



# THE NEWSLETTER

*Dubuque County Conservation Society*  
"Organized in 1933 for Protection of Soil, Forests, Waters and Wildlife"  
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## Property Update

Submitted by Mark Kaufman and Connie Kintzle

We had the closing on the Goedken property on Friday July 21. This 20 acres will be a nice addition to the Ram / White pine hollow area.



Looking for a relaxing day away? Take a casual ride to the Leifker Wildlife Area which is located six miles south of Cascade on Hwy 136, on the right side of the road just before the Maquoketa River. You can enjoy the scenery and fish in the lake or river. If you are a kayak or canoe enthusiast there is public access to the Maquoketa River near the bridge.

Picture from the Leifker Wildlife Area.

## The 4 Best Foods for Woodpeckers

From Birds and Blooms Magazine

Snow, sleet and bitterly cold temperatures are no match for woodpeckers. Their can't-miss black and white markings, with an occasional sprinkling of red, stand out as they acrobatically forage around bare tree trunks and brave the winter months. Attract more of these sought-after birds this season with this simple yet satisfying menu.

### SUET

Woodpeckers aren't picky. Suet straight from the butcher will do; there's no need to render it. Place the suet in a large cage feeder. Store-bought cakes get the job done, too. A basic suet cage feeder is inexpensive, and premade cakes slide right in for a perfect fit. (Learn how to make your own suet!)

### PEANUTS

Shelled or unshelled, this delicious snack is one that woodpeckers gobble up. You can find feeders made specifically for peanuts. Companies that sell nuts have jumped on the birding bandwagon and sell peanut feed that doesn't make the cut for human consumption. Remember: Unsalted peanuts are best.

### BLACK OIL SUNFLOWER SEEDS

Downies and hairies are particularly fond of this all-around favorite. Because woodpeckers are a bit bigger than the average songbird, you should serve sunflower seeds in a hopper or platform feeder to give them easy access.

### PEANUT BUTTER

Here's an easy, no-fuss way to feed winter woodpeckers: Simply smear peanut butter directly on the tree trunks. Or buy a log feeder and fill the predrilled holes with the gooey, high-fat snack.

### BACKYARD TIP

Field Editor Boni Trombetta feeds woodpeckers all year. "Adults bring the babies to the feeders so they know where to find an easy meal," she says.

6 Woodpeckers to Watch For: Downy, Hairy, Red-Bellied, Red-Headed, Pileated, and Northern Flicker

## Fall weeding

Submitted by Connie Kintzle

It is important to get rid of weeds this time of the year - before they go to seed - without using harmful chemicals. It helps to have gardening gloves and a good weeding tool. Two of my favorites are known by multiple names. One (middle in



picture) is known as Dutch, stirrup or hula hoe which works well on small weeds because it loosens the root of the plant/weed without disturbing the topsoil too much. The second type is the cultivator, fork or rake which has curved prongs and makes it easier to get the root of the larger plant. The hula hoe works best on hard soil but I use either throughout the gardening season. If the weed is small and hasn't gone to seed it can serve as mulch in the garden. If it has seeds it is important to get rid of it. I have a continuous weed/much pile which I throw them on, so it smothers out any new weed seeds that sprout.

## Moles

Submitted by Connie Kintzle

This time of year might also be a busy time for moles. If you have never seen or tried the Out-of-site mole trap, it is worth looking into. My neighbors showed me theirs which is a small aluminum version. The one I purchased, in the gardening section of a local store, is a heavy duty iron type which takes quite a bit of strength to set. When I noticed a mole working in my yard/garden, I set the trap and caught it on the first try.

## Events Calendar

### Swiss Valley Nature Center/Mines of Spain/Audubon Society/Hurstville Calendars

All programs are subject to weather conditions. To check for changes to this schedule, check the websites in the list of organizations below. The programs are open to the public and are designed for people of all ages unless otherwise described. For additional info or preregistration contact one of the following depending on the program's location:

**Swiss Valley Nature Center**, 13606 Swiss Valley Road Peosta, IA 52068, 563-556-6745. [www.dubuquecounty.org](http://www.dubuquecounty.org) or you can search for "Swiss Valley Nature Center Facebook".

**EB Lyons Interpretive Center**, 8991 Bellevue Heights, Dubuque, IA at 563-556-0620. [www.minesofspain.org](http://www.minesofspain.org)

**Hurstville Interpretive Center**, 18670 63rd Street, Maquoketa, IA at 563- 652-3783. [www.jacksonccb.com](http://www.jacksonccb.com)

**Dubuque Audubon Society**, P.O. Box 3174, Dubuque, IA 52004-3174, 563-582-215. [www.audubondubuque.org/](http://www.audubondubuque.org/)

**Isaak Walton League**, 11001 Thunder Hills Rd, Peosta, IA 52068, 563-556-6020. [www.facebook.com/izaakwalton.dubuquechapter](http://www.facebook.com/izaakwalton.dubuquechapter)

REMEMBER: At the Swiss Valley Nature Center Park Packs are available at no cost and when the snow starts flying snowshoes & Cross Country Skiis will be available also at no cost.

**Pups in the Park Tuesday, August 8, 6:30PM-7:30PM**, Bergfeld Pond

Come enjoy an evening on the trail with your canine companion and fellow dog lovers.

**Picnic in the Park: Creek Explorers, Wednesday, August 9, 11:00AM-1:00PM**, Swiss Valley Park– Walnut Pavilion

Pack a lunch and get a naturalist as we get wet & wild. We will discover what lives beneath the surface of Catfish Creek.

**Paddling Excursion Sunday, Aug 12, 8:30 AM** Hurstville Interpretive Center

Enjoy a morning of paddling on the wetland. Canoes and kayaks available on a first-come-first-served basis. Free and open to all ages.

**Float & Bird Saturday, August 19, 11:00AM-1:30PM**, Meet at Mud Lake canoe launch

Float the mighty Mississippi and enjoy the scenery and the diversity of birds that call it home. Bring your own boat or borrow one of ours, supply is limited. Cost \$8/person and includes sack lunch. Register @ [www.getmeregistered.com](http://www.getmeregistered.com)

**Pups in the Park Tuesday, August 22, 6:30PM-7:30PM**, Swiss Valley Nature Center

Come enjoy an evening on the trail with your canine companion and fellow dog lovers.

### Other Events Calendar

**Summer Farmer's Market Saturday 7am-noon 13th and Iowa streets**

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**Reminders:**

The next meetings will be held **Tuesday, September 12, 2017 and Tuesday October 10, 2017 06:00 pm** on the second floor of the Oky-Doky at 250 West 1st street. All Members are invited and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Check the event calendars for some exciting things to do.

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