



# The Otter Creek Quarterly

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*A Newsletter of the Buchanan County Conservation Board*

***Kick off the New Year with a woodland walk (P. 4)!***

## ***Park Facilities Online Reservations*** (Starts January 1!)

Dan Cohen, BCCB Director



*"Can I pay with a credit card?", asks a woman wishing to reserve a shelter for a graduation party. "Can I go to your website and reserve a cabin?", asks a man traveling in from Texas*

for a family reunion. For years, Conservation Board staff answered these frequent questions by stating, *"sorry, but we can't take credit cards or online reservations"*. This will change January 1, 2018 when all reservable facilities at Fontana Park go online!

Starting in 2018, all reservations for cabins, campsites, shelters, and the chapel area will be made online. To make a reservation, users will go to [www.buchanancountyparks.com](http://www.buchanancountyparks.com) and click on *"Camping, Cabins, and Shelters"* in the left column. This will lead to a page with information about the facilities and a link to the reservations page. Once inside the reservation system, users will see information about each individual reservable site and facility, view calendars to check availability, and make their reservations.

Once people enter their contact information the first time, they will be registered guests and will be able to make future reservations more quickly. All reservations will be made using a credit or debit card online.

January 1, 2018 is when people start going online to make new reservations. Those people who already have a paid reservation for a date in 2018 need not do anything more. Any reservation made before January 1 will be entered into the system by Conservation Board staff. Gift certificates will be honored by calling the Conservation Board office prior to making



an online reservation. Beginning January 1, reservations can be made through the 2019 calendar year.

With the new online system, deposits no longer will be required for cabin rental. For a fee, well behaved pets will be allowed to accompany cabin users. There will be some increases in rental rates to help cover credit card and processing costs. Non-reservation camping will still be payable at the campground registration kiosk - with cash or check.

The Conservation Board is happy to offer this more streamlined means for making reservations. In the past, people had to make phone calls, print off reservation forms, write checks, and send correspondence through the mail. Conservation Board staff managed reservations with paper binders, numerous calendars, and lots of phone calls. The online system will make the process go more smoothly, reduce human errors, and be quicker and less time consuming for park users and staff. Enjoy!



*Steve Sauer recently began work as a Conservation Technician*

## Steve Sauer – Conservation Technician

On September 18, Steve Sauer started as the new Conservation Technician for the Conservation Board – filling the position that opened when Michael Maas assumed the interpretive naturalist position.

Steve has a long work history with county conservation boards, the DNR, and National Park Service. He graduated from Upper Iowa University in 2009 with a major in Conservation Management and minor in Earth Science. He later went on to graduate from the Parks Law Enforcement Academy in Washington State in 2011. He also has experience having grown up on a farm in rural Cedar County. He and his wife recently moved to Winthrop.

Steve's primary Conservation Technician duties will be to serve as the main wildlife caregiver for the Fontana Park Wildlife Display, as well as conducting park maintenance and land management. Steve also has a strong passion for park history and educating the public. He is happy to answer questions while doing daily animal care chores.

### Check Weather Information at Fontana Park and Elsewhere

Weather stations recently were placed at Fontana Park and other key locations in Buchanan County. The stations monitor temperature, wind speed, precipitation, humidity, and barometric pressure in real time, and display daily, monthly, and annual data. People can access Fontana Park information at <http://www.weatherlink.com/user/fontana/> and follow all county weather stations by downloading the **WeatherLink** app. This project was conducted by Buchanan County Emergency Management and funded by a Buchanan County Community Foundation grant.




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### Attention Civic Groups

Conservation Board staff are prepared to present to civic groups about county parks, monarchs, birds, and many other topics. To schedule a presentation, call 319-636-2617.

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## New Entrance to Fontana Park

A new entrance sign to Fontana Park is catching the eyes of travelers on Highway 150. The large sign features custom artwork by local artist Alvin Hepler, and depicts a bison and eagle. The sign boldly indicates the entrance to Fontana Park.

The sign is the first step in upgrades people will be seeing at the new east entrance property the Conservation Board acquired last year. Still to come are prairie landscaping and tree plantings.

Funds for the East Entrance Beautification Project were obtained through grants from the Buchanan County Community Foundation and Hazleton Housing Corp.





## Great Backyard Bird Count - February 16-19

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is an annual four day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where birds are across the continent.

Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Plan to count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count. Count birds in as many places and on as many days as you like—one day, two days, or all four days. Submit a separate checklist for each new day. You may submit more than one checklist per

- day if you count in more than one location.
2. Count the greatest number of individuals of each species you see together at any one time. You may find it helpful to print your regional bird checklist to get an idea of the birds you are likely to see in your area in February.
3. When finished, enter your results through the [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org) web page. You will see a button marked "Enter Your Checklists!" on the website home page beginning on the first day of the count. It will remain active until the deadline for data submission.

Each year, in addition to entering their tallies, participants submit thousands of digital images for the GBBC photo contest. Many are featured in the popular online gallery.

## Winter Reflections from the Fontana Cabins



Excerpts are from cabin journals, written by cabin renters during their stay this past winter. **Beginning January 1, reservations can be made online at [www.buchanancountyparks.com](http://www.buchanancountyparks.com)** For more information call 319-636-2617.

"Sighted a hoot owl behind the cabin... Also, may have seen a sasquatch... Ha-ha-ha!"

Captains Log 3-11-17

"A wonderful weekend snowshoeing and watching the birds. Always peaceful and relaxing. Will be back next year! [Staff] are always awesome and friendly."

12/23/16

"What a great way to end the year - making memories with our kids! Today we went snowshoeing for the first time. It was so much fun. We enjoyed the beautiful scenery and peaceful cabin. We are ending the night with a bonfire and s'mores... We hope to make this a yearly tradition."

12/28/16

## Chickadee Check-off

The Fish and Wildlife Tax Check-off, affectionately called the Chickadee Check-off, allows people to make charitable donations to wildlife conservation in Iowa. When filling out the state income tax forms, just look for the contribution line (usually somewhere between lines 55-60) and write in any dollar amount next to Fish/Wildlife. Money contributed through the check-off helps support the Wildlife Diversity Program at the Iowa DNR, which addresses management of wildlife that can't be hunted, fished or trapped. Learn more at: [www.iowadnr.gov/wildlifediversity](http://www.iowadnr.gov/wildlifediversity).



## Natural and Recycled Ornaments

Monday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$7 per person.

Fontana Nature Center Classroom

Using items such as pine cones, walnuts, egg cartons, small bottles, and grapevine, participants will construct a variety of ornaments for the holidays. Each person will be able to complete several ornaments of their choice. There is a \$7 registration fee per person, and those under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration is required.



## Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed - Open House

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7-8:30 p.m.

Independence Public Library

(for other dates and locations, visit [www.upperwapsi.org](http://www.upperwapsi.org))

Attend this Open House and learn about projects designed to reduce flooding in the Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed. Participants will be asked to share their concerns, values, and interests related to the watershed.

No RSVP is necessary, just drop in at anytime during the open house. This is the only open house being held in Buchanan County, but there are three other such events to be held in other towns in the watershed. For more information, contact Megan Buckingham at Northeast Iowa RC&D (563-864-7112; [megan@northeastiowarcd.org](mailto:megan@northeastiowarcd.org)).



## New Year's Woodland Hike

Monday, Jan. 1, 11 a.m.

Fontana Main Shelter

Start off the first day of 2018 with a guided walk through Fontana Park's woodland trails. While hiking the trails, there will be talk about forest management, plants, and animals of the woods. After the hike, there will be hot chocolate, a snack, and fire in the Main Shelter. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration is required for the event.



## Recycled Bird Feeders

Saturday, January 6th, 10 a.m.

Cost: \$3 per feeder

Fontana Nature Center Classroom



Bring beautiful birds to your backyard using reclaimed materials. This clever snowman's hat holds the seed that empties into the brim for birds to perch on and feed. Bring a



metal coffee can if you have it, or use a couple that we have prepared. Learn the types of food most attractive to many birds, and where to hang your feeder for the best variety of bird visitors. Start feeding now to have a variety of birds to count for the GBBC (P. 3). Preregistration is required.

## Preparing Wild Game

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.  
 Cost: \$5 per person  
 Fontana Nature Center Classroom

Are your wild game dishes lacking in variety or not as tasty as you would like? Mike Flaucher of Independence will share some of his secrets to great tasting wild game: How to get rid of the “gamey” taste, how to prepare and store your meat, and other tricks. Get hands-on as you make a marinade to take home and try on your own game.



## Nature Center Volunteers Wanted!

The Conservation Department thrives with help from volunteers. Volunteer receptionists are especially needed to greet and provide information to visitors, and allow the nature center to be open more hours. Volunteer receptionists and their hours are listed on page 8. Other volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. For more information, call 319-636-2617!



## Moonlit Snowshoe

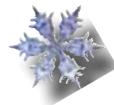
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m.  
 Cost: \$5 per person or \$15 per family  
 Crumbacher Wildlife Area

Strap on a pair of snowshoes and explore the beauty of a winter evening at the Crumbacher Wildlife Area southwest of Independence. Participants will meet in the Southeast parking lot on 250th St. If the sky is clear, the full moon will light our way. No prior snowshoeing experience is necessary. All ages are welcome.



## Coyote Club

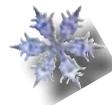
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 5 p.m.  
 Cost: \$5 per child  
 Fontana Nature Center Classroom



Do you want your kids to get more involved in the outdoors? Well, Coyote Club is just what you need! Children ages 6-10 are invited to come out to Fontana Nature Center to learn about owls



and be able to call for them! There also will be juice and a snack. Coyote Club will meet periodically throughout the year, and will feature a variety of topics. Most Club events will last about an hour. Be sure to dress for the weather, since Coyote Club always goes outside! Preregistration is required.



## 2018 Buchanan County Master Gardener Symposium

Saturday, February 24, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
 First Presbyterian Church - Independence  
 Cost is \$30 if registered by February 1, \$35 thereafter.

The annual symposium will feature four main speakers, breakout sessions, breakfast items, hot lunch, vendor shopping, a silent auction, and door prizes. To register, call or email Buchanan County ISU Extension (319-334-7161 or sherrets@iastate.edu).

**Unless otherwise indicated, programs are free, but preregistration is required. To preregister, call (319)636-2617 or email [bccbscheduling@gmail.com](mailto:bccbscheduling@gmail.com)**

## Years of Snowshoeing

Michael Maas, BCCB Naturalist

With winter sneaking up, it is nice to get outdoors. A great way to do so is by snowshoeing. Snowshoes originated in Central Asia about 6,000 years ago, and had a great impact on the ability of people to settle in northern climates. Snowshoes distribute weight over a wider area so a person does not sink into the snow.

Snowshoes used in North America traditionally were made of rawhide and wood. Throughout time, snowshoes changed to address specific environments and human cultures. The Ojibwa used a longer snowshoe (up to seven feet) to spread weight over the snow from front to back, to help move through peat bogs of Alaska. Longer snowshoes were poor at maneuvering through dense woods or up hills. Wider and shorter snowshoes are more maneuverable in those conditions. Various snowshoe designs were vital to people living in harsh environments. The shoes helped them hunt, trap, explore, and travel to meet with other groups of people.



Snowshoes have changed dramatically throughout the years. Today, snowshoes are usually made of aluminum and reinforced plastic. However, some people still choose to use traditional wood and rawhide snowshoes. Buchanan County Conservation Board has 40 areas where people can trek through the snow. If interested in learning more about snowshoeing attend the Moonlit Snowshoe program on January 31 (see page 5). Contact Fontana Interpretive Nature Center at (319) 636-2617 or e-mail [bccbscheduling@gmail.com](mailto:bccbscheduling@gmail.com).

## Geocaching and Buchanan County Parks

Guest article by Joe Turner

What is Geocaching? Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or mobile device to search for containers, called geocaches or "caches", which sometimes contain some type of message or trinket. Someone hides a container, marks the GPS coordinates, and puts the coordinates on Geocaching.com. Other "geocachers" try to find the caches. Geocaching can be done throughout the world! I like how one enthusiast put it: "I use multi-million dollar satellites to find tupperware in the woods. What's your hobby?"

Caches can be as small as the tip of your pinky or as large as a big storage tote, and may be easy to find or take over an hour to locate.

What does geocaching have to do with Buchanan County Parks? In my opinion, one of the best places to hide geocaches is in local parks. They offer countless locations to hide caches, plus interesting and unique scenery. Most Buchanan County Parks have at least one geocache in them. Thanks to Buchanan County Conservation Board and Staff for our wonderful parks.

One of my newest series of geocaches is the Indee Mustangs Series, located southwest of Independence. The series has a total of 150 geocaches, with approximately 40 of them placed in Crumbacher Wildlife Area. The park is beautiful. I am sure a lot of people are unaware of Crumbacher Wildlife Area. Geocaching offers the ability to take people where they might not normally go. In the first 45 days there were 21 Geocachers who found one or more of the caches. To date, several have found all 150.



*Dots mark the locations of caches in the shape of a mustang. Forty of the caches are hidden at Crumbacher Wildlife Area.*

## Congratulations Photo Contest Winners!

Winners in the 2017 Buchanan County Natural Areas Photo Contest were selected by those who voted on the finalist photos that were posted on the Fontana Park Facebook page October 6-17. Thanks to everyone who entered photos, and to those who voted on Facebook. Congratulations to all the winners.



*Lanscapes – Kenneth Heiar, at Koutny Pond*



*Overall – Kenneth Heiar, fringed gentian at Rowley Fen*



*Wildlife – Kenneth Heiar, at Koutny Pond*



*Plants and Wildflowers – Kenneth Heiar, fringed gentian at Rowley Fen*



*People Enjoying Nature – Kelly Mitchell, at a farm pond*

## Get the e-Newsletter – Quick and in Color!

The Buchanan County Conservation Board encourages newsletter subscribers to change from paper mailings to an emailed newsletter. The email version is in COLOR, has CLICK-ON LINKS, and arrives BEFORE the mail version. People also have the option to receive information shared on an email listserve, by requesting to sign up. Receive the newsletter electronically, saves energy, resources, and costs related to printing the paper version.



To make the switch to email newsletter, send an email to [dljohnson@co.buchanan.ia.us](mailto:dljohnson@co.buchanan.ia.us) or call 319-636-2617. Be sure to provide the email address you would like to add and the mailing address you would like to delete. Indicate if you wish to take advantage of the listserve option. If you remain a paper subscriber, please be sure to notify the Conservation Board office of any address change.

# Volunteer Workshop

Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m.  
Preregistration required

This workshop is for everyone, from seasoned volunteers who would like a refresher, to newcomers who need an orientation to do volunteer work. All are welcome! Conservation Volunteers are involved in a wide variety of activities, including serving as nature center receptionists and campground hosts, monitoring nest boxes, helping with park maintenance, pulling invasive plants, working on special projects, and more!



Volunteer Shirley Rozendaal assists a park user.

The Volunteer Workshop will provide an opportunity to meet other volunteers, learn about opportunities, and begin to receive volunteer training. The workshop will begin with drinks and donuts in the Nature Center. Call 319-636-2617 to preregister, or email Diane at dljohnson@windstream.net.



## Winter Weather Closings

During winter months, driving conditions may be dangerous for weekend volunteers and staff to open the nature center. Please call ahead when weather may be considered hazardous for driving. The Nature Center may be closed.

## Volunteer Recognition

(as of 11/16/17)

Edith Biddinger.....	178
Ruby Bodeker.....	165
Joye Bower.....	151
Margaret Dange.....	55
Ellen Gaffney.....	208
Helen Hofer.....	825
Elaine Hughes.....	331
Marybeth Jaggard.....	886
Kathy Karsten.....	122
Frankie King.....	222
Bob Mieke.....	210
Duane Olsen.....	11
Patti Olmsteadt.....	272
Judy Porter.....	417
Barbara Roberson.....	91
Ken Roberson.....	61
Shirley Rozendaal.....	292
Faith Rulapaugh.....	476
Ruth Schlitter.....	82
Lorene Shonka.....	208
David Voigts.....	487
Karmalyn VanLaningham.....	85
Jane Watson.....	248
Clark Willoughby.....	153

**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"/> Donor (\$1-99)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter (\$250-499) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor (\$1,000-4,999)   |
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Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me regarding making a donation as a memorial to a friend or relative. | <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me regarding making a donation as a gift in the name of a friend or relative. |
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Names as you wish them to read on recognition: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Shopping at the Nature Center

This year, consider making your holiday gifts reflect one of the main wishes we all have - spending quality time with family and friends. Purchase campground certificates and/or gift certificates for the sustainable living cabins at Fontana Park. Perhaps your gift could be a sponsorship of an animal in the wildlife display. For a donation ranging from \$40-\$175 you can place the name(s) of your kids, family, or friends on a plaque affixed to an animal enclosure for the 2018 calendar year. Certificates, sponsorships and program registrations can be purchased at the Nature Center, or ordered by phone (319-636-2617).

Stop in the Nature Center and look at our selection of nature books, field guides, t-shirts, environmentally-produced coffee, and miscellaneous nature toys, mugs, and more. Cash and personal checks are accepted.



## Thanks to all Who Help With the Newsletter

The Buchanan County Conservation Board thanks all the volunteers that help put together this newsletter. Special thanks to those people at the Independence Senior Center who help fold and tape the newsletter on a regular basis. Thanks also to those volunteers who ALWAYS come when needed to help place labels on more than 2,000 newsletters sent out each quarter. Thanks to those who receive the newsletter via email – less to fold and staple.

*Thank you!*

## Conservation Calendar!

- Dec. 4 *Natural and Recycled Ornaments*  
Fontana Nature Center Classroom  
6:30 p.m. (P. 4).
- Dec. 6 *Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed Open House*  
Independence Library 7 p.m. (P. 4).
- Dec. 21 *Conservation Board Meeting*  
Bill's Restaurant in Independence,  
5 p.m. (subject to change).
- Dec. 23-25 *Merry Christmas!*  
(Nature Center closed).
- Jan. 1 *Happy New Year!*  
(Nature Center closed).
- Jan. 1 *New Year, New Hike*  
Fontana Park  
Main Shelter 11 a.m. (p. 4).
- Jan. 6 *Recycled Bird Feeders*  
Fontana Nature Center Classroom  
10 a.m. (P. 4).
- Jan. 15 *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- Jan. 16 *Conservation Board Meeting*  
Fontana Park, 6 p.m.  
(subject to change).
- Jan. 24 *Preparing Wild Game*  
Fontana Nature Center Classroom  
6:30 p.m. (P. 5)
- Jan. 31 *Moonlit Snowshoe*  
Crumbacher Wildlife Area 6 p.m. (P. 5).
- Feb. 7 *Coyote Club*  
Fontana Nature Center Classroom,  
5 p.m. (P. 5).
- Feb. 16-19 *Great Backyard Bird Count* (P. 3).
- Feb. 19 *President's Day* (Nature Center closed)
- Feb. 20 *Conservation Board Meeting*  
Fontana Park, 6 p.m.  
(subject to change).
- Feb. 24 *Master Gardeners Symposium*  
First Presbyterian Church, 9 a.m. (P. 5)
- Mar. 10 *Volunteer Workshop*  
Fontana Nature Center, 9 a.m. (P. 8).
- Mar. 13 *Conservation Board Meeting*  
Fontana Park, 6 p.m. (subject to change).

## Buchanan County Parks (acres)

1. Fontana Park and Jarrett Slater Addition (138)..... 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 (201)..... Quasqueton
33. Quigley-Slattery 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" McLaughlin Access (6)..... Littleton

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*Students from East Buchanan Schools prepare for a snowshoe romp at Fontana Park during a past field trip. Attend the January 31 Moonlit Snowshoe program for your chance to snowshoe at Crumbacher Wildlife Area (page 5). More information about snowshoeing also is found on page 6.*