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Eden Park Ribbon Cutting

By: *Katie Hammond, Director*

The weather couldn't have been more perfect for the 7th of August. The temperature was around 80 degrees with a gentle WNW breeze. The cornflower blue of the sky was riddled with wispy white clouds.

A group of about 30 gathered at Eden Park to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new playground and water bottle filling station. Guests included staff, board members, county supervisors, legislators, Tri-Rivers Directors, neighbors, and friends.

A brief history of Eden Park was presented, including information about Donna Eden, the former caretaker and donor of the land. She loved and valued the scenic and natural beauty of the area and wanted to share it with everyone. In 2010, Ms. Eden's dream became a reality and Eden Park was established.

The 146-acre Eden Park features about 3-miles of mowed grass trails through prairie and woodlands. The area has some rolling topography that makes you feel as if you are



on top of the world at its highest points.

Huge thanks to all the sponsors and donors who made this project possible!

- Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust
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We appreciate you all and hope that you are as proud of this park and enjoy it as much as we do.



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Late Summer Underwater Aquatic Plant Control

DNR News Release, 8/1/2023

A healthy pond needs aquatic plants, but too many can upset a fishing pond's balance and become a nuisance. Many pond owners struggle with how to control the amount of aquatic plants, without completely removing all of them, so they can enjoy their pond.

Pond rakes or cutters, although more labor intensive, are perfect this time of year to control aquatic plants in small areas to create fishing lanes, swimming areas and dock access.

Pond rakes cut plants from the bottom and let you remove them from near shore or around docks. Attach a float to the rake to let it skim and remove plants and moss or algae from the surface.

A cutter will sink to the bottom and cut the plant stems as it is dragged back, allowing the plants to float to the top. The pond plants are often carried away by the wind or you can pick them up with a floating rake.

Use a rope attached to a long-handled rake or cutter that you can throw and pull back. You can use these handy tools for many years, and they cost less than a gallon of some aquatic herbicides. Local hardware or pool stores may carry these, or try an online search for "pond rake or cutter."

A few tips to remember:

- Many plants spread by fragmentation, so if growth is not throughout the pond, do not use these methods.
- Once out of the water, let the plants dry out before moving them too far. This will greatly lighten your load.
- Obey State Laws.
- Don't haul the plants off your property; you cannot transport aquatic vegetation in Iowa.



Coontail (Cerostophyllum demersum) is a fast growing aquatic plant that is helpful for water quality and as a food source but can quickly get dense and overpopulated.

- Once out of the water, leave the plants onshore to dry and compost or move dried plants to your garden where they make excellent mulch.

Lakeshore property owners on a public lake can physically remove a 15 foot wide path of vegetation for navigation to the main lake without a permit; you cannot use herbicides to remove the aquatic plants in a publicly-owned lake.

Learn more about aquatic plants in ponds at www.iowadnr.gov/pondplants.

Contact the DNR Fisheries Office for SE Iowa.
Lake Darling Fisheries Management - Chad Dolan and Vance Polton at 319-694-2430.

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River Stewardship on the Iowa River Corridor

By: Ron Knopik, Acting Refuge Manager

During a recent river clean-up event, over 300 volunteers, with the support of National Wildlife Refuge System staff, collected more than 10 tons of trash along the Iowa River, including portions of the Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge. In its 20th year, Iowa Project AWARE, held their annual river clean-up in the Iowa River Corridor from July 9-14th. Project AWARE, which stands for “A Watershed Awareness River Expedition,” is a river cleanup event during which volunteers paddle downriver in canoes, picking up trash along the way. For 2023, the annual river cleanup adventure spanned 6 days, covering 58 miles of the Iowa River through thousands of acres of conservation land managed by the Port Louisa NWR and its partners.

Cleaning up waterways takes a big team and the organizers of the week-long event attracted 315 volunteers from 13 states, including Iowa; volunteers ranged in age from 4 to 80 years old. Over 130 companies and organizations sponsored the event, helping to create a safe and meaningful experience for all participants as they paddled, camped, and stewarded the river for the week.

Because over half of the 58-mile route meandered through lands co-managed by Port Louisa NWR and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Port Louisa staff and Youth Conservation Corps crew members took to the water in canoes to collect tires, scrap metal, plastics, appliances, and other debris deposited by floods or dumped illegally. While some participants focused on retrieving smaller items, others worked in large groups to wrestle appliances and discarded implements into their canoes for transport to collection locations.

Regional refuge clean-up funds provided much-needed financial support for this effort. This money funded the participation of 6 refuge employees for the



Youth Conservation Crew Members on AWARE (bow to stern)
Adam Fulscher, Raen Acker, and Braedyn Van Auken.

week and facilitated the provision of challenging, on-water experiences that brought out the nature-loving adventurer in all. The vast amount of trash collected each day provided a vivid reminder that many, small actions can lead to remarkable results. In total, event participants collected 21,360 pounds (10.7 tons) of trash. Of that, organizers recycled 20,520 pounds, leaving only 840 lbs. for a landfill...a remarkable achievement.

Participants left the event with a better understanding of the Iowa River, awareness of the wildlife that call it home, and a renewed appreciation for the impact they can have on their own local watersheds. For information about this event or the Iowa River Corridor lands managed by Port Louisa NWR, please contact Ron Knopik, Acting Refuge Manager, at ron_knopik@fws.gov.



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Accessible Hunting Blind

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2023 Louisa-Muscatine High School Construction & Carpentry II

Accessible Hunting Blind at Chinkapin Bluffs Recreation Area

By: *Katie Hammond, LCC Director*

The Devore Family made a generous donation clear back in 2021 to have a handicap hunting blind built and placed in a Louisa County wildlife area. Everything finally fell into place this year and the Louisa-Muscatine High School Construction & Carpentry II class was able to complete most of the building during the school year.

Conservation staff are putting on the finishing touches and hoping to have it placed prior to September 1 at Chinkapin Bluffs Recreation Area. Access to the blind will be through the parking lot, located along “R” Avenue, south of the Main Access where the shelter and playground are located.

The blind will be tucked back along one of the food plots so the hunters will be far enough from the road and neighboring properties to safely hunt.

Huge THANK YOU to the Devore Family for their patience and support for hunting in Louisa County!

Contact our office for more information or to use the blind.

Hello!

By *Sarah Martinez, LCC Naturalist*

I’m BACK! You may recognize me from Summer Rec and Nature Camps in 2021 & 2022. I graduated from Iowa State University in May and was hired on as a full time Naturalist!

I grew up, right here in Louisa County, attending the same field trips and nature camps that I get to teach and share with all of you!

I have loved the outdoors since I was little and spent my summers outside; boating on the river, playing in the backyard, and swimming.

I am grateful for the opportunity to share my love for nature and connecting with the environment around us. I bring with me a love for animals and will never

pass up the chance to pet a dog or pick up a toad I see on the ground. I intend to share this with all of you, with help from our education animals, so don’t be surprised if you see me with a turtle or a snake!

Thank you for allowing me the chance to connect with the people of this community on a whole new level. I am looking forward to learning alongside you all and sharing new memories, smiles, and adventures!



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The Fun in Fungi

By Griffin Schoonover, LCC Naturalist Intern

Fungi are extremely common organisms that can be found all over Iowa and the rest of the world. So, what exactly is a fungus (plural: fungi)? A fungus is any spore-producing organism that feeds on organic matter. Mushrooms, molds, yeasts, and toadstools all fall under the category of fungus. When going for a walk in the timber it is hard to miss these peculiar oddities on trees, stumps, roots, and the ground. Mushrooms and other fungi are common in Iowa, but there are some rare and unique fungi that can be found as well. From gelatinous, brain-like fungi to mushrooms that glow in the dark, there truly are some fun fungi in Iowa.

Starting off we have one of the oddest named organisms, witches' butter (*Tremella mesenterica*), and yes, that's its actual name. This bright yellow fungus can be found throughout Iowa and the United States. Witches' butter is a type of jelly fungus that can be found on dead trees and branches. This fungus has the important job of recycling nutrients from dead or dying wood. Don't be alarmed if you find it on your trees as they will not harm a healthy tree, rather it will absorb the nutrients from decaying wood.



Witches' Butter
(*Tremella mesenterica*)

The Eastern jack-o-lantern (*Omphalotus olearius*) is another oddly named fungus that joins the list of unique fungi. This mushroom shares the name of the popular holiday tradition due to its bright orange color and the fact that the mushroom can glow in the dark! The bioluminescence is thought to attract insects at night so the mushroom's spores can be distributed at a wider range. These mushrooms can be found on stumps, buried roots, and the base of hardwood trees. These mushrooms should NOT be eaten as they are poisonous and can cause cramps, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Mushrooms and other fungi are vital for the planet as they break down and recycle nutrients, minerals, and carbon, all of which are essential for a healthy ecosystem and planet. They are responsible for breaking



Eastern jack-o-lantern
(*Omphalotus olearius*)

down organic material such as dead animals and decaying wood so that it can be recycled back into the soil. Without them, the world would be covered in dead animals, decaying wood, and infertile soil.

Other fungi, such as yeasts, are important for human consumption as they are used to ferment foods, cheese, alcohol, and bread. It is also important to note that although they don't seem like it, mushrooms and other fungi are living things and should be treated as such.

The next time you're out for a walk remember to look for these odd and interesting organisms we call fungi. With over 14,000 species of mushrooms alone there are plenty of opportunities to learn and appreciate these odd and interesting organisms!



Louisa County Conservation staff took a group photo on the painted turtle, a feature at the Eden Park Playground. Back row (l-r): Noah Robb, Operations Supervisor; Katie Hammond, Director; & Dani Boysen, Office Manager Front row: Jacob Ewart, Natural Resource Technician; Sarah Martinez, Naturalist & Lana Artz-McComb, Naturalist

LOUISA COUNTY CONSERVATION EVENTS

[Building Better Birders](#)

Songbirds and Migratory Insects

Saturday, September 9; 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Big Sand Mound Nature Preserve, Bayer Rec Building

Participants will get to learn about birds and insects. The day includes hikes & presentations. Guests are welcome to come for all or part of the day. View the full schedule at buildingbetterbirders.com.

Registration Required



[Monarch Butterfly Tagging](#)

Saturday, September 9; 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Louisa County Complex

Learn about monarch butterflies and their incredible lifecycle. We will also catch, tag, and release Monarchs.

Come for a few minutes or stay the entire time.

Free, no registration required.

Unless otherwise stated, all registration and program information can be found at:

LouisaCountyConservation.org

Online reservations are available for most programs:

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[Beyond BOW: Paddle Louisa County](#)

Friday, September 22; 4:00 pm, through

Sunday, September 24; 2:00 pm

Langwood Education Center

\$65/person

Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) is an international program aimed at providing anyone 18 years or older an opportunity to develop outdoor skills. Beyond BOW focuses on one particular skill and takes it to the next level.

Paddle Louisa County participants will refresh their canoe and kayak skills at Langwood Education Center before paddling the Iowa River Water Trail and the Odessa Water Trail over the course of the weekend.

All meals, supplies, shuttle transportation, and evening activities are included with the registration fee.

Registration Required



[Sunset Paddle and Full Moon Float](#)

Friday, September 29

Snively Campground

Sunset Paddle - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Full Moon Float - 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

\$2/bring your own boat, \$5/kayak, \$10/canoe

Join us for two paddle options as we enjoy Odessa in the Fall. Sunset paddle will be a leisurely paddle as we watch wildlife settle down as the sun sets. The Full Moon Float will take place in the dark as we explore by the light of the full harvest moon.

Registration Required

[Nest Raiders: Youth Trapping](#)

Sunday, October 8; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Langwood Education Center

Youth 12 & up are invited to learn from the experts at a free, hands-on, trapping event.

Participants will learn about predator ID, water and land trapping, and how trapping helps the ecosystem by protecting our nesting birds.

Registration Required by Friday, Oct. 6

**Tour Louisa - Naturally:
“All American Road” Trip**

Friday, October 6
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Starts and Ends at Port Louisa National
Wildlife Refuge Headquarters
\$50

This guided bus tour will take visitors along the All American Road (Great River Road) in Louisa County with stops at various natural, historic, and cultural locations. *Read more about it on page 8*

Presentations will happen on and near the bus with options to hike out into the areas. Participants can expect a comfortable touring bus with lunch, snacks, and handouts included in the registration fee.

Online Registration is available at www.tri-rivers.org/new-events/tourlouisa or you can simply send a check written out to Tri-Rivers Conservation Foundation to 12635 County Road G56, Suite 106, Wapello, IA 52653. Please be sure to provide the names of the participants you are registering.

Halloween Hike 2023

What Lies Within....The Mighty Mississippi?

Saturday, October 21

Virginia Grove Recreation Area

Hikes begin at 6:00 pm; \$2/person

The Mighty Mississippi is our next door neighbor but how much do you know about what lives within? Meet, learn, and laugh with all of the critters that call the Mississippi River their home.

Registration begins September 18th.



Calling all Volunteers!

A successful Halloween Hike requires actors, hike leaders, and treat makers. Would you like to volunteer for this year’s hike? Email Lana at lmccomb@louisacountyia.gov and let her know! We love our volunteers!

ILLOWA NAVHDA Youth Pheasant Hunt

Saturday, October 21

Henke-Benson Farm

Free

Participants will rotate between sessions that include dog handling, wildlife identification, a field hunt and more. All guns, ammo, blaze orange and food will be provided. Each Youth will be gifted a membership to Pheasants Forever by the chapter

[Download the Application](http://illowanavhda.org) at illowanavhda.org

Must be returned by October 1

Questions? Contact Bobbi Benson at 309-337-7708 or spinone980@gmail.com

Women on the Wing Pheasant Hunt

Saturday, October 28

Free

Louisa County Pheasant Forever and Quail Forever Chapter are accepting 6 ladies to participate in this women’s only hunt. If you have always wanted to hunt but don’t have anyone to teach you, this event is for you. Hunt with a dog, refresh yourself on hunter’s safety, and learn to clean a bird. Must have your Iowa Hunting License.

Applications due October 1

Contact Holly Shutt for an application at 785-294-2004 or hshutt@pheasantsforever.org



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louisacountyia.gov

Facebook: Louisa County Transfer Station



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Great River Road / All-American Road

The Great River Road (GRR) is a National Scenic Byway (NSB) and an All-American Road. “Cool, now what does that mean?”

According to the Federal Highway Administration, the term “**America’s Byways**” is a collection of 184 roads designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. It encompasses National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads.

Iowa is home to three Byways. The Great River Road follows the Mississippi River along Eastern Iowa. The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway stretches from Clinton to Council Bluffs crossing Iowa on HWY 30. The Loess Hills National Scenic Byway follows the western side of Iowa through the Loess Hills.

In order to be a **National Scenic Byway**, the road must meet at least one of six “intrinsic qualities:” archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic. The Great River Road is America’s longest and oldest National Scenic Byways. It meets all six of the qualities.

In 2021 the Great River Road gained “**All-American Road**” distinction in 8 of the 10 states it passes through. To receive this prestigious designation, you must meet two of the intrinsic qualities, have one-of-a-kind features that do not exist elsewhere AND be considered a “destination unto itself.”

The Great River Road follows the Mississippi River all the way from its start in Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico, on both sides of the River. It passes through 10 different states (5 on each side of the river) as it

makes its 3,000 mile journey South.

On Friday, October 6, we will be taking people on a Louisa County bus tour titled: **Naturally: “All-American Road” Trip.**

The trip will begin and end at Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge and will take participants on 21 of the 22-miles of Great River Road in Louisa County, Iowa. There are five main stops on our tour.

1. **Wilson Prairie.** This 37-acre native, virgin prairie remnant is a beautiful piece of Iowa History.
2. **Wetland Interpretive Trail** at Langwood. A half-mile trail loop on hard packed, crushed lime, winds past prairie and wetlands. Fourteen vibrant interpretive panels help visitors understand wetlands and their importance.
3. **Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge.** Established for the protection of migratory birds and wildlife, the refuge is an important stop along the Mississippi River Flyway.
4. **Toolesboro Mounds, National Historic Landmark.** The Hopewellian mounds (200 B.C. to 300 A.D.) at Toolesboro are among the best preserved and accessible. The 5-acre site includes the mounds, and a small museum.
5. **Six Littleton Brothers Civil War Memorial.** Believed to be the largest loss of life known in the history of all U.S. wars from any immediate family were the six local Littleton Brothers.

Online registration is available from Tri-Rivers Conservation Foundation’s website. [Visit tri-rivers.org/new-events/tourlouisa](http://Visit-tri-rivers.org/new-events/tourlouisa). The cost is \$50 for this full day of adventure along the Louisa County Great River Road. The fee includes space on a comfortable travel bus, coffee & rolls, lunch, and an afternoon dessert. The tour will be narrated throughout the bus route and presentations will take place at several of the stops. There will be leg stretching opportunities to go for short hikes and explore.

We hope you will join us to learn about Louisa Counties intrinsic qualities. The Trip will include archaeology, culture, history natural resources, recreation, and some beautiful scenery!

Contact us for more info: 319-523-8281
conservation@louisacountyia.gov.



Join us for a Field Day

Hosted by Louisa County Soil and Water Conservation District

Landowner Host: Gene Helmig, Helmig Farms; 11016 218th Ave, Columbus Junction

Friday, September 1; 11:00 am; Free with lunch provided.

Learn about underground inlets, conservation practices, and soil health. Green Leach Underground Inlet installation demonstration. Guest Speaker: Matthew Streeter, soil scientist with the Iowa Geological Survey

RSVP to Tori at 660-342-8910 or tori@pathfindersrcd.org



Conducting Fall Covey Counts

By: Holly Shutt, Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist

Do I have quail on my land? The answer is yes – but do you want to know more?

Quail covey counts can be done the last three weeks of October. During this time the birds are creating their coveys for the winter. The covey call is a loud whistle that sounds like “koi-lee” (call sounds can be found on the internet).

Covey counts can be difficult because the covey whistle calls are very short only lasting about 30 seconds and happen a half hour before daybreak. Conducting covey counts can help you estimate how many quail survived the summer and what the population looks like going into the fall.

Counts should be done every year using the same listening stations, ideally on a ridge. Listening stations should be spaced about 1,100 feet apart because the maximum distance a quail can whistle can be heard is around 550 yards. Keeping distance between stations will make sure you aren't counting a covey twice.

While you are conducting your covey counts, I would recommend jotting down what the vegetation and habitat looks like around you. What is the quality of the grass? Brome verse native grass, annual weeds or wildflowers; shrubs or trees, what type of crop? These are some of the questions you should ask yourself and right it down. This will help you see what is taking place in the area over time.

Quail thrive in early successional habitat. This consists of annual weeds and short shrubs. Shrubs provide important winter cover for quail. The covey will use shrubs to protect themselves from wind and snow. Annual weeds can be an important winter food source. Common ragweed is one of quail's favorite foods, but with all the chemical use today the annual weeds are not very prevalent.

For more information or to line up a site visit, please contact Holly Shutt, Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist with Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever at (785) 294 2004 or hshutt@pheasantsforever.org or contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office for assistance.

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The Mission of the Louisa County Soil and Water Conservation District is to conserve, protect, and enhance our resources for current and future generations by providing information and assistance to farmers, landowners, operators and residents of Louisa County.

Eden Park Playground Grand Opening



Above: There was a great crowd at the Eden Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!

Visit Eden Park Playground

The new Eden Park playground features a mix of logs and boulders with ropes to make natural looking and unique play features. The elements include the painted turtle, Hickory Hammock, Hollow Log, and Matterhorn Gap.

A new water bottle filling station is located near the playground. It features a dog fountain, a human drinking fountain and the water bottle filler.

Eden Park is located at 17426 Co. Rd. X17, Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Hope you visit, enjoy, and **Love YOUR County Parks!**

Take photos and use the hashtags:

#LouisaCountyConservation, #MyCountyParks, #EdenPark

Right Top: Representative Taylor Collins, Shawn Maine, Josh Hardin, Brad Quigly, and Joellen Schantz visit by the Hollow Log.

Right Bottom: Senator Mark Lofgren attended the celebration with Granddaughters: Elise Foglesong, Grace Lofgren, and Mikayla Foglesong.



Bottom left: Lana Artz-McComb and Lee McComb traverse the two-line bridge. (Side note: We are pretty sure Lee has enjoyed the playground more than anyone else!) Center: Contact LCC to get a "LOVE YOUR Louisa County Parks" water bottle sticker. Bottom right: Aliejandra Vargus-Stogdill & Lynsey Kruiise represented the Community Foundation of Louisa County!

Eden Park Grand Opening!

Several of the Tri-Rivers Conservation Foundation Directors attended the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Celebration at Eden Park on Monday, August 7, 2023.

Tri-Rivers helped by sponsoring and serving the refreshments. County Cakes & Cookies baked some delicious frosted, chocolate chip, and snickerdoodles for people to enjoy.

Pictured sitting on the Hickory Hammock are Tri-Rivers Directors and spouses (l-r): Al & Dianne Bohling, Karen Minnis, Lynette Grimm, Don Kline, Sue & Jay Schweitzer.



Thank You!



Huge thanks to everyone who supports Tri-Rivers Conservation Foundation. We appreciate you and continue to support projects in the Louisa Resource Area!

- Community Foundation of Louisa County
- Jay & Sue Schweitzer
- Jim & Jeanne Mott
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- Karen & Larry Minnis
- Steve & Kathy Johnson
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“The early bird gets the worm. The second mouse gets the cheese.”

-Author Unknown

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for an “All American Road” Trip!

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\$50/person includes lunch,
snacks, and handouts!

Event details on pages 6 & 8

Halloween Hike

*What Lies Within...
the Mighty Mississippi*



Saturday, October 21
Virginia Grove Recreation Area
Hikes begin at 6:00 pm

Registration opens Sept. 15

Naturally Louisa County is an innovative collaboration between government agencies, private organizations and individuals interested in showcasing the natural and cultural resources of Louisa County, Iowa.