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# Life on the Prairie

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.



Webster County Conservation presents...

## MYTHBUSTERS HALLOWEEN HIKE

Join the Webster County Conservation Staff and Friends for a fun, educational, non-scary Halloween Hike at Kennedy Park! Explore the myths about bats, earwigs, toads, owls, and big cats.

WHEN: OCT. 24TH  
WHERE: KENNEDY PARK

First group leaves at 7:00 p.m.—Groups leave every 10 mins. Please call ahead to reserve your time. Walk-ins will be taken if space allows.

FREE      FUN      FAMILY EVENT



Dress warm for a chilly Fall evening! The hike & hayride will last approx. an hour. A warm campfire & hot cocoa will follow your hike.



Free Will Donation

### Calendar of Events

- Autumn Night Hike Kennedy Park Oct. 24 7:00 p.m.
- Friends Banquet & Nov. 1
- Winter Festival Dec. 12 5:00 p.m.
- Lights At Kennedy 6—9 Sun—Thurs Dec. 12—20 6-10 Fri Sat
- Friends Board Meeting Jan. 25



### Friends Help Protect the DSM River Water Trail



**Green Tips of the Day**

1. Lower your thermostat. Buy a programmable thermostat.
2. Reuse your water bottle. Avoid buying bottled water. In fact, reuse everything at least once, especially plastics.
3. Check out your bathroom. Use low-flow faucets, showerheads, and toilets.

On July 10, 2009 the Des Moines River Water Trail was officially dedicated in Webster County. On Aug. 29th the WCCB Staff and 40 friends conducted a river clean-up from the Little Dam in FD to Kalo. The amount of garbage in our river

was overwhelming. The group worked from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. pulling tires, appliances, TV's, computers, carpet, and a mountain of plastics bags and drink bottles from the shores of the river.

The group was greeted at the end of

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One of the many garbage piles pulled from the river

### Des Moines River cont.

their journey at Russ & Collette Clark's House with a donated meal by Smoked Ribs & More! A huge Thank You to Russ, Collette, Brian Fishel, & Steve Johanson!!

Many thanks to all the friends that donated their Saturday to clean up this precious water resource in our backyard! Please help us spread the message that our waterways are not for disposing garbage and enjoy the paddling and scenic beauty!

*Hope you can join us at this annual event!!*



### Summary of the 2009 Clean-up

9am Departure  
1pm - 2:30pm Arrival  
39 participants  
18 canoes / 1 flat bottom boat

#### Trash collected:

6 dump truck loads of misc. trash  
1 trailer load of appliances (3 refrigerators, 2 stoves, 1 washing machine)  
1 trailer load of tires (78)

#### Disposal costs:

6 dump truck loads at landfill @ \$ 25.50 = \$ 153.00  
12 tires to landfill @ \$ 28.00  
6 appliances at Frank's Salvage = \$ 75  
Tire Disposal 66 tires @ \$1 (delivered) = \$ 66 +  
Canoe Rental from Riverside Canoes \$ 25 / canoe x 8 canoes = \$ 200  
**Total Cost = \$522**

Steve Johanson & Brian Fischel provided food for group at end of trip.

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Veteran's Memorial Park Nears Completion

The Fort Dodge Noon Sertoma is nearing completion of a memorial park to honor local men and women that have served in the Armed Forces.

The project is the brain child of local Optometrist, Terry Moehnke. The park is a beautiful tribute to the many soldiers that have

served this country.

The memorial is located in the northwest corner (Children's Forest) of Kennedy Park. The park includes a tree-lined walk, engraved stones, an amphitheater, and a variety of flags. The park can be rented by contacting the park office.

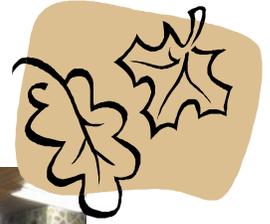
If you haven't seen

the progress of this great memorial, I strongly recommend you visit the area!

**Thank you Terry & the Fort Dodge Noon Sertoma Club for your vision, labor, and beautiful addition to Kennedy Park!!**



# Friends Annual Banquet & Meeting



**On the Menu**

The Friends of Webster County Conservation will hold their annual banquet and meeting on Sunday, November 1, 2009.

Smoked Iowa Chop or Chicken Breast

Potato, Beans, Pasta Salad, Roll

**Keynote**

**“Wild Places for a Wild Future”**  
from retired ISU Animal Ecologist Dr. Jim Pease



*“Friends” dine and visit at the 2008 Annual Banquet during a presentation by Barb Jensen about the “Buffalo Round-up”*

The group will gather to celebrate the accomplishments of 2009 and plan for next year’s events and activities.

Join other conservation-minded people for an excellent program, meal, and celebration!

**5:00 pm—Social Hour**

**5:30 - Meal (\$8.00)**

**6:00—Program**

Business meeting & Awards to follow

Meal Provided by: **Smoked Ribs & More**

**Cost— \$8.00/plate, children under 12—\$4.00**

(Cut and Mail This Portion with Payment by Oct. 28th)

**Yes, I can attend...**



Sign up for:	#	Price	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Meal	_____	\$8.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Meal	_____	\$4.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership	_____	\$15.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	_____	\$25.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Membership	_____	\$100	_____

**Method of Payment**

Check

At the Door

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Choice**

Smoked Iowa Chop \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign Up To Attend**

Please fill out the form on the right, detach and mail to 1415 Nelson Avenue, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501 by **October 28th.**

**Come Join Us For a Night of Fun, Food, &**

**Conversation!**

**Sunday, November 1, 2009**

**Bob Heun Shelter, Kennedy Park**

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**5:30 p.m.—Meal & Program**



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