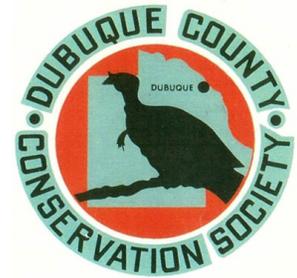


THE NEWSLETTER

Dubuque County Conservation Society
"Organized in 1933 for Protection of Soil, Forests, Waters and Wildlife"
P.O. Box 645
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Dubuque County Conservation Society

Unaudited Minutes – March 13, 2018

Present: Pat Hayes, Mark Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Whitey Kemp, Connie Kintzle, Bev Rettenmeier, Bob Walton

Mark Kaufman called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Minutes: February 13, 2018 meeting minutes were approved after a motion by Paul and second by Whitey.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Paul which was seconded by Bob to approve the Treasures report.

Membership: There are a few members who have not renewed. All who have renewed or have paid the 5-year membership are highlighted in a light blue. We will discuss our next step.

Old Business;

McLaughlin Wildlife Area: Pat has been doing some clean up.

Hafeman Wildlife Habitat Area: Pat has been doing some clean up at this area also.

Leifker Wildlife Area: No update.

Oxford Junction Property: No update

Website: <http://www.dbqccs.org/> - Connie has spent a couple days learning how to make changes and has updated the website. She will teach anyone who is willing to keep it updated.

Business members are listed in the newsletter which is current. No other listing will be made.

The 6 most recent newsletters are in the Newsletter folder – there is limited space.

Alliant Tree Order Form is on the home page. Both the letter from Curt Kremerer and the article from the Dyersville Commercial regarding Ram Hollow will be placed in the History folder.

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: Great Give Day is May 10. Connie has updated the Conservation Society web page on the CFGD website which is required for DCCS to participate in the Great Give Day. The Participation Agreement must be signed and returned before March 29. Connie will send a reminder email to Mark to complete.

Operation Relief program: Application deadline is April 20. Delivery is scheduled for April 28 – please keep the date open to assist with distribution at Swiss Valley Park at 8:00 AM.

Blue Bird House Workshop: March 24 @ 10:00 AM. Tom Klinge has again offered to provide a Chili luncheon. Allie discussed a request to have participants provide bluebird documentation.

New Business:

A bat house building session is set for May 5 @ 10:00 AM at the Swiss Valley Nature Center

Pat checked with Tom Stecklein regarding the price of potted white oak trees. Cost is \$25 so we may dig some from the Hafeman Wildlife Area to plant at the McLaughlin Wildlife Area.

There was discussion on the scholarship program. Plan is to award 1ne \$1500 scholarship.

Brian receive a grant from the NRCS to plant a pollinator mix on 33 acres but more resources are needed. Bev made a motion that DCCS put \$2,500 toward the seed. Pat seconded the motion which passed.

Kurt will do a photo show when the weather warms up.

Connie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM. Paul seconded it and the meeting was adjourned.

Dubuque County Conservation Society

Audited Minutes – February 13, 2018

Present: Gerda Preston Hartman, Pat Hayes, Mark Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Whitey Kemp, Connie Kintzle, Tom Klinge, Bob Walton

Call to Order: Mark Kaufman @ 18:02 pm

Approval of minutes: Tom Klinge M - Paul S – Gerda

Treasurer's Report: Connie Kintzle M - Bob S – Pat

Membership report: Pat Hayes/Connie Kintzle

Old Business

McLaughlin Wildlife Area:

Cutting of Autumn Olive

Hafeman Wildlife Habitat Area:

Leifker Wildlife Area

Oxford Junction Property

Website: <http://www.dbqccs.org/>

Need to add business member list

Tom needs to update the pictures from Tim

Put the newsletter on the website

Newsletter estimates from DBQ Advertiser are a wash

Discussed some additions to the bi-fold brochure

New Business

Discussed building bat houses. Have not established many details yet.

Trivia Bee Team – look at for next year

Discuss loud and abusive language during meetings will no longer be allowed. Perpetrators will be asked to leave.

Tom - Work with the newsletter printer Scott to setup a specific date to print the newsletter. Need to be consistent.

Tom Stoecklein has some potted white oak trees he might want to sell

Have Jennifer Tigges give us some training on maintaining the web site

Need to pursue the scholarship program.

Discussed digging seedlings from the Hafeman property. Discussed how to get rid of them but did not establish anything concrete. Ideas were to just give them away The problem is how to store them until we get rid of them.

Tom will print 5 booklets and meet with Pat Friday to give them to him.

Adjournment @ 18:50 M - Paul S – Whitey

Blue Bird Workshop

Despite the weather, we had another good turnout again this year for the Blue Bird house building event. Katelyn from Swiss Valley Nature Center presented the Blue Bird facts while Paul Kaufman and Pat Hayes represented the Dubuque County Conservation Society's focus. All did an excellent job.

In attendance were 60 house builders including 25 kids and 35 adults. Special thanks to the food contributors, Gerda for the cookies, Paul for the sausage and crackers, and Tom for the chili. Also thanks to all the DCCS board members who attended in support – Pat, Paul, Connie, Tom, Gerda, Punky, and Bev.

We got 2 new memberships and enough donations to recover all our costs. Thanks to everyone that attended and all that helped. We also want to thank our co-sponsors, Spahn and Rose and the Dubuque County Conservation Board.

Here's a [link](https://www.dccbfriends.com/bluebird-project.html) to Blue Bird information, including the documentation that was at the workshop - <https://www.dccbfriends.com/bluebird-project.html>

Earth Day April 22

Earth Day is now a global event each year, and we believe that more than 1 billion people in 192 countries now take part in what is the largest civic-focused day of action in the world.

It is a day of political action and civic participation. People march, sign petitions, meet with their elected officials, plant trees, clean up their towns and roads. Corporations and governments use it to make pledges and announce sustainability measures. Faith leaders, including Pope Francis, connect Earth Day with protecting God's greatest creations, humans, biodiversity and the planet that we all live on.

Earth Day Network, the organization that leads Earth Day worldwide, today announced that Earth Day 2018 will focus on mobilizing the world to End Plastic Pollution, including creating support for a global effort to eliminate single-use plastics along with global regulation for the disposal of plastics. EDN will educate millions of people about the health and other risks associated with the use and disposal of plastics, including pollution of our oceans, water, and wildlife, and about the growing body of evidence that decomposing plastics are creating serious global problems.

From poisoning and injuring marine life to the ubiquitous presence of plastics in our food to disrupting human hormones and causing major life-threatening diseases and early puberty, the exponential growth of plastics is threatening our planet's survival. EDN has built a multi-year campaign to **End Plastic Pollution**. Our goals include ending single-use plastics, promoting alternatives to fossil fuel-based materials, promoting 100 percent recycling of plastics, corporate and government accountability and changing human behavior concerning plastics.

EDN's End Plastic Pollution campaign includes four major components:

Leading a grassroots movement to support the adoption of a global framework to regulate plastic pollution;

Educating, mobilizing and activating citizens across the globe to demand that governments and corporations control and clean up plastic pollution;

Educating people worldwide to take personal responsibility for plastic pollution by choosing to reject, reduce, reuse and recycle plastics, and

Promoting local government regulatory and other efforts to tackle plastic pollution.

Earth Day Network will leverage the platform of Earth Day and the growing interest in the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day in 2020 as a catalyst for global action.

See more at <https://www.earthday.org/> Since this year's theme is **End Plastic Pollution**, see "Plastic by the Numbers" in this newsletter.

In Dubuque

As part of the Sustainable Dubuque initiative, the City of Dubuque will sponsor a community conversation on Earth Day, **Wednesday, April 22**, at 7:30 a.m. at the Grand River Center. The public is invited to attend this free event, which includes a light continental breakfast. Registration is required by visiting www.sustainabledubuque.org <<http://www.sustainabledubuque.org/>> or calling 563.589.4110.

The Joseph Kaplar \$1500.00 Scholarship

The Dubuque County Conservation Society is offering two separate \$1500.00 scholarships starting the fall of 2018. These scholarships are being offered to qualifying students who are interested in pursuing conservation careers, such as forestry, wildlife/ fisheries biology, naturalist, park ranger, resource manager or nature center director.

Qualifying applicants must have completed two years of college. Applicants should send a copy of their transcript and a letter describing their career expectations and personal interest in conservation to the Dubuque County Conservation Society at P.O. Box 645, Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0645 prior to September 1, 2018.

All information will remain confidential and the awarding of any scholarships will rest solely with the Dubuque County Conservation Society.

Plastics by the Numbers

FROM AN [ARTICLE](#) WRITTEN BY GREG SEAMAN

The well-recognized “chasing arrows” symbol we see on plastic containers and products does not mean the product is recyclable. The little number inside the triangle tells the real story.

Within each chasing arrows triangle, there is a number which ranges from one to seven. The purpose of the number is to identify the type of plastic used for the product, and not all plastics are recyclable or even reusable. There are numerous plastic-based products that cannot break down and cannot be recycled.



polyethylene terephthalate	high-density polyethylene	polyvinyl chloride	low-density polyethylene	polypropylene	polystyrene	other plastics, including acrylic, polycarbonate, polyactic fibers, nylon, fiberglass
soft drink bottles, mineral water, fruit juice container, cooking oil	milk jugs, cleaning agents, laundry detergents, bleaching agents, shampoo bottles, washing and shower soaps	trays for sweets, fruit, plastic packing (bubble foil) and food foils to wrap the foodstuff	crushed bottles, shopping bags, highly-resistant sacks and most of the wrappings	furniture, consumers, luggage, toys as well as bumpers, lining and external borders of the cars	toys, hard packing, refrigerator trays, cosmetic bags, costume jewellery, CD cases, vending cups	

Understanding the seven plastic codes will make it easier to choose plastics and to know which plastics to recycle. For example, water bottles that display a three or a five cannot be recycled in most jurisdictions in the US. A three indicates that the water bottle has been made from polyvinyl chloride, a five means that it's been made of polypropylene, two materials that are not accepted by most public recycling centers.

Products made of #1 (PET) plastic should be recycled but not reused.

Products made of #2 (HDPE) are reusable and recyclable.

Products made using #3 (PVC) plastic are not recyclable. While some PCV products can be repurposed, PVC products should not be reused for applications with food or for children's use.

Products made using #4 (LDPE) plastic are reusable, but not always recyclable. You need to check with your local collection service to see if they are accepting LDPE plastic items for recycling.

Products made using #5 (PP) are considered safe for reuse. To recycle products made from PP, check with your local curbside program to see if they are now accepting this material.

Recycling is not widely available for #6 (PS) products. Most curbside collection services will not accept polystyrene, which is why this material accounts for about 35% of US landfill material. While the technology for recycling polystyrene is available, the market for recycling is small. Awareness among consumers has grown, however, and polystyrene is being reused more often. While it is difficult to find a recycler for PS, some businesses like Mailboxes Etc. which provide shipping services are happy to receive foam packing chips for reuse.

Polystyrene should be avoided where possible.

#7 plastics are not for reuse, unless they have the PLA compostable coding. When possible it is best to avoid #7 plastics, especially for children's food. Plastics with the recycling labels #1, #2 and #4 on the bottom are safer choices and do not contain BPA. PLA coded plastics should be thrown in the compost and not the recycle bin since PLA compostable plastics are not recyclable.

Property Status

Submitted by Pat Hayes

Morrison Brother's Tree Farm donated 6 potted sycamore trees that we planted along the creek at the McLaughlin Area. We noticed beaver activity along the creek and were glad we have left the cages around all of the oak trees we had planted!

The neighbor had recently burned his side of the creek after clearing off more of the remaining trees. Without any root systems left to hold the bank, I can't help but believe that erosion is going to be accelerated on his side of the creek.

I stopped at the Hafeman Wildlife Area and dug out an oak seedling. Now is the time to dig them if people want, while the trees are still dormant.

McLaughlin Wildlife Area

Submitted by Tom Stecklein

I went and checked out the McLaughlin property this last week end. Everyone should be grateful to have such a nice property preserved. The prairie is nicely managed and looks great. All the trees planted on the edges have been released from the box elders and are growing very well. The hill top between the two prairies which have had planted trees for many years finally took off and are growing quickly, they really liked the sod killed surrounding them.

This property has so much potential. There are a few things that could be accomplished for the long run which would greatly improve the property from a wildlife and from a value standpoint.

The wooded area is almost all black cherry and box elder with exceptions of the oak, hickory and walnut that have been planted in the past. It is somewhat concerning to me that the light shading of the cherry is not suppressing the honeysuckle and is progressing further into the woods. The physical killing of the honeysuckle and the autumn olive would indeed be a major effort, however over time there may be a solution that would take a lot less effort and money.

The oak acorn mass is the high energy food stock for wildlife going into the winter months. The best acorns are those that generally do not germinate until spring. The white oak and chinkapin are a great food source early; however if they are not eaten soon after falling they quickly decay. oak put down very good shade and in time would likely suppress or kill out the honeysuckle and add timber value. A great deal of the cherry have a poor log form and will never have any timber value. I believe the cherry are going to decline leaving the honey suckle to flourish.

One possible solution would be to have a minor long term plan of planting like 20-25 oak per year at least 50 to 100 feet apart though out the wooded areas and in time would supply seed for natural regeneration.

I checked out the potted oaks that have been growing for 2016 and 2017 this fall, they all but two where 4 to 6 foot tall and the undesirable trees around had been killed allowing them light. Survival was 100% and the trees were growing well and as always we learn as we go along. Any trees that did not receive a cage no longer exist. Most of the trees had 18" tube, surrounded by a wire cage. The tube prevented mice damage and cage prevented deer damage however in areas that snow piled up rabbits were able to get though the wire holes and chewed the tree off just above the tube, they will recover.

Great Give Day

From the website www.greatgiveday.org

What is Great Give Day?

Great Give Day is a 24-hour, online giving event organized annually by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque to grow philanthropy in its seven-county region, including Allamakee, Clayton, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson and Jones Counties. The event will take place this year on Thursday, May 10, 2018. The minimum donation is \$10 and there is no maximum. Bonus grants will be made available to amplify charitable donations. The goal is to inspire the community to come together for 24 hours to contribute as many charitable dollars as possible to support the work of local nonprofit organizations. Great Give Day is based on other successful giving days hosted by community foundations across the country.

How does it work?

The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque has set up an online giving platform at GreatGiveDay.org with searchable profiles of participating nonprofits. All donations will be processed through this website, which allows nonprofits and donors to track the giving on May 10 via the site's leaderboards. Anyone can donate to their favorite participating nonprofits via GreatGiveDay.org. Donations may also be scheduled through the website beginning on April 19; those gifts will be processed through the online platform on May 10.

Editor's Note. After getting into www.GreatGiveDay.org, you can read about the Dubuque County Conservation Society by entering DCCS in either the 'Find Organization' box on the top of the page or the "Find Your Cause" box below the picture.

Why give through Great Give Day?

While we encourage community members to support local nonprofits with year-round giving, Great Give Day was created as a 24-hour, community-wide celebration of giving and nonprofits. Plus, gifts made on Great Give Day are amplified by bonus dollars from local corporate sponsors.

How are donations amplified?

The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque works with corporate partners, donors and affiliate foundations to secure bonus dollars to be awarded to participating nonprofits on Great Give Day through hourly prizes and grand prizes. The prize schedule will depend on the total bonus dollars raised and will be posted at www.GreatGiveDay.org once it is finalized.

For more information see www.GreatGiveDay.org.

Pollinators

Submitted by Pat Hayes

A pollinator is any animal, bird or insect that visits flowering plants and transfers pollen from flower to flower, aiding plant reproduction. Pollinators in North America include bees, butterflies, moths, flower flies, beetles, hummingbirds and in some areas, nectar-feeding bats. Bees purposefully collect pollen as a protein source for their offspring. Nectar provides a carbohydrate source. Approximately 75% of the world's major food crops require or benefit from pollination.

There are approximately 20,000 bee species in the world, 3,600 in Wisconsin. Forty-six species of North American bumble bees nest in colonies, as do some smaller bees, but over 90% of bee species are solitary nesters. Only a few species have been domesticated for agricultural use. This includes the most familiar crop pollinator in North America, the honey bee, which was introduced to North America in 1622.

Beetles make up the largest set of pollinators due to sheer numbers. They are responsible for pollinating 88% of flowering plants globally. They like fruity, sweet, and spicy smelling flowers and plants that have clusters of small flowers like goldenrods and Spirea.

In Wisconsin, pollinator-dependent crops account for over \$55 million in annual sales. These include apple, cranberry, cherry, green beans, cucumbers and other fresh fruits and vegetables. Honey and beeswax add another \$3.5 million each year. The health and survival of honey bees, bumble bees and hundreds of lesser known native wild bees is a concern. Bees are threatened by an assortment of things such as pests, pesticides, climate change and the lack of habitat.

Making your landscape pollinator friendly:

- Plant a diversity of flowers = diversity of insects

- Try to have 3 different flowers blooming at the same time

- Plant native as native bees are adapted for native flowers, some commercial flower cultivars have little or no nectar or pollen and are of no benefit for bees

- Tolerate some weeds in your lawn. Clover, dandelions, etc. provide nectar/pollen for insects

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 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

Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd Street, Maquoketa, IA at 563- 652-3783. www.jacksonccb.com

Dubuque Audubon Society, P.O. Box 3174, Dubuque, IA 52004-3174, 563-582-215. www.audubondubuque.org/

Woodcock Watch & Owl Prowl April 6, Friday, 7pm Whitewater Canyon

We will be on the hunt for some amazing nocturnal birds. We will call for owls and observe the mating dance of the American woodcock. It will be a wonderful night full of wildlife.

Free, No registration

The Art of Conservation: A Visit with Ding Darling Apr 8 Sunday 1pm Hurstville Interpretive Center

In this 45-minute presentation, Jay N. "Ding" Darling visits with the audience, as an old friend, in his 11th office at The Des Moines Register.

April Audubon Program April 12, Thursday, 6 pm, EB Lyons Interpretive Center

Birding in Australia. Presentation given by Maggie O'Connell and Sandy Walton

Girl Scouts– Use Resources Wisely April 12, Thursday, 5:-6pm, Swiss Valley Nature Center,

You only have one world to live on. During this program participants will learn how to take care of that one world. We will read The Lorax and girls will come to understand the actions it takes to change the problems people are creating for our planet. Cost: \$8/scout, registration forms available at Swiss Valley Nature Center or email alie.schmalz@dubuquecounty.us

Conservation & Garden Seminar Apr 14 Saturday 9am-11:30am Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join the Master Gardeners and Conservation Office for a morning of learning and fun!

Trout Stocking April 14, Saturday, 10am Heritage Pond

The Iowa DNR will be stocking trout at Heritage Pond. All participants must have a valid Iowa fishing license and trout stamp. All normal fishing rules and regulations apply.

Kids in Nature: Wiggling Worms April 18, Wednesday, 9am Swiss Valley Nature Center

This program series is aimed towards non-school kiddos! Come play and learn at the nature center about a new nature topic each month. This month we will be discovering wiggly worms!

Nature Tales - Pond Exploration Apr 20 Friday 10am Hurstville Interpretive Center

Have fun exploring life in the pond!

Personal Adventures & Explorations of the Northwest Passage April 21, Sat, 3pm Swiss Valley Nature Center

David Thoreson will tell stories about his multiple voyages through the Northwest Passage including brief histories, photography of the landscape, and changes in the environment contributing to the loss of Arctic ice. Free, No registration

Heritage Trail Trash Clean Up April 22, Sunday, 1-3pm Meet @ Heritage Pond

Celebrate Earth Day and lend a hand to help clean up the Heritage Trail. We will meet at the Heritage Pond parking lot and split into groups to cover different areas of the trail. Trash bags, grabbers, and gloves will be provided. Come on your own or get a group together and help us keep Heritage Trail clean and beautiful for both users and wildlife. Let us know you are coming by calling 563-556-6745

OWLS: Galena Trip April 26, Thursday 9 am Meet @ 870 South Pilot Knob Rd, Galena

Enjoy the best Galena has to offer. We will check out spring wildflowers in the area as well as several significant archeological sites. More information to come! Check out www.olderwiselivelier.weebly.com for more info.

Thora & SOAR: Eagles as Ambassadors for the Environment Apr 29 Sun. 1pm Hurstville Interpretive Center

SOAR, Saving Our Avian Resources, will present a live eagle program! Special Events

Lunchtime with the Reptiles May 6 Sunday 2pm Hurstville Interpretive Center

Learn more about our snakes and turtles!

May Audubon Program May 8, 6 pm, EB Lyons Interpretive Center

Sandhill Cranes, Whooping Cranes and whatever happened to Kevin? Join Anna Lacy from the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo Wisconsin. Anna will talk about Sandhill Cranes, Whooping Cranes and whatever happened to Kevin, the juvenile whooping crane who took up residence in Dubuque for a week or so a few years back.

Great Give Day May 10, Thursday 12:00am-11:59pm. See the article in this newsletter

Birding & Paddling Trip May 19 Saturday 8:30am-11am Green Island

Join us for some birding and paddling at the refuge! Local birders Bob and Sandy Walton will lead our paddling expedition to look for waterfowl and other birds at Green Island Wildlife Refuge. Bring your own canoe or kayak. Or borrow a canoes or kayak from us (available on a first come, first served basis). Registration for this event is required. Call 563-652-3783 to RSVP. Meet at the Fish Lake Road boat launch at Green Island at 8:30 AM.

Pond Exploration May 26 Saturday 1pm-3pm Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join a naturalist in discovering life in the pond!

Nature Tales - Buzzy Bees Jun 5 Tuesday 10am-11am Hurstville Interpretive Center

Learn all about bees and other pollinators through fun games, crafts and activities!

Other Events Calendar

Winter Farmer's Market starts Saturday Nov. 4 9am-noon. Former Colt's Building 11th & Central



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Reminders:

The next meetings will be held **Tuesday, May 8, 2018 and Tuesday September 11, 2018 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.

NO MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST.

Check the event calendars for some exciting things to do.

Support your local Farmer’s Markets. Support our local Sponsors.

This months insert - None This month’s focus - None

The Quote of the month by Rachel Carson, from her book Silent Spring :

"It is also an era dominated by industry, in which the right to make a dollar at whatever cost is seldom challenged."

Change your furnace filter. **Recycle** whenever possible.

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Membership renewals have been sent. If you missed it, send to the PO box above.