



# THE TRIBUTARY

Summer 2026

NEWSLETTER FOR MITCHELL COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD AND MITCHELL COUNTY OUTDOORS



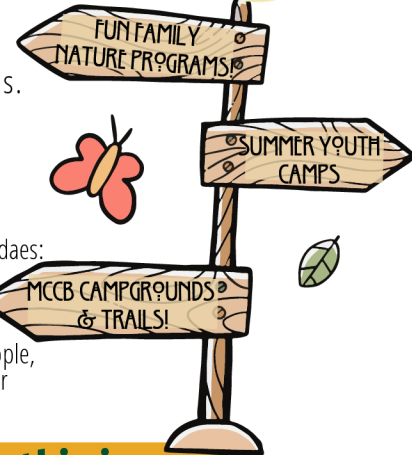
Blooming banks at Rock Creek Wildlife Area

## A SUMMER OF FUN WITH MCCB!

Mitchell County Conservation and the Mitchell County Outdoors are excited to offer various nature camps and environmental education opportunities for area youth this summer! Help your child discover the wonders of nature through Picnics in the Park, Discovery Day Camps, Adventure Camp, or our other special programs! Camps are separated into age groups to help you and your child have the best experiences enjoying the outdoors. Most require pre-registration, so sign your kiddos up early!

Details for all of our youth programming, as well as all public programming, can be found on the following pages.

- Age/Grade ranges are based on the upcoming 2026-2027 school year.
- All camps are lead by Mitchell County Naturalist Chelsea Ewen Rowcliffe and Natural Resource & Outreach Specialist Andy Taets, and will feature nature-based subjects and outdoor activities.
- Registration fees cover educational supplies and equipment maintenance.
- Camp scholarships are available for those wanting assistance with registration fees - please contact Chelsea for more info.
- Please call, email, visit our Facebook Page, [www.mitchellcountyconservation.com](http://www.mitchellcountyconservation.com), [www.mycountyparks.com](http://www.mycountyparks.com), or stop by our office for info on registering for our summer camps.



We hope to see you OUTSIDE this SUMMER!  
**Need some more ideas for summer fun?  
Try these tricks and snacks during your next  
Campout or Bonfire!**

- **Gourmet S'mores** - Think all the same toppings for ice cream sundaes: use various cookies instead of just grahams, flavored chocolates or candybars instead of plain, fun add-ins like icing, jam, peanut butter, sliced fruit, nuts or even a salty hit like bacon or potato chips!
- **Roasting Alternatives** - Try roasting fruits like strawberry, pineapple, peach, banana, or pears. String cheese, un-wound cinnamon rolls or bread/pizza dough (from the tube), or even Starburst make fun fire-roasted snacks!
- **Campfire Tricks** - Check out our this cool chart!

### BORAX

Toss in a bit of Borax (sodium tetraborate) for green flames



### "Salt Alternative" WATER SOFTENER

Chuck in some water softener tablets (potassium chloride) for purple flames



### TABLE SALT

A dash of table salt (sodium chloride) will give you deeper orange flames



### EPSOM SALT

Not just for baths, Epsom salts (magnesium sulfate) makes nice white flames



### FLOUR

A few flakes of flour will make your fire flare up.



### SUGAR

Throw in some sugar for little sparks and explosions



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June Public Programs



# PICNICS IN THE PARK!

Wednesdays in June

11:30-1:00



CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN AND YOUNGER

JUNE 3rd - "Silly & Slimy" @ Pioneer Park - East of Osage-Shadow Ave.

JUNE 10th - "Rocks & Gems" @ Riverside Park - Stacyville

JUNE 17th - "Clouds & Rainbows" @ Milton R. Owen Nature Center - Osage

JUNE 24th - "Blooms & Blossoms" @ Pinicon Alder's Cabin - McIntire

Families with children going into Kindergarten and younger are invited to enjoy nature through weekly "Picnics in the Park" in June!

Picnickers are asked to bring a picnic lunch, blanket or tablecloth, and have an adult present throughout the program. Please meet us at the specified park where we will eat lunch first, then have a short program and activities based on a nature-themed book. Older children are welcome to attend, but the content and activities is geared for younger learners.

This program is FREE and there is no registration required. Just show up with your picnic lunch & your littles, and be ready to have fun learning about nature! This program will be postponed or rescheduled if there is severe weather. Please call Chelsea's cell at (641) 330-0765, or visit our Facebook page or Website for any event or weather related questions or updates.

If you enjoy participating in the programs Mitchell County Conservation/Mitchell County Outdoors offers, appreciate the use of outdoor equipment and trails, or just want to ensure the youth, families, residents, and visitors to Mitchell County get to spend time in and understand the importance of conserving our natural resources - **please consider joining Mitchell County Outdoors!** Your membership, donation of time & talents, and/or monetary support can make an even larger impact when used for grant matches and opportunities like those listed here.

See how to become a member on page 6.



**"The Mitchell County Environmental Education Foundation creates public awareness, promotes responsible stewardship, and expands support for the conservation of our natural resources and cultural heritage."**

\$10 FOR MC OUTDOORS MEMBERS  
\$15 FOR NON-MEMBERS



**SUMITOMO  
BIORATIONAL**

**JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> - 1 PM**

# MOSQUITO BUCKET WORKSHOP

MILTON R. OWEN NATURE CENTER - OSAGE

**PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER!**  
(641) 330-0765 OR  
(641) 732-5204



Let's kick off the summer season with a project to help you, and our environment stay healthy, happy, and itch-free! We're partnering with local business, Sumitomo Biorational Company (formerly Valent BioSciences) to promote safe & effective mosquito control for your backyards, outdoor spaces, and campsites! How it works: at this workshop, we'll provide all the supplies needed to create a "Mosquito Bucket". The bucket draws in mosquitoes already nearby (not from far away), then stops the next generation before it hatches. It works because of Bti, a natural bacterium that targets mosquito larvae but doesn't harm biodiversity like bees, birds, or butterflies. Sumitomo Biorational Company makes Bti products right here in Mitchell County! This mosquito bucket is a safer alternative to fogging or harmful sprays for us, our pets, and wildlife.

Learn more about this project by visiting <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/mosquito-bucket-challenge>

With your registration, you'll be provided a bucket, the Bti from Sumitomo Biorational, and accessories to create your Mosquito Bucket. We'll also have supplies to decorate and customize your bucket, as well as information to put your bucket to work reducing mosquitos all season long.

## NATURE GLOW PARTY!

LET'S  
Glow  
WILD!

JULY 17TH 8:30PM

MILTON R. OWEN NATURE CENTER - OSAGE, IA



Let's "GLOW" wild and discover the glittering world of Nature after dark! Join Naturalist Chelsea to learn about nocturnal animals, bioluminescence, and the secret glowing creatures around us! We'll make special "glowing" bug jars and other fun glowing crafts, use special flashlights to go on a glowing animal hunt, and many more fun glow-in-the-dark activities.

To make this experience extra special, wear bright, fluorescent, or glow-in-the-dark clothing appropriate for the weather (layers, close-toed shoes, etc.). Light snacks will be a part of the program, but feel free to bring a refillable water bottle. If rain or storms are predicted, this program will be rescheduled. Contact Chelsea at (641) 330-0765 or [crowcliffe@mitchellcountyiowa.gov](mailto:crowcliffe@mitchellcountyiowa.gov) for any questions or weather-related program updates.

# FREE GUIDED KAYAK & PADDLEBOARD FLOATS!



## Guided Float Dates:

**June 29th - Full Moon Float!**

July 9th

July 28th

August 6th

August 18th

Enjoy a relaxing evening exploring Mitchell County's beautiful waters with our guided paddles! This is a FREE program led by MCCB Natural Resource & Outdoor Recreation Specialist, Andy Taets. Be sure to check out the special "Full Moon Float" on June 29th! More information on this float below.

These floats are open to all ages, but children must have the ability to control their own boat or plan to paddle with an adult. All equipment and basic paddling instructions are provided and all floats will take place in Mitchell County. If you have your own equipment and would like to join the float, please contact Andy with your information to be added to the attendee list. Floats will typically take place around 6:00 in the evening, and once you have signed up, you will be contacted with the specific meeting time & location. Times and locations change based on current river conditions.

CONTACT: ANDY TAETS:(641) 420-5517

ATAETS@MITCHELLCOUNTYIOWA.GOV

OFFICE: (641) 732-5204

# Full Moon Float

June 29th

9:00 PM

(approximately)

Many people have gone kayaking, but have you ever gone at night? This unique float is will witness a gorgeous sunset and welcome a Full Strawberry Moon. Paddlers will enjoy a leisurely float down river and experience night unfold on the water. During this one-of-a-kind, guided float, boats will be festooned with glow sticks so you and your friends can see the river in a new light, while enjoying all the sounds and sensations of the river at night. We will provide all instruction and gear necessary for a fun and safe trip, but there are a few things you may want to bring that make it go even smoother:

- water bottle
- snacks
- water shoes
- long-sleeved shirt (dress in layers)
- bug spray
- towel
- headlamp
- dry bag for phone, extra clothes, etc.

**Because of the unique conditions of a night float, this event is geared towards adults and older/more experienced paddlers.**

Spots are limited to 10, so please call/text or email Andy to reserve your place. If you have your own boat and would like to join the float, please contact Andy with your information to be added to the attendee list. Once you have signed up, you will be contacted with the specific float location based on current river conditions.

Enjoy a beautiful evening, relax in nature, and let your worries drift into the night. PAGE 14



# Summer 2026 Calendar of Events

| S           | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| <b>JUNE</b> | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
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| 14          | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21          | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28          | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

**Eat LOCAL this summer from our Farmer's Markets!**

**Stacyville:** Tuesdays, 4:30-6 PM @ City Park

**Osage:** Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 PM @ City Park along Chestnut Street

**St. Ansgar:** Wednesdays, 4:30-6 PM @ Clausen City Park along Washington Street

**Riceville:** Saturdays, 9-11 AM @ 203 Main Street



- Saturdays & Sundays** - Wapsi-Great Western Line Trailhead Welcome Center Open, 2-4PM, **pg. 9**
- 2nd** - Stacyville "Tuesdays on Broad" Family Fun Night @ Stacyville City Park, 4:30-7PM
- 3rd** - Picnics in the Park "Slimy & Silly" @ Pioneer Park - East of Osage on Shadow Ave., 11:30AM, **pg. 2**
- 4th** - Fat Tire Bike Ride, @ Limestone Brewers, 6:15PM
- 5th** - Friday Night Out @ Mitchell County Fairgrounds "Midway" off Chestnut Street, 5-9 PM
- 5th & 6th** - Osage Maple Days
- 6th** - Youth Hunter Education Challenge, Rock Creek Marina and Campground, Camanche, IA, **pg. 8**
- 5th-7th** - Iowa DNR Free Fishing Weekend (no license needed)
- 7th** - Golf Cart Day & Pie Sunday at the Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail, 1:30-5PM, **pg. 9**
- 10th** - Picnics in the Park "Rocks & Gems" @ Riverside Park, Stacyville - 11:30AM, **pg. 2**
- 17th** - Picnics in the Park "Clouds & Rainbows" @ Milton R. Owen Nature Center, Osage - 11:30, **pg. 2**
- 18th** - Fat Tire Bike Ride, @ Limestone Brewers, 6:15PM
- 19th** - Adventure Camp! Fat Tire Trail Ride! Grades 5th-8th, **pg. 7**
- 19th & 20th** - St. Ansgar Town & Country Days Celebrations
- 20th** - FMC Landfill Open 8AM-11:30, **pg. 9**
- 21st** - Happy Father's Day!
- 21st** - Happy Summer Solstice!
- 22nd-28th** - National Pollinator Week!
- 24th** - Picnics in the Park "Blooms & Blossoms" @ Pinicon Alders Cabin, McIntire, 11:30AM
- 28th** - Mosquito Bucket Workshop @ Milton R. Owen Nature Center, 1PM - **pg. 3**
- 29th** - Full Moon Float! **pg. 4**
- 29th** - Full "Strawberry" Moon
- 30th** - Adventure Camp! Kayak the Cedar! Grades 5th-8th, **pg. 7**

| S           | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 26          | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

- Saturdays & Sundays** - WGWL Trailhead Welcome Center Open, 2-4PM, **pg. 9**
- 1st** - Discovery Day Camp! 1st & 2nd Grade, 9-11:30AM, **pg. 7**
- 2nd** - Discovery Day Camp! 3rd & 4th Grade, 9-11:30AM, **pg. 7**
- 2nd** - Fat Tire Bike Ride, @ Limestone Brewers, 6:15PM
- 4th** - Happy 4th of July!
- 4th** - Osage 4th of July Parade,
- 4th** - WGWL Cedar Summerstock Cabaret @ 7PM, **pg. 9**
- 5th** - Pie Sunday @ Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail, 2-5PM, **pg. 9**
- 7th** - Discovery Day Camp! 1st & 2nd Grade, 9-11:30AM, **pg. 7**
- 7th** - "Tuesdays on Broad" Family Fun Night @ Stacyville City Park, 4:30-7PM
- 8th** - Discovery Day Camp! 3rd & 4th Grade, 9-11:30AM, **pg. 7**
- 9th** - Free Guided Paddle, **pg. 4**
- 10th** - Osage Friday Night Out
- 14th-16th** - Outdoor Journey For Girls @ Hickory Hills Park, LaPorte City, **pg. 8**
- 15th** - Discovery Day Camp! 1st & 2nd Grade, 9-11:30AM, **pg. 7**
- 16th** - Discovery Day Camp! 3rd & 4th Grade, 9-11:30AM, **pg. 7**
- 16th** - Fat Tire Bike Ride, Limestone Brewers @ 6:15PM
- 17th** - Adventure Camp! Survive the Wild! Grades 5th-8th, **pg. 7**
- 17th** - Nature Glow Party! Milton R. Owen Nature Center, 8:30 PM, **pg. 3**
- 18th** - FMC Landfill Open 8AM-11:30, **pg. 9**
- 22nd** - Discovery Day Camp! 1st & 2nd Grade, 9-11:30AM, **pg. 7**
- 23rd** - Discovery Day Camp! 3rd & 4th Grade, 9-11:30AM, **pg. 7**
- 24th** - Adventure Camp! Shooting Sports! Grades 5th-8th, **pg. 7**
- 24th-26th** - Stacyville Brat Daze
- 28th** - Free Guided Paddle, **pg. 4**
- 29th** - Aug 2nd - Mitchell County Fair
- 29th** - Full "Buck" Moon



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| <b>AUGUST</b> |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
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- Saturdays & Sundays** - WGWL Trailhead Welcome Center Open, 2-4PM, **pg. 9**
- 1st** - Riceville Wapsi Fest - WGWL Trail events all day - Wapsi Wiggle Run, **pg. 9**
- 3rd-5th** - Outdoor Journey for Girls @ Wildwood Hills Ranch, St. Charles, **pg. 8**
- 4th** - "Tuesdays on Broad" Family Fun Night @ Stacyville City Park, 4:30-7PM
- 5th** - Adventure Camp! 5th-8th Grade - "Nature Art", **pg. 7**
- 6th** - Fat Tire Bike Ride, Limestone Brewers @ 6:15PM
- 6th** - Free Guided Float, **pg. 4**
- 7th** - Friday Night Out - Osage (Mitchell County Fairgrounds, Chestnut St.)
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- 8th** - Carpenter Polka Fest
- 12th** - Stargazing @ Lund's Access/Cedar River Greenbelt Trail, 8:30PM, **pg. 8**
- 13th-23rd** - Iowa State Fair
- 15th** - FMC Landfill Open 8AM-11:30, **pg. 9**
- 15th-16th** - Cedar Valley Memories Power Show
- 18th** - Free Guided Float, **pg. 4**
- 19th** - Senior Citizen Golf Cart Day @ Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail. 10AM -2PM, **pg. 9**
- 20th** - Fat Tire Bike Ride, Limestone Brewers @ 6:15PM
- 27th** - Moonlight Walk @ Wapsi-Great Western Line Trailhead, 7:30 PM, **pg. 9**
- 28th** - Full "Sturgeon" Moon

# THE TRIBUTARY



With our ever increasing “plugged-in” world, exposure to and understanding of our natural world is more important than ever. Mitchell County Outdoors strives to support quality environmental education programs for ALL residents and visitors of Mitchell County. Our goals include providing financial support through memberships for programs that educate and train the public, as well as increase access to such programs through interactive displays, events, and volunteers. Program topics include ecology, local plants and animals, geology, outdoor recreation skills, recycling, human & land relationships, and many more. Consider supporting environmental education by becoming a member today!

*“The Mitchell County Environmental Education Foundation creates public awareness, promotes responsible stewardship, and expands support for the conservation of our natural resources and cultural heritage.”*



**Recent projects funded through M.C.O.:**  
 Summer camp supplies & scholarships  
 Educational Materials for programs  
 High School Scholarships  
 Native Plant Sale

**INTERPRETIVE PLAN FOR THE NATURE CENTER!**  
**YOUR DONATION can make it a reality!!!**



**BECOME A MEMBER**



**Yes! I want to join MCEEFF!**

Additional Family Names/Memorial Inquiries:

Name/Organization

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone

Email

## Membership Levels

- Student \$10
- Individual \$25
- Family (2+ people) \$40
- Senior (60+) \$20
- Memorial **Ask about options**
- VOLUNTEER!**
  - Fundraising
  - Nature Center Host
  - Event/Program Volunteer
  - Other Talent?

## Donor Levels

- Sugar Creek \$50
- Spring Creek \$51 - \$100
- Turtle Creek \$101-\$250
- Little Wapsi \$251-\$500
- Burr Oak \$501-\$1000
- Little Cedar \$1000 +
- Red Cedar \$5000+

Make checks payable to:  
 MCEEFF or Mitchell County Outdoors  
 1879-3 Highway 9  
 Osage, IA 50461

**This is a TAX EXEMPT Donation!**

# Discovery Day Camps!

Camps for students entering:  
1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th  
Pre-registration required - Due June 26th!

Help your child discover the wonders of nature this summer through Discovery Day Camps!

This year, we have a New Format! Can't make a camp date? No problem! To accommodate busy summer schedules AND since smaller camps = more fun, this year your camper will have two opportunities to attend the camp that works best in your schedule.

**\$20/camper**

**Limit 10 per camp**

Age/Grade ranges are based on the 2026-2027 school year. Camps meet at the Milton R. Owen Nature Center and require pre-registration. Registration covers supplies for both camps.

Scholarships are available for anyone needing assistance with registrations costs. Please contact Chelsea for more information.

**TO REGISTER, CONTACT US AT:**

Office: (641) 732-5204 Chelsea's Cell: (641) 330-0765 [crowcliffe@mitchellcountyiowa.gov](mailto:crowcliffe@mitchellcountyiowa.gov)



**ENTERING 1ST & 2ND**

**"POND PLAY"**

**FULL** OR \*TUESDAY, JULY 7TH

**"FOR THE BIRDS"**

JULY 15TH OR JULY 22ND

**ENTERING 3RD & 4TH**

**FULL** OR \*WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH

**"CAMPING 101"**  
JULY 16TH OR JULY 23RD

ATTEND ALL 5, OR PICK AND CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITES!

# Adventure Camp!

YOUTH ENTERING 5TH-8TH GRADE

CONTACT US:  
(641) 732-5204  
(641) 330-0765

[crowcliffe@mitchellcountyiowa.gov](mailto:crowcliffe@mitchellcountyiowa.gov)  
\$20/camper  
per camp



**JUNE 19TH**  
**FAT TIRE TRAIL RIDE!**

**JULY 17TH**  
**SURVIVE THE WILD!**



Join Mitchell County Conservation staff Andy Taets and Chelsea Rowcliffe to explore nature this summer! During these camp days, we will be adventuring through many different outdoor skills. You can join us for all five camps, or only sign up for your favorites. Camps will meet in a different Mitchell County Conservation location for each date. Campers are asked to wear outdoor clothing & close-toed shoes, and bring a refillable water bottle. All other equipment will be provided, unless otherwise specified. Space is limited, so

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

Please call or email to register!

**AUGUST 5TH**  
**NATURE ART!**



**JUNE 30TH**  
**KAYAK THE CEDAR!**



**JULY 24TH**  
**SHOOTING SPORTS!**



**AUGUST 12TH**

# Star Gazing

8:30PM

**LUND'S ACCESS/CEDAR RIVER GREENBELT TRAIL GAZEBO**

**3700 HICKORY AVENUE - OSAGE**



Gazebo & Stargazing area on Cedar River Greenbelt Trail



Hickory Ave

Lund's Access

Parking

Cedar River Greenbelt Trail

One of the BEST stargazing spots in Mitchell County is at the shelter along our Cedar River Greenbelt Trail. After a short (less than 10 min/.4mi) candlelit walk down the trail, a large grassy area welcomes stargazers for an amazing view of the night sky during the height of the Perseid Meteor Shower. This meteor shower peaks annually around August 12th, with a large portion of the meteors, also called "shooting stars", seeming to originate in the Northeast sky near the constellation "Perseus".

Round up your friends and family, grab something comfortable to sit on (a blanket or camp chair works great), a water bottle, some snacks, bug spray, and a head lamp or flashlight - then just sit back and enjoy the celestial show! Comfortable walking shoes and a sweatshirt or light jacket are also recommended (depending on the weather).

While we wait for dark, stargazers will enjoy a casual program on night sky viewing, stars, and constellations. Binoculars, star charts, and constellation guides will be provided for use. Supplies to build your own micro-meteor collector, and other fun star activities will also be available.

This program will be cancelled if there is cloud cover or storms predicted for the area.

Please check our Facebook page, or contact Chelsea at (641) 330-0765 for questions, directions, or weather concerns.

This program is free and open to the public.



## Additional summer youth programs from our friends at the Iowa DNR!



**July 14th-16<sup>th</sup>** - Hickory Hills County Park, LaPorte City  
**August 3rd-5th** Wildwood Hills Ranch, St. Charles



**JUNE 6TH**  
**CAMANCHE, IA**

IOWA YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE

Outdoor Journey for Girls is a three-day, two-night workshop aimed at introducing outdoor skills to girls ages 12–15 in a supportive, learning environment where they have opportunities to try things hands-on.

- Canoeing and Water Safety
- Basic Orienteering
- Archery
- Game Care
- Hunter Education Certification
- Fish and Wildlife Identification
- Firearm Safety and Basic Shooting
- Camping and Outdoor Survival
- Fishing and Preparing the Catch

Registration forms, chaperone, and sponsorship opportunities, are available at <https://www.iwinr.com/outdoor-journey-for-girls>

Whether you are a youth aged 11-18, an adult with a desire to contribute time to your community, a member of an organization/business looking for a youth-oriented project, or if you have an interest in hunting and the outdoors, Iowa YHEC is an opportunity you don't want to miss!

Iowa YHEC-the Youth Hunter Education Challenge is an event that takes place each June. This year the event will be held June 6th at Rock Creek Marina and Campground, Camanche, Iowa. Youth from all over Iowa come to compete in 8 events, learn about the outdoors, and have fun with other youth and adults that have similar interests.

The events include four shooting events (archery, muzzleloading rifle, shotgun, and small-bore rifle) and four non-shooting events (wildlife identification, orienteering, hunter safety trail, and written exam). Most youth compete as part of a team of five from their area, but youth can register as individuals, as well. There are two age categories, Junior (ages 11-14) and Senior (ages 15-18).

For more information on this fun event, or to volunteer or donate, please visit: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/things-to-do/camps-workshops/youth-hunter-education-challenge>

# RECENT RECYCLING NEWS & THE LANDFILL LATEST

FMC Landfill - 3354 330th Street Elma, IA 50628  
www.fmclandfill.org

## Hours:

- Monday: 7am-3pm
- Tuesday: 7am-3pm
- Wednesday: 7am-3pm
- Thursday: 7am-3pm
- Friday: 7am-3pm
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed



**SUMMER**






**SATURDAYS:**

- June 20th - 8:00-11:30 AM
- July 18th - 8:00-11:30 AM
- August 15th - 8:00-11:30 AM



### RECYCLING BY THE NUMBERS

2025 Recycling Report:

- Cardboard - 10,780 lbs. 
- Appliances - 34,000 lbs. 
- CRTs/TV's - 825 
- Tires - 1,078 
- Household Hazardous Waste - 8,600 lbs. 



### Mobile HHM Collection

This service is offered free once a month during the summer for household hazardous materials, **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** at the recycling center in Osage.

Make your appointment or get more information now by calling (641) 982-4288.

The Landfill has a HHW collection center on the property that is open by appointment for those who can't make these collections.

# WAPSI-GREAT WESTERN LINE

## Trail Events



110 EAST MAIN STREET (U.S. HWY #9)  
RICEVILLE IA 50466

- Saturdays & Sundays - Trailhead Welcome Center Open, 2-4 PM through Labor Day
- June 7th – Golf Cart Day, Pie Sunday, & Summer Art Show Opening @ Trailhead 1:30-5PM.  
- Golf cart passes available only for this day (\$12 fee) at Welcome Center. Carts must be driven only by a holder of an official car license. Bring your own cart or rent one from Riceville Golf Course (641-985-2447). Begin and end your golf cart adventure at the Trailhead. No golf carts allowed in Lake Hendricks/campground area. Registration fee supports Trailhead maintenance. - Golf Carts - 1:30-5 PM - Mary Mareel, Artist "meet & greet" - 2-3 PM - Pie - 2-5 PM
- July 4<sup>th</sup> - Cabaret performance by Cedar Summerstock, 7 PM
- July 5<sup>th</sup> – Pie Sunday @ Trailhead 2-5PM
- August 1st – Wapsipinicon Festival Events  
6:30AM - Wapsi Wiggle Half Marathon - Pre-register [online](#)  
8-10:30 AM – Community Pancake Breakfast  
8:00AM – Wapsi Wiggle: 5K Race Pre-register [online](#).  
8:30 AM – Kids Fun Run: For kids 10 years old and younger.  
No registration required. Gather at the trailhead flagpoles.  
7AM-2PM – Treasure Hunt

*Wapsi Wiggle*



- August 19<sup>th</sup> – Senior Citizens Golf Cart Day
- August 27<sup>th</sup> - Moonlight Trail Walk, 7:30 PM



# Mitchell County Conservation Board

1879-3 Highway 9  
Osage, IA 50461  
Office: (641) 732-5204



Help us keep costs down and save resources by going paperless. If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, please send an email to [crowcliff@mitchellcountyowa.gov](mailto:crowcliff@mitchellcountyowa.gov)

[www.mitchellcountyconservation.com](http://www.mitchellcountyconservation.com)



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## Mitchell County Conservation Board:

Bridget Chatfield  
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