



Up and

Down

the River

JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD SUMMER 2011

Another Record at Spruce Creek Park

For flooding that is. Water flowed into the park March 30 and the park was continuously underwater until May 20 when the water finally receded. The river peaked April 20 at 20.5 feet—the 3rd highest for the park (4th for Bellevue since records have been kept). Records for the park are 22.5 feet in 2001 and 21.5 feet in 1993. Before the park was there, Bellevue's record is 23.5 feet in 1965. Cleanup is underway, although it will take some time for the park to dry out and the entire campground has to be reseeded with grass. We hope to have the campground open mid-late June. Check our website, www.jacksonccb.com, or call our office for updates.



With flooding comes cleanup...

Many Hands Make Light Work

The AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) team once again proved the old adage to be true – many hands make light work! During their three week stay the crew helped dismantle and rebuild the flood-damaged walkway to the Hurstville bird blind, installed a ceiling in the fishing pond picnic shelter, cleared away winter debris at the Hurstville Center, and constructed a viewing deck along the Jackson County Recreation Trail. With word of the coming flood on the Mississippi River; the crew helped our staff remove electrical components from campsite electrical boxes and moved items susceptible to flood damage from the flood plain campground. Jackson County Conservation staff Ryan Owen, Jeannie Collins-Heer and Jerry Widel planned the projects and supervised the Team at the worksites. The crew spent 4 days refurbishing a trail and picnic tables at Eden Valley Park in southwest Jackson County. Clinton County Conservation Park Ranger Chip Brown supervised the crew at Eden Valley.



The NCCC Crew standing on the viewing deck they built along the Jackson County Rec Trail.

the youngsters they worked with! From campgrounds to kids, these 9 young adults provided over 1,080 hours of service to agencies and organizations in Jackson County.

Cedar 2 members also spent two days as a split crew – dividing themselves between assisting the Iowa DNR Bellevue Fisheries staff with northern pike surveys, Bellevue Rotary volunteers with pioneer cemetery maintenance, and Bellevue Public Works staff clear weeds and shrubs from 600 feet of walking path in the city. Each of the three NCCC team's we have hosted has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to experience the Mississippi River with Denny Weiss and the other Fisheries staff members.

On rainy days when they could not work outside, the nine young adults assisted staff at Bellevue, Andrew and Cardinal elementary schools with student needs. From helping with PE classes to practicing spelling words and math facts – the young people became “rock stars” to the

Jackson County Conservation is able to host the work crew thanks to the cooperation of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors and Chuck Schwager for housing the crew at the former Andrew/Jackson Care facility in 2010 and 2011.

Summer Programs



Jackson County Conservation Board Meetings

Tues June 7 at 7:00 pm—**Blackhawk Wildlife Area**

Tues July 12 at 7:00 pm—**Spruce Creek Park**

Tues August 9 at 7:00 pm—**Copper Creek Trail**

During the summer, the board tours an area at the start of the meeting. Meetings are open to the public.

Naturalist Lunch Box

Thurs June 9 at Noon

Topic: Trumpeter Swans

Thurs July 14 at Noon

Topic: Pollinator Gardens

Thurs August 11 at Noon

Topic: Garbage to Food

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Bring a friend, grab a lunch, and join a naturalist for a fun program while you dine the 2nd Thursday of the month this summer. Programs are outside at the picnic tables (if inclement weather, program will be inside).



Nature Tales

Wed June 15 at 10:00 am

Topic: Busy Bees

Wed July 20 at 10:00 am

Topic: Flowers

Wed August 17 at 10:00 am *Topic: Party in the Prairie*

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Children ages 2-6 and a guardian are invited to join a naturalist to learn more about our natural world. Stories and activities go along with the theme.

Creature Feature

Fridays: June 17, July 15, and July 29 at 3:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Get acquainted with our live animals at the Hurstville Center and assist in their feeding. All ages welcome.

Outdoor Fitness Club

Saturday June 11 at 9:00 am—**Maquoketa Caves Park**

Woodland hike—meet at the information kiosk

Saturday July 9 at 9:00 am—**Copper Creek Trail**

Bike ride—meet at Twogood Park in Preston

Saturday Aug 13 at 9:00 am—**Pine Valley Nature Area**

Nature hike—meet in the parking lot off 30th Ave

A club that is sure to get you more active, introduce you to some exciting outdoor places in our county, and to meet others in your community. Come to one, come to all. We meet once a month at a different park each time. Using parks for physical activity is a prescription for better health! All ages welcome.

June

Friends of Jackson County Cons. Meeting

Tuesday June 21 at 7:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

5:30 pm—Potluck. Bring a dish to share and table service. Drinks will be provided. All are welcome!

7:00 pm—General meeting. Please provide your input for the future of the Friends group

8:00 pm—Door prizes!

Leopold Bench Workshop

Saturday June 18 at 1:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Make a "Leopold Bench" to enjoy in your yard or garden. We will provide the materials and instructions. Registration is required by June 12th to prepare materials. If you are unable to attend the workshop and would like a bench assembled for you, add \$50 to the costs listed.

33" Fir	48" Fir	33" Treated	48" Treated
\$50	\$55	\$60	\$65

Science Under the Stars

Thursday June 23 at 4 pm—Friday June 24 at 9:00 am

Hurstville Interpretive Center

For youth who are entering 5th-7th grade in the fall & are interested in learning more about nature, science, & want to have fun! Campers will spend the night at the Hurstville Interpretive Center. Cost is \$15. Registration forms available at www.jacksonccb.com. Registration is required by June 17th. Register with the Jackson County Extension Office, #563/652-4923.

Camping & the Outdoors with Children

Saturday June 25 at 2:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Love the great outdoors but not sure how to introduce your infant/toddler/child to the experience and make sure all persons involved have a great time? Join us to learn practical strategies for making your next trip a success. Bring your child along for some activities!



July

Insects at Night

Friday July 1 at 7 pm at South Sabula Lake Park

Saturday July 2 at 7 pm at Spruce Creek Park

Don't bug out while camping! Join a naturalist at the campground for a fun program and learn about lightning bugs and crickets as they add to our pleasant evening.

Green Fire—Free Movie Showing!

Sunday July 10 at 2:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

See the first full-length, high-definition documentary film made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold and his environmental legacy! *Green Fire* shares highlights from his extraordinary career, explaining how he shaped conservation and the modern environmental movement.

Geocaching

Sunday July 17 at 2:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join a naturalist in searching for "hidden treasure" using GPS receivers! All ages welcome!



Summer Program Schedule Continued

Plant for Pollinators!

Saturday July 23 at 2:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Pollinators are one of the most important parts of a healthy thriving garden and we can help them by planting pollinator gardens. Come learn about the HIC's new pollinator garden and the insects and animals it supports.



Animal Songs

Saturday July 30 at 2:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Ever wonder who made that noise as you walk our trail? Join a naturalist in learning several common bird, insect and animal calls while enjoying some quality outdoor time with your family.



August

Youth Outdoor Skills Day

Saturday August 6 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Hurstville Fishing Pond

A day of outdoor recreation— canoeing, archery, shooting sports, fishing, orienteering, geocaching, outdoor cooking, and more. Cost is \$5/youth in advance, \$7 day of event (adults free). Great fun for the whole family! Activities geared towards youth ages 7-18 years old. Please register for this event by [August 3](#).

Prelude to Fall Prairie Tour

Sunday August 14 at 2:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Enjoy the glory of our late summer prairie bloom. Join a naturalist in identifying many of our plants as they make their last show for the season.

Hurstville/Millrock Program

Saturday August 20 at 2:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join summer intern Elizabeth Manning as she shares information she has found about these two historic communities. Her research led her to interview descendants of folks who lived in these towns.

Butterflies of Iowa

Sunday August 28 at 2:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join a naturalist for a fun and interactive program about our beautiful winged-insects.



New Faces at the Hurstville Center!

Jackson County Conservation has three new staff members to introduce! Jennifer Meyer has been hired for a one-year intern position. Lance Simmons is our summer maintenance worker. And Elizabeth Manning is filling a summer intern position funded by Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area and Friends of JCC. Meet the new staff:

“Hello, I’m Jennifer Meyer joining JCCB as their Naturalist Intern. For the last 5 years I’ve been teaching science in Dubuque and Andrew. I’m looking forward to working with the public sharing my love of the great outdoors. University of Dubuque is my alma mater with a degree in Biology with an endorsement for Secondary Education. In my free time I enjoy hiking with my dogs, kayaking with my husband, getting lost in a good book and currently planning for the arrival of our first child.”

“Hi, my name is Elizabeth Manning. I am a resident of rural Maquoketa. I recently completed my freshman year of college at Oberlin College in Oberlin, OH, where I study biology. In my free time, I enjoy gardening, cooking, canoeing on the Maquoketa River, and playing clarinet in summer bands in Maquoketa and Dubuque. I am very excited to be working for JCCB this summer.”



“Hello, I’m Lance Simmons. You may see me around the county working to improve our campgrounds, wildlife areas, historic sites, canoe accesses, and other county parks. I just finished my first year at Kirkwood where I’m majoring in Parks & Natural Resources. I am a native of Spragueville and enjoy hunting and fishing in my spare time.”

****Park Spotlight****

Hurstville Fishing Pond

An old Chinese proverb reads "Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime." Whether your 4 yrs old or 94 yrs old you can enjoy fishing. Fishing is a great lifelong hobby. So head out to the Hurstville Fishing Pond this summer and cast a line.

The Hurstville Fishing Pond is a 2-acre pond stocked with bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass. The pond is located 1 mile north of Maquoketa on the west side of Hwy 61. Access the parking lot from 63rd Street. The pond is a short distance from the parking lot and is handicap accessible. Cast your line from the dock or along the bank. And don't forget a picnic lunch to enjoy in the new picnic shelter on site! The area is open year-round from 4:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.





Attention Kids & Parents: 2011 Summer Day Camps



Explorer Camp

Tues – Thurs June 21, 22, 23 from 9:00 – Noon

At the Hurstville Interpretive Center, Maquoketa

For those entering Kdg-1st grade in the fall

Cost: \$15 per child

Activities and games will allow children to explore nature!

Ranger Camp

Tues – Thurs June 28, 29, 30 from 9:00 – 1:00

At the Hurstville Interpretive Center, Maquoketa

For youth entering 2nd–4th grade in the fall

Cost: \$25 per child

Participants will learn about our Iowa's nature resources!



Adventure Camp

Tues – Thurs July 12, 13, 14 from 9:00 – 3:00

At the Hurstville Interpretive Center, Maquoketa

For youth entering 5th–9th grade in the fall

Cost: \$35 per child

Canoeing, fishing, archery, orienteering, and more!

Nature Camp I

Tuesday August 2 from 9:00 – Noon

At Cole Park, Bellevue

For youth entering Kdg-6th grade in the fall

Cost: \$5 per child

Youth will have fun with nature related activities!

Nature Camp II

Thursday August 4 from 9:00 – Noon

At South Sabula Lakes Park, Sabula

For youth entering Kdg-6th grade in the fall

Cost: \$5 per child

Youth will have fun with nature related activities!

Nature Camp III

Tuesday August 9 from 9:00 – Noon

At Twogood Park, Preston

For youth entering Kdg-6th grade in the fall

Cost: \$5 per child

Youth will have fun with nature related activities!



- ◆ Registration and payment is due by the Friday before camp starts. Max number is 20 kids per camp so sign up early!
- ◆ You do not have to be a resident of the town to attend a camp in that town—anyone is welcome!
- ◆ Cost includes equipment, materials, activity fees, and a snack (lunch is provided for camps that go to 1:00 & 3:00).
- ◆ Financial assistance is available, please contact us for details.
- ◆ Camp will be cancelled only in the event of severe weather. Rain date for camp is Friday of the same week.

Registration Form

Youth Name _____

Youth Age _____ Grade entering Fall 2011 _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Parent Contact # (day) _____

2nd Contact # (day) _____

Special Health Considerations (allergies, current meds, etc): _____

Camp Attending (please circle):

Explorer Camp

Ranger Camp

Adventure Camp

Nature Camp I (Bellevue)

Nature Camp II (Sabula)

Nature Camp III (Preston)

I give permission for my child to attend day camp with Jackson County Conservation. I agree to pick up my child if the staff does not feel my child is abiding by the guidelines. I also understand in case of serious injury or illness, I will be notified, but if it is impossible to contact me, I give my permission for emergency treatment as recommended by the attending physician. I give permission for my child to have her/his picture taken, used for news releases and reports. If part of the camp takes place in other locations, I give permission for the staff (or chaperones) to transport my child.

Please Check One Yes No

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Payment Method: (circle one) **Cash or Check**
(Make checks payable to Friends of JCCB)

Total Enclosed: _____

Return registration form and payment to:

Jackson County Conservation
18670 63rd St
Maquoketa, IA 52060



Friends of Jackson County Conservation



Potluck Scheduled!

The Friends of Jackson County Conservation (FJCC) Membership Committee would like to invite all FJCC members to a potluck on Tuesday June 21 at 5:30 pm. We also invite anyone interested in becoming a FJCC member to join in on the fun! Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

At the potluck, we encourage all members to submit membership dues for the 2012 fiscal year. Membership runs from July 1—June 30.

Following the potluck will be the quarterly FJCC meeting at 7:00 pm. We would like you to provide input for the future of the FJCC group.

We will also be giving away door prizes!! Including a camping certificate to Spruce Creek Park or South Sabula Lakes Park (valued at \$30!), a \$15 gift certificate to the Friends gift shop, and a 1-year family membership to FJCC. Door prizes will be given away at 8:00 pm. Must be present to win.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Tuesday June 21
5:30 pm—Potluck
6:00 pm—Board Meeting
7:00 pm—FJCC Meeting
8:00 pm—Door Prizes!

New Exhibits at the Center

The Friends of Jackson County Conservation's Strategic Planning Committee would like your help in locating exhibits that could be temporarily displayed at the Hurstville Center. New exhibits offer new and exciting things to visitors and encourage locals to return again and again. During your travels around the country, keep an eye out for interesting exhibits relating to nature and the outdoors. Ask the host site about the exhibit and then let us know what you find out!



We hosted the Salute to Songbirds exhibit for 2 months in 2008.

Visit the Friends Gift Shop

Located at the Hurstville Interpretive Center. We have something for everyone. Shop for yourself or family and friends. Great gift items!

- ◆ Outdoor investigation equipment—butterfly nets, bug boxes, magnifying lens, binoculars, etc...
- ◆ Story books for kids & adults!
- ◆ Field guides—birds, trees, woodland, prairie, wetland, mushrooms, butterflies, insects, edible plants, bird eggs, and more!
- ◆ Kid's toys—snakes, bugs, frogs, Audubon birds, insect eyes, etc...
- ◆ Local Honey (Yaddof-Johnson) & Local Wine (Tabor, Brush Creek, & Iowa Grape Vines)
- ◆ Outdoor related T-shirts & Hats
- ◆ Animal Figurines, some made from driftwood!
- ◆ Bird feeders
 - ◆ Jackson County souvenirs
 - ◆ And much more!



Friends of Jackson County Conservation Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Type of Membership (Please check one per form and make checks payable to Friends of JCC)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student \$5	Regular \$10	Senior Citizen \$5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family \$20	Sustaining \$50	Other Amount \$_____

Amount Enclosed..... _____

Please send membership form and fee to:
Friends of Jackson County Conservation
18670 63rd Street
Maquoketa, Iowa 52060

Spring Activities at Hurstville Interpretive Center



Above: participants that joined us for our Prairie Chicken Trip to southwest Iowa.
Below: up at dawn to see the prairie chickens!

Delwood Kindergarten enjoyed looking at the animals during their field trip!

Jackson County Conservation's Education Staff had a busy spring field trip season! Ann & Jess came into contact with 932 students, either at the Hurstville Center, Green Island, Maquoketa Caves, Eden Valley, and other parks in the county during the month of May.



Preston 2nd graders putting their food waste in the compost bucket instead of the trash can during their field trip!



Kids had fun flying kites over the prairie this spring!



1. How do bulls pay for their groceries?

Kid's corner

2. What did the duck wear to his wedding?

Join the National Wildlife Federation for the Great American Backyard Campout!

On **June 25**, thousands of people across the nation will gather in their backyards, neighborhoods, communities and parks to take part in a one-night event that will provide an experience for all generations to connect with nature. You can join the Great American Backyard Campout whether you are an experienced camper or first-time campers. The National Wildlife Federation has all you will need to get you ready to camp at www.backyardcampout.org.

Beat the heat and wait until the sun goes down to have some outdoor fun...

- ◆ **Pitch a Tent**—Camp in your own backyard and turn an ordinary night into a memorable adventure.
- ◆ **Keep a moon journal**—Use a jar lid to trace a circle in a notebook and sketch the shape of the moon inside it. Underneath the sketch, write down the date, time, weather conditions, and any other observations! Do this nightly or weekly to see changes in the moon.
- ◆ **Star gazing**—check out a constellation guide book at your local library and have fun finding them in the sky!
- ◆ **Catch fireflies**—be sure to release them before the end of the evening!
- ◆ **Play 'Ghost in the Graveyard'**
- ◆ **Go for a night hike**—stay on the trail or use sidewalks.



4. Where do rainforest animals go to exercise?



3. How does an octopus pay its bills?



5. What kind of bird drives an ambulance?

Answers: 1. They charge them. 2. A duck-see-do. 3. With sand dollars. 4. Jungle gyms. 5. A parrot-medic



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—

Wendy Hainstock, Peg Miller, Margaret McCarthy, Barb McCray, Lou Behrend, Myrna Cavanagh, Linda Grobstick, Karen Manning, Bel Tubbs, Doris Yaddof, Mary Methner, Jeanne Norton, Zoe McMahon, Heather Trenkamp, Charlene Andresen, Darlene Elsner, Maxine Flock, JoEllen Langerman, Duane Westphal, Mary Hayward, Bel Tubbs, Karen Krueger, Clayton Pederson, Bill Hainstock, Ben Wagner, Hilary Markin, John Hoesley, Jeanne Hoesley,

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Jackson County Conservation Board

Board Members

Jerry Millwright	La Motte
Rick Small	Bernard
Eric Strathman	Andrew
Anne Hawks	Maquoketa
Steve Flynn	Maquoketa

The Jackson County Conservation Board meets in regular session the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Hurstville Interpretive Center (except when board tours an area). The meetings are open to the public.

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Donations—Linda Bailey (wildlife poster & jars), Mary Nevans-Pederson (bird song books), Karen Manning (Iowa Archaeology Book), Richard Zastrow (Bat house), Sandy Tigges (deer rib bones), Gerald Stutting (Millrock Pictures), Bonnie Daemerich (books)

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No Admission Fee!

Holidays:

Open Independence Day July 4!

Open Labor Day September 5!

Environmental Ed. Wish List

- * Funds for taxidermy work—pelican, red fox, and more...
- * Old versions of the books Little Red Riding Hood and Three Little Pigs.
- * Yarn—black, brown, green, red, and yellow
- * Styrofoam balls—1” diameter
- * Used books relating to nature and the outdoors for our used book sale (i.e. field guides, story books, information books, for both kids and adults)

—Talk to the conservation staff to receive a detailed list of program books and education materials needed.

Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?

The average American uses about 500 plastic bags each year, for about twelve minutes each. This single-use mentality has led to the formation of a floating island of plastic debris in the Pacific Ocean more than twice the size of Texas. The documentary film *Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic* explores the issue of plastic bags affecting not only waterways and marine life, but human health, too. The film is both humorous and interesting. **The movie is available at the Maquoketa Public Library for the public to checkout** thanks to DAC Incorporated, Friends of Jackson County Libraries, Friends of Jackson County Conservation, Jackson County Conservation, and Jackson County Solid Waste Agency. If you would like to show this film to your group or class, please contact our office. In addition to the film, there is curriculum about waste reduction, reuse, and recycling. This film is geared toward adults and youth 4th grade and older.



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