GRASS BETWEEN THE RAILS: A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO IOWA’S RAILROAD HERITAGE

with Denny Rehder

August 30th 2:00 p.m.
Oakland Mills Nature Center

Free and open to the public. Preregistration is appreciated, but not necessary.

“Denny Rehder, is a local historian. His avocation for nearly fifty years has been music. Now that musical ability is combined with another avocation- Iowa railroad history- to offer a program on this overlooked part of Iowa's past. Rehder has been involved as author, editor, publisher, photographer, or researcher in the publication of seven books on subjects from Iowa history. He is a native of Gladbrook who grew up watching the trains of the Chicago Great Western mainline.

“Grass Between the Rails. The program celebrates Iowa's railroad heritage with a unique blend of stories and original folk songs about the development of railroads in Iowa. The subjects cover events of national importance such as the race across Iowa to connect with the transcontinental railroad to the West, and local history, including the poor service offered by the Slow Norwegian. Other topics include the somber Worst Wreck Ever, a farm boy’s remembrance of The One Elephant Circus, and the rollicking Doodlebug.”

OUTDOOR COOKING

June 11th 6:00 p.m.
Oakland Mills Nature Center

Learn to cook like the pioneers did! Cost is $10 for all participants and includes sampling of all the dishes prepared. All ages welcome with an accompanying adult. Preregistration and fees are due on or before June 8th to allow for shopping for recipe items. This date is FIRM. Length of program is dependent on cooking times. Plan on two hours. Minimum of 10 people to hold class.

All cultures have basket weaving in their history. Participants may choose their start time beginning at 2:00 p.m. No baskets will be started after 5:00 p.m. A couple of basket options will be available, depending on weaving experience. Ages 12+. Cost for all participants is $20.00 each. Preregistration is required no later than July 13th to allow for material prep. Bring a towel and a sack supper. Minimum of 10 people to hold class.
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Call 319-986-5067 or go online at www.henrycountyconservation.com for more information and to check reservation availability.

PEAK SEASON          OFF-PEAK SEASON
April 1st—October 31st  November 1st—March 31st
Sunday - Thursday $55.00 per night  Sunday - Thursday $50.00 per night
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### Upcoming Programs

#### 2015 Calendar

**June**
- 1- Day camp, Nature Writing
- 3- Day camp, Can You Dig It?
- 5- Day camp, Histories
- 8- Day camp, There’s No Place Like Space
- 10- Board Meeting
- 11- *At the Park* Outdoor Cooking
- 23- ACORN Day trip to Hannibal
- 24- Day camp, Near One Cattail
- 26- Day camp, Who Wants to be a Stinkbug?
- 29- Day camp, Animals Born Alive and Well

**July**
- 1- Day camp, Flower Power
- 3- Offices closed for 4th of July holiday
- 6- Day camp, Village Life and the Atlatl
- 8- Day camp, Lewis and Clark
- 10- Day camp, Pioneers
- 13- Board Meeting
- 16- *At the Park* Basketweaving, ages 12+
- 21- ACORN Day trip to Fairfield

**August**
- 10- Board Meeting
- 20- ACORN Film: *America’s Darling*- The Story of Jay N. Ding Darling
- 30- *At the Park* Grass Between the Rails: A Musical Tribute to Iowa’s Railroad Heritage with Denny Rehder, Humanities Iowa speaker

**September**
- 7- Offices closed for Labor Day holiday
- 14- Board Meeting
- 21- *At the Park* Darrel Draper school performance, George Drouillard: Hunter, Interpreter, and Sign Talker for Lewis and Clark
- 22- *At the Park* Darrel Draper public performance Theodore Roosevelt– Rough Rider President
- 24- ACORN Day trip to Prairie Grove School

**October**
- TBA *At the Park* Night Hike– Stayin Alive
- TBA Camping/Oakland Mills Nature Center close for the season
- 12- Board Meeting
- 20,21- ACORN Overnight trip to Marshall County

**November**
- 8- *At the Park* Abbey Harkrader, 1940 Armistice Day Blizzard
- 9- Board Meeting
- 11- Offices closed for Veteran’s Day holiday
- 19- ACORN Speaker Cari Nicely, How to Recognize Migrating Raptors in Flight
- 26,27- Offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday

**December**
- 14- Board Meeting
- 17- ACORN speaker Michael Zahs, Iowa Christmases, followed by annual potluck
- 25- Offices closed for Christmas holiday

This calendar could be subject to change. Check out our website [www.henrycountyconservation.com](http://www.henrycountyconservation.com) for more details and full listings on all our programs.
**A.C.O.R.N. CLUB**

Adult Conservation Oriented Responsible Neighbors

"We're all a bunch of nature nuts!"

ACORN is an adult program for those interested in conservation and environmental education topics. There are no membership fees and no commitments. This schedule may be subject to change. All programs meet at, depart from, and will return to the Oakland Mills Nature Center.

**June 23rd** Day trip to Hannibal, MO.

**July 21st** Day trip to Overland Sheepskin and their llama farm plus Maasdam Barns in Fairfield, IA. Lunch TBA in Fairfield.

**August 20th 10:00 a.m.** Movie- “America’s Darling- The Story of Jay N. Ding Darling.” Lunch will be provided by department. Free but must preregister for accurate lunch count.

**September 24th** Day trip to Prairie Grove School in Des Moines County, IA. Restored one room schoolhouse.

**October 20-21st 7:00 a.m.** Overnight trip to Marshall County, IA. Ideas include Marshall County Conservation Nature Center and program plus a tour of a wind farm.


**December 17th 10:00 a.m.** Humanities Iowa speaker Michael Zahs will give his presentation on *Iowa Christmases*, followed by annual potluck.

- His Christmas program follows the development of the family commemoration of Christmas through Iowa’s history. The Moravia Christmas is emphasized. Clip of Michael’s bio:

  “Michael Zahs grew up on a century farm near Haskins as part of a nine-generation Iowa family. Michael attended a one-room school and has a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Northern Iowa. He taught junior high science and Iowa history for 39 years. In 1989, he joined with Dr. Loren Horton in creating the Iowa: Eye to I’ class/tour. This was the first graduate level class taught at Iowa Wesleyan College and developed into a series of seven classes. The classes cover art, literature, history, geology, food ways, ethnicity, architecture, nature, and music. Students are immersed in all things Iowa in the classes, which are taught on a bus traveling the state. Michael has given programs on state and local topics for over 35 years. He is very involved in historic preservation, log buildings, cemetery work, and state and local history.”

*Reminder postcards or emails are sent out each month for those that are interested in the A.C.O.R.N. program. Costs and itineraries are announced when the reminders are sent. You may also listen to Cari Nicely, Naturalist, on KILJ Radio on the first Thursday of the month for updates to all programs.*
Summer Programs 2015

The Henry County Conservation Department will offer summer programs. Activities will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. All children who have not completed first grade must be accompanied by an adult, as do all children requiring one-on-one aids while in school. Some programs may be a bit advanced for younger children; see camp descriptions for details and age restrictions. Programs will be geared toward school-aged children. Preregistration is required and all fees are due at least one week prior to the start of the program. All programs will begin and end at the Oakland Mills Nature Center unless otherwise noted. Activities will be held rain or shine. Dress accordingly. Avoid wearing sandals.

June 1st- 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Day camp- Nature writing. Let’s study nature in a new way- through observation and our five senses- then write about it! Imagination a must. Have you ever talked to a tree? Wondered what a dragonfly thinks? We will make journals, read the book "Around One Log," and go on a hike. Ages 2nd grade through adult. $5

June 3rd- 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Day camp- Can you dig it? We will explore dinosaurs, rocks, and fossils. Crafts, games, and even a puppet show! All ages. $5

June 5th- 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Day camp- Histories. Chocolate, root beer, and ice cream will be the topics of the day! Will make and eat some treats from each of these categories. All ages. $5

June 8th- 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Day camp- There’s No Place Like Space. Explore space in the daytime? Absolutely! Crafts and activities about the stars, planets, and moon. All ages but may be a little advanced for kids under 2nd grade. $5

June 10th- 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Day camp- Diary of a Worm. We will start the session by reading this story then do a variety of activities about worms and recycling. All ages but definitely suited for younger kids. $5

June 24th- 10:00 a.m.- Noon. Day camp- Near One Cattail. This book will introduce us to ponds and the animals that live there. Wear old clothes/shoes/boots because we are going to search for water creatures with dip nets in our small wetland. Live animals will be part of the program- specifically reptiles and amphibians. All ages. $5 Limit 20.

June 26th- 10:00 a.m.- Noon. Day camp- Who Wants to be a Stinkbug? Animals that lay eggs are today’s topic. Crafts plus games. We will study birds at the bird blind and catch bugs with nets. Other live animals will be part of the program- specifically birds and insects. All ages. $5 Limit 20.

June 29th- 10:00 a.m.- Noon. Day camp- Animals Born Alive and Well. Born alive? That would be a mammal! Skull, skin, and scent activities. Make a plaster track to take home. Live animals will be part of the program- flying mammals in particular. Can you guess which one? All ages. $5

Summer Program Registration Form

BE SURE TO FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF THIS CLIP-OUT FORM

Program(s) (√) At the Park (√) # people

☐ Writing $5 ☐ Cooking $10 ea ______
☐ Dig it $5 ☐ Basket $20 ea ______
☐ History $5 ☐ Grass RR ______
☐ Space $5 ☐ T. Roosevelt ______
☐ Worm $5 ☐ Night hike ______
☐ Cattail $5 ☐ 1940 Blizzard ______
☐ Stinkbug $5

Student’s name Age

Parent/guardian’s name Child’s birth date

Address Child’s Last Grade Completed

City, State, Zip

Home/work phone # of parent Cell phone #

Email

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE $_____

Checks payable to: HCCD

Refunds will be made only if the program is cancelled.

Registration and all fees are due at least two weeks before camp start date.

Return this form to:

Henry County Conservation
2593 Nature Center Drive
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

or it is on our website at:

www.henrycountyconservation.com

For more information, contact Naturalist Cari Nicely at 319-986-5067 or 319-931-2942 or email: cnicely@henrycountyconservation.com
July 1st - 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Day camp - Flower power! What plants can you use for dyeing cloth? What plants can you eat? Hike plus crafts. Natural dye experiments, leaf prints, and leaf rubbings are planned. All ages. $5

July 6th - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Day camp - Village Life and the Atlatl. Come explore Iowa's historic people and what life was like for them. We will scrape deer hides with mussels, build tools from rawhide and bone, learn what atlatls are and how to throw them, and check out a willow lodge. We will cook our own lunch over a fire. Must have completed 3rd grade. $10 Limit 12.

July 8th - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Day Camp - Lewis and Clark. What was it like to be an explorer? Especially by boat? An introduction to canoeing on the Oakland Mills Nature Center pond will be part of the day. Participants must have completed 3rd grade and parents will be required to sign a waiver. Canoes/equipment/lifejackets will be provided. Wear clothes that can get dirty/wet. No flip-flops, sandals, or crocs. Sturdy water shoes are a must- feet will get wet. We will make our lunch over a fire. BRING bug spray and sunscreen. $10 Limit 12.

July 10th - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Day camp - Pioneers. Activities from pioneer life- candle dipping, cornhusk dolls, and broommaking. Participants take home all crafts they make. Dutch oven lunch is provided. Must have completed 3rd grade. $10 Limit 12.

**At the Park Opportunities for all children AND their parent(s) or guardian(s)**

Go to: www.henrycountyconservation.com and click on Youth Programs /Camps or What's Happening for more details on any of these programs.

June 11th 6:00 p.m.  Outdoor Cooking. Cook like pioneers in dutch ovens. All ages with adult. Preregister by June 8th. This date is firm to allow time to shop for recipe items. $10 per participant

July 16th 2:00 p.m.  Basketweaving. All cultures have basketweaving in their history. Participants may choose their start time up until 5:00 p.m. Preregister by July 13th. Basket style chosen according to experience. $20 each

August 30th 2:00 p.m.  "Grass Between the Rails: A Musical Tribute to Iowa's Railroad Heritage," with Denny Redher. All ages with adult. Sponsored by Humanities Iowa. FREE

September 22nd 7:00 p.m.  "Theodore Roosevelt- Rough Rider President," by Darrel Draper. 45 minute costumed re-enactment. All ages with adult. Sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC., Pat and Dan McCabe, Financial Advisors. FREE

October TBA 6:00-7:30 p.m.  Annual Night Hike, "Stayin Alive." Short skits focus on predator-prey relationships. All ages with an adult. Educational and fun- not scary. In cooperation with Iowa Wesleyan College. FREE

November 8th 2:00 p.m.  "1940 Armistice Day Blizzard," with Abbey Harkrader. All ages with adult. Sponsored by QP&P. FREE

Emergencies contact/phone: ______________________  Physician's Name: ________________  Physician's Phone:_______________

Medical History  All information will be kept confidential unless in the case of an emergency.

List any allergies, ex. medication, insect stings, food, etc. ______________________________

List any medications you are currently taking: ________________________________

List any specific medical conditions, ex. asthma, etc. ____________________________

Liability/Medical/Photo release

THIS MEDICAL HISTORY IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to a physician to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, order injections or surgery, or other medical procedures required in an emergency situation. If my child(ren) is injured or suffer any illness or disease while participating in HCCD programs, I agree to hold the Henry County Conservation Board or Department, leaders, employees, or volunteers harmless of any said illness, injury, or disease. I further understand and agree that my child(ren) will abide by the general rules of conduct and that violations may result in denial of privileges, a forfeiture of fees, and immediate removal from the program activities. I also give permission for my child to be photographed by Henry County Conservation staff or media to be used for promotional purposes in newsletters, brochures, newspapers, or any other written media of the Department.

X __________________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature ________________ Date
**Programs**

**AT THE PARK HISTORY PROGRAMS for 2015**

**September 21st 1:00 p.m. Darrel Draper as George Drouillard from the Lewis and Clark Expedition.** School presentation for 4th-6th grades. Upper grades as interest and space allows. Location to be determined. Sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, Pat and Dan McCabe, Financial Advisors. Free. From the Humanities Iowa website:

George Drouillard: Hunter, Interpreter, and Sign Talker for Lewis and Clark

Drouillard (1774-1810?), half French and half Shawnee Indian, was the most valuable member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. When the two Captains needed someone who could shoot straight, talk to Indians who had never seen white men before, provide the 400 pounds of game needed each day, bring back a deserter, or stand his ground in the face of a wounded and raging grizzly bear, they almost always chose this amazing frontiersman. Adapted from the James Alexander Thom novel, Sign-Talker, this 45 minutes presentation, in full costume and French accent gives the audience a taste of Shawnee culture and spiritualism as you join Drouillard in the excitement of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

**September 22nd 7:00 p.m. Darrel Draper as Teddy Roosevelt** at Oakland Mills Nature Center. Free and open to the public. Preregistration is appreciated, but not necessary. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. Sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, Pat and Dan McCabe, Financial Advisors. From the Humanities Iowa website:

Theodore Roosevelt – Rough Rider President

Darrel Draper portrays Theodore Roosevelt in a 45 minute, costumed re-enactment of Roosevelt on the campaign trail in his bid for the presidency as the 1912 Progressive “Bull Moose” Party candidate. He reviews his life from his asthma-plagued childhood, his days at Harvard, personal tragedies and victories, military success, and rise to the White House. You will be amazed at the incredible accomplishments of this Medal of Honor and Nobel Peace Prize winner. Mixing humor, drama, and inspiration, this presentation is designed to entertain all audiences.

**October TBA 6:00-7:30 p.m. Annual Night Hike** at Oakland Mills Nature Center. This year's theme will be Stayin Alive. Short skits by IWC students will focus on predator/prey links. All ages— not scary. Free. Easy walk on solid surface begins in front of the Oakland Mills Nature Center.

**November 8th 2:00 p.m. 1940 Armistice Day Blizzard with Abbey Harkrader of Clayton County Conservation** at Oakland Mills Nature Center. Free and open to the public. Preregistration is appreciated, but not necessary. Doors will open at 1:45 p.m. Sponsored by QP & P. From Wikipedia:

The morning of 11 November 1940 brought with it unseasonably high temperatures. By early afternoon temperatures had warmed into the lower to middle 60s °F (18 °C) over most of the affected region. However, as the day wore on conditions quickly deteriorated. Temperatures dropped sharply, winds picked up, and rain, followed by sleet, and then snow began to fall.... The result was a raging blizzard that would last into the next day. Snowfalls of up to 27 inches....
Tune to KILJ 105.5 FM on your radio on the first and third Thursday of each month at 8:20 a.m. to hear updates from the Henry County Conservation Department!