



ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Mission Statement

The mission of the Friends of Webster County Conservation is to provide awareness, appreciation, and the preservation of Webster County's natural resources for future generations.

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING...

Greetings Friends,

2011 has been an exciting year for the *Friends of Webster County Conservation!*

The *Friends Group* was started in 2004 to provide passionate people the opportunity to volunteer their time and invest their treasure in the natural resources and environmental education of Webster County. This year has been an extraordinary year of generosity and growth for the *Friends Group!*

One Wednesday a month a small, but mighty group of friends join the Conservation Staff for volunteer workdays. The workdays consist of painting tables, removing invasive species, trail work, and miscellaneous park projects. The group works for two hours at various parks and wildlife areas throughout Webster County.

The O'Connell Family has partnered with the *Friends of Webster County Conservation* to create a memorial scholarship in honor of long-time Conservation Board Member and outdoor enthusiast Orville O'Connell. Each year a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Webster County Resident seeking a degree in a natural resource field.

Jim & Diane Patton donated \$5,000 to the *Friends Group* to create an endowment fund. Private donations may be added to the Conservation Trust Fund for projects and environment education in Webster County.

Each year I am amazed by the generous people that serve on our boards, committees, work groups, field trips, and seasonal festivals. These activities would not be possible without volunteers. Thank you for your time, talent, and treasure!! Your efforts are an investment in the future of Webster County's natural resources!

Deanna Rohrer

Chairperson

Doug Breyfogle

Vice Chair

Tabitha Shehan

Secretary

Jerry Beck

Treasurer

Laura Gurnett

Member

Brian Fishel

Member

TJ Lynn

Member

Steve Johanson

Member

Tim Hazel

Member

John Copper

Member

THANK YOU!!

2012—A YEAR IN REVIEW



Moorland Pond Trout Stocking



Adventure Race



Lizard Creek Water Trail Dedication



Plant Some Shade

EVENTS



Habitat Work Days



Seasonal Festivals



Spring Festival



River Clean Up



2012 INCOME

Memberships.....	\$ 615.00
Memorials.....	\$ 760.00
Donations.....	\$ 1,255.00
Pop Can Fund.....	\$ 81.60
Events	
Annual Meeting.....	\$ 1,096.00
Adventure Race.....	\$ 1,765.00
NWLI Workshop.....	\$ 1,200.00
Plant Some Shade.....	\$ 5,150.00
Nest Box Class.....	\$ 14.00
Bald Eagle Workshop.....	\$ 161.98
Orville O’Connell Scholarship Fund.....	\$ 10,000.00
<u>Endowment Fund.....</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$27,098.58

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BALANCE	\$12,389.23
INCOME	\$27,098.58
	\$39,487.81
EXPENDITURES	(\$13,911.88)
BALANCE	\$25,575.93



2012 EXPENDITURES

Banquet—2011.....	\$ 521.40
Memorials.....	\$ 375.19
Kennedy Park Master Plan (RDG Planning & Design).\$	3,990.42
Membership Materials & Supplies.....	\$ 44.00
Events	
NWLI Workshop.....	\$ 596.94
Spring Festival.....	\$ 43.88
Plant Some Shade.....	\$ 6,602.59
Adventure Race.....	\$ 1,070.29
Fall Festival.....	\$ 155.38
Bald Eagle Workshop.....	\$ 161.98
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Pheasants Forever Sponsor.....	\$ 250.00
<u>Ducks Unlimited Sponsor.....</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$13,911.88

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

GENERAL FUND	\$ 6,448.96
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 2,826.97
EVENT FUND	\$ 1,300.00
O’CONNELL SCHOLARSHIP	\$10,000.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	\$ 5,000.00
ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$25,575.93

ORVILLE O'CONNELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: In memory of Orville O'Connell and his commitment to wildlife conservation and land stewardship, a scholarship will be awarded annually to a Webster County resident who is pursuing a degree in: Conservation, Natural Resource Management, Wildlife Biology, Animal/Fisheries Ecology or related natural resource field.

Amount: (1) scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 annually. Scholarships will be paid directly to the school of the recipient's choice.

Criteria: Preference will be given to applicants at, or above junior level
Complete application
Attach current transcripts

Basis of Award: Consideration for the scholarship will be based on a point system. 45-points for need, 30-points for leadership, and 25-for scholastic achievement.

Leadership includes: service, self-motivation and character -- 10 points each.

Scholarship achievement is based on a C average or better.

Selection: All applications must be typed and sent to the *Friends of Webster County Conservation*, c/o Scholarship Committee, 1415 Nelson Avenue, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

Applications must be postmarked no later than May 1st.

Many Thanks to the O'Connell Family!!



Jim & Diane Patton Create Conservation Trust

Jim & Diane Patton have been active and passionate supporters of the Friends of Webster County Conservation since 2004. In 2011, the Patton's took their support to a new level by creating an endowment within the Friends of Webster County Conservation. The endowment will be used for future conservation and education projects in Webster County. The Advisory Committee will be working with the Patton's on the specific details of the trust during 2012-13.

If you would like to contribute to this endowment or would like more information about the tax benefits of charitable giving, please contact a Friends Board Member.

*Thank You Jim, Diane & Patton Family
For your generosity, vision, &
Friendship!!!*

