory of Jim Bodensteiner; Max and Charlotte Grover Family in memory of Guy Grover; Jon Judson and Kay Neumann; Sam and Millie Rodgers; and Fred Wiegert.

All funds were in place by late winter,



*Iowa Natural Heritage Interns Sarah Klein and Olivia Rauhen examine Michigan lilies (right) at Quigley-Slattery Heritage Prairie during the Iowa Prairie conference.*



Photo by Larry Stone

and the Conservation Board took ownership on March 13, 2015. The Conservation Board manages the area for native prairie, public hunting, and other forms of nature appreciation and education. INHF and the Conservation Board staff began enhancing the prairie by sponsoring volunteer work days to clear invasive woody plants and conducting management burns. In July, the Iowa Prairie Conference made the prairie one of their featured field trip destinations, with more than 70 participants exploring the diversity of prairie plants and wildlife.

The public is invited to a prairie "ribbon-cutting" as an introduction to this new public outdoor destination. The program will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 5 p.m. (see page 5).

## Fishing Pier at Otter Creek Wildlife Area

Through a cooperative effort, a handicap accessible fishing pier has been added to the Otter Creek Wildlife Area in Hazleton.

People have been fishing from the Hazleton West Bridge (county road C57), and climbing down the road ditch to fish, for decades. It was not uncommon for motorists to encounter people fishing from the bridge, bicycles alongside the bridge, and other safety hazards as they entered the west edge of Hazleton. In order to get off the bridge, anglers had to carefully maneuver down the road ditch. If they walked too far south, they were fishing on private property.

An opportunity to improve the fishing situation presented itself when the City of Hazleton partnered with Buchanan County Secondary Roads to replace and widen the bridge, using major grant funding from Iowa DOT. Widening the bridge would impact a very small portion of the Conservation Board's Otter Creek Wildlife Area - an important wildlife refuge that had partly been acquired using federal Land and Water Conservation Act grant funds in the 1960s and 1970s. The engineering firm for the project – IIW – presented information on the project to the Conservation Board. In order to widen the bridge, the project had to provide some type of mitigation work to add a benefit to the Otter Creek Wildlife Area that made up for the slight loss of existing habitat.

The Conservation Board came up with the idea of installing a fishing pier, with improved access, as part of the bridge mitigation. The City of Hazleton agreed to the project. A small area of land was acquired from the Jim and Mary Baldwin Family for the pier installation. Now, when someone comes to fish at the C57 bridge, there is a place to park a car or bike, off the road. There are options of concrete steps or a wheelchair-accessible sidewalk to take people to the pier. And the pier provides access to the more popular fishing holes. Riprap around the pier also provides habitat for invertebrates that attract fish.



## Long-time Conservation Worker Resigns

Karen Ott began her work with the Conservation Department through an AmeriCorps Grant in 2001. Her duties were varied, but it soon became apparent that her main area of interest resided with the live animals in the popular Fontana Park Wildlife Display. As her contract under AmeriCorps expired, Conservation Board Director Dan Cohen made extensive efforts to renew her contract or some other way to keep her working in the Department.

When a part-time position as a Conservation Technician became available in 2003, Karen was hired. In 2006, she was made a full-time Conservation Technician. Throughout her employment, Karen remained the chief caretaker for the Wildlife Display.

Many people, especially the frequent morning visitors to the Wildlife Display, have come to know Karen well. Her outgoing personality and friendliness has endeared her to park visitors and staff, and she will be missed. Her last day of work will be September 17.

In her resignation announcement, Karen stated that her employment with the Buchanan County Conservation Board has been her best job experience. However, she feels it is time to move on, and explore new places and opportunities. Anyone interested in sending correspondence, can mail letters to: Karen Ott, Buchanan County Conservation Board, 1883 125th St., Hazleton, IA 50641.



## 2016 Animal Sponsorships



*The golden eagle is one of the many animals that can be reserved beginning September 1*

Mark your calendar for September 1 – that is the first day to make your reservation to sponsor an animal for the 2016 calendar year. Animal sponsorships make the perfect holiday gift for the hard to buy for. Sponsorship packages include a letter, certificate, and photo of the sponsored animal and will be sent in time for Holiday gift giving.

To sponsor an animal in our wildlife exhibit, an individual, group, or business needs to make a minimum donation to the Friends of Fontana Park. Donation amounts differ for each animal, ranging from \$35 to \$175. The sponsor’s name(s) will be placed on a plaque on the animal’s enclosure in early January for the 2016 calendar year. To reserve an animal, contact the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center at 319-636-2617 or fontanapark@iowatelecom.net on or after September 1.

### Sponsor the Bird Feeders!

The bird feeders at the Nature Center provide excellent viewing of wild birds year-round. Sponsors donate \$50 toward bird seed. All sponsors are recognized on a plaque in the Nature Center. To sponsor a month, contact the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center at 319-636-2617 or fontanapark@iowatelecom.net

The Animal Sponsorship program raises money for the conservation board’s environmental education program. The money goes toward educational and recreational programs, the newsletter, and animal display.

### Needs at the Historical Site

The Richardson-Jakway Foundation is looking for 84-inch sheers, folding chairs, and braided rugs. The Foundation is working towards replacing old curtains and rugs inside of the 1851 Richardson Jakway House, located at Jakway Forest. If you are interested in Buchanan County History and would like to join the Foundation Committee please email Naturalist Angie Auel at naturalist@iowatelecom.net or call 319-636-2617.



## Comments Sought on the Iron Bridge

The Conservation Board is seeking input on the future of the historic Iron Bridge, located at the Iron Bridge Woodland near Quasqueton. The bridge currently is closed to pedestrian use due to safety concerns. Please submit your comments about the value of protecting and preserving this feature for public use, and any stories you may have about the historic bridge.

The circa 1872 bridge likely will need some significant

repairs. Buchanan County Secondary Roads and the Conservation Board are working together to determine specific needs and costs. Public input will help determine how much support exists for these repairs. Send comments to:



Iron Bridge Comments

Buchanan County Conservation Board, 1883 125th St., Hazleton, IA 50641  
bccbdan@iowatelecom.net; Comment on Facebook on the Fontana Park page.



## *Monarch Tagging*

Saturday, Aug. 29 1 p.m.; Location TBD; Cost: \$3 per person or \$7 per family

The 2014-15 overwintering population of monarch butterflies in Mexico rebounded somewhat from the record low recorded in 2013-14, but was still the second lowest recorded. Continued concerns have resulted in a lot of publicity and increased plantings of milkweed. This summer, conditions were again very good for monarch reproduction throughout much of their reproductive range, leading to high hopes that the numbers this winter will be significantly better.

Tagging monarchs is a way to monitor their numbers and track any shifts in the original locations of monarchs that reach Mexico. Regional tagging is also helpful in that it demonstrates how monarchs respond to the physical conditions and quality of the habitats in these areas. Thus, tagging is an important tool to help us understand the overall dynamics of the monarch population.

Tagging will take place at a location to be determined by the presence of nectaring flowers attractive to monarchs. Participants will catch, tag and release these tiny travelers, and will be helping with research conducted through the University of Kansas' Monarch Watch program. Nets and tags will be provided. Those who are registered will be contacted with the tagging location by August 26.

## *Extreme Outdoors!*

Register online for these adventures at <http://www.buchanancountyparks.com/>

Extreme Outdoors is a series of adventuresome, fun, challenging, exhilarating and safe outdoor recreational activities sponsored by naturalists with Buchanan, Benton, and Chickasaw Counties. Limited transportation may be available from Fontana Park and other local county conservation board (CCB) offices. Please call your CCB office to inquire. Each activity will be led by experienced professionals. Scott Gram, author of *Extreme Kids*, describes Extreme Outdoors this way: "It is about excitement, but in a fully safe manner. It is about personal growth through new accomplishments. It is not about defying death. Just the opposite, in fact. Extreme is about reveling in life." You and your family are invited to get off the couch, put away the electronic games, and get out and experience these adrenaline-filled opportunities to experience the Iowa Outdoors in ways you may not have tried or even known existed. There are exciting opportunities for all ages and skill levels.

### **Extreme Outdoors: Rock Climbing; Backbone State Park**

Saturday, August 29, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; \$30 per person; minimum age 12

University of Northern Iowa Outdoor Recreation staff will instruct participants in climbing techniques and safety before you attempt to scale the rock faces at Backbone State Park. Dress for the weather in clothing that is flexible, but not baggy and wear sturdy shoes. You may wish to have some snacks and a water bottle. Release and location details provided upon registration. All climbing equipment is provided.



### **Survival Skills; Benton County**

Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Benton County

\$20 per person - minimum age 12, includes all materials and lunch

Could you survive in the outdoors without all your electronic gadgets? We'll show you how. Participants will learn how to build a shelter, make a simple fishing kit, start a fire, and make survival bracelets, just to name a few. Come prepared to learn the basics - basics that could save your life.

## Composter & Stand DIY

Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
 \$40 per composter/stand combo  
 Fontana Nature Center

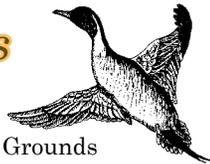


We finally have materials for spinning composters again – and there was a lot of demand when we offered this before. Plan to do the simple assembly of the composter and they harder work (if you have a hydraulic press to flatten portions of 1 ½ inch aluminum pipe, please let us know) of flattening pipe and constructing the compost stand. Materials list will be provided for registered participants.

## Hunter Safety Class

Sept. 16, 7-9 p.m.; Sept. 17, 7-9 p.m.;  
 Sept. 19, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Buchanan County Wildlife Association Grounds  
 Register online at [www.iowadnr.gov/training](http://www.iowadnr.gov/training)  
 For more information, call Ken Aarhus  
 (319-327-0141) or Doug Beier (319-334-3256)



Anyone born on or after January 1, 1972 must be certified in Hunter Education before they are eligible to purchase an Iowa hunting license. A person 11 years old or older may enroll in a course, but those who are 11 and successfully complete the course shall be issued a certificate which becomes valid on their 12th birthday.

## Quigley-Slattery Heritage Prairie Celebration

Thursday, September 24, 5 p.m.; Quigley-Slattery Heritage Prairie, on 180th St., northeast of Winthrop.

Celebrate the Quigley-Slattery Heritage Prairie as the newest addition to the natural gems managed by the Buchanan County Conservation Board. This unique native prairie was acquired last spring (see cover page).

During the celebration, visitors will be introduced to this unique native prairie. They will hear the story of how the area was protected and made public, and take a guided walk through the prairie. There also will be an opportunity to visit with representatives from some partner groups and local policy-makers.



*Prairie enthusiasts at Quigley-Slattery Heritage Prairie (Photo by Larry Stone)*

*Unless otherwise indicated, programs are free. You must call 319-636-2617 to preregister for programs, or email [fontanapark@iowatelecom.net](mailto:fontanapark@iowatelecom.net).*

## 2015 Discover Wolves Bus Tour - A Weekend with Wolves!

International Wolf Center, Ely, Minnesota  
 September 24-27; Reservation Deadline extended, call as soon as possible  
 Registration information and trip brochure can be found at [www.buchanancountyparks.com](http://www.buchanancountyparks.com)

Buchanan and Linn County Conservation Departments are offering opportunities to step into the wolf picture during a four-day journey. Participants will visit the International Wolf Center and take part in its programs as well as view other sites in Minnesota. The climax of the trip will be an experience of a lifetime – the chance to see and hear wolves in the wild during a guided evening wolf howl in the Superior National Forest. Complete information and registration materials can be found in the trip brochure available at the web site above, or by calling 319-636-2617.





### *"Earth, Too" Clover Kids*

Tuesdays: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan 19, Feb. 16, March 15, April 19, May 17, 2015; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 East Elementary School Lunchroom, Independence  
 Cost is \$20 per person/\$30 per family  
 Mandatory Parent Meeting September 15 4:30 p.m.  
 Preregister by calling 319-636-2617

Clover Kids 4H is a fun youth program designed for children in Kindergarten through third grade. The focus is hands-on cooperative learning in small groups. Clover Kids participate in activities, games, and other positive experiences in a supportive, creative, challenging and fun environment. The "Earth, Too" Clover kids will be especially involved in learning about the natural world. "Earth, Too" Clover Kids is sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach and the Conservation Board. Naturalists Angie Auel and Sondra Cabell are the program leaders. If you are unable to attend the mandatory parent meeting, you must set up a time to meet with naturalists.

### *Photo Contest Judging*

Contest submissions due by September 9;  
 Judging at Fontana Nature Center  
 September date TBD, 6:30 p.m.



*Carol Thyer submitted the winning photo in the People Enjoying Nature Category in last year's Photo Contest.*

winner will be chosen by votes on Facebook!



### *"Earth, Too"*

Sundays (2015-16): Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Jan 18, Feb. 15, March 15, May 17, June 21; 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 St. John's School Library, Independence  
 Preregister by calling Sondra Cabell (319-334-3436) or the ISU Office (334-7161)

Fourth through twelfth graders who are interested in making earth-friendly choices in projects and activities are invited to join the "Earth, Too" 4H Club. Scheduled meeting dates are listed above. Naturalist Sondra Cabell and Monica Smith are co-leaders.

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The deadline is approaching! Submit your best photos taken in Buchanan County natural areas. There are four categories in the annual Buchanan County Natural Areas Photography Contest: Landscapes, Wildlife, Plants & Wildflowers, and People Enjoying Nature. Category winners receive awards of \$50 and the overall winner will be awarded \$100. For more information on the contest, or for a copy of the official rules, visit our website at [www.buchanancountyparks.com](http://www.buchanancountyparks.com) or call 319-636-2617.

Through the critical review of photos entered in this years contest, you will learn tips for better nature photography. This year's judging will take place in September and is still being scheduled. Please contact the nature center (319-636-2617) or visit [www.buchanancountyparks.com](http://www.buchanancountyparks.com) for more details. The judging program is free and open to the public. The overall

## Princess Adventures

Wednesday, September 30, 6 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Cost: \$5 per child  
 Fontana Nature Center

Do you know a little girl who loves princesses? Want to encourage her to dress up AND have fun exploring the outdoors at the same time? Girls ages 3-8 are invited to come to the nature center dressed in "princess attire" (whatever that means to them). We will learn about a courageous woman from the past, participate in a nature activity, followed by a tea party with a snack.



## Outdoor Explorations for Early Learners

Saturday, October 10, 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
 Fontana Park Nature Center  
 Cost: \$10  
 Register online at [https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/TrainingRegistry/SharedPages/ViewClassDetail.aspx?data=dG7dD0v4Dx8kypjrHD1G\\*RoIWAq18OaPUouU6q8peM0=](https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/TrainingRegistry/SharedPages/ViewClassDetail.aspx?data=dG7dD0v4Dx8kypjrHD1G*RoIWAq18OaPUouU6q8peM0=)

Early childhood professionals, including family child care providers, day care center staff and directors, preschool teachers, or anyone else working with children ages 3-6, are invited to Outdoor Explorations for Early Learners: Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood. Participants will learn how to engage young children in outdoor discovery through experience with trees and other forestry related topics. Conservation Board Naturalist Angie Auel is an instructor. All participants will receive a copy of Environmental Experience for Early Childhood from Project Learning Tree®. The class is approved for four hours of Department of Human Services (DHS) professional development credit.



## Trick or Treat for the Animals

Saturday, October 31, 9 a.m.  
 Fontana Park Nature Center

Help carve some creative pumpkins and then fill them with tasty and nutritious treats for our resident raccoons, fox, bison, ducks, crow, bear, turkeys and rabbits in the Fontana Park Wildlife Display. The pumpkins will then be placed in the animals' enclosures for a treat that's a trick to get into.



## NASP Basic Archery Instructor Training

Saturday, November 21, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Fairbank Elementary School Gymnasium; cost - \$40  
 Preregistration Required through the Iowa DNR website: <http://naspbai.org/ClassSearch.aspx?country=US&state=IA>

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) course content is designed to teach archery instruction techniques to archery novices and experienced archers. The program is taught by Naturalist Angie Auel, and provides training to educators who will teach the students. This training is offered at no cost to school teachers who will commit to leading two-week in-school NASP curriculum.

For all others interested, please make check payable to Iowa Bowhunters Association or IBA. The money pays for the materials you will receive. Equipment may be checked out for the two week P.E. course through the Nature Center.



## Project AWARE – On the Wapsi!

The Wapsipinicon River is now 30 tons of trash lighter, thanks to a volunteer effort.

In July, 433 volunteers took part in the 13th annual Project AWARE, traversing 63 miles of the Wapsipinicon River from Independence to Olin. A pre-event cleanup also cleaned four miles of the river upstream from Independence. Project AWARE, which stands for A Watershed Awareness River Expedition involves hundreds of people who spend anywhere from one to five days exploring Iowa’s rivers and picking up trash.

This was a record year in terms of participant numbers, including the largest number of volunteers on a single day (277), according to Lynette Seigley, who coordinates Project AWARE for the DNR. Volunteers have become accustomed to the event being family friendly, and a record 14 percent of this year’s participants were under the age of 18. In addition to Iowa, volunteers hailed from 10 other states, plus Sweden and China.

Volunteers removed 30.1 tons of trash from the Wapsi, including: 14.56 tons of scrap metal, 10 tons of tires, 2.24 tons of other recyclables (plastic, cardboard, glass), 200 pounds of hazardous material, and 2.75 tons of other trash. Some trash was sent to the waste-burning power plant in Ames, and some was picked up by artist Ryan Halbur for making a river trash art sculpture (see page 9).



*These two dumpsters were pulled from the Wapsi south of Independence, between Knott's Landing and Three Elms Area. Wayne Peyton (left) and Jim Klever helped off-load large items using their flat-bottom boats.*

### Nature Center Volunteer Receptionists Hours

(as of 8/20/15)

Edith Biddinger.....	106
Ruby Bodeker.....	62
Joye Bowers.....	106
Margaret Damge.....	14
Jim Elliott.....	8
Ellen Gaffney.....	126
Joy Hintz.....	562
Helen Hofer.....	757
Elaine Hughes.....	226
Marybeth Jaggard.....	786
Kathy Karsten.....	34
Frankie King.....	151
Karen Larkin.....	18
Bob Mieke.....	171
Patti Olmstead.....	256
Judy Porter.....	356
Ken Roberson.....	16
Barbara Roberson.....	23
Shirley Rozendaal.....	192
Faith Rulapaugh.....	372
Ruth Schlitter.....	71
Lorene Shonka.....	141
Steve Schuelke.....	96
Sue Schuelke.....	15
David Voigts.....	383
Jane Watson.....	120

**Yes, I want to donate to the Friends of Fontana Park!**  
*Enclosed is my donation. I am glad to be able to contribute at the level shown below.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor (\$100-249) | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$500-999)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Founder (\$5,000 or more) |

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to:  
**Friends of Fontana Park** and Mail to: Fontana Interpretive Nature Center, 1883 125th St., Hazleton, IA 50641

## Project AWARE – River Art

Ryan Halbur of Iowa Creations brought a pile of metal objects recovered from the recent Project A.W.A.R.E. Wapsipinicon River cleanup to Fontana August 8, and then spent the next 4½ hours transforming it into a fishing sculpture.

The catfish took shape with a couple of metal t-posts, rebar, and an old buggy seat spring. It was fleshed out with the top of an umbrella stand, picnic table, and details of the eyes and whiskers were created with pieces of a lug nut wrench and metal cable. Next came a fishing pole. Rebar formed the pole with a working spinning reel made from a bicycle crankset or chain sprocket. The sculpture was mounted onto two tire rims.



Photos of the creation process are on the Fontana Park Facebook page. The sculpture will be on display at Fontana Nature Center until October 4. The sculpture's permanent home will be located near the river in Quasqueton.

## Edwina the Eagle Passes On

It is with sad hearts that Conservation Board staff announces the loss of Edwina the eagle. She was a main attraction in the Fontana Park Wildlife Display for nearly 26 years, and was more than 30 years old when she died in July. During her recent treatments, medical expenses totaled more than \$2000. Anyone interested in assisting with medical bills may make a donation to the Friends of Fontana Park, and note "eagle donation" (see form on page 8).



## Conservation Calendar!

Aug. 29	<i>Monarch Tagging</i> Location TBD, 1 p.m. (P. 4).
Aug. 29	<i>Extreme Outdoors - Rock Climbing</i> Backbone State Park, 9 a.m. (P. 4).
Sept. 1	<i>Reservations Accepted for 2016</i> <i>Animal Sponsorships (P. 3) and</i> <i>shelter reservations at Fontana Park.</i>
Sept. 7	<i>Labor Day (Nature Center Closed)</i>
Sept. 9	<i>An Old Time Meal</i> Richardson-Jakway House Jakway Forest, 5 p.m.
Sept. 9	<i>Photo Contest Deadline (P. 6).</i>
Sept. 12	<i>Composter &amp; Stand DIY</i> Fontana Nature Center, 9 a.m. (P. 5).
Sept. 15	<i>Clover Kids Parent Meeting</i> East Elementary Lunchroom, 4:30 p.m. (P. 6).
Sept. 16-19	<i>Hunter Safety Class</i> Buchanan County Wildlife Association, 7 p.m. (P. 5).
Sept. 22	<i>Conservation Board Meeting</i> Fontana Nature Center, 7 p.m. (subject to change).
Sept. 24	<i>Quigley-Slattery Heritage Prairie</i> <i>Celebration; 180th St., NE of Winthrop</i> 5:00 p.m. (P. 5).
Sept. 24-27	<i>Wolves Bus Trip</i> Independence, 7:00 a.m. (P. 5).
Sept. 30	<i>Princess Adventures</i> Fontana Nature Center, 6:00 p.m. (P. 7).
Sept. TBD	<i>Photo Contest Judging</i> Fontana Nature Center, 6:30 p.m. (P. 6).
Oct. 3	<i>Extreme Outdoors - Survival Skills</i> Benton County Conservation Office, 9 a.m. (P. 4).
Oct. 10	<i>Outdoor Explorations for Early Learners</i> Fontana Nature Center, 8:30 a.m. (P. 7).
Oct. 12	<i>Columbus Day (Nature Center closed).</i>
Oct. 20	<i>Conservation Board Meeting</i> Fontana Nature Center, 7 p.m. (subject to change).
Oct. 31	<i>Trick or Treat for the Animals</i> Fontana Nature Center, 9 a.m. (P. 7).
Nov. 11	<i>Veterans Day (Nature Center closed).</i>
Nov. 17	<i>Conservation Board Meeting</i> Fontana Nature Center, 7 p.m. (subject to change).
Nov. 21	<i>NASP Training</i> Fairbank Elem Gym, 8:00 a.m. (P. 7).
Nov. 26-27	<i>Thanksgiving (Nature Center Closed)</i>

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## Buchanan County Parks (acres)

1. Fontana Park and Jarrett Slater Addition (134)..... Hazleton
2. Jakway Forest (315)..... Aurora
3. Lime Creek Area (45)..... Brandon
4. Boies Bend Area (26)..... Quasqueton
5. Buffalo Creek Area (81.5)..... Winthrop
6. Otter Creek Roadside Park (13)..... Hazleton

## Buchanan County Natural Areas (acres)

7. Mickey Fox Area and Anderson Addition (118)..... Jesup
8. VanLaningham Area (3)..... Independence
9. Otter Creek Wildlife Area (100)..... Hazleton
10. Hoover Area (20)..... Troy Mills
11. Sand Creek Area (80)..... Quasqueton
12. Niebeck Nature Preserve (40)..... Hazleton
13. Pine Creek Area (40)..... Quasqueton
14. Buffalo Creek Wildlife Area (60)..... Winthrop
15. Rowley Fen (43)..... Rowley
16. Koutny Pond/Hoffman Woods (106)..... Brandon
17. Putty Root Preserve (17)..... Quasqueton
18. Blazing-Star Prairie (7.5)..... Rowley
19. Crumbacher Wildlife Area (368)..... Independence
20. Bearbower Sand Prairie (40)..... Brandon
21. Swartz Preserve (4)..... Aurora
22. Bryantsburg Prairie Preserve (1.5)..... Hazleton
23. Frogville Access (135)..... Troy Mills
24. Schneider-Heinick-Rowe Area (20)..... Troy Mills
25. Newton Township Natural Area (158)..... Quasqueton
26. Patton Prairie (45)..... Aurora
27. Hodges and North Wildlife Area (67)..... Jesup
28. Fairbank Fen (40)..... Fairbank
29. Anderson Addition to Cutshall (24)..... Jesup
30. Ham Marsh (54)..... Independence
31. Wehner Woods (30)..... Lamont
32. Guy Grover Timber and Tree Plantings (186)..... Quasqueton
33. Quigley-Slatery Heritage Prairie (33)..... Winthrop

## Buchanan County River Accesses (acres)

34. Iron Bridge Woodland (34)..... Quasqueton
35. Troy Mills Wapsi Access (63)..... Troy Mills
36. Wapsi River Access (51)..... Independence
37. Three Elms Area (75)..... Independence
38. Cutshall Area (85)..... Jesup
39. Cortright Wildlife Area (190)..... Littleton
40. Robert "Chic" McGlauighlin Access (6)..... Littleton

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*An evening management burn was conducted on March 31 at the new Quigley-Slatery Heritage Prairie. Plan to attend the Celebration on September 24 (see page 5).*

