



Up and Down the River

JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD SPRING 2008

Jackson County Conservation Board celebrates its 50th anniversary!

2008 will mark a milestone for County Conservation in Jackson County. 50 years ago the voters of Jackson County approved to establish a County Conservation Board system. With that approval the Board of Supervisors then appointed the first five members of the County Conservation Board, which included, Erwin Stamp, Bellevue, Dr. M.A. Dalchow, Maquoketa, Martin Driscoll from Sabula, Don Schwenker from Maquoketa, and Theodore Hintgen, from LaMotte. The first official County Conservation Board meeting was held at the Jackson County Courthouse on February 11, 1959.

Over the next 50 years an additional 14 members served 1 or more 5 year terms on the Board, they include: Richard Norpel, Jerald Ritenour, Rex Nabb, Conrad Grundmeyer, Virgil Miller, Shirley Schermer, Ray Hamilton, Terry Petesch, Mark Lawson, David Kendell, Bernard Medinger, Dennis Stange, Olin Quissell, and Gene Welch.

The current board members are Bill Hainstock from Maquoketa, Rick Small, Bernard, Eric Strathman, Andrew, and Roger Schladetzky from Bellevue, with a new member to be named in the near future.

Needless to say the Jackson County Conservation Department has come a long way in the 50 years of operation. Looking back at the first few years is quite interesting. The first budget approved by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors for the conservation department in 1959 was \$500. The first management areas for the infant conservation department were by gift, they included Horseshoe Pond Park, Maquoketa, donated by the Maquoketa Izaak Walton League; Joinerville Park, West of Maquoketa, donated by Melvin Joiner; and an access in Sabula owned by the State Conservation Commission. The first area purchased by the board was a 20 acre parcel in 1961. That park was called Bellevue Roadside Park, now John Henry Weber Park, north of Bellevue along US Highway 52.

In comparison to today, we now manage 36 total sites in the county totaling 2,009 acres. The conservation department's total budget for 2007-08 is \$725,233. In 1959 the conservation department had no revenue sources, today we generate over \$300,000 annually through camping fees, boat dock rentals, grants, timber sales, and other revenue sources.

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Fundraiser a Success!

The "Salute to Songbirds" Exhibit Grand Opening & Soup Supper Fundraiser was a hit! More than 75 people listened in on the captivating program & over 130 people were served during the soup supper. Thank you to all those who helped with the event by volunteering your time or donating items, it could not have been done without you! The traveling exhibit will be at the Hurstville Interpretive Center until April 16th.

Mary Mether and
Jim Merrick read about
the songs of Songbirds!



Ben Parker finds out what's
inside a bluebird's nest box!



75+ people gathered for the program on songbirds, presented by Dr. Jim Pease, professor at ISU

Attention kids and parents!

Announcing the 2008 Summer Camps

Mark your calendars now!

Science Under the Stars— "Dare to Soar"
June 12th at 4 PM to June 13th at 9 AM
Hurstville Interpretive Center



Cost: \$15

For youth who are going into 5th-7th grade & are interested in learning more about nature, science, & want to have fun! Campers will make their own supper and spend the night at the Hurstville Interpretive Center. **Pre-registration is required by June 6th, please contact the Jackson County Extension Office at (563) 652-4923.**

Explore Your Resources Day Camp
Wednesday, June 11th from 9-3 PM
Wednesday, June 18th from 9-3 PM
Wednesday, June 25th from 9-3 PM
Hurstville Interpretive Center



Cost: \$15/day or \$40 for all 3 days

For youth going into 4th-6th grade. Sign up for 1, 2, or all 3 days. This day camp is designed to help students learn about our natural resources & how we can use and protect them. Each day will have a different theme— with activities & a field trip. Lunch and snacks will be provided each day.

Pre-registration is required by June 6th.

Adventure Camp

Wednesday, July 2nd from 8-4 PM
Wednesday, July 9th from 8-4 PM
Wednesday, July 16th from 8-4 PM
Hurstville Interpretive Center



Cost: \$15/day or \$40 for all 3 days

For youth going into 6th-8th grade. Sign up for 1, 2, or all 3 days. This camp is designed to help students learn about outdoor recreation & develop new skills. Participants will become competent in skills such as canoeing, backpacking/camping, and fishing. We will take a field trip to a natural area each day to do planned activities. Lunch and snacks will be provided each day.

Pre-registration is required by June 27th.

Youth Outdoor Skills Day

Saturday August 16th from 9-3 PM
Hurstville Fishing Pond



Youth ages 10, 11, and 12 are invited to participate in this outdoor adventure day. Activities will include firearm safety, fishing, archery, canoeing, campfire cooking, and more. **Pre-registration is required by August 11th.**

For more information or to register for a camp, contact the Jackson County Conservation office at (563) 652-3783 or jacksonccb@jacksonccb.com. Registration forms will be available online at www.jacksonccb.com or stop in at the Hurstville Interpretive Center & pick one up.

Pre-registration is required for all camps in order to have enough materials & equipment.

50th Anniversary (continued from front page)

The first employee was hired in 1961. Keith Banning was hired by the board as the first executive officer at an annual salary of \$4,800 per year. There have been 5 executive directors in the 50 years they include: Keith Banning, James Wendell, Thomas Bylund, Gary Speckmann, and myself. Today we have 7 full time employees, 2-seasonal conservation workers, 2-seasonal campground attendants, and 1 Ameri-Corps Volunteer all doing their specific duties within our department.

The environmental education program was first started in 1985 with the hiring of Ann Burns as a part-time naturalist. This program has certainly expanded over the years, now with 2 full-time educators and an Ameri-Corps volunteer assisting with the EE program. The board realized that education and especially with our youth is very vital to all aspects of conservation. Statewide the county conservation system is truly the leader in environmental education in Iowa and probably the entire country. With the addition of the Hurstville Interpretive Center in 2004, the EE program has become a vital element in the Jackson County Conservation Department.

At this point I would like to say Happy Anniversary Jackson County Conservation. You have made great strides in the first 50 years and we look forward to another 50.

Watch for anniversary events throughout the 2008 season to promote this monumental accomplishment.

~Daryl Parker, Director

Welcome New AmeriCorp Member

There have been a few changes this past winter at the Hurstville Interpretive Center. Jessica O'Connor, former AmeriCorp member & summer intern is the new naturalist. Taking over the AmeriCorp position is Vanessa Vanis. Here are some words from our new staff member!

Hi! My name is Vanessa Vanis, and I am currently the AmeriCorp Volunteer. Taking on this position seemed very interesting to me. I quickly found out that I was correct. I have experienced much already in the short three month period that I have been at the Hurstville Interpretive Center. Along with assisting with the every day routine, studying up on plants, animals, and natural resources to refresh my memory, I have also observed and presented different school programs, plus assisted with the Winter Nature Camp and the Girl Scouts Brownie over-night stay (both were a blast!). I find myself very lucky to have this opportunity. I am currently studying at Ashford University to receive a BA in Psychology in August (hopefully!), I also want to pick up were I left off on my Anthropology degree.



Spring Programs

March

"A Salute to Songbirds" Traveling Exhibit February 10th – April 16th Hurstville Interpretive Center

This exhibit includes information on America's fastest growing sport—birdwatching! This interactive exhibit delights and educates visitors while addressing the challenges facing migratory songbirds. This exhibit is free and open to the public!



Bird House Workshop Sunday, March 2nd at 1:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Cost: Wren \$5, Bluebird \$7, Kestrel \$16
Birdhouses are a wonderful addition to your yard. They increase your success of seeing and keeping birds around your home. Materials & information provided, please bring a hammer. **Pre-registration is required by February 25th.**



Iowa DNR Hunter Education Course March 11th & 13th from 6:30-9:00 PM Saturday, March 15th from 9:00-3:30 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Cost: Free
Participants must be at least 11 years old to enroll. Class size is limited, so please call early. **Pre-registration is required by March 7th.**

Nature Tales— Insects Thursday, March 13th at 10:00 AM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Cost: Free
Join us for a story- *Don't Stomp that Bug!* Learn about ants, beetles, dragonflies, honeybees, & lady bugs and discover them outside! Geared towards pre-school age children & parents.



Frog & Toad Survey Workshop Saturday, March 15th from 12:30-4:30 PM Jones CCB Nature Center, Central Park, Center Junction, IA. Cost: \$5

The Volunteer Wildlife Monitoring Program (VWMP) is your opportunity to provide crucial data on Iowa's wildlife. Learn how to identify frogs & toads (by sight & sound), how to select monitoring sites, & how to then submit data to the Iowa DNR. **Pre-registration is required**, contact Stephanie Shepherd at 515-432-2823 x102 or Stephanie.shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov.

Duck Waddle Saturday, March 15th at Sunrise— approx. 6:15 AM Green Island State Wildlife Area— Blakes Parking Lot

Cost: Free
Join Dubuque Audubon Society for the spring waterfowl count. See if you can identify one waddle from another!



Bird Hike Sunday, March 30th at 1:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Cost: Free
Join Dubuque Audubon Society for a bird hike around Jackson County. Birding will begin at the Hurstville Marsh.



Iowa Wildlife Action Plan Sunday, March 30th at 1:30 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Cost: Free
This plan is the first attempt ever to spell out management plans for most of the state's wildlife and evaluate the status of each species. Katy Reeder, with the Iowa DNR, will also examine stresses on wildlife & their habitats and lay out the Iowa DNR's visions and strategies to conserve wildlife over the next 25 years.

April

Bird Banding Sunday, April 6th at 1:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Cost: Free
See songbirds up close as David Shealer, Biology Professor at Loras College, bands this year's migrating birds.



Nature Tales— Stars & Planets Thursday, April 10th at 10:00 AM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Cost: Free
Join us for a story on stars & planets. Explore the night sky in a star lab and learn about constellations. Geared towards pre-school age children & their parents.



Soils & Kids Sunday, April 13th at 1:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Cost: Free
Chad Heinzel of the UNI Geology Department will lead us in this interactive program for kids & parents in the development, use, & importance of soil.

Rain Gardens Sunday, April 20th at 1:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center

Cost: Free
Wayne Peterson will share with us infiltration-based water management practices. Rain gardens are one of a number of practices people can use to manage water on their properties.



Wildflower Walk Saturday, April 26th at 10:00 AM Maquoketa Caves State Park

Cost: Free
Spring has sprung and the hillsides are blanketed with flowers. See why these flowers tend to put a bounce in your step on a crisp spring day. Bring your binoculars for some birding too!

May

Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, May 3rd at 1:00 PM
Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join Jackson County Conservation staff to clean up the butterfly garden & area around the center. Wear appropriate work clothes, bring gloves, a rake, & hand pruner if you have them!



Adventures with Microscopes

Sunday, May 4th at 1:00 PM
Hurstville Interpretive Center

Check out the wonders not visible to the naked eye. Join a naturalist for a fun filled program on all the little things we have often wondered about but couldn't see. You won't want to miss this!

GPS/Compass Workshop for Adults

Saturday, May 10th from 12:30-4:00 PM
Hurstville Interpretive Center

Cost: \$5

Participants will learn how to find their way using GPS technology. Topics covered will include basic topographic map use, waypoints, determining location using GPS and maps, and internet resources. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and dress for off trail hiking.



Campground Programs

Friday, May 23rd at 8:30 PM at South Sabula Lakes
Saturday, May 24th at 8:30 PM at Spruce Creek Park

Cost: Free

Join our naturalists for entertaining and educational programs at the picnic shelter in each campground. You don't have to be a registered camper to participate in the programs.

June

Fishing Clinic

Saturday, June 7th at 9:00 AM
Hurstville Fishing Pond

Cost: Free

It's free fishing weekend for Iowa residents! Practice casting, learn how to clean a fish, learn who's who in the water, plus other activities. Then, see if you can catch the biggest or smallest fish to win a prize! Bring your own equipment or borrow from us. **Pre-registration is required by June 2nd.**



River Clean-Up/ Canoe Trip
Sunday, June 15 at 1:00 PM
Maquoketa River

Cost: Free

Enjoy the beautiful scenery in Jackson County while cleaning up along one of our precious streams. Participants will canoe and pick up trash along a portion of the Maquoketa River. A limited supply of canoes will be available or you can bring your own.



Old Tennis Shoes, Anyone?

We all have them—sneakers the kids have outgrown, running shoes that don't have enough support left in them, and old "tennies" that we no longer wear. They are too "good" to throw away, but what do you do with them?!



Jackson County schools, Jackson County Conservation, and the Jackson County Solid Waste Agency are teaming up to "Re-use those Shoes!"

In April, in honor of Earth Day, area schools and the Hurstville Interpretive Center will accept your CLEAN, DRY used athletic shoes. The shoes will be sent to the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program.

Nike separates the shoe materials and recycles components into basketball and tennis courts and track surfaces.

Shoes can be brought to the cooperating Jackson County Schools or the Hurstville Interpretive Center April 17, 18, 21 and 22. Hours of collection at the schools will be sent home with students in their school to home newsletters. Shoes can be brought to the Hurstville Center during regular hours those four days. Watch for more information in local media.

The rules are pretty basic:

1. Only lace up athletic shoes
2. **NO shoes with cleats, spikes, etc.**
3. Shoes **MUST** be clean and dry.
4. Tie the shoes together
5. Shoes can be any brand.

That's it. We will be saving space in landfills and recycling materials for a great use! Happy Earth Day!

This project is possible through the cooperation of the City of Madison WI.

Rare Songbird Sighting

A rare songbird was showing itself around parts of eastern Iowa this past summer. The Cerulean Warbler is the rarest songbird in the Midwest; it has now been sighted in significant numbers in Clayton County. This songbird is the size of a sparrow, mostly blue, and has black and white flecks. Ideal habitat consists of a canopy, which is found in mature deciduous eastern forests. Only the male cerulean warbler sings. His song is quite distinct, sounding like zhee zhee zizizizi zzzzeet. Jon Stravers, of Harpers Ferry, and his team were conducting a bird count for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, when they heard this distinct treetop songbird. Stravers explained that the Cerulean Warbler is a hard bird to see, because of its treetop status.



Learn more about songbirds, how habitat loss is affecting them, and what you can do to help, now through April 16th at the Hurstville Interpretive Center, with the traveling exhibit "A Salute to Songbirds." Can we hear a cerulean warbler in Jackson County? Join us on our bird hike March 30th at 1 PM.

Unless otherwise noted, pre-register for programs by contacting the Jackson County Conservation office/Hurstville Interpretive Center at 563/652-3783. Our public programs are designed for enjoyment and education for all ages and varying abilities. If you have special needs, please contact the JCCB office prior to an event.





Friends of Jackson County Conservation



** Special Thanks **

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

On Wednesday, February 13th, the Jackson County Conservation Board hosted a volunteer appreciation luncheon. Anyone who volunteered for the friends group or the conservation board in 2007 was invited to attend. Jackson County Conservation would not be successful without the help and support of our volunteers.



Fundraising Dates for 2008

Mark your calendars. Eat out one night a month & help the Friends of Jackson County Conservation raise money for educational supplies, displays, & exhibits. A percentage of your order on the nights of the fundraisers goes to the Friends group.

The following dates are all Wednesday's. Times: Happy Joe's & McDonalds- all day; Pizza Hut- after 5 pm

Jan. 9th	Happy Joe's	July 9th	Happy Joe's
Feb. 13th	Pizza Hut	Aug. 13th	Pizza Hut
Mar. 12th	Happy Joe's	Sept. 10th	Happy Joe's
April 9th	Pizza Hut	Oct. 15th	Pizza Hut
May 14th	Happy Joe's	Nov. 12th	Happy Joe's
June 11th	Pizza Hut	Dec. 10th	McDonalds

Next Friends Meeting Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00 PM Hurstville Interpretive Center



Interested in supporting and assisting the Jackson County Conservation Board? Join the Friends of Jackson County Conservation for their spring meeting and learn more about the benefits of being a friend and become involved!

Membership Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State: _____
 Zip Code: _____
 Phone number: _____
 Email Address: _____

Type of Membership: (Please check one per form and make checks payable to Friends of Jackson County Conservation.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student \$5.00	Regular \$10.00	Senior Citizen \$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family \$20.00	Sustaining \$50.00	Other \$ _____ Contribution

Amt. enclosed....._____

Please send Membership form and fee to:
 Friends of Jackson County Conservation
 18670 63rd St.
 Maquoketa, Iowa 52060
 Memberships are on a fiscal year- July 1 to June 30

Snip and Take to Happy Joe's on March 12th

Happy Joes' will donate 10% of your purchases to the Friends of Jackson County Conservation. Just turn in this ticket when you pay and the Friends will get the credit. Dine-in, pick-up, and/or deliver—all day.

Your Name: _____
 I support the **Friends of Jackson County Conservation.**

\$ spent at Happy Joe's _____
 (Happy Joe's team member will fill this out and attach it to your receipt.)



Winter Activities at Hurstville Interpretive Center



Girl Scouts enjoyed learning to snowshoe during an overnight at the Hurstville Interpretive Center



Youth in 4th-6th grade enjoyed ice fishing at Horse-shoe pond during our overnight Winter Adventure Camp.



Children play an animal matching game at our Nature Tales program.



Andrew 6th graders learned all about skulls during a program with Ann Burns.

Kid's corner

Spring Word Search

B S H O W E R S J
 C E N I H S N U S
 M O T H E R A M K
 P A S U T E P A I
 I O T E U W R Y T
 L Q W C B O I D E
 U M B R E L L A R
 T R H A M F L Y D



Kite
 May Day
 Showers

April
 Umbrella
 Flowers

Tulip
 Sunshine
 Mother

8 Ways You Can Save the Earth

Your First-Aid Kit for OUR Planet



- ◇ **Bike or Walk** instead of driving
- ◇ **Choose locally grown food**...transporting food is a huge gas guzzler.
- ◇ **Carpool** to activities, school, & work
- ◇ Choose **Rechargeable Batteries**, instead of throwing used batteries in the trash.
- ◇ **Plant a Deciduous Tree** on the south side of your house, the shade will keep your house cooler in the summer!
- ◇ **Take Short Showers**– shoot for under 5 minutes
- ◇ **Send an E-Card** to a friend– save paper
- ◇ **Pack your lunch with Reusable Utensils**– a zero waste lunch!

Now see how many you can do on this list...

From the October 2007 issue of
 National Geographic Kids



A Special Thank You!

Jackson County Conservation would like to thank and acknowledge the following individuals, clubs, and businesses for their continued support and donations. With their help, we have been able to do so much more!

Volunteered at the Hurstville Interpretive Center— Judy Bickford, Myrna Cavanagh, Jordan Cornilsen, Kendra Cornilsen, Ryan Current, Wendy Hainstock, Ruth Hainstock, Janice Hayward, Florence Heiar, John Hoesley, Jeanne Hoesley, Mitchell Houston, Dolores Klein, Karen Krueger, Mary Mether, Dorothy Nabb, Don Nissen, Phyllis Nissen, Mary Sanger, Mary Schwager, Asher Schroeder, Dale Shady, Bel Tubbs, Duane Westphal, Jo Ellen Langermann, Doris Yaddoff, Tuesday Club of Maquoketa.

Helped with Winter Newsletter— John Hoesley, Dorothy Nabb, Mary Sanger, Bel Tubbs

Trumpeter Swan care— Ryan & Tammy Current, Dale Shady, Jeff Glaw, Casey Starr

Filled Bird Feeders— Ryan & Tammy Current, Dale Shady, Casey Starr

Helped with Winter Fun Day— Karen Krueger, Jordan & Kendra Cornilsen, John & Jeanne Hoesley

Gift Shop— Wendy Hainstock

Organized Pizza Night Fundraisers— Wendy Hainstock

Assisted with Wetland Interpretive Panels— Judy Bickford

Built home for ‘Michelangelo’ the Turtle— Mitchell Houston

Re-strung Fishing Poles— Mitchell Houston, Dale Shady

Helped with Winter Nature Camp— Tom Yearwood, Denny Weiss, and Gene Jones

Helped at Millrock School— Ruth Hainstock, Jan Mundt, Zoe McMahon, Mic Marek, Tom Petaros, Betty Miller, Angie Heitman, Mary Burlingame

Helped with moving Exhibits— Kevin Burns, Bill & Wendy Hainstock, Dale Shady, Chelsey Lafrenz, Aggie Derganz

Outside work at Hurstville Interpretive Center— Bob & Ann Osterhaus & family, Dale Shady, Jeff Glaw, Ryan Current

Program Presentations— Mark Roberts, Dr. Jim Pease

Use of photos for interpretive signs— Robin Stone, Stan Boussan, Burnell Smith

Monitor Bee Hive at Center— Elmer Yaddoff, Ray & Chris Johnson

Cash Donation— William & Marlys Brown, Andrew 6th Grade

Donation to Friends of Jackson County Conservation Endowment Fund— Evelyn Fagerland, Bill & Bonnie Schwenker, Pam & Sam True

Donations— Pat Gent (river otter & red fox toy), Skott, Chris, Cale, & Kaylyn Gent (Theisens gift card for bird seed & songbird book), Myrna Larkey (bird feed)

Jackson County Conservation Board

Board Members

Bill Hainstock	Maquoketa
Rick Small	Bernard
Eric Strathman	Maquoketa
Roger Schladetzky	Bellevue
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Vanessa Vanis	AmeriCorp Volunteer

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A large print copy of this newsletter is available by contacting the JCCB office at the Hurstville Interpretive Center.

Helped with Songbird Soup Supper Fundraiser— Karen Krueger, Chris Tubbs, Mary Hayward, Helen Stewart, Jeanne Hoesley, Phyllis Nissen, Hilary Johnson, Bill & Wendy Hainstock, Lana Flagel, Margaret McCarthy, John & Barb McCray, Jo Ellen Langermann, 4-H youth, Roger & Eunice Schladetzky, Karen Manning, Michele O’Connor, Dorothy Nabb, Grace Otting, Jeannie Collins-Heer, Pam True, Kevin Burns, Jean Heister, Lois Garien, Velma Rasmussen

Hurstville Interpretive Center Volunteers Hours

Total Volunteer Hours in 2007 = 1,275
Since the grand opening of the building = 4,662
(as of 8/21/04 to 01/31/08)

Visitors Numbers

Total number of Visitors in 2007 = 9,195
Since the grand opening of the building = 32,671
(8/21/04 to 12/31/07)

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Hurstville Interpretive Center

Home of Jackson County Conservation Office

Hours

Monday-Friday 9 am — 4 pm

November—March

Saturday & Sunday 12 pm — 4 pm

April-October

Saturday & Sunday 12 pm — 5 pm

No Admission Fee!

Holiday Closings

Easter March 22-23, 2008



E-newsletter?

Would you like to help us save a few trees? You can receive your newsletter via email. If interested, please send your name and e-mail address to jacksonccb@jacksonccb.com. Also include your “snail mail” address as it appears on this newsletter. That will help us clean up our mailing labels file.



Special Bonus- Photos & graphics are in color!

We are currently looking for Sponsors for our Turtles for 2008!



We have two box turtles at the Center— Roxie & Michelangela. For \$30, you can provide food, water, & care to a turtle for 1 year.

Thank you Dave & Beth Sybesma & family for sponsoring our trumpeter swans this year!



Adopt a plot in the Butterfly Garden!

Enjoy gardening? Looking for a family activity? What to spend some time outside? We have just the thing for you. The butterfly garden in front of the Hurstville Interpretive Center needs some TLC. We have divided the garden into plots and are inviting individuals/couples/families/groups to adopt a plot— then plant native flowers and care for the plot during the season. We are holding a Spring Clean-up work day at the Center on Saturday May 3rd at 1:00 PM. After we have tidied up the garden, it will be ready to be planted. If you are interested in adopting a garden plot or would like more information, contact the Conservation office at (563) 652-3783.

Environmental Ed. Wish List

- *Sponsor turtle
 - *Adopt a plot in butterfly garden
 - *Funds for taxidermy work
 - *Bird food
 - *Rubbermaid Tubs
 - *Hand towels for kitchen
- Talk to the conservation staff and receive a detailed list of program books and materials needed.