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## Sioux County Park Overview

The winter months is our chance to enjoy some sort of calmness at our parks and get caught up on many projects that get put on hold or lowered priority due to weather and time they take. Staff have been busy working on signage at multiple different locations throughout the county. Either taking down and replacing with new, refurbishing the old ones with paint and stain, or adding new signs. Work continues at the cabin at the Big Sioux Rec. Area with hopes of seeing that open to the public sometime mid summer.

Planning has also started for our spring and summer months for seeding that needs to get accomplished, prairie burns, prepping campgrounds for reopening and overall equipment maintenance that needs to be completed. So, when the grass turns green, we are ready to go. The Prairie Woods Nature Center has been a popular stop this winter. On cold days we see people looking for something warm to do outside the house. On decent days we see visitors out hiking, stopping in to see exhibits and use the restrooms. The SELF (Senior Environmental Learning and Fellowship) Program has seen many participants return and take advantage of time of fellowship and learning. If you want more information on SELF and other programs continue reading on for more details on current and upcoming projects along with programming.



### Oak Grove

**Myron Dekkers- Park Ranger**

Only in the Midwest we can get excited about “warm” temperatures in the 20s, right? I totally understand why my grandparents would go south for the winter! Honestly, our winter as a whole was pretty nice.

Here at Oak Grove, Damon and I kept busy with the typical winter tasks. We got out and patrolled during hunting seasons, made and refurbished signage for some of our areas, performed some equipment maintenance, and did some snow removal. We also enjoyed helping out our naturalists with some ice fishing clinics they held with some of our local schools. As a staff have also had some good staff meetings, ironing out spring burn plans and upcoming projects.

Thinking back to how full the Big Sioux River was a year ago, it is reassuring to see where the water level is now as we get closer to spring. I know there are no guarantees, but as of now, it looks promising to have possibly a second spring in a row without major flooding.

Once again, we have had many visitors come out to Oak Grove this winter. This park is definitely a different world in the winter months. It is good to see many people dedicated to enjoying the great outdoors.

I would definitely say we are blessed to have all four seasons, each having their own highlights to look forward to. Keep enjoying the great outdoors!

I'll see you around.

## **Sandy Hollow Rec. Area**

**Zach Weyer & Taylor Deegan- Park Rangers**

A new year is here as we look to put 2020 in our past and move onto better things. Sandy Hollow is gearing up for another busy camping season starting in April. One of our big projects this year will be a new shop by the park house. The new shop will allow for more storage of equipment and better access for the staff. The old shops will be relocated or torn down. This old shop space will then turn into an expansion of the campground. We hope to add another 15-20 spots within the next couple years.

As we see the change in seasons, we hope to see a little more precipitation going into the Spring to bring our pond levels up and so things do not get too dry so that we can extend our controlled burn season. It really is interesting coming off of very wet years and then going into drought like conditions. It puts things into perspective and shows you how much we truly rely on continued environmental factors in our day to day lives. That concludes our early year outlook for 2021, we hope you stay warm and safe the rest of this winter.

## **Big Sioux Rec. Area**

**Alex Lynott- Park Ranger**

Old Man Winter has given us an overall very mild white and dormant season. The lack of snowfall has me a little nervous about what it may mean in regards to precipitation this summer. It would be nice if we could get back to normal weather patterns, somewhere between catastrophic flooding and severe drought. I cannot complain too much about this winter, though. The warmer temperatures and low snow cover have allowed me to do more land management than I am typically able to do in the winter.

The chainsaws ran longer and harder these past few months and you will notice a thinning of trees along the shorelines and forested areas. This is strictly being done to restore these areas and open up the ground for more sunlight. Since this was a gravel quarry, the soils, or lack thereof, allowed for many invasive and non-native vegetative species to grow and outcompete our native trees and grasses. Siberian elm trees and honeysuckle shrubs have been the main target while also thinning out the red mulberry and boxelder trees. Currently they suppress any growth under them, causing soil erosion issues and murky waters. So we are removing the bad to allow more room for the good!

Along with forest management, designated trees will continue to be felled as the park is being prepped for the addition onto the paved bike trail. A berm has been built and trees cleared along 7th Street in Hawarden to protect that part of town from the frequent and extreme high waters of Dry Creek. In partnership with the City of Hawarden, a paved bike trail will be constructed on top of this berm to eventually connect the city's trail to the park. The main reason for this trail project is to offer a safe route for the younger population to navigate around major city streets, state highways, railroads, and busy intersections to the park.

Speaking of concrete, when spring and warmer temperatures arrive, the remaining six campsites in Meadowlark Campground are on the docket to be paved, meaning all sites in that campground will be hard surface sites! The north main entrance has also been repaired so please use the 84 W. 10th street address when coming to visit!



One thing I am looking forward to this summer is the grand appearance of this year's eaglets from the nearby nest. It is such a show watching their parents bring them to our waters to harass the ducks and geese and pick off their first fish from the lake then very clumsily land in a tree branch with their meal as they try to figure out how to perch, eat, and keep their balance. The past two years, two offspring have been produced each year from this nest and they remain a close-knit family unit that stays year-round to make sure no other eagles claim their turf.

Stay warm and healthy everyone!

## Once Old Buncombe Schoolhouse Now New Cabin

Whether you have been following our newsletters for a while or are new to it, we are very excited with the progress of the old Buncombe Schoolhouse that we moved from its original location along highway 10 N to its new home nestled back in the timber at the Big Sioux Recreation Area, back in the winter of 2019. We are nearing the completion of the remodel of this building and are looking forward to seeing what our finished product will be. We have not set an official opening date for this cabin as of writing this newsletter as there is a lot of moving parts to complete before we can open it to the public for rentals. This cabin, unlike the others at Oak Grove, will offer a full kitchen, three bedrooms, two full bathrooms, washing machine and dryer, and two separate lofts. Outside we have a half wrapped covered porch and will have a back patio area with fire pit available, along with a comfortable seating area inside too. Staff and those that have been building it have been in awe of some of its features we have added to add extra charm. We hope to host a modest open house for viewing of this facility prior to opening it for reservations. However, if you want to be the first to stay in this cabin you must watch our website for updates on its completion and availability to rent this space.



## Prairie Woods Nature Center

In January we celebrated our first milestone of occupying the space and being open to the public for a whole year, kind of. As we all know, 2020 was not a typical year nor do we have a good grasp on what a typical year will look like for the center. We were excited with our open house starting things off with a bang and having over 1,200 visitors that day alone. The excitement and buzz of the building was unbelievable. Then COVID hit and we had to close our doors to the public. As staff, it was heartbreaking to sit in a brand-new building that had been built for the public now closed to the public. It was quiet. July rolled around and we were able to be open again with a soft opening, mostly visited by families and campers stopping in on their visits to the park. In August we announced our opening with modified hours. This winter has been a good winter with many visitors to the center and the park in general. In the past twelve months we have seen over 5,000 visitors to the center. We are excited to see how 2021 treats us and hope to see many more of you visiting in the near future. If you have not been out to check it out don't hesitate there is a lot to see and do!

### Summer Hours

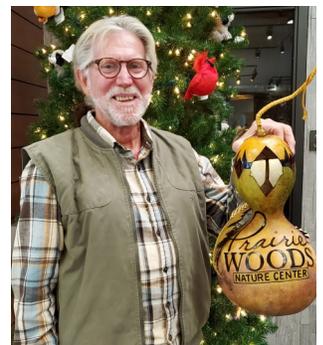
April – October

Monday: closed  
Tuesday: 9 a- 4p  
Wednesday: 9 a- 4 p  
Thursday: 1- 7p  
Friday: 9 a- 4p  
Saturday: 9 a- 4 p  
Sunday: 1- 4 p

## Featured Artist at the Prairie Woods Nature Center

If you haven't been out to the nature center another reason for your visit would be to check out our featured artist wall in the Conservation Corner. This wall will rotate between local artists throughout the year.

Currently in the spotlight is the work that Harlan Van Voorst from Sioux Center. Harlan stated: "COVID has helped me return to doing wood-working and designing gourds. I've always been grateful for the gifts of drawing and enjoying the realm of nature and Creator's handywork."



# Environmental Education Opportunities

Pre-registration REQUIRED for most events but is appreciated for all events, please visit our website at [siouxcountyparks.org/events](http://siouxcountyparks.org/events) to learn more about the programs and how to register. Programs held at the Prairie Woods Nature Center are indicated by:  All other program location noted in description. Cancellation of programs will be posted on our Facebook page and on 93.9 FM.

## **March 13- Beekeeping, what would you like to know?**

**9:30-10:30 am**

Have you ever wished you could ask an expert about bees or beekeeping? Now is your chance! Sioux County Conservation is hosting bee expert and master beekeeper Dr. Bajema.

Dr. Bajema has been beekeeping for 44+ years, and will give a hands-on presentation on all things bees! The presentation is geared for kids and adults who know nothing about bees and for those of you who have some experience! After the main presentation, there will be a time of sharing and learning about bees with ample time for everyone to ask questions! Minimum participation is required to host program.

## **March 16- Senior Environmental Learning and Fellowship (SELF)**

**9:30 am and 2 pm**

Seniors! Looking for a great place to gather with friends? Enjoy coffee, treats, fellowship and a short presentation. Each month we will take the time to explore how the specific design of our chosen topic is essential to its owner.

We promise you will enjoy your- SELF!

Topic: By Design– Beaks

## **March 20– Rock The Park**

**9 am– noon**

Did you ever wonder what it takes to go on a fun day hike? Join one of our experienced volunteers for a leisurely morning hike around Oak Grove Park. Whether you have never hiked before or are an experienced trekker, join us for a few hours. Your guide will give advice about hiking including planning, gear, proper hiking technique, and etiquette.

No experience is needed and families are welcome to experience the outdoors together. The trails will require moderate effort with some uphill and down hill walking. We will be trekking through various terrains and ecosystems including prairie, woods and river environments.

## **April 1- Summer Camp Registration**

**Online Only**

**8 am**

This is the first day to sign your kid up for this year's summer camp season! See the following Summer Camp page for more information.

## **April 20- Senior Environmental Learning and Fellowship (SELF)**

**9:30 am and 2 pm**

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Topic: By Design– Eggs

## **April 22- Celebrate Earth Day with the Secret Life of Stuff**

**12- 7 pm**

Your Sioux County Naturalist will help you explore the reasons we have “stuff”, the lifecycle of our “stuff”, impact of our “stuff” on the environment and how this all influences us. We will spend time both outdoors connecting with nature, and indoors doing lessons and projects. We will kick off the program with a sack lunch and getting to know each other. A Dutch Oven instruction and meal will be our supper. Cost is \$10 at the door. This program is based off of a workshop provided to educators through Area Education Agency this winter. This class is appropriate for mature elementary students through adult.

 **May 6– Bird Presentation: Introduction to Warblers of Iowa Instruction and Slides** **6- 8 pm**

This program is with guest expert birder, Kelly McKay as part of the “*Build a Better Birder*” series brought to us by a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP-CEP) grant.

 **May 18- Senior Environmental Learning and Fellowship (SELF)** **9:30 am and 2 pm**

Seniors! Looking for a great place to gather with friends? Enjoy coffee, treats, fellowship and a short presentation. Each month we will take the time to explore how the specific design of our chosen topic is essential to its owner. We promise you will enjoy your- SELF!  
Topic: By Design- Animal Coverings

**June 4- Songbird Series**

Join us for one or both programs with guest expert birder, Kelly McKay as part of the “*Build a Better Birder*” series brought to us by a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP-CEP) grant.

**June 4- Bird Hike at Oak Grove Park** **7:30- 11 am**

 **June 4- Bird Presentations: Introduction to Bird ID Passerines (songbirds)** **1- 3 pm**

**June 10- Outdoor Skills Day** **Sandy Hollow Rec. Area** **8:30 am- 4 pm**

All ages welcome! (Ages 8 and under must have an adult present). This is a fun-filled Thursday with sessions that may include: shotgun shooting, air rifles, archery, outdoor cooking, wrist rockets, deer hunting lessons, canoeing, improving outdoor skills, and much more! This event is cosponsored with 4-H Extension and Outreach and Sioux County Sportsmen’s Club. Lunch will be provided for participants. No cost for event. First 270 kids will be accepted. This is an annual event that kids always look forward to!

**June 12- Family Fishing Clinic** **Sandy Hollow Rec. Area** **9am- 12:30 pm**

All ages welcome! (Ages 8 and under must have an adult present). Join us at the shade shelter for a fun filled morning. Program will include fishing instruction, casting contest, fishing, lunch and giveaways. Fishing poles and bait provided or bring your own. No cost, entry fee to park waved for participants during event hours. Event is cosponsored with Sioux County Sportsmen’s Club. Those 16 year of age and older must have a valid fishing license to actively fish.

 **June 15- Senior Environmental Learning and Fellowship (SELF)** **9:30 am and 2 pm**

Seniors! Looking for a great place to gather with friends? Enjoy coffee, treats, fellowship and a short presentation. Each month we will take the time to explore how the specific design of our chosen topic is essential to its owner. We promise you will enjoy your- SELF!  
Topic: By Design- Eyes

**July 10- Family Fishing Clinic** **Rivers Bend Campground in Rock Valley, IA** **9- 11:30 am**

All ages are welcome! (Ages 8 and under must have an adult present). Fishing poles and bait will be available or bring your own lucky fishing pole along. Those 16 years of age and older must have valid Iowa fishing license to actively fish. Event is cosponsored with the City of Rock Valley. Phone in pre-registration is required with the City of Rock Valley at 712/476-6065 after June 11. No cost, entrance fee waived to participants during program.

**July 20- Senior Environmental Learning and Fellowship (SELF)** **9:30 am and 2 pm**

Seniors! Looking for a great place to gather with friends? Enjoy coffee, treats, fellowship and a short presentation. Each month we will take the time to explore how the specific design of our chosen topic is essential to its owner. We promise you will enjoy your- SELF!  
Topic: By Design- Skeleton and Teeth

## July 30- 31- Waterbirds and Shorebirds Program Series

Join us for one or all programs with guest expert birder, Kelly McKay as part of the "Build a Better Birder" series brought to us by a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP-CEP) grant.

 <b>July 30– Bird Presentation: Introduction to Waterbirds of Iowa</b>	<b>6:30- 8:30 pm</b>
<b>July 31- Bird Hike at Big Sioux Rec. Area (emphasis on waterbirds)</b>	<b>7- 9 am</b>
 <b>July 31– Bird Presentation: Introduction to Shorebirds of Iowa</b>	<b>9:30- 11:30 am</b>
<b>July 31– Bird Hike at Big Sioux Rec. Area (emphasis on shorebirds)</b>	<b>1- 3 pm</b>

## August 7- Ringneck Rendezvous **Rock Valley Gun Club** **4- 8:30 pm**

Minnow races, archery, live animals, outdoor obstacle races, tossing games, water guns, bb guns, trapping, dog training, LOTS OF PRIZES and more can be found at this annual event in Rock Valley. We are welcoming trick shooter, Aaron Gould, back to the event. If you haven't seen his show, you MUST COME! A one handed push up while shooting a clay? That's small stuff! A \$10 registration fee for all youth and adults attending. Must register by July 24<sup>th</sup> by following the link on our website. Pre-registration includes a cup, bag, and chances at door prizes. First 400 kids will be accepted. Event cosponsored by Sioux Prairie Pheasants Forever and Rock Valley Gun Club.

## **August 10- Hunter Education Classroom Course** **9 am- 7 pm**

All ages 11 and over are invited to join us for this course. Participants must attend full length of class. Must register for course online at [www.gooutdoorsiowa.com](http://www.gooutdoorsiowa.com). Once you have registered you will receive an email with the Hunter Safety Manual. You will need to complete the review questions and bring them to class. Class will cover firearm safety, hunting ethics, first aid, hunting laws and much more. Students will need a sack lunch and snacks for the day, supper will be provided.

## **August 17- Senior Environmental Learning and Fellowship (SELF)** **9:30 am and 2 pm**

Seniors! Looking for a great place to gather with friends? Enjoy coffee, treats and fellowship and a short presentation. Each month we will take the time to explore how the specific design of our chosen topic is essential to its owner. We promise you will enjoy your- SELF!  
Topic: By Design- Wings and Feathers

## **Dates to be announced:**

## **Do you want to be an Insect** **2:30– 4 pm**

Do you want to be an insect? What would your gigantic world be like? Where would you live, hide, eat or lay eggs? Let us explore the trails at Oak Grove Park with Entomologist and Dordt Professor, Jeremy Hummel. We will be armed with nets and Ziploc bags for a catch and release hike. Trails are not stroller friendly, you will need bug spray, sunscreen, and water bottle. Indoor program if raining.

## **Invasive Species/Wild Edible Field Day** **Rock Wildlife Area**

Invasive species can be a pain, especially when they start to take over our local landscape. Many invasive require powerful equipment, or chemicals... but there is one invasive species that humans can fight off with their bare hands and mouths! Wild Garlic Mustard has been spotted in one of our wildlife areas in small quantities. For this program, we are calling upon participants to bring their garden gloves and help find and pull this invasive to help protect our native ecosystem. We will even provide recipes and samples of snacks you could make from this garlic tasting plant! If like strong garlic flavors, you will love using this plant- plus its free!

## Summer Camps at Prairie Woods Nature Center

Join Sioux County Naturalists this summer for outdoor adventures. Pre-registration will start April 1, at 8 am and is required online at: [www.mycountyparks.com/county/sioux.aspx](http://www.mycountyparks.com/county/sioux.aspx). Space is limited.

### **Ages 3-4 Budding Naturalists \$5** **(Different from last year)**

These little naturalists will have a hands-on introduction to nature. Parents/adult must attend. Includes games, crafts, and trail hikes. Offered 8 times on the following dates either 9- 11 am or 2- 4 pm.

June 17      July 1      July 6      July 7

### **Ages 5-6 Nature Up Close \$10**

This camp includes a broad range of nature exploration including: bugs, seeds, nest, and animals. Also includes games, crafts, and trail hikes. Offered 7 times morning session (9 am- noon) on the following dates:

June 15- 16      June 22-23      July 13-14

June 17- 18      June 24-25

Or afternoon session (1- 4pm) on these dates:

June 15-16      June 22-23

### **Ages 7-9 Underground Treasures \$10**

This camp will focus on rock collecting, archaeology, and fossils. Campers will be able to make a rock collection to take home. Offered 5 times from 9 am - 2 pm.

June 29-30 (2 separate camps in Deer & Turkey Classroom)

July 1-2      July 15-16      July 20-21

### **Ages 10-12 Water Works \$10**

Get ready to get wet! We will discover and learn about Iowa's wetlands hands on! Explore the pond, go fishing, skip rocks, and learn how important water is for survival. Offered 3 times from 9 am- 3 pm.

July 8-9      July 13-14      July 22-23

### **Ages 13-15 Survivor \$10**

This day camp will be an outdoor survival class! We will start with our own sack lunches before diving into a mix of hikes, fishing, shelter building, fire starting and S'mores/ campfire fun. Bring a side for supper. Offered 1 time from noon- 9:30 pm.

July 29



## Mark your calendar for our upcoming events:...

September 4- Monarch Tagging

September 7- Trick or Treat Sign Up

September 11- Ladies' Nature Escape

September 18- Dutch Oven Gathering

September 21- SELF- Seeds

October 9- Trick or Treat Hike

October 19- SELF- Animal Homes

October 23- Youth Hunt

November 16- SELF- Ears

December 21- SELF- By Design Team Jeopardy



## Sioux County Conservation Board is Hiring for Summer Help



Sioux County Conservation Board is looking to hire seasonal help at Oak Grove, Big Sioux Recreation Area and Sandy Hollow Recreation Area. Whether you are a college student looking for a summer job, high school student exploring career options or a retired adult looking for something to keep you busy during the summer months we have positions available. If you enjoy interacting with people and handing out information, the Registration Booth Attendant or Front Desk position is perfect for you.

If you are one that enjoys mowing, working with your hands, cleaning and other projects the Seasonal Park Technician position is for you.

All applicants must have an interest in the outdoors and working with people of all ages, be able to effectively communicate orally and in writing, apply knowledge and common sense to solve problems and/or achieve work objectives. Must possess a current valid driver's license, be 16 years of age or older and undergo background checks in reference to driving record, criminal history and child abuse registry. Prefer education or training in environmental education, natural resources, wildlife biology, biology/ecology or related field is preferred, but not required. Interest in the outdoors and working with people of all ages is a must for all positions.

### **Front Desk Receptionist- Prairie Woods Nature Center:**

This position is located at the Prairie Woods Nature Center at Oak Grove Park. Responsibilities include watching the exhibit hall of the nature center, greeting guests, answering questions, selling gift shop items and other items as available, cleaning of facility and other misc. tasks as assigned. Shifts available include weekdays, evenings, summer holidays and weekends.

### **Naturalist Internship- Oak Grove:**

As a summer Naturalist Intern you will use your talents and skills to impact public understanding and attitudes about nature and the environment. Assist naturalist with planning and implementing nature interpretations, outdoor recreation and environmental education programs and media for a wide range of audiences. Preferred education or training in environmental education, natural resources, wildlife biology, biology/ecology or related field is preferred, but not required. Typical work week Monday- Friday, some weekends and holidays.

### **Registration Booth Attendants- Big Sioux Rec. Area & Sandy Hollow Rec. Area:**

The Registration Booth Attendant will operate at either the Big Sioux Recreation Area, near Hawarden, IA and/or Sandy Hollow Recreation Area, near Sioux Center, IA. Primary responsibilities include: registering vehicles upon entering park, selling firewood and snacks, renting canoes/kayaks, cleaning of assigned areas and other tasks as assigned. Position includes: weekday, weekend, evening and holiday hours.

### **Seasonal Park Technician- Big Sioux Rec. Area, Oak Grove Park & Sandy Hollow Rec. Area:**

Seasonal Park Technicians will assist the full-time Park Ranger/Maintenance Technicians in day to day operations of the parks and facilities. Duties include but not limited to: mowing, cleaning restrooms and facilities, cutting firewood, staining, running farm equipment, register park users, maintain records and much more. Applicants interested in the Seasonal Park Technician position should have the ability to engage in physical work, previous experience with maintenance, landscaping and farm equipment. Typical work week Monday- Friday, some weekends and holidays.

**Applications available online or by stopping at the Prairie Woods Nature Center.**

# Sioux County Conservation Foundation Update

We are excited to see the roll out of our Friends of Foundation which was started by the Sioux County Conservation Foundation in early 2021. If you or your family are passionate about the Foundation's work you can join the cause by becoming a member at one of the levels listed below. All members will receive a base package as a thank you for their support.



## Individual/Family \$45-\$75

Base package: Invitation to Events, Newsletter and Prairie Woods Nature Center (PWNC) window decal

## Prairie Conservationist \$100-\$200

Base package and Exclusive PWNC T-shirt

## Woodland Conservationist \$250-\$450

Base package, PWNC T-shirt and Certificate for 1 Night Free Camping

## Wildlife Conservationist \$500-\$900

Base package, PWNC T-shirt, Certificate for 1 Night Free Camping and 15% off Gift Certificate for PWNC Gift Shop

## Distinguished Conservationist \$1,000+

Base package, PWNC t-shirt, Certificate for 1 Night Free Camping, 15% off Gift Certificate for PWNC Gift Shop, Free Watercraft Rental and Name in Newsletter and on Website

Levels that qualify for a PWNC t-shirt may purchase additional shirts for \$25 each.

To date we have 101 members! Members can use our online form to select mail in, pay one time, or sign up for automatic renewals. You can join online at [siouxcountyparks.org/support](https://siouxcountyparks.org/support) or pick up a card at the nature center.

## Memorial Gift

Memorial gifts can be made through the Sioux County Conservation Foundation in honor of, or in memory of someone special. When making a memorial to the Foundation, you will know the gift will assist in the Foundation's efforts to provide for the enhancement, preservation and enjoyment of nature in Sioux county. At the time of your donation you have the ability to specify where it goes or give comments.

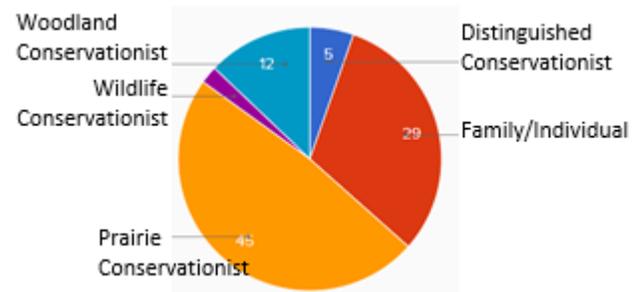
All memorial names will be recognized in the Sioux County Conservation Board's newsletter, and can be found at [siouxcountyparks.org](https://siouxcountyparks.org).

For memorial gifts of \$500+ you will have the option of name recognition on upcoming SCCF projects in the category you selected. You will be contacted as projects are developed. Some examples could include: park benches, nature center enhancements, paved trails, education programming, etc.

You may give a memorial online at [siouxcountyparks.org/support](https://siouxcountyparks.org/support) or pick up a card at the Nature Center.

### Distinguished Conservationists:

- Anonymous
- Den Hartog Industries, Inc.
- J. Douglas and Linda Van Berkum
- Kent & Becky Sneller
- Kraig and Cheryl Hulstein
- Sioux Prairie Pheasants Forever #36



### Memorials given in honor of:

- Anonymous Memorials
- Mardell De Jong
- George Kleinhesselink

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Taylor Deegan- Park Ranger/Maint. Tech.- Sandy Hollow

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: Conservation Board meetings are held the first  
: Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the  
: Conservation Corner at the Prairie Woods Nature Center.  
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**Sioux County Conservation Board Members**

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