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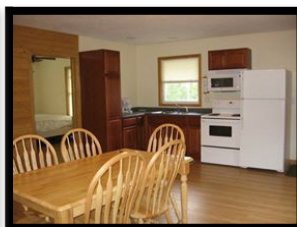
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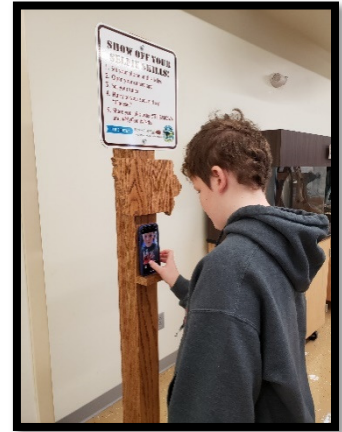
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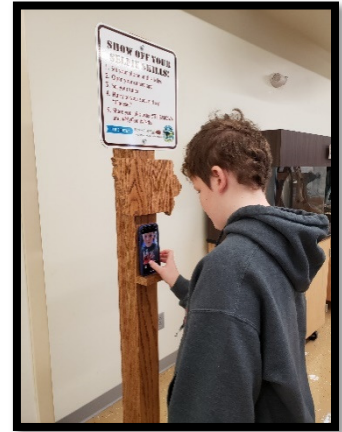
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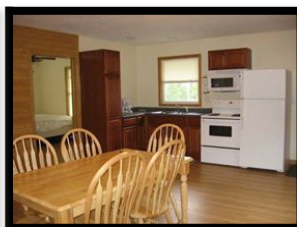
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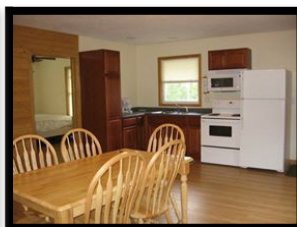
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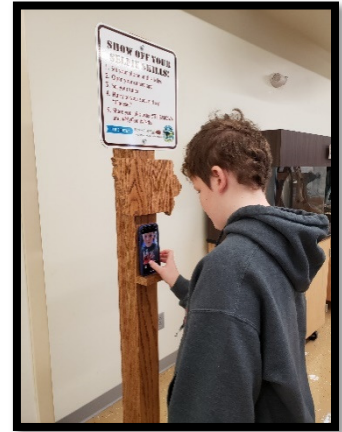
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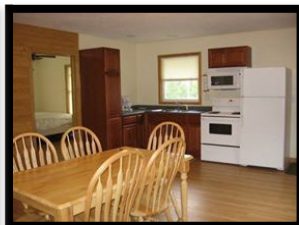
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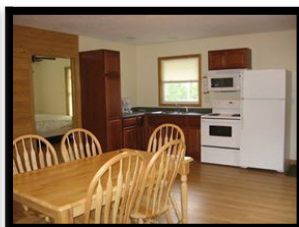
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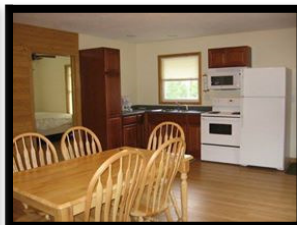
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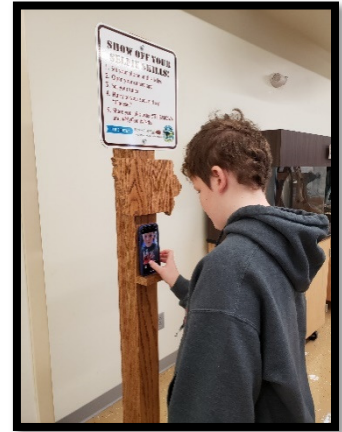
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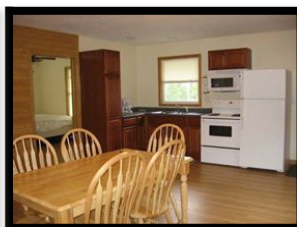
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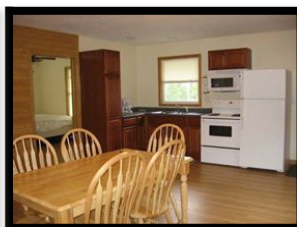
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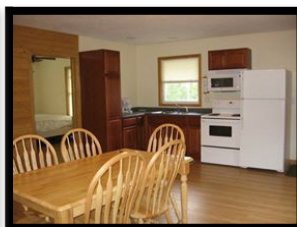
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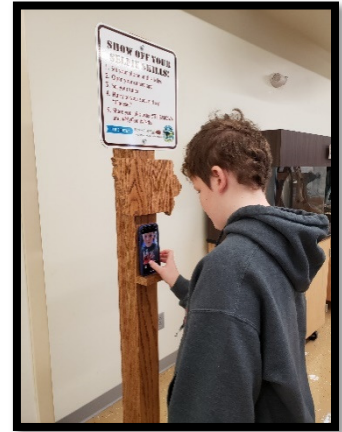
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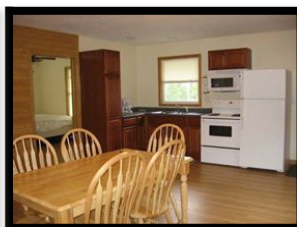
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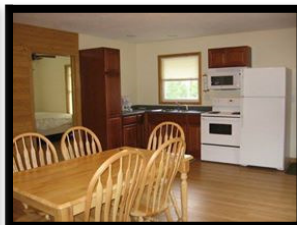
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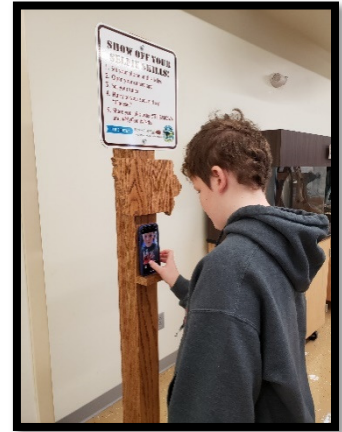
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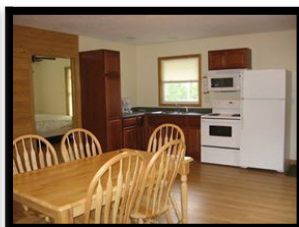
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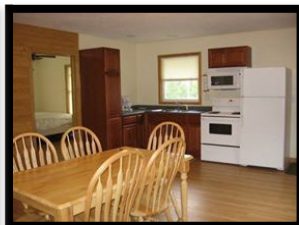
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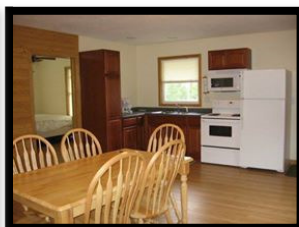
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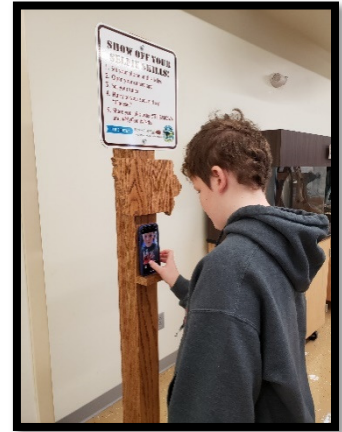
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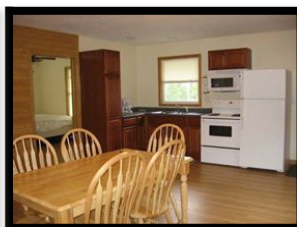
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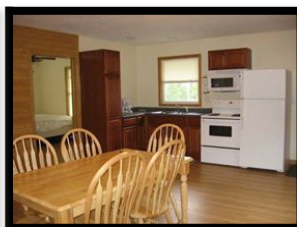
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(Spring Ephemerals cont.)

Many spring ephemerals are perennial and have underground bulbs or corms that store nutrients for the next growing year. These bulbs are important to the spring ephemerals because they help the flowers grow quickly once spring has arrived. When the wildflower has bloomed, it will go to seed, and then return its efforts underground to store up energy for the next spring.

Some of the earliest spring ephemerals that you may encounter begin blooming in March and April. If you are out hiking in these months, keep an eye out for Skunk Cabbage, Trout Lilies, Bloodroot, Dutchman's Breeches, Hepatica, Virginia Bluebells, and Rue Anemones. These spring ephemerals are great signs that spring has sprung, and warmer days are well on their way.

Varying species of spring ephemerals grow their leaves for years before they will bloom. For example, Trout Lilies grow their leaves for seven years before they produce a bloom! In the first year of life, a Trout Lily will produce one leaf. Over the next few springs, the single leaf will grow larger, until the flower produces two leaves. Once two leaves have grown, then a Trout Lily is able to produce a bloom. Another neat spring ephemeral are Dutchman's Breeches. These little wildflowers grow in moist conditions and have fern-like leaves. The fun aspect of these spring ephemerals is that their blooms look like little pairs of pants hanging upside down from the stalk of the plant! It is easy to see where they got the name Dutchman's Breeches.

With spring on its way, make sure to get outside and look around for some of the spring ephemerals that are beginning to bloom. Take in the sunlight coming in through the tops of the bare trees, and rejoice that warmer days are here again. Maybe, you will get lucky and find some little Dutchman's Breeches or other spring ephemerals!



Did You Know?

Eveland Access Cabins

1681 – 290th St., Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577



The Apple and Birch Cabins are available for rent year-round. To view pictures of the cabins and to find more information on renting: www.mahaskaconservation.com or call MCCB at (641)673-9327.



William Penn University Interns



Five William Penn University students served internships with the conservation board this spring. Heaven Walker (far right) worked as a naturalist intern. The field staff interns were (left to right): Emily VanDerVeer, Alan Roettgen and Gary Cutler. Quinton Casteel is not pictured in the photo. These students learned on the job skills and helped the staff complete projects.



Experience Programs for Adults



O.W.L.S.

Older, Wiser, Livelier Souls

*Pre-registrations are appreciated.
Call MCCC at (641)673-9327 ext. 2 or
email decook@mahaskacounty.org.*

Photographing Birds of Mahaska County

10:00 – 11:30 am

Friday, April 9, 2021

Environmental Learning Center, Caldwell Park

Local photographer, Diane Crookham-Johnson, will be the guest presenter and she will share a collection of her bird photos taken in Mahaska County.

Honeybees

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Friday, May 14, 2021

Environmental Learning Center, Caldwell Park

Local beekeeper, Tina Marshall, will share interesting information about honeybees and about her family's experiences in beekeeping.

Wilderness Horse Packing

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Friday, June 11, 2021

Environmental Learning Center, Caldwell Park

MCCB Naturalist, Laura DeCook, will share her experiences in exploring the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana on horseback and packing all needed supplies on horses and mules.

OWLS Adventures: *Fossil Hunting*

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday, May 21, 2021

Russell Wildlife Area

Come and explore the fossil beds at Russell Wildlife Area. You will learn how to find and identify the fossils of plants and animals that lived under water long ago.

OWLS Adventures: *Fishing at White Oak*

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday, June 18, 2021

White Oak Conservation Area

Come out to White Oak Conservation Area to go fishing! No experience is necessary – you will receive help whenever needed! All fishing supplies will be provided unless you would like to bring your own. If you bring a lunch or snack, you can also enjoy an outdoor picnic.

Coffee Club at the ELC



9:30-10:30 am

Friday, May 7th

Friday, June 4th

Join us at the "Coffee Club" for coffee, refreshments and fellowship!

Enjoy the coffee, snacks and company. We have a great time visiting and learning about fascinating things in nature and with MCCC. Bring a friend!

Due to continuing health precautions, we will be providing cups for coffee for all guests. Donations will be appreciated to help purchase supplies for future Coffee Clubs!

We meet in the Environmental Learning Center - feel free to look around after having coffee. There are many great displays to see in the ELC.





Investigate

Programs for Kids

Pre-registrations Required: (641)673-9327 ext. 2 or decook@mahaskacounty.org



Knee-High Naturalist programs are for kids ages 5 and younger. The program activities are designed to help foster learning about nature and exploring the outdoors. Adults that bring the children to the program need to remain with them during the program. **Pre-registration is required to participate.**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

at the Environmental Learning Center

April 27 Nature Walk



Homeschool Science Labs



Monthly programs for your children that will provide hands-on learning experiences and excite them about science and nature!

Last one of the school year!

May 6 & 7

Fishing at White Oak Conservation Area

2647 Ventura Ave., Rose Hill, IA
10:00 - 11:00 am or 1:00 - 2:00 pm each day

- Fishing poles and bait provided (you may bring your own)
- Bring a picnic lunch, take a hike on the trails before or after the program
- Shelter houses, playgrounds, and restrooms are available
- Adults that bring the children need to remain with them during the program

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn”.

~ Benjamin Franklin ~



Summer Day Camps

To sign up for any day camp, contact the Mahaska County Conservation Board by calling (641)673-9327 ext. 2 or email decook@mahaskacounty.org.

- Children attending any camp must have an adult remain with them.
- Cost is \$10.00 per day/per child (adult is free)
- Select one or more days of camp – it's up to you!
- Bring a snack and water bottle to camp each day.
- Camp details will be sent to all families that sign up.

Discovery Camp “Flat Camper’s Adventures!”



June 8-10, 2021

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (each day) at Environmental Learning Center

\$10.00 per day/per child (adult is free)

Ages: 5 & younger

Monday, June 8: Hiking, Nature Scavenger Hunt, Craft & Storytime
Tuesday, June 9: Water Exploration Activities, Craft, Games & Storytime
Wednesday, June 10: Fossil Investigations, Craft, Games & Storytime

Jr. Naturalist Camp “Explore Mahaska County”



June 15-17, 2021

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (each day) at various county parks

\$10.00 per day/per child (adult is free)

Ages: 6-10

Monday, June 15: “Water Wonders” at Environmental Learning Center
Tuesday, June 16: “Great Fossil Hunt & Nature Hike” at Russell Wildlife Area
Wednesday, June 17: “Fishing Adventures” at White Oak Conservation Area

Challenge Camp “Ultimate Outdoor Adventures”



June 22-24, 2021

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (each day) at various county parks

\$10.00 per day/per child (adult is free)

Ages: 11 & older

Monday, June 22: “Ultimate Nature Hike” at Cedar Bluffs State Preserve
Tuesday, June 23: “Fishing & Bowfishing Basics” at White Oak Conservation Area
Wednesday, June 24: “Canoeing” at Russell Wildlife Area



Discover

Programs for All Ages

Tackle Box Lunch & Learn

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Thursday, June 3

Environmental Learning Center

2342 Hwy. 92, Oskaloosa



Bring a lunch as well as friends and family to learn basic fishing skills such as: what to put in a tackle box, how to tie a hook knot, how to cast a fishing pole and take a fish off your hook. Following lunch, there will be some fun hands-on activities to help you feel ready for fishing! *Note: Free Fishing Weekend in Iowa is June 4-6, 2021. Fishing licenses will not be needed on those days. Pre-registration is required, and an adult must accompany children. Call MCCB at (641)673-9327 ext. 2 or email decook@mahaskacounty.org to sign up.*

Eveland Access Summerfest

Time TBA

Saturday, June 5

Eveland Access

Campground Shelter House Area

2890 Galeston Ave., Oskaloosa, IA



The Mahaska County Conservation Board and Muse Music Store is planning a summertime festival called Eveland Access Summerfest to celebrate the summer! We are in the process of planning a fun day packed with FREE LIVE MUSIC, yard games and Dutch oven cooking demonstrations. Watch Facebook and our website www.mahaskaconservation.com for details!

Here are a few highlights:

- All activities are located by the campground shelter house.
- Live music!
- Yard games for the whole family.
- Bring your own lawn chairs, food & beverages.
- Afternoon Dutch oven cooking
- Camping available \$15/night (no reservations).

If you would like to perform music at this event, sign up at the Muse Music Store located at 214 S. Market, Oskaloosa or call (641)676-6873.

The Eveland Access Campground is located at 2890 Galeston Ave., Oskaloosa, which is 4 miles south of Beacon on T39 adjacent to the Des Moines River. For more information, call the MCCB at (641)673-9327 Ext. 2.

Eveland Access Summerfest



FREE Live Music

- Outdoor Games • Camping
- Dutch Oven Demonstrations
- Family Fun & more!

Saturday, June 5, 2021

Details coming soon!

If you wish to play music at this event, sign up at Muse

Music Store located at 214 S. Market,

Oskaloosa, IA 52577

(641)676-6873



For more information,
contact MCCB at
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What's New

At the ELC

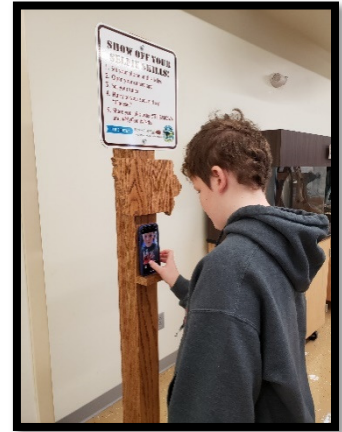
The Environmental Learning Center at Caldwell Park offers many exhibits, live animals (including a 1,000-gallon fish aquarium with native Iowa fish), and activities for you and your family to experience while you visit. The ELC is open weekday afternoons from 12:30 – 4:30 pm. New displays and activities are added periodically. Here is a look at some new things to see and some things that are in the works!



A Red Fox Display is located on the upper level of the ELC. This beautiful display was made in loving memory of Harold and Dorothy Fox by their family and friends.



This display is currently showcasing Native American artifacts collected by Forrest Burke, Jr. Mr. Burke's family donated the collection to show artifacts that have been found in Mahaska County.



Have some fun while you visit the ELC by taking a selfie photo in front of the big aquarium. It's a great way to save a memory of your visit!



UPCOMING outdoor display:
This handmade Bald Eagle nest will be on display outside the ELC between the building and the bike trail. It has been donated in memory of former Eagle Scout, John Aaron Mertz.



UPCOMING indoor display:
Beginning fall of 2021, a life-sized mammoth skeleton replica will be made to stand within this display case area. The skeleton will be locally made at William Penn University with funding from MidwestOne Bank in Oskaloosa. A video of the mammoth dig will be installed on the wall adjacent to the skeleton. This project may be finished by summer of 2022.



UPCOMING indoor display:
MidAmerican Energy helped purchase this Stewardship Display located in the center of the upper-level exhibit area. This is currently in the final phases of making it a hands-on learning experience.

The Prairie Star

The Prairie Star is the quarterly newsletter of the Mahaska County Conservation Board and is emailed to those persons on our mailing list. There is no charge for the newsletter, although contributions to help defray costs are greatly appreciated. Please help us by keeping us informed of any change of email address or if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter.



MAHASKA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER HOURS

12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday or by appointment.

The Mahaska County Conservation Board meetings are open to the public. Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to attend. The board meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Environmental Learning Center. Please note: these dates are subject to change.

Mahaska County's programs and facilities are consistent with pertinent federal and state laws and regulations on non-discrimination regarding race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, and handicap. If anyone believes he or she has been subjected to discrimination, he or she may file a complaint alleging discrimination with either the Mahaska County Conservation Board or the office for Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington D.C. 29240.

***To all the donors, volunteers, &
event participants...
THANK YOU!***

Eric Dickinson – Bird house donation

Shirley Holub Masterson – Flower seed donation

Steve & Kim Dixon – Rock and mineral donations

Matt Waite & William Waite – Fish for aquarium

MCCB Meeting Dates:

Mahaska County Conservation Board Monthly Meetings

Begins at 7:30 p.m. – Public is welcome to attend
Environmental Learning Center (lower level),
Caldwell Park

April 8, 2021

May 6, 2021

June 3, 2021

Dates and times are subject to change.

Call MCCB at (641)673-9327 for more information.

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Mission Statement

The primary mission of this organization shall be to create an awareness of our natural environment, encourage a state of harmony between people and their natural communities, develop and implement public conservation policy, maintain the public's investment in our natural resources, and strive diligently within the budget restraints to provide adequate services for the environmental education and enjoyment of the citizens of Mahaska County.