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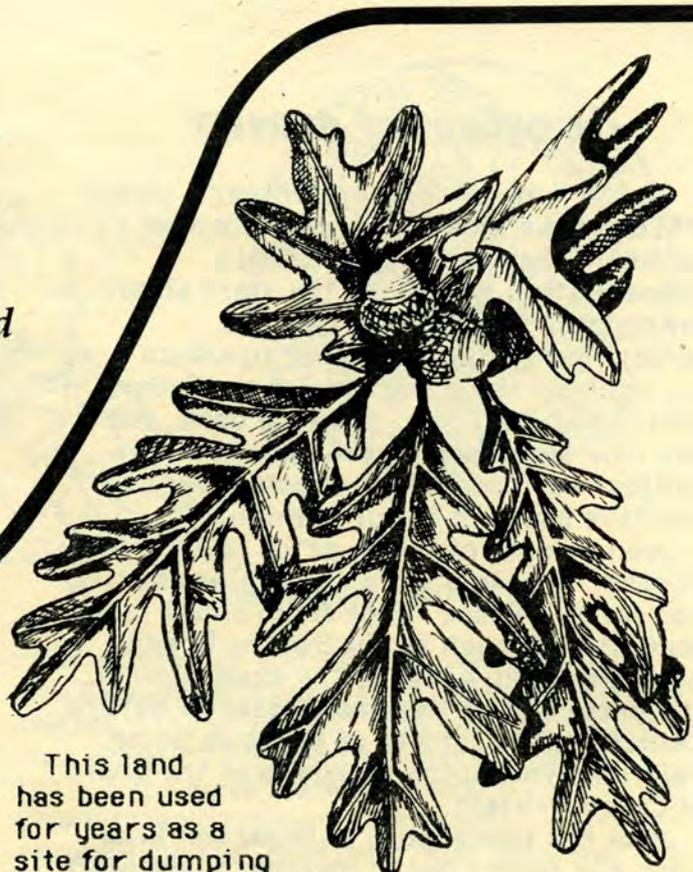
A LIVING PRESENT

by Vern Fish, Nature Center Director

Last summer I tried to imagine a present which would benefit both people and wildlife. This present would have to offer a home to a variety of plants and animals while also serving as a quiet place for people to escape the pressures of everyday life. This living present would be wrapped in forest green and be tied with a web of trails.

On October 1, 1990, Manatts, Inc., helped make this present possible when they signed a long-term lease and turned over management of 180 acres of land to the Black Hawk County Conservation Bd. (BHCCB). What makes this living present extra special is that it enlarges Hartman Reserve Nature Center (HRNC) from 80 acres to 260 by extending the HRNC boundary due north all the way to the Cedar River and up to the southern boundary of George Wyth State Park!

This tract of land, which was identified in the master plan for the Chain of Lakes Project, represents one of the last large green spaces left in metropolitan Black Hawk County. Thus, the BHCCB felt it was important to acquire this green space both to enlarge HRNC and as a step toward completing the Chain of Lakes Project. This tract will eventually be connected to George Wyth State Park by converting the abandoned railroad right-of-way which runs beside it into a bike trail. This right-of-way was recently acquired by the city of Cedar Falls.



This land has been used for years as a site for dumping and other illegal activities.

Thus, immediate management plans call for ending the dumping and reducing the negative behavior. In a step towards solving both of these problems, the road which bisects the tract, Shirey Way, was closed to motorized traffic on December 1, 1990. A residence on site has also been remodeled and will be occupied by staff of the BHCCB to supervise this new addition.

A major cleanup day has been scheduled for the weekend of April 20, 1991. If your group wants to help, please call HRNC. Other plans include phasing out a private nursery by 1993. However, because some of the land is still privately leased, public access will be temporarily restricted south of Shirey Way. A map detailing the current major features of this new addition is provided on page seven.

Long-range plans call for upgrading some of the existing trails in the new addition and connecting them to the original HRNC trail system. Greater public access for education and recreation will also be provided.

This living present completes yet another piece of the puzzle in the long-range plans for the Chain of Lakes Project. The BHCCB hopes that you respect and enjoy this very special gift!

A DECADE OF SERVICE

At the time of her appointment, **Jean Klingaman** was the first woman to serve on the Black Hawk County Conservation Board. At the start of her term, Jean was thrown into the sometimes bitter controversy which surrounded the acquisition of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. Looking back, she can now recall with great joy how this project has unfolded to create a very positive addition to our community.

Jean also points with pride to a variety of other projects which took place during her term. These range from small land acquisitions, such as the Spring Creek Geologic Study Area, to the expansion of the programs at Hartman Reserve Nature Center, to the growth of the Iowa Game Fair and finally the progress of the Chain of Lakes Project.

Jean has thoroughly enjoyed working with her fellow board members, the staff of the BHCCB and other members of our community. She has also been constantly impressed with the willingness of people to work together to enhance the future for our community. Thank you, Jean Klingaman, for a decade of service!

1991 TRAIL PASSES AVAILABLE

The new annual 1991 trail passes for the Cedar Valley Nature Trail are available at HRNC and at 56 other places in various towns near the trail. The cost of these passes has not changed over the past 3 years. All trail users ages 11 and up need a pass to use the trail.

The following passes are available:

Daily pass (ages 11 +)	\$1.00
Annual adult pass (17-64)	\$5.00
Annual junior pass (11-16)	\$2.00
Annual senior pass (ages 65+)	\$2.00

Annual passes are valid from January through December.

To find out about the closest location for you to buy a pass you may call the BHCCB at 266-6813.

AWARD!

The Izaak Walton League of Iowa presented the BHCCB with its **Wildlife Habitat Improvement Award** (1st

place). This award recognizes the BHCCB's efforts to enhance wildlife habitat through a program of tree and prairie planting, timber stand improvements and landowner assistance.

ICE FISHERY AT HICKORY HILLS

by Daryl Parker, Park Ranger

Everyone grab your ice fishing gear and put on your warm clothes! The 1st Annual Ice Fishery at Hickory Hills Park is set for February 9, 1991.

After several years of moderate fishing in Casey Lake, things are looking up. Recent surveys conducted in October 1990 show excellent populations of bluegills and crappies in the 6 to 8 inch size. Bass populations remain high but the 18 inch size limit keeps a lot of the fish in the lake. Most bass run in the 12-16 inch class. The large size limit on bass helps keep a balance between the predator, the bass, and the prey fish mainly the bluegills. In the last three years surveys have shown the size of the bluegills has grown dramatically. Keeping this balance will ensure top fishing in the years to come.

As winter sets in and ice forms on the lake, fishing minds turn to sitting on a bucket, holding a small pole, tipped with a colorful jig and a waxworm, and fishing through a small hole in the ice. If this thought intrigues you, please join us on February 9, 1991 for our fishery. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish, smallest fish, most panfish, and a skunk award. There will be 3 age groups: 0-12, 13-18, and 19-up. The Cedar Valley Bassmasters have donated \$200 for a grand prize which will be awarded to anyone who catches a tagged panfish. There will be an ice fishing seminar by the Cedar Valley Bassmasters to show equipment, baits, techniques, and other interesting tidbits of information about the sport. The excitement starts at 7:00 am with registration and an overview of the rules and will end at 3:00 pm.

This event is sponsored by the Waterloo Chapter of the Izaak Walton League and the BHCCB. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call 266-6813 or 266-0328 during normal business hours.



Sproutings — Nature Center News



by Vern Fish
Nature Center Director

AWARD!

The environmental education programs of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board were recognized by the Iowa Conservation Education Council with its **Outstanding Environmental Education Program** award for 1989-1990! This is the third time the BHCCB has received this award which recognizes the environmental education efforts of Iowa's 99 county conservation boards.

WELCOME TO HRNC

Pat Hunziker of rural Buchanan County accepted the new position of part-time naturalist at HRNC. Pat is currently working on her Master's Degree in Biology from UNI. Pat's 20 hr/wk position is funded by the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program, (REAP). Welcome to HRNC Pat.

FRIENDS OF HARTMAN RESERVE

Memberships in the Friends reached a record of over 250 people joining so far this year! All members were eligible for a drawing for two major prizes. The airplane ride over the Chain-of-Lakes Project was won by **Betty Tonnee** and the two tickets to the UNI/ISU basketball game went to **Wayne Gnagy**. The record membership numbers have been made possible by the work of our marketing intern, **Jonna McIntire**, and Friends board member, **Kathy Calhoun**. A listing of all members for 1990-1991 has been provided on the insert in this newsletter along with a short profile on the new officers and board members.

CONSTRUCTION

This summer and fall the staff of the BHCCB completed work on the exterior of the old wing of HRNC. This work included new shingles for the roof and replacing the old siding to match the new wing. Work this winter will focus on remodeling the interior of the old wing. The old offices will be converted to a library/small meeting room and the old restroom area will become a kitchenette. The floor of the old wing, which was built in 1938, will be replaced. Because of this work, public access to the old wing will be limited at times from January through April. Thank you for your understanding!

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Our marketing intern for this fall, **Jonna McIntire**, has accepted a position with the Maytag Corporation. **Don Jorgensen** will be joining the HRNC staff in February as a naturalist intern. UNI student, **Randy Barnes**, has agreed to serve as our Ranger Rick coordinator for this year and will replace **Cynthia Cechota** who will be continuing her graduate studies at UNI. A big thank you to Jonna and Cynthia, and welcome aboard Don and Randy!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to those who have contributed time, money, and equipment this fall! The following are a few: the Halloween Hike cast of characters, Julie Fee, Amy Gephart, Francis Trey, Bob Faktor, Trey Raftree, Agnes and Henry Theis, and Cole Photography.

EARTH DAY 1991

EARTH FAIR - Sat., April 20, George Wyth State Park. This gala event says **EARTH DAY is EVERY DAY**. Various events are planned throughout the day including a bike ride, original dance performances, new games festival, food, workshop mall, and childrens activities. For more details call 277-2187.

HARTMAN ADDITION CLEAN-UP - Sat., April 20, As mentioned on page 1 the new addition to HRNC needs a massive clean-up. Volunteers are needed to help in this effort from 8:00 am till noon.

WE'VE GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN OUR HANDS! - Sat., April 20, 1:30-3:30 pm, George Wyth State Park. Join Hartman Reserve Nature Center, the Hearst Center, and the Waterloo Arts and Recreation Center to conjur up your own special creatures, play geo-games, and become a Trash Terminator. Remember, kids can make a difference!! Cost is \$1.

MORE SNOW

CROSS COUNTRY SKI WORKSHOPS- Learn the basics during these 2 hour workshops. Indoor and outdoor instruction for anyone 12 years or older. Fee is \$7, but does **NOT** include skis. Call for reservations for any of the following dates:

Sat. Jan. 5, 9-11 and 12-2

Sun. Jan. 6, 12-2

Sat. Jan. 12, 9-11 and 12-2

Sat. Jan. 19, 9-11 and 12-2



WINTER SCHEDULE

FOR KIDS

JUNIOR NATURALISTS - These programs take place at HRNC and include both indoor and outdoor activities for 4th-6th graders. \$2 fee per program. Reservations and advance payment required.

*****MUSH!** - Sat., Jan. 26, 10 am-12 noon. Watch the trees go whizzing past as we ride the trails of Hartman Reserve on an authentic dog sled pulled by a pair of trained Siberian Huskies. Everyone will have the chance to drive the sled and make a harness for their dog.

*****BRRRRR!** - Sat., Feb. 2, 10 am-12:00 noon. Just because it's getting a little bit colder outside doesn't mean it's time to hibernate. Let's go ice fishing and enjoy the crisp outdoor weather in the new addition.

*****FIRST AMERICANS** - Sat., Feb. 23, 10 am-12 noon. Discover the Native American culture of today and yesterday through storytelling, a nature walk and an authentic craft activity.

*****SO LONG MRS. BUTTERWORTH** - Sat., March 23, 10 am-12 noon. The smell of burning wood and the sweet smell of steaming maple sap mean it's time to celebrate the arrival of spring by making and tasting real maple syrup.

RANGER RICK - Sats., March 9, 30, April 13, & 27, 9 am-11 am. This series of programs is for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders at HRNC. Each program will give your youngster an experience with nature both outside and inside. To register call 277-2187. \$5 fee.

THE FRIENDS

PAST OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

At the 1990 Friends annual banquet on October 16, 1990 new board members and officers were elected to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hartman Reserve. A big thank you goes out to all of the former officers and board members for their past service. Past officers include: Marsha Lind, president; Bev Smith, vice president; Pat Jacobs, secretary, and Gayle Anfinson, treasurer. Retiring board members include Pat Jacobs and Joe Cropper.

NEW OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Frank Esser. Frank's position as Director of the Boys and Girls Club gives added meaning to his desire to see the Friends's group become a catalyst in the community in areas of increased awareness of the importance of environmental education and, especially, of recycling efforts. He sees the new building addition, with its potential for educational exhibits, as a major factor in achieving such goals.

VICE PRESIDENT - Kathy Calhoun. Kathy feels that the advantages of living in the neighborhood of Hartman Reserve gives her a sense of responsibility toward helping others to recognize and become involved in the many programs offered by Hartman.

SECRETARY - Ken Cutts. Ken's intense involvement with the Friends needs no introduction. His present enthusiasm centers around the newly acquired land and its potential for such uses as new trails and a retreat center with overnight accommodations.

TREASURER - Ruth Buck. It hardly needs saying that Ruth's major interest is in the Gift Shop. She would like to see

the Shop's offerings expanded to include more Earth Day and clean-up items. She also would like to help develop more programs that would bring greater numbers of people to Hartman, and customers to the Shop.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Hugh Copeland - Hugh has been interested in Hartman Reserve since its establishment, and sees his work on the Friends' Board as a way of helping to work at further expanding the Hartman programs and further integrating them with the total Chain of Lakes Project plans.

Bill Dotzler - Bill grew up in the Hartman neighborhood and knew the area quite well before it became a Reserve. He is interested in both protecting the area and expanding its programs to include such projects as handicapped accessibility and keeping the surrounding areas clear and environmentally sound.

Larry Eilers - Before Hartman Reserve was established, Larry did a study of the trees in the area. As a member of the UNI faculty, he assigned his students to projects involving the Reserve. Now, as a member of the Friend's Board, he would like to update his Master's Project and also work to protect the Reserve from outside encroachments.

Deb Klingaman - Deb's interest in education has led her to serve as a volunteer in many of Hartman's programs. As a member of the Friend's Board she hopes to be able to encourage others to support the programs through such volunteer efforts.

Susan Lantz - Four young children, a house on property that abuts Hartman Reserve, and a life-long interest in the environment are, to Susan, good reasons for becoming active with the Friend's Board. She sees the Board as a means of helping to protect the Reserve while expanding an awareness of all it offers to others in the community.

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Irene Weidman
Shirley Wiese
Ron Wilson
Linda Witcombe
Evelyn Wood
Ruth Wood
Audrey Wright
Jim Young
Arthur Zander

JUNIOR NATURALISTS

Mary Ann Downs
Danny & Scott Gleissner
William Hansen
Nathan Loenser
Margaret & Eleanor Mills
Blair Seehase
Danielle & Angela Zeien



SPECIAL EVENTS

PHOTO EXHIBIT - "Iowa's Wildlife and Nature Art" is a collection of prints of flat art media from 24 of Iowa's accomplished outdoor artists. It will be on display through the end of January.

HICKORY HILLS ICE FISHERY - Sat., Feb. 9, Hickory Hills Park, 7 am. See page 2. Call 266-6813 or 266-0328

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL - Sat., March 2, 8 am-1 pm. Kick off the syrup making season with **Chris's Cakes** flipping all the mouth watering pancakes you can eat onto your plate for just \$3 adults, \$2.50 children 6-12 in advance. Or \$3.50 adults, \$3 children at the door. Afterwards join in to help make some syrup from Hartman trees.

EXPANDING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS - Fri., March 8, YWCA, all day. Program includes workshops, luncheon and entertainment by Alma Iowana. Workshops about gardening for wildlife, recycling, composting, safe gardening, shopping for environmentally safe products and a childrens program are planned. To register by March 1, call the YWCA at 234-7589.

BIRDING IN THE BOTTOMLAND - Sat., March 16, 9 am-12 noon. The new addition to Hartman has been added to the Adopt-a-Refuge program by Prairie Rapids Audubon Society. Join them in a celebration bird walk. Meet in the Hartman parking lot

SAVE OUR PLANET - SHOP for the ENVIRONMENT - April 2nd & 9th, 6:30-9 pm. Through this two-part seminar, you'll discover simple ways to shop environmentally at the grocery store. To register for course no. 03586, call Hawkeye Tech at 296-2460.

SUNDAYS

SNOWSHOES and NATURE CLUES: On winter Sundays our snowshoes will be available free of charge, snow permitting from 1-5 pm. At 2:00 pm we'll feed the animals and at 3:00 pm the naturalist will present a short program on:

***Jan. 6 - **SKULLS** - See if you can tell carnivore, herbivore or omnivore apart.

***Jan. 13 - **TRACKS** - find out who goes where in the wintertime by learning to recognize tracks and track patterns.

***Jan. 20 - **FINISH YOUR SNOWSHOES**- Get the help you need to finish your snowshoes or just see how it's done.

***Jan. 27 - **WINTER BIRDS** - Participate in the annual state birdfeeder survey and help band birds with guest naturalist Mark Muller.

***Feb. 3 - **OWLS** - Linda Nebbe and Spirit the Barred owl will visit.

***Feb. 10 - **WINTER BIRDS**- Join bird bander Mark Muller for a close-up look.

***Feb. 17 - **MAMMAL SKIN** - All different colors and textures for you to see and feel.

***Feb. 24 - **BONES, BONES, BONES!** Take a break this afternoon and look closer at the skeletons of critters.

SAP INTO SYRUP - March 3, 10, 17, 24, 1-5pm. We will demonstrate the art of Syrupin'. Carry a bucket of sap to the fire and watch the steam rise as sap turns to syrup before your eyes.

EASTER HIKE - March 31, 1-5pm. Bring your camera and have your picture taken with the Easter Rabbit and then find the woodchuck in the forest and win a treat! The Grout Museum will also help you construct paper bunnies.

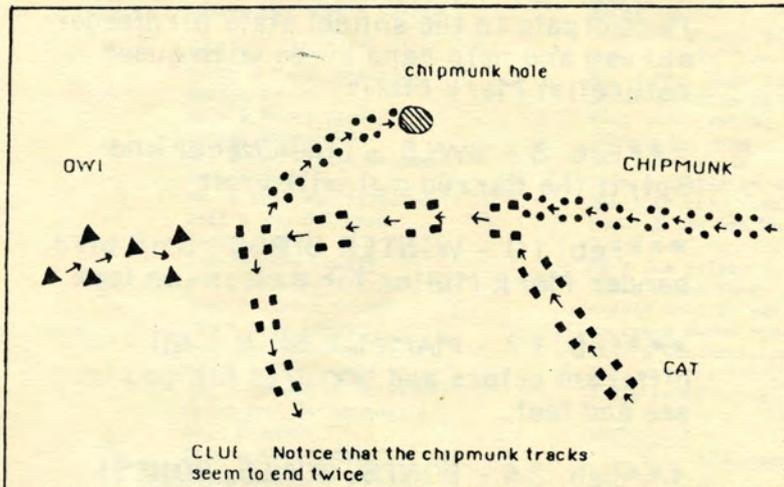
WELCOME HOME - April 7, 1:00-4:30 pm. Bring your own screwdriver and hammer to build a bird house. We'll provide the nails and wood, you provide the power.

Who Goes There?

In the snow, everything leaves its mark and so winter is the perfect time of the year to learn animal tracks. On this page are pictures of some common animal tracks. Take a walk and see if you can find and identify these tracks in the snow.

BE A TRACK DETECTIVE!

Below is a drawing of animal tracks in the snow. It shows what happened when three different animals met. Use the clue provided and see if you can figure out what happened. Solution below.



Mouse



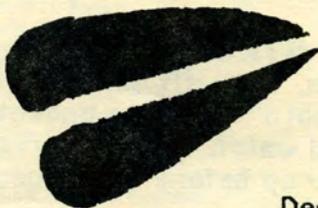
Dog



Cat



Raccoon



Deer



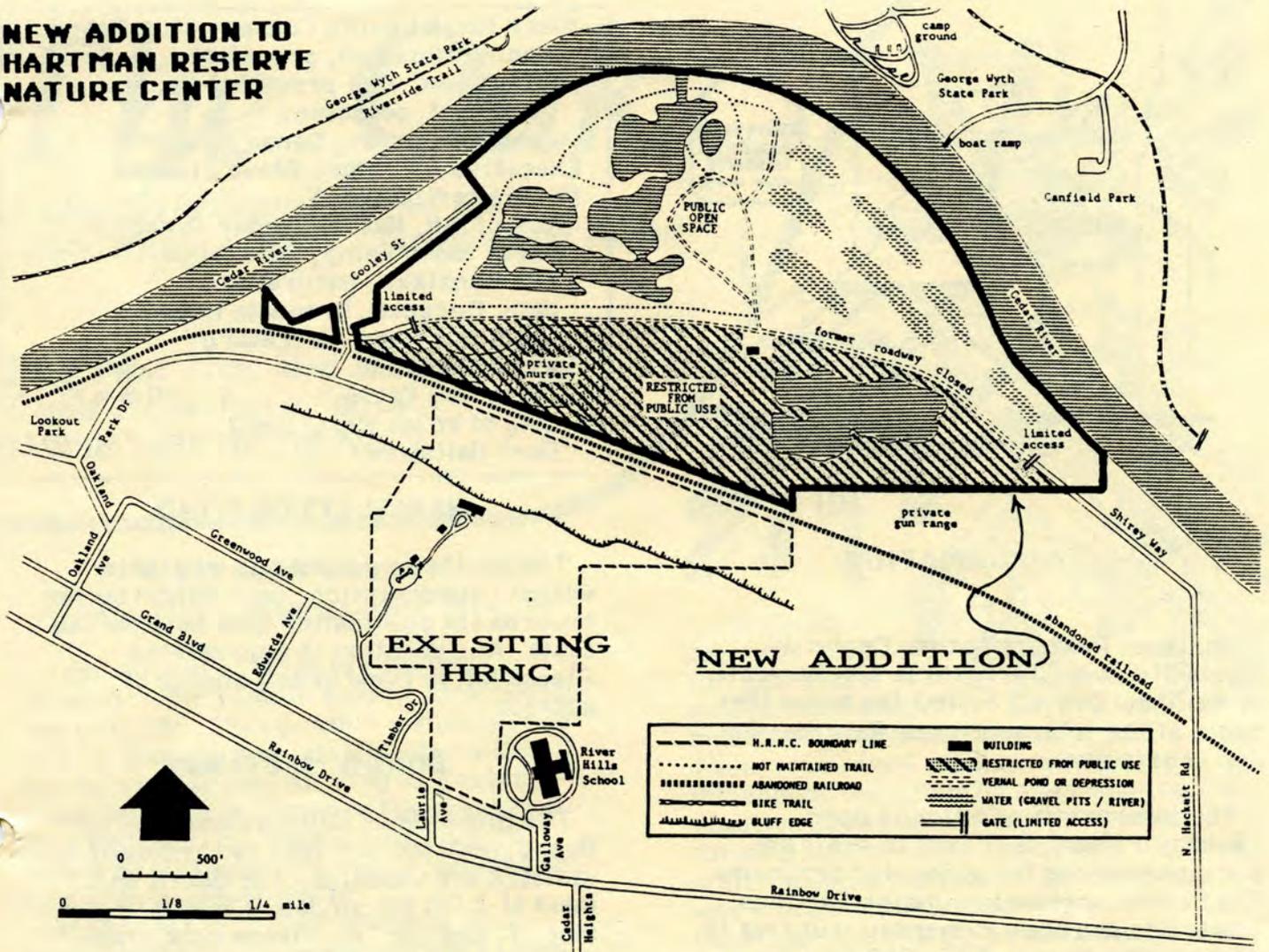
Sparrow

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- 1.) Move in different ways (run, walk, hop, etc.) and see if your friends can "read" what you were doing.
- 2.) Read *SNOW TRACKS* by Jean George. It's a story of animal tracks presented as a detective story.
- 3.) Make up your own track story of what happened when two or more animals met.

MYSTERY SOLUTION: First the housecat caught the chipmunk but did not kill it. Then the owl swooped down to steal the chipmunk from the cat. The cat dropped its prey while fighting off the owl and the chipmunk ran safely into its hole. Adapted from RANGER RICK magazine.

NEW ADDITION TO HARTMAN RESERVE NATURE CENTER



0 500'

0 1/8 1/4 mile

THE ACORN GIFT SHOP

A variety of creative options were entered in our "Name the Gift Shop" contest. The winning choice, "ACORN," fit the name of this newsletter and matched one of common trees in the HRNC forest. The winners, **William and Mary Jo Allen, Gayle Bahlmann** and **Leona Haverkamp**, received gift certificates to the shop!

WILDLIFE BINGO AVAILABLE

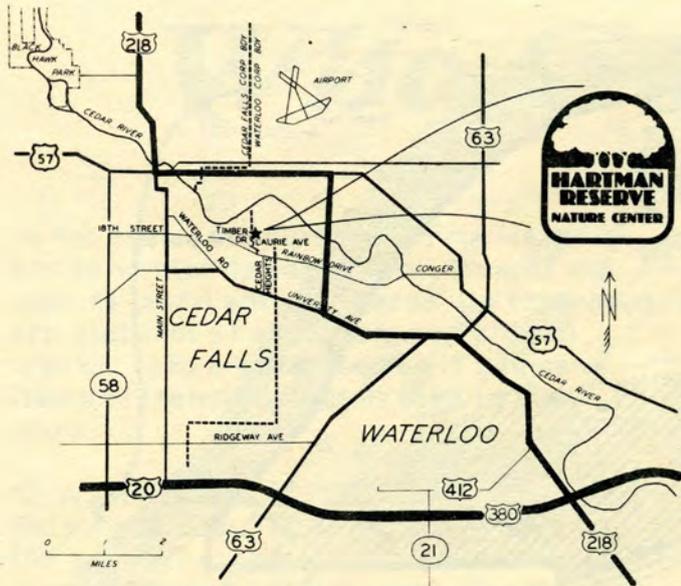
The educational Wildlife Bingo is now available for people to use during the year. This fun game can be used at gatherings for educational as well as fund raising purposes. To reserve the 80 laminated Wildlife Bingo cards call Black Hawk Park at 266-6813. A donation is suggested to use the game.

NEWS FROM THE ACORN GIFT SHOP by Ruth Buck

It's time to think of the birds. The Acorn gift shop has a complete line of birdfeeders, including suet, Droll Yankee thistle and sunflower, window pane and mixed seed feeders. We also have bird bath heaters this year. Birds need water, too.

Tornado tubes are back in stock! We have the Usborne Nature Books and bird feeder and bird house kits, too. As always, pure maple syrup is available all the time.

New items include wind socks, note cards and carved wooden birds. A few 1991 Scenic Iowa calanders are still available. Come in and check us out weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Sundays from 1 to 5pm.

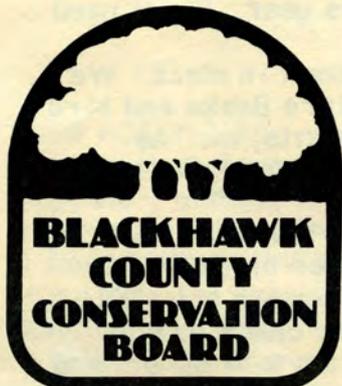


INFORMATION

Hartman Reserve Nature Center is located in Cedar Falls three blocks north of Rainbow Drive. Follow the signs that begin at the intersection of Rainbow Dr. and Laurie Ave.

The Interpretive Center is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, and on weekends for scheduled programs. The Center is closed on major holidays. The trails are open every day, sunrise to sunset. Please call 277-2187 for more information.

Hartman Reserve Nature Center
657 Reserve Drive
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613



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BOARD MEETINGS

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome. The Board will meet at 7:00 pm on Jan. 17, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, and Apr. 4. Please note, these dates are subject to change.

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