



Up and Down the River

JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD WINTER 2014-15

The Start of a Trail System at Prairie Creek

By: Jessica Wagner, Naturalist

Visitors to the park this fall were in for a treat. Thanks to volunteers and conservation staff, the park now has the start of a trail system! Park Rangers Ryan Owen & Jeannie Collins-Heer and Park Technician Jerry Widel spent time mowing and preparing a loop trail off of the Summit Street parking lot in early September; just in time for the Maquoketa Alzheimer's Walk, where more than 100 people walked the trail. With the great feedback about how nice it was to be able to get out and see the new park, we were motivated to get a trail connecting the two parking lots off 223rd Avenue. In October, 25 Volunteers joined our staff in creating a trail on the east side of the park. Volunteers and staff cut brush, cleared vegetation and installed planks across a small unnamed creek near the north parking lot. Park staff will keep these existing trails mowed and cleared for visitors to enjoy the park. A local geocacher placed three geocaches, with permission from our office, late this fall at the park and already more than two dozen people have stopped to look for them. We encourage you to take some time this winter to hike around the park. To access a map of the trails, visit the webpage for Prairie Creek Recreation Area at:



http://www.jacksonccb.com/prairie_creek_recreation_area



Join us for a First Day Hike at Prairie Creek on January 1, 2015 at 9:00 am. Meet Ann Burns at the Summit Street parking lot for a guided hike at the park. First Day Hikes are sponsored by national, state and local parks to get people outdoors at the beginning of the new year!

Trumpeter Swan Updates

By Jessica Wagner, Naturalist

This year has been a year of changes regarding the captive swans at the Center. As you may recall, we lost our female swan, Fredericka, last May. Additionally, the eggs she laid prior to death were not viable and we did not produce any young swans.

Fred, the male swan, spent the summer months solo on the pond. Then in September, we acquired a captive female swan. The female is originally from the Chicago Botanical Gardens. We hope with the addition of the female we can continue to produce cygnets as part of the Iowa DNR's Trumpeter Swan Reintroduction Effort.

We asked the public to submit names for the new female during September and October. We received quite a few great potential names, including: Annie, Ethel, Floracal, Florence, Frieda, Ginger, Harriet, Odette and Wilma. Following an online polling in November, the name Ginger received the most votes.

Here is what Ann Burns, who submitted Ginger, had to say about the name: "Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire were a popular dance and film couple in the 1930's. Their names were synonymous with grace and style. The beauty and grace of swans makes Ginger and Fred a great 'couple name' for our swans!"



Another turn of events happened late this fall. A cygnet (*a swan in its first year*) was found injured in Clinton County near Low Moor. Conservation Officer Luke Webinger picked up the swan and brought it to us on December 1st. It is believed the swan hit a power line and as a result has an injured foot. We have clipped its feathers to hold it at our pond over the winter to allow it to heal. If the cygnet heals, we will release it into the wild in the spring.

Jackson County Conservation staff have enjoyed being part of the reintroduction effort for the past 9 years and appreciate all the public support of the program! We would like to especially thank Drs. David & Beth Sybesma for their many years of sponsoring the swan family and the additional donors who have made sure the swans have had their needs met.

Visit us online at www.jacksonccb.com & www.mycountyparks.com/County/Jackson.aspx

Soil Judging at Prairie Creek

By Michelle Turner, Jackson Co. SWCD Watershed Coordinator

This year standing shoulder deep in an earthen pit, Natural Resources Conservation Service soil scientist Bob Vobora scraped away at the exposed soil with his knife. "Don't let the thick grass cover fool you," he said. "This soil shows severe erosion. There's no topsoil layer." This was just one of the "teachable moments" that came out of the FFA soil judging contest held on September 25th at Prairie Creek Recreation Area in Maquoketa.

Before the contest began, students gathered around a demonstration pit where Vobora explained in detail how to examine the soil. Soil characteristics such as texture, color, structure, and condition were just a few of the features to be considered. For many of the students, it was their first opportunity to see an open pit. The contest required the students to judge three pits and complete a written exam.

When the students completed their judging, Vobora walked the group to each of the pits to go over the



score cards. Although the pits were located relatively close together on one end of the park, the pits showed a surprising variety of differences. Vobora noted that the third pit was the most interesting and difficult to judge. "The original topsoil and subsoil layers were buried beneath years of eroded material from the surrounding hills. That can create a lot of confusion for students."

The contest is a yearly event sponsored by the Clinton and Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and serves as a training opportunity for area FFA teams to get ready for District competitions. Klocke Excavating & Trucking donated time and effort to dig the pits and fill them in afterwards. This year's winning team was from Northeast High School. Team members were Amberlyn Kruse, Jayna Farrell, Sara Hartung, and Hannah Junge. Overall high score individual was Amberlyn Kruse. Over forty students participated, representing teams from DeWitt Central, Maquoketa, Midland, Easton Valley, and Bellevue high schools.

Ice Fishing

Spruce Creek Harbor and Hurstville Fishing Pond are both great spots for casting a line this winter! Please be cautious of ice conditions.



Volunteer Shares His Skills

By Jessica Wagner, Naturalist

When it comes to sharing his skills, Dean Nelson is the right guy for the job! After receiving visitor requests to have a place to sit while viewing the exhibits at the Center, we decided we needed some benches to adorn the exhibit floor. We looked into costs and then wondered if there was someone out there willing to help. Dean said yes right away, before even having the plans or a design! We simply showed Dean some photos of benches we liked and he found the plans. As for the lumber, we wanted to make sure the benches matched the other wooden items on our exhibit floor.



We approached Dave Gossman, of Tree Farm Products of Zwingle, about getting some lumber from him, which he then turned around and donated!! The legs are made of basswood, the rails and middle supports are walnut, the seat slats are red elm and the bottom stretcher is oak. Thanks Dean & Dave!

Geocaching a popular activity

By Jessica Wagner, Naturalist

If you looked at our calendar of events this past year, you would have noticed a lot more geocaching programs scheduled than previous years. Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunt, using a GPS unit or smartphone app to find hidden containers. Using GPS (Global Positioning System) to locate a specific place, you then search for the hidden container, then sign a log book and trade trinkets (aka treasure!).

Geocaching is a relatively new sport. It first started in 2000, the same year that GPS became more available for civilian use. A gentleman in Oregon hid a black bucket, he then posted the coordinates for the location online and within 3 days it had been found twice. Now, just 14 years later, there are more than 200 million geocaches hidden in more than 180 countries and the game is played by more than 6 million people.

A big thank you to Bob Koranda & Pete Maier for helping us to host the many geocaching events. As well as Steve Tubbs, Jim Dean and Cheryl Regan. We appreciate you all sharing your love of the sport with others!



Pictured here are students from Andrew School. Our EE Staff visited both Andrew & Easton Valley to introduce the students to the sport of geocaching as part of their curriculum.

Student Educates Others

By Ann Burns, Environmental Education Coordinator

Students and adults in the area often associate Jackson County Conservation Board naturalists Jeny, Jess and Ann with opportunities to learn about natural resources. Easton Valley student, Liam Bauer, is an example of someone stepping up at a young age to help people understand, appreciate and conserve our world's resources.

Liam and his siblings have been long-time participants at JCCB programs – both through school field trips and public programs. Recently, he was asked to talk about Iowa snakes with Maquoketa Cub Scout Pack 238. We were only too glad to loan some of our snake natural history items for Liam's program – to help him make the presentation more meaningful for the Scouts.



Liam helped the Scouts explore how some of the snakes got their names – such as the milk snake, how to tell poisonous snakes from the non-poisonous snakes and how he cautiously catches and handles snakes when he finds one in the wild (always carefully releasing them after getting a closer look). Liam also developed a snake game for the Scouts to play – based on a game he remembered playing during a visit from one of our education staff when he was in elementary school.

“I like to explore outdoors and help others learn about wildlife, too” stated Liam when we visited the day he collected the snake items from the Hurstville Center. A love of the outdoors, learned from parents and grandparents, has Liam committed to learning all he can about our natural resources – and ready to share that with others around him! Way to go Liam!

We installed a new observation bee hive at the Center this fall. The new hive has a better feeding system for the bees for overwintering them. Thank you for your contributions to help us purchase the new hive!



We now are stocked with honey in our gift shop too!

Winter Programs



Winter Overnight Camp

Mon. Dec 29 at 2 pm—Tues. Dec. 30 at 9 am
Hurstville Interpretive Center

Youth in 4th-6th grades are invited to spend the night at the Center and have fun with winter related activities; including snowshoeing, ice fishing, nature crafts, building an igloo and more! Registration forms available at www.jacksonccb.com. Registration required by Dec 19 at 4:00 pm. Cost is \$15. Register with the Extension Office at the Courthouse.

First Day Hike

Thursday January 1 at 9:00 am
Prairie Creek Recreation Area



Join Ann Burns for a guided hike at the park as part of the national First Day Hike initiative. A good start to your new years resolutions. If there is snow, bring cross country skis or borrow our snowshoes. If no snow, simply be prepared to walk. All ages welcome. Dress for the weather.

Friends of Jackson County Conservation Quarterly Business Meeting

Tuesday January 13 at 7:00 pm
Hurstville Interpretive Center



Join the Friends group for their winter meeting and learn more about the benefits of being a friend and become involved. Help make decisions about special events and projects. **Potluck is at 6:30.**

Dubuque Bald Eagle Watch

Saturday January 17 from 9:00—4:00
Grand River Center in Dubuque



View bald eagles at Lock & Dam #11, see presentations with live birds of prey including a Bald Eagle, browse the exhibits and participate in children games and activities. Transportation provided back and forth from lock and dam and the Grand River Center. Make sure to stop at the Friends of JCC booth!!

Snowshoeing

Monday January 19 at 11:00 am
Hurstville Interpretive Center

Spend the afternoon “walking on snow”! We’ll provide snowshoes free of charge and lead you for a walk out on the prairie. *Bonus: try our brand new aluminum snowshoes for free! Great exercise. *Cancelled if snow is not adequate, check our website or listen to KMAQ for updates.*

Owl Prowl

Friday February 6 at 6:00 pm
Hurstville Center & Prairie Creek Rec. Area

Join a naturalist in learning about owls of Iowa and their adaptations that make them great nighttime hunters. Following the program indoors, we’ll head to Prairie Creek to call the owls outside at the park with the help of Bob Walton. Dress for the weather. All ages welcome.

Cabin Fever Day!

Monday February 16 from 10:30-Noon
Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join a naturalist for some fun outdoors playing in the snow! All ages are welcome to join in on the games and various activities!

OWL Event—Gladys Black

Thursday February 19 at 1:00 pm
Swiss Valley Nature Center

Join us for the 2nd of our new OWL series. The OWL series is sponsored by Dubuque, Jackson and Jones County Conservation. We will hold 4-6 programs and trips per year for Older Wiser and Livelier (OWL) adults who are interested in learning more about nature & meeting others.

Gladys Black: The Legacy of Iowa’s Bird Lady

Larry Stone of Elkader, IA will present about the late Gladys Black, who was widely known throughout Iowa as a conservationist, educator, and expert on birds. The program will highlight this colorful woman’s impact on so many Iowans. The program is FREE. Join us for an optional lunch to socialize at Noon (price TBD). Carpooling available from the Hurstville Center. **Pre-registration required for lunch and carpooling by Friday Feb 13. Call Jackson CCB at (563) 652-3783 or Dubuque CCB at (563) 556-6745 to register.**

Snowshoeing

Saturday February 21 at 1:00 pm
Hurstville Interpretive Center

Spend the afternoon “walking on snow”! We’ll provide snowshoes free of charge and lead you for a walk out on the prairie. *Bonus: try our brand new aluminum snowshoes for free! Great exercise. *Cancelled if snow is not adequate, check our website or listen to KMAQ for updates.*

Bird House Workshop

Saturday February 21 at 2:30 pm
Hurstville Interpretive Center



Bird houses are a wonderful addition to your yard and can increase the success of seeing birds around your home. Materials and information are provided. Cost: Wren-\$5, Bluebird-\$7, Kestrel-\$16, Wood Duck-\$28.

Pre-registration and payment required by February 14 in order to prepare materials.

Program Cancellation Policy— In some circumstances, weather or otherwise, we may have to cancel a program. Anyone who pre-registers for a program will be contacted if the program is canceled. We will also post the cancellation information on the Hurstville Center’s Facebook page and send it to KMAQ 95.1 FM.

Fall Programs with Jackson CCB!

Dave Murcia with Scott County Conversation visited with three birds of prey in November.



Easton Valley 4th graders learned how to geocache and looked for caches around the school grounds.



People of all ages had fun learning about geodes and how to break them open at a public program in September, led by Eric Kilburg.



75+ people joined us for our annual Youth Outdoor Skills Day this September; activities included canoeing, archery, target shooting and geocaching.



Present and past board members pause for a photo during the 10 Year Anniversary Party.

















Visitors enjoyed a variety of activities during our 10 Year Celebration!

Kid's corner

For outside... For inside...

Complete both activities & turn them in at the Hurstville Center for a small prize! All ages eligible.

Winter Scavenger Hunt

 Squirrel	 Pine Cone	 Flying Bird	 Feather
 Maple Leaf	 Bird Nest	 Tracks of a mammalian omnivore	 Twig
 3 Pieces of Litter	 Cat Track <small>Cat (no claws)</small>	 A Berry	 Cardinal
 Pine Needle	 Chickadee	 Oak Leaf	 Dog (with claws)

Winter Word Search

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

chilly
fireplace
frost
hibernate
hot chocolate
migrate



penguin
polar bear
snowflake
snowman
white
winter



Friends of Jackson County Conservation

Next Friends Meeting

Tuesday January 13 at 7:00 pm
Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join us for our winter meeting and learn more about the benefits of being a friend and become involved. Help make decisions about exhibits, special projects, and environmental education opportunities in the county.

Potluck at 6:30

Bring a dish to share; drinks and table service provided.

Friends Recap of 2014

Members created an annual report for FY 2013-14. It will be available online after approval at the January meeting. Here are some of the highlights:

- ◆ Friends received the Excellence in Interpretive Support award from the National Association of Interpretation Region 5 in April, 2014.



We were then nominated for the national award, which we received this November. Ann Burns traveled to Denver, CO to accept it on behalf of the Friends group. WAY TO GO FRIENDS!!!!

- ◆ There are 128 memberships (single, family, seniors...)
- ◆ 297 people volunteered for Jackson County Conservation/Friends of Jackson County Conservation, spending 1,771.25 hours of their time.
- ◆ An Endowment Campaign was held through the Community Foundation in the Fall of 2013. \$8,075 was raised and we received a match from the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque of \$2500 for our endowment.
- ◆ We participated in the national Great Give Day on May 6, 2014 through the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. \$2,441.46 was raised for our endowment fund.
- ◆ Co-funded two watershed murals at the Hurstville Interpretive Center.
- ◆ Helped fund the first year of the Summer Youth Corps, My Community My Future program.
- ◆ Co-funded a summer education intern, Ashley Quinlan
- ◆ Provided bus scholarships for two county schools; Marquette 4th & 5th graders for Archaeology Week at Hurstville & Maquoketa 7th graders for their backpacking trip to Isle Royale.

'Tis the Season for Giving!

Please include Friends of Jackson County Conservation in your giving this year. Donations can be made for specific projects/programs or can be 'unrestricted', allowing the membership to decide at a quarterly meeting. Another option is the Friend's Endowment Fund, aka "Forever Funds". When making a contribution to an endowment fund in Iowa of at least \$50.00, you may be eligible for the 25% Endow Iowa State Tax Credit.

The Friends of JCC group is committed to providing outdoor experiences to Jackson County residents and visitors by supporting our local county conservation department. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Another option for donating to conservation in Iowa is the Chickadee Checkoff. It provides Iowans an opportunity to donate a portion of their Iowa tax refund when

completing their Iowa form 1040s. The money goes to the Wildlife Diversity Fund, which helps fund programs that help non-game wildlife species in Iowa. Including the trumpeter restoration effort in Iowa, bald eagle monitoring, frog & toad surveys, habitat restoration and research projects on Iowa's wildlife species.

Think of us for gifts for your loved ones this holiday season!

Gift Certificates available for: Camping at Spruce Creek Park or South Sabula Lake, Summer Day Camps, & Gift Shop at Hurstville Center (many gift options such as local wine, honey and handmade items; field guides, story books, nature games, bug nets and jars, and much more!)

Environmental Ed. Wish List

- ◆ Snowshoes
- ◆ Nature story books
- ◆ Field guides
- ◆ Table or chop saw
- ◆ Funds for taxidermy mounts
- ◆ Sunflower seed for birds
- ◆ Flat Styrofoam trays
- ◆ Weed eater

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!

Front Desk Volunteers—Kathi Atkinson, Lou Behrend, Judy Bickford, Joyce Blanchard, Linda Davidson, Alice Gilmore, Mary Hayward, Karen Krueger, Mary Ann McLaughlin, Zoe McMahon, Mary Mether, Peggy Miller, David Rosheim, Bill Schwenker, Jennie Wilcox

Helped with Programs & Field Trips—Lou Behrend, Jane Bowman, Pam Davis, Bob Koranda, Dale Easley, Mary Flagel, Marge Fowler, Mary Hamann, Ray Hayes, Mary Hayward, Chad Heinzl, Eric Kilburg, Jo Ellen Langerman, Pete Maier, Zoe McMahon, Jeremy Meyer, Betty Miller, Dave Murcia, Vera Randall, Roberta Rosheim, Chris Tubbs, Chuck Wolf

Helped with Swans—Larry Baker, KJ Breitbach, Ann Burns, Kevin Burns, Dave Gossman, Roger Hansen, Logan Mayberry, Arabella Wagner, Marty Wagner

Contributed to the 10 Year Anniversary Party—Kathi Atkinson, Judy Bickford, Ann Burns, Kevin Burns, Ryan Costello, Dane Elmgreen, Lynne Elmgreen, Lana Flagel, Dave Gossman, Club hOpe Members, 4-H Cooking Clover Kids, Bill Hainstock, Wendy Hainstock, Jeanne Hoesley, Karen Krueger, Karen Manning, Barb & John McCray, Cassie Sheehan, Mary Mether, Cassie Novak, Paula Olson, Marie Rossman, Richard Rossman, Katie Weber, Galen Saunders, Denise Swanson, Jeff Swanson, Sean Swanson, Chloe Swanson, Chris Tubbs, Mark Intlekofer

Helped with Youth Outdoor Skills Day—Maury Anderson, Dale Caraway, Dave Gossman, Jim Dean, Bob Koranda, Steve Tubbs, Cheryl Regan, Jerry Hora, Jennie Wilcox

Volunteered at the Prairie Creek Work Day—Jake Bickford, Kevin Burns, Thomas Clark, Dylan Dean, Kaleb Frost, Dave Gossman, Rusty Hayes, Mary Hayward, Jenna Holtz, Jody Holtz, Connie Johnson, Jo Ellen Langerman, Logan Mayberry, Jeremy Meyer, Ted Maze, Anne Nolting, Cracy Nolting, Clayton Pederson, Galen Saunders, Bill Schwenker, Bonnie Schwenker, Jacob Schwenker, Cassie Sheehan, Rick Sheehan, Jeff Tampir

Helped with Halloween Hike—Kathi Atkinson, Jenna Breitbach, Girl Scout Troop of Maquoketa, Maquoketa Middle School Student Council Students, Ann Marie Johnson, Robyn Lane, Cassie Sheehan, Andi Sheehan, Karlee Sheehan, Rick Sheehan, Denise Swanson, Chloe Swanson, Sean Swanson, Jeff Swanson, June Wahl, Katie Weber, Shannon Weber, Bob Koranda

Contributed to Wine Tasting Event—Chad Heinzl & Family, Jeremy Meyer, Alice Gilmore, Kathi Atkinson, Barb McCray, Pam True, Jenny DeWitt, Sandy Walton, Ann Burns, Kenny Burns, Mary Hayward, Ben Wagner, Karen Manning, Karen Krueger, Jo Ellen Langerman, Bob Walton, Cassie Sheehan, Kim Jochum, Jessica Wagner

Jackson County Conservation

Board Members

Anne Hawks	Maquoketa
Steve Flynn	Maquoketa
Christine Cornelius	Andrew
Randy Bender	Bellevue
Kathy Wosaba	Monmouth

The Jackson Co. Conservation Board meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm.

Address & Contact Information

18670 63rd Street Maquoketa, IA 52060

Phone: (563) 652-3783

Fax: (563) 652-2191

Spruce Creek Shop (563) 872-3621

E-mail jacksonccb@jacksonccb.com

Website www.jacksonccb.com &

www.MyCountyParks.com/County/Jackson.aspx

Conservation Staff

Daryl Parker	Executive Director
Ann Burns	Environmental Ed. Coordinator
Ryan Owen	Park Ranger
Jeannie Collins-Heer	Park Ranger
Jerry Widel	Operation Technician
Pam True	Office Manager
Jessica Wagner	Naturalist
Jennifer Meyer	Assistant Naturalist

Volunteers for Misc. Projects—KJ Breitbach, Ann Burns, Alice Gilmore, 23 Members of First Lutheran Church in Maquoketa, Wendy Hainstock, Mary Hayward, Jeanne Hoesley, Karin Hoover, McKenzie Intlekofer, Karen Krueger, Jo Ellen Langerman, Karen Manning, Barb McCray, Betty Miller, Peggy Miller, Dean Nelson, Lance Owen, Ashley Quinlan, Kerry Schepers, Jon Stroyan, Steve Tubbs, Chris Tubbs, Chuck Veach

Donations—Bob & Sue Bergman (Paddling Iowa Book), Gary & Karen Beedle (pumpkins), Will Davis (bee hive & wood duck house), Ruth Dieterich Moe (snowshoes), Linda Ward (bird seed), Bonnie Daemerich (work gloves, hanging baskets), Shopper (advertisement rerun), Tom Lally (milkweed seed), MHS Welding (repairs), Brian Nabb (paper wasp nest), Chris Cornelius (bags), Dave Gossman (lumber for benches), Peg Miller (walkie talkies)

Cash Donations—Loras & Mary Ann McLaughlin, Maquoketa United Church of Christ, Maquoketa Garden Club, John Farrell, Yaddoff Johnson Apiaries, Larry & Macelle Heneke, Betty Miller, William & Marlys Brown, Jim & Connie Sjostrom, Don Kelly, John & Jeanne Hoesley, Laverne & Eunese Roberg, Roger & Eunice Schladetzky

Donations made in memory of/or in honor of:

In Honor of Marielle Burns



Jackson County Conservation
Hurstville Interpretive Center
18670 63rd Street
Maquoketa, IA 52060

PRE SORTED STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
MAQUOKETA IA
PERMIT NO. 123

Address Service Requested

Printed on recycled paper

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Home of Jackson County Conservation Office

Hours Monday-Friday 9 am — 4 pm year round
Closed weekends January—March

No Admission Fee!



Holidays:

Open Martin Luther, Presidents Day, and other weekday holidays in January, February and March
Closed Weekends Dec 20-21, 29-30
Closed December 24-25
Closed December 31–January 1

E-newsletter Option

You can receive this newsletter via email and help us save paper and printing costs. If interested, please send your name and e-mail address to jess@jacksonccb.com.

Like us on Facebook!

Get the latest information about our programs, events, our parks, staff activities, volunteer opportunities, ways you can help, Iowa's flora and fauna, and more!

www.facebook.com/HurstvilleInterpretiveCenter

Snowshoeing!

Tired of being stuck inside this winter? Try snowshoeing, it's a great activity for everyone! It's fun, inexpensive, and provides great cardiovascular exercise. Plus, it gets you outside to enjoy some beautiful winter days.

We have snowshoes available for rent at the Hurstville Interpretive Center. Plastic styles cost \$5 per day or \$10 for a 3-day rental.

Our NEW aluminum snowshoes

(pictured) cost \$10 per day to rent or \$20 for a 3-day rental. Deposits are required.



Smart Lunch Winners!

Congratulations to the 4th graders at both Delwood & Easton Valley! They tied for the Fall 2014 Smart Lunch Contest. Each school that visits the Center for a field trip can enter into the contest by packing waste free lunches.

We weigh the trash at each field trip and divide by the number of teachers/students. The 4th graders visited the Center in September for sandbox digs and packed lunches with very little garbage! Friends of JCC provide an educational classroom gift to the winner.

