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## BCR PARTICIPATES IN SNAPSHOT WISCONSIN

Beaver Creek Reserve has exciting news! We are partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) on their Snapshot Wisconsin project. This project aims to encourage people to participate in citizen science opportunities, something that Beaver Creek is passionate about. It will use trail cameras to snap pictures of animals as a way to assess wildlife locations, movement, and populations year-round. Similar to Beaver Creek's Biotic Inventory, this will help the DNR track wildlife in the area and make wildlife management decisions.

During the summer of 2016, Beaver Creek performed a Biotic Inventory of the species on the property. With the help of both experts and citizen scientists alike, we were able to catalog over 30 species of dragonflies, 12 species of frogs, 27 species of lichen, and more! With our new trail camera and help from Wisconsin DNR, we can track some of the more elusive animals. (For more information on the biotic survey at Beaver Creek visit [beavercreekconnection.blogspot.com](http://beavercreekconnection.blogspot.com))



Actual footage taken by BCR Snapshot Trail Camera

As of now, Snapshot Wisconsin has nearly 600 trail cameras returning over eight million photos! With Beaver Creek's new trail camera, we can add to this number and help track numerous species on the property. We can use your help, too! After photos are collected, they will be uploaded to Zooniverse.org where

volunteers and citizen scientists can be a part of this project by helping to classify animals. We are excited to be a part of this project and look forward to seeing where it takes us!

Interested in learning more about the Snapshot Wisconsin program? Visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/research/projects/snapshot/> to

find out more. To help classify animals, visit <https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/zooniverse/snapshot-wisconsin/classify>

How many deer do you see in the photo above? Would you have guessed three? Can you find them? Turn to page 9 or check out our Facebook page for the answer.

*Alison Campbell*  
BCR Writing Intern



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By Jeanette Kelly

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PEOPLE  
WITH NATURE



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# Grassland Bird Monitoring at the Tyrone Property

Imagine yourself walking through dew-covered grasses, watching the sun rise above the horizon and light up the world. The sound of cuckoos, orioles, bluebirds, and buntings begin to fill your ears as they sing to defend their territory and attract a mate. This scene is a reality for dozens of citizen science volunteers who have participated in the annual Grassland Bird Survey at Xcel Energy's Tyrone Property along the Lower Chippewa River. It is not actually the cuckoos, orioles, and bluebirds that the volunteers are interested in, but a specific list of eight focal species that are adapted to thrive in native and properly managed grassland habitats.

After decades of neglect, Xcel Energy has carried out extensive habitat restoration activities on the Tyrone Property and the Citizen Science Center has been conducting bird surveys to monitor any changes these restoration efforts are having on grassland species.

Surveyors and land managers must compare survey data from year-to-year in order to determine if management actions are having any impact. At this time, the data provides an image of what may be occurring.

Between 2014 and 2016, focal species detections demonstrated a decrease in Bell's vireos, an increase in brown thrashers, an increase in field sparrows, a decrease in grasshopper sparrows, and a decrease in Lark Sparrows across all five survey points. Between 2014 and 2016, eastern meadowlark, Henslow's sparrow, and red-headed woodpeckers were not detected during grassland bird surveys.

The Tyrone Property is an ecologically significant, 991-acre parcel of land critical for declining grassland bird species. The National Audubon Society and the

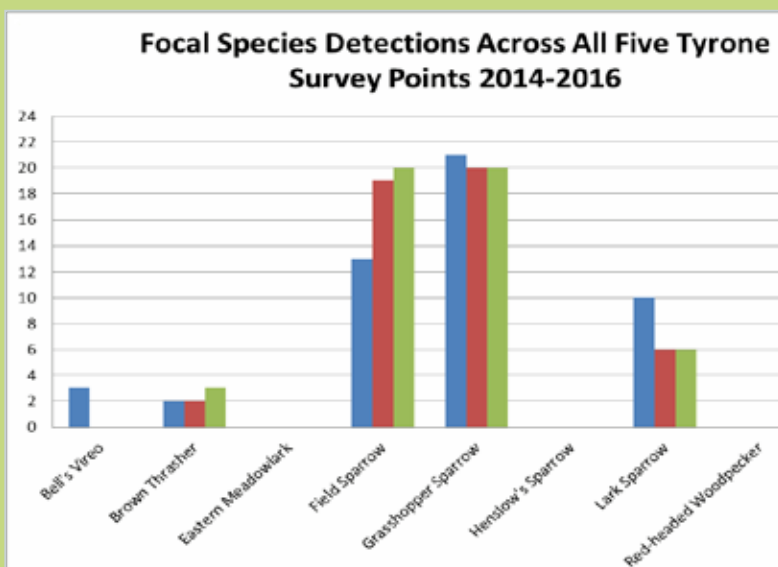


CSC Volunteers conducting a grassland bird survey. Photo by BCR Staff.

American Bird Conservancy recognize Tyrone as an *Important Bird Area* due to the diverse bird species that have been observed there. For the sake of declining grassland bird species, it is critical that the Tyrone Property is maintained using best management practices. It is just as critical for citizen science volunteers to continue to conduct grassland bird surveys, which land managers can use to evaluate their management practices.

If you are interested in getting involved in the avian monitoring program at BCR, contact the Citizen Science Center 715-877-2212 [csc@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:csc@beavercreekreserve.org)

Jeanette Kelly, CSC Director



The lark sparrow (pictured above right) nest on the ground, eats seeds and insects, and walks instead of hops.





# Director's Report

**B**eaver Creek Reserve has exciting news! We have been fortunate to receive some unexpected donations in the past few months. We were approached by Don Mathison who wanted to help fund some projects at Beaver Creek Reserve on behalf of him and his late wife, Leatrice. I presented him and a few other prospective donors with several projects to choose from. To my surprise and delight, funding was secured to complete them ALL! Below is a list of important projects that Beaver Creek Reserve will be able to accomplish in 2017, thanks to the generosity of these donors. Funding for these projects was donated by Don and Leatrice Mathison, unless otherwise noted.

**Solar Panels for the Nature Center** (\$119,000) - This will save us \$7,000 annually for the next 25 years, with a total savings of \$175,000! In addition to these savings, the solar panels will provide a valuable educational opportunity. We have already made strides toward installing these solar panels with a contract to have the panels up by the end of July. See the rendering below.

**Website and Database Upgrades** (\$31,660) - We will be able to finish phases two, three, and four of our website and database upgrades, with phase one being paid for by the endowment. These updates will be completed by the end of the year.

**Citizen Science Center Funding** (\$38,200) - 2017 funding for the CSC staff is secure, and new staff are being hired this spring to get ready for another exciting summer season!

**Memorial Walkway** (\$38,000) - We will be creating a memorial walkway in front of the Nature Center and installing rain gardens to mitigate water erosion around the new parking lot which will accommodate twice as many visitors. These two projects will be completed either this fall or next spring.

**BCR Van and Bird Banding Equipment** (\$23,055) - This donation will not only supply a van for Beaver Creek Reserve and Citizen Science Center programs, but will also fund all of the equipment to support the Bird Banding program.

**Campus and Main Lodge Plan** (\$10,000) - We are working with Ayres Associates to develop a concept for how future improvements might look on the north side of the BCR campus, including renovation of the Main Lodge.

**Tracks, cab, and winch for the ATV** (\$6,000) - We are able to outfit our ATV with tracks, a cab, and a winch to groom the cross-country ski trails and collect maple sap over the coming winters.

**New Road Signs** (\$20,000) - We will be updating signs to identify BCR and direct visitors to the right areas of campus. Donated by Mike and Pat Markin.

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## NEWSLETTER

Editor ..... Brianne Markin

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**Maintenance Equipment** (\$20,000) - These funds will be used to purchase additional equipment for cleaning snow and grooming trails. Donated by Olga Wise.

I can't tell you how important these gifts are to our organization and how many hopes and dreams will be fulfilled from the implementation of these projects. I am elated to see the results from these opportunities. We promise to keep everyone up to date on the status of these projects throughout the coming year. Some of these projects may require some volunteer time. If you are interested in helping with a specific project, please contact the Reserve.

*Erik Keisler  
Executive Director*



# UPCOMING

## *programs*



### Summer Yoga

**Mondays, June 5-19 and July 10-24,  
6:00 7:15 p.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

Gentle Yoga provides all the benefits of the yoga experience at a slower and steadier pace. It helps to reduce stress, feel strong yet flexible in your body, and increase positive energy. This six-week session is led by BCR members Ingrid Schaller and Karen Possley and will include instruction on how to do poses, breathing techniques and relaxation practice. Please dress in loose-fitting clothing, bring a yoga mat or blanket to lie on the floor and a water bottle. Please register by June 2. \*A minimum of 12 registered participants are needed to run this summer series. \*

*Registration and full payment due Monday, June 5.*

**Friends \$66**

**Nonmembers \$75**

### Summer Tree, Shrub, and Vine ID

**Two sessions: Wednesday, June 7, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

Are maple trees really either hard or soft? Are popple, poplar, and aspen the same tree? Are red pine and Norway pine different species? Naturalist Jim Schwiebert will answer these and other tree questions as you hike BCR's trails to look at the unique leaf, twig, and bark characteristics of trees, shrubs, and a few interesting vine species found on the Reserve. Learn easy ways to remember how to identify them. A simple key to tree identification will be provided for participants to take home.

*Registration and full payment required by June 5.*

**Friends \$5**

**Nonmembers \$8**

### Move Your Hips! Hula Hooping for Exercise and Empowerment

**Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Observatory Field**

Beginners welcome! This class is geared toward women and girls, ages 16 and up. Let your guard down and get a great workout with fellow ladies in this high-energy class led by Eau Claire Torch Sister, Kerri Kiernan. She will be teaching the basics of hula hooping, hula hoop tricks, transitions, and general hoop flow. The class will be held outdoors. In case of extreme weather, the class will be cancelled. Wear comfortable clothing. Hoops will be available to borrow, but bring

## Register Today

#### Online:

[www.beavercreekreserve.org](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org)

**By Phone:** 715-877-2212

**In Person** at the Wise Nature Center. See cover for hours.

**By Mail:** Please call to reserve a spot, and checks must be received by the registration deadline.

We accept cash, check, Visa, Mastercard and Discover

Cancellations require 48-hour notice prior to the program date, and are refundable, less a 10% admin fee. Tickets for special events are non-refundable.

## JUNE

### Summer Yoga

**Mondays, June 5, 12, and 19 and July 10, 17, and 24, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.**

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### Phenology Hike for Elder Explorers

**Thursday, June 8, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

### Learn About Dragonflies and Damselflies

**Saturday, June 10, 9:30 a.m.**

### Raising Monarchs from A to Z

**Monday, June 12, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

### Parent/Child Fly Fishing Clinic

**Thursday, June 15, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

### Breeding Bird Atlas Blitz

**Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

### All About AIS!

**Wednesday, June 21, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

### Storybook Hiking Trail

**Friday, June 23, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

## JULY

### Little Free Library Story Hour

**Wednesday, July 5, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

### Recreate on the River at Family Day in Downtown

**Saturday, July 8, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

### 2017 Beaver Creek Butterfly Count

**Monday, July 10, 9:30 a.m.**

your own if you have one.

*Registration and full payment required by June 5.*

**Friends \$10    Nonmembers \$12**

## Phenology Hike for Elder Explorers

**Thursday, June 8, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

Led by BCR naturalist, Jim Schwiebert, this 60-minute hike on BCR's trails will document the changes taking place in the woods at the BCR. The hike will be capped off with coffee and a treat, and further discussion about the changes and things we've seen on the hike. Hikers should expect about a mile-long hike with hills, uneven terrain, and stairs to negotiate. This program is targeted for adult nature lovers 55 and older.

*Registration and full payment required by June 5.*

**Friends \$3    Nonmembers \$5**

## Learn About Dragonflies and Damselflies

**Saturday, June 10, 9:30 a.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

Join Ryan Chrouser from the Wisconsin Dragonfly Society to learn about the biology and ecology of the local dragonflies and

damselflies. To begin, the short presentation will include tips on species identification and how citizen scientists can get involved. Be prepared for a trip out to the trails after the indoor presentation. Bring an insect net if you have one!

*Registration and full payment required by June 4.*

**Friends \$3    Nonmembers \$5**



## Raising Monarchs from A-Z

**Monday, June 12, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

The monarch butterfly population faces a tenuous existence. Loss of habitat, severe storms in wintering areas, summer drought, and herbicide and pesticide use have all played a role in reducing this once burgeoning population. We can do our part to help them out. Naturalist Jim Schwiebert will present a session on raising monarchs at home. Housing, care and feeding, and tagging are among the topics that will be discussed. Participants will tour our caterpillar lab for a hands-on demonstration.

*Registration and full payment required by June 9.*

**Friends \$3    Nonmembers \$5**

## Parent/Child Fly Fishing Clinic

**Thursday, June 15, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

Join Trout Unlimited volunteers and Beaver Creek staff for a fun morning learning the ins and outs of fly fishing. You will learn how to tie flies and cast a fly rod before traveling to a local pond to try your hand at catching some fish with your very own flies! This camp is open to youth ages 12 and up with a parent or legal guardian!

*Registration and payment required by June 9.*

**Friends \$30/pair  
Nonmembers \$40/pair**

## Breeding Bird Atlas Blitz

**Two sessions: Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. or**

**Tuesday July 25, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Citizen Science Center**

Bird nesting season is here! Come join us for a Breeding Bird Atlas Blitz as we spend the morning searching BCR to record as many breeding birds as possible. The Breeding Bird Atlas is a five-year citizen science project that aims to map the distribution and abundance of all bird species breeding in WI. Along with contributing to a massive statewide citizen science project, you will have the exciting opportunity to learn how to recognize bird courtship, nesting behavior, and to watch the birds as they prepare for the arrival of their young. You will gain knowledge about bird behavior that will be sure to make your nature walks from that day forward even more fun and interesting! Open to ages 18+

*Registration and full payment required by June 19 and July 23 respectively.*

**Friends \$3    Nonmembers \$5**

## All About AIS!

**Wednesday, June 21, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Citizen Science Center**

Many non-native species such as zebra mussels and Eurasian water milfoil have found their way into Wisconsin's lakes and rivers, causing severe damage to local ecosystems, industry, and tourism. Learn to identify common aquatic invasive species and how you can get involved in preventing, containing, and controlling them in our local waters. Statewide campaigns including Clean Boats, Clean Waters; Citizen Lake Monitoring; and Project Riverine Early Detectors will be discussed.

*Registration and full payment required by June 18.*

**Friends Free    Nonmembers \$3**

## Storybook Hiking Trail

**Friday, June 23, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

This program is for kids ages 3–8 and their families. Explore summer-themed songs, interactive stories, and movement activities that encourage your children to think about the ever-changing world around them and their role in it. All abilities are welcome to participate and we will do our best to

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### Acoustic Bat Survey

**Saturday July 15, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

### Breeding Bird Atlas Blitz

**Tuesday July 25, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

### Summer Wild Edibles

**Friday, July 28, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

## AUGUST

### Beaver Creek Butterfly Festival

**Sunday, August 6, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

### Little Free Library Story Hour

**Wednesday, August 9, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**





# NATURE *kids*

*n e w s* **FOR**



## Ruby -throated Hummingbird Nectar

1 Part Sugar  
4 Parts Hot Water  
Mix together

\*\* Do not add dye  
or use packaged  
nectars with dyes

**Butterfly House**  
Opens July 5th

Color the turtle by number.  
Next time you are at Beaver  
Creek Reserve look for turtles  
in the turtle pond or in the  
Scheels Discovery Room!



accommodate your child's needs. Dress for the weather as a majority of the program will be held outdoors. In the case of extreme weather, the program will be held indoors.

*Registration and full payment required by June 21.*

**Friends \$3 per child, Adults free**  
**Nonmembers \$5 per child, Adults free**

## Little Free Library Story Hour

**Two sessions:**

**Wednesday, July 5 and Wednesday, August 9, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

Kids, do you have a favorite book that you would like to share with others? Bring a book that will be read during story hour and then donate it to the Little Free Library to share with others. Dress for the weather as we will read outside. In the case of inclement weather, the program will be held indoors. Donating a book to the Little Free Library is appreciated, but not required.

*Registration and full payment required by June 30 and August 8 respectively.*

**Free if donating a book**  
**\$5 without book donation**



## Recreate on the River at Family Day in Downtown

**Saturday, July 8, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**The Point, Phoenix Park, Eau Claire**

Attention all river rats! This is the event you do not want to miss. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual *Celebrate the Chippewa River* event is teaming up with Family Day in Downtown this year on July 8 for a day of recreation, demonstrations and more. Centered in Phoenix Park, the festival will highlight family life in Downtown, the City of Eau Claire, and the Chippewa River. River activities will be taking place at The Point, where the Eau Claire and Chippewa River converge. Activities will include canoe and kayak paddles, bank fishing, a guided bike ride, and the WDNR will be shocking fish and bringing them to shore for observation. All activities are free and begin at 2:00 p.m. You must bring your own bike and helmet.

Canoes and kayaks will be provided. Paddles will run every hour. Come early to sign up for a spot! A shuttle will be available at Hobbs Ice Arena to bring people back to Phoenix Park. This event is sponsored by the WDNR. Contact Emily at the Citizen Science Center for more information at 715-877-2212, ext. 118 or at [Emily@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:Emily@beavercreekreserve.org).

**FREE!**

## 2017 Beaver Creek Butterfly Count

**Monday, July 10, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Wise Nature Center**

Join other butterfly enthusiasts for the annual Beaver Creek Reserve Butterfly Count. Meet at the Wise Nature Center to review species likely to be seen, and then get directions for the count and receive a route assignment. Most counters usually spend two to four hours counting, but you may count for as little as one hour, or for most of the day if you wish. The results are forwarded to the North American Butterfly Association. Suitable for children 8 years and older, and adults.

*Please register by Thursday, July 6, so we can have enough materials on hand for counters.*

**No Fee—There is a suggested \$3 donation (not required) to cover BCR's cost, assessed by NABA, payable on the day of the count.**

## Acoustic Bat Survey

**Saturday July 15, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**  
**Citizen Science Center**

Wisconsin has seven species of bat, four of which are threatened and three that are listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need. With White-nose Syndrome threatening bats across much of the United States, there is no better time to assist in this citizen science opportunity. Join us to learn about Wisconsin's bat species and how to conduct acoustic monitoring and bat roost monitoring surveys in the Chippewa Valley. To end the program we will step into the night and learn how to use the Citizen Science Center's portable acoustic bat monitoring device to assist state bat biologists with collecting data about these misunderstood night flyers.

*Registration and full payment required by July 10.*

**Friends \$5 Nonmembers \$8**

## Summer Wild Edibles

**Friday, July 28, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Wise Nature Center**

Join a Beaver Creek naturalist for a taste of some summer's wild edibles. We'll take a hike and look for some common, easily-identifiable, wild edible plants. We'll nibble a few things as we hike, and then sample some cooked greens and a wild beverage or two! A list of some plants to try and their use will be provided. Come and join us for a taste of summer from the wild!

*Registration and full payment required by July 24.*

**Friends \$8 Nonmembers \$11**

## Beaver Creek Butterfly Festival

**Sunday, August 6, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Wise Nature Center**

Join butterfly enthusiasts from the area to celebrate the unique wonder and beauty of our native butterflies. Half-hour mini-seminars will run periodically throughout the Festival and will provide information on Wisconsin butterflies, raising your own butterflies, butterfly gardening, and other topics! There will be guided tours of the butterfly house and lab, and games and crafts for the kids! Don't forget to get your butterfly sundae! Be sure to mark this family-oriented, fun, and educational day on your calendar.

*Registration and payment suggested by August 2.*

**Presale tickets:**

**Friends Child \$2, Adult \$4**

**Nonmember Child \$3, Adult \$5**

**Day of event: Adult \$6, Child \$4**





# Naturalist Notes

## Show and Tell

For the past 25 years I have been a Naturalist here at Beaver Creek Reserve. Occasionally, people ask when I first became interested in showing and teaching others about nature. I knew I wanted to be a naturalist at 8 years old, after returning from a trip to Yellowstone, but my first desire to show and tell came years before, at the tender age of 4.

While playing in our garage I noticed a "rabbit" in the old cabinet in the corner, but when the rabbit hissed at me, I ran and got my mom. One quick glance sent her inside to call for the neighbor, who showed up with a gun. You see, my rabbit was really a 'possum. Mom said that was



probably what had killed my kittens out in the shed and could be dangerous, so it needed to be taken care of.

After it had been "taken care of," our neighbor started showing me all the cool things about opossums. First, we looked in the mouth; it had A LOT of teeth, 50 to be exact! That's more than any other land animal in North America and is what allows it to be an omnivore that eats almost anything. Next we played with the tail, my neighbor showed me how it could wrap around my arm. The opossum could use that tail to hold onto tree limbs for balance; this grasping ability makes it a prehensile tail (my neighbor also mentioned that they could use the tail to hang upside down, but that part is maybe not entirely true). We also discovered that the back feet had thumbs, also for holding onto branches. Opossums are the only wild animal in North America with opposable thumbs.

Because we lived close to a large marsh, you couldn't bury things in your yard because the marsh critters would come and dig them up. So, we left the opossum along the roadside for the



county guys to come by and take away. I remember waiting very impatiently for my dad to get home so I could show him all the cool stuff I had learned about opossums. I greeted Dad in the driveway and dragged him to the roadside where I learned one more thing about opossums that day. I learned that they could "play 'possum." There was nothing there, only bloody tracks where it had crossed the road back into the marsh. It turns out that when opossums get scared, they go into an involuntary shock in which they are basically comatose. Even though I couldn't show him, I proceeded to tell Dad all the things I had learned about opossums that day.

This is one of many childhood experiences where my natural curiosity to see and then share helped to shape my future career as a naturalist.

*Ruth Forsgren, BCR Naturalist*

### *Did you know?*

- Opossums have a natural immunity to rabies
- Opossums are immune to rattlesnake venom
- Studies show that they are one of the best animals at killing ticks on their body - during a peak tick season one opossum could eat up to 4000 ticks!
- They eat slugs, crickets, snails cockroaches, mice and other unwelcome garden pests.
- Opossums are the only North American marsupial (the female has a pouch for carrying young).



## Summer Volunteer Opportunities

### BUTTERFLY HOUSE LAB

**Training: Tuesday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed from early June through mid-September. This exciting volunteer opportunity involves the daily care and feeding of caterpillars, monitoring chrysalis development, and releasing butterflies into the Butterfly House. Lab workers are needed daily Monday through Saturday, for one to two hours, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Sunday, 12-2 p.m., to help raise caterpillars in our lab. To sign up for this training call 715-877-2212. If you cannot attend this training session, please contact the Reserve to set up a personal training time.

### BUTTERFLY HOUSE GUIDE

**Training: Monday, June 29, 7:00 p.m.**

Enjoy learning about our native butterflies and helping visitors to identify them while volunteering in our beautiful Butterfly House as a Volunteer Guide! Guides answer questions and share their love and enthusiasm for butterflies. Don't think you know enough about butterflies? Don't worry -- this is a great way to learn on the job! Come and see what it's all about! Volunteers are needed daily Monday - Saturday, 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Sundays 12:00-3:00 p.m., from July 5 through early September. To sign up for this training call 715-877-2212. If you cannot attend this training session, please contact the Reserve to set up a personal training time.

### FAMILY DAY IN DOWNTOWN EAU CLAIRE

**Saturday, July 8, 1:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

See the event description on page 7. Volunteers are needed to help with the outreach booth, logistics relating to shuttling people back from the Hobbs boat landing, helping people with life jackets, and much more. If you are interested, please let AJ know at [aj@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:aj@beavercreekreserve.org) or 715-877-2212.



## More Changes to *Woodprints*

As promised in the last issue, the changes to *Woodprints* just keep coming! This marks our FIRST bimonthly edition of the newsletter. By publishing more often we aim to deliver content more timely, provide reminders about programs and important dates, and of course keep you, our valued members up to date on the latest and greatest at BCR! We hope you'll enjoy "hearing" from us more often.

*Your Friends at BCR*



## So where are the deer?

Answers from the Snapshot Wisconsin Cover Article. Visit our Facebook page to see more photos from our Snapshot trail Camera



## Store Sales for June and July

Save **15%** on these great store items:

### JUNE

- Binoculars
- Mugs
- Bird Books

### JULY

- Jewelry (new arrivals coming soon!)
- Water bottles
- Animal Books



## DONATIONS UPDATE

Our sincerest apologies to the valued donors to our Annual Endowment Campaign listed below. Due to a technical error some names were omitted from the spring donations report that accompanied *Woodprints*. In addition, two donations were received after the print deadline had passed. We thank everyone for their donations and support of Beaver Creek Reserve.

### 2016 Endowment Campaign Contributions

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## Introducing the Jim Schwiebert Butterfly House Fund



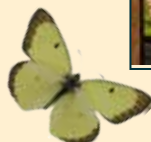
Please join us in celebrating the new Jim Schwiebert Butterfly House Fund through the Eau Claire Community Foundation. A donation of \$15,000 was given from a family member in honor of Jim's 60th birthday to create this new fund. A surprise birthday party and announcement of the fund was held on Saturday, May 13, at the Citizen Science Center following the Native Plant Sale. Donations can be made at any time to support the fund, which will provide long-term funding and security specifically for the Butterfly House.

The Butterfly House continues to be Beaver Creek Reserve's top summer attraction. Last year up to 300 people per day visited the

Butterfly House. We would also like to thank Jim Schwiebert for 10 years of service as a BCR Naturalist. For more information on the Jim Schwiebert Butterfly House Fund or to make a donation, visit [www.beavercreekreserve.org](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org) and click the orange donate button in the upper right-hand corner of the page. You can also contact BCR at 715-877-2212.



Photos by Ruth Forsgren





# Photo Contest Deadline June 30

Rules and contest forms available at  
the Wise Nature Center or  
[www.beavercreekreserve.org](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org)



June 2017 Calendar Photo, *A Fine Catch* by Diane Johnson

## MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

### HOBBS OBSERVATORY HAPPENINGS

Come learn fascinating facts about the night sky from members of the Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society (CVAS) as they host public programs on the third Saturday of each month at 8 pm in the Hobbs Observatory. There will be a 45-60 minute presentation on astronomical related topics by CVAS members.

Go to [www.cvastro.org](http://www.cvastro.org) for a list of upcoming topics. If skies are clear and temperatures permit, the domes will be open for public observing following the program.

Public viewing is also available on CLEAR Saturdays from May through October starting about an hour after sunset (as CVAS volunteer staffing permits).

For more information on these programs, please contact BCR at (715) 877-2212 or visit [www.cvastro.org](http://www.cvastro.org) or [www.beavercreekreserve.org](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org)

### Quilting Club

**Second & Fourth Mondays,  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

The Quilting Club meets the second and fourth Monday of each month to work on individual projects and to share ideas on quilting. Beginners to seasoned quilters are always welcome.

### Beaver Creek Bird Club

**Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**

Bird Club meets at BCR on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m from September to May. The club is open to all bird lovers.

### Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists

**First Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**All watercolorists welcome**

The Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists meet the first Wednesday of each month to paint, critique, and share information related to watercolor painting. All watercolor artists, beginning to advanced, are invited to participate. For information, contact Jan at 715-874-5870 or at [kippenj@uwec.edu](mailto:kippenj@uwec.edu).

### Beaver Creek Photo Club

**Third Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**

Everyone welcome! The Beaver Creek Photo Club meets the third Thursday of the month from January through May and September through November. No December Meeting.

### Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society

**First Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.**

**Everyone welcome**

The Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society (CVAS) meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Most meetings are at Hobbs Observatory, but are occasionally held off-site. The CVAS is open to anyone with an interest in astronomy. For more information, please contact the Reserve or check out the Club's web site at [www.cvastro.org](http://www.cvastro.org).





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## Butterflies Abound at Beaver Creek Reserve!



### Butterfly House

July 5 - September 3  
Mon. - Sat. 11:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.



### Butterfly Fest

Save the Date! Sunday, August 6th  
12:00 - 3:30 p.m.

