

TALES OF NATURE

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Director's Desk : Tim Ewing

Spring has arrived at Navarino, and so have the harbinger's of spring! Sandhill cranes and Red-winged blackbirds arrived the beginning of March, as the snow and ski season came to a rapid close. We have had a lot going on at Navarino as we change with the seasons, and a lot developing for this spring, summer and fall. I would like to take this moment to line out some of the projects that you may see being implemented in 2022.

ANNUAL MEETING



First, please note that in the back of this newsletter we are sending out the information on the nature center annual meeting. This information includes the 2022 agenda, 2021 minutes, ballot for the 2022 board member election, and updated NNC By-Laws for approval. Financial reports will be available the night of the meeting. This year's meeting will be held in the NEW Facility — the "Experience Center". In place of the traditional program, there will be the dedication and tours of the new facility. There will not be a formal meal, only beverages and snacks available after the meeting. Please RSVP if planning to attend, so that staff knows how many to prepare for. There will be no ZOOM link available as there is no internet in the new facility.



The Bundle Up Spring online auction will start March 26th and end on April 2nd. There are some nice items to check out. You can get to the auction page from the nature center's website: navarino.org. Thank you to all that donated, see page 6 for a listing. Thank You!

We had a fairly good ski and snowshoe season in 2021—2022, even with the limited snow fall. There were a lot of rentals and visits from residents of Green Bay and Fox Valley, which did not receive as much snow. Comments were given to staff by users on how to improve the ski / snowshoe trails. Nature center staff and volunteers are meeting with DNR staff to find new ways to accommodate and provide additional trails for skiing / snowshoeing and possibly other activities in the future. Nature center volunteers have already assisted staff in adding one new section of trail that will create a new snowshoe trail and guide traffic away from ski trails.

While we are on trails, Shawano Pathways added what is called a "GRACE" trail on the blue trail at Navarino. GRACE stands for: Gratitude, Release, Acceptance, Challenge and Embrace.

Pathways established a trail in Shawano at Alpine Shores Park, and a second at the nature center. Shawano Pathways will be assisting the nature center this summer by adding gravel fines to the blue loop. Currently about a quarter mile of the trail is accessible to all abilities, the plan will be apply 3-5" of gravel fines to make the remaining three quarters of a mile accessible. This project will benefit everyone that visits the nature center and wildlife area. The nature center also received a couple of grants that will help us to improve existing accessible trails, and to add an accessible viewing deck or possibly two along the blue trail.

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Our Mission Statement:

To educate people of all ages on the importance of conserving natural resources and wildlife habitat, promoting renewable energy, and developing a healthy lifestyle by engaging in wellness opportunities.



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2022 Calendar of Events



Please note: Navarino Nature Center is not immune to economic challenges or the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. NNC staff reserves the right to cancel a program if minimum enrollment is not met by the registration deadline.

If we need to cancel a program, your payment will be refunded in full. If you need to cancel, please notify us at least 48 hours before the class. If we are able to fill your spot, you will be refunded in full; if not, we will refund 50% of your fee. If you cancel less than 48 hours before the class, your entire registration fee will be forfeited. Please help us ensure the success of our programs by registering and paying for the program at least 3 days in advance. We cannot guarantee your place in a class unless payment has been received.

Program Update: You must register in advance, this allows staff to notify you of changes / updates.

Inside workshop are held in the larger rooms. Each person will have their own workspace and equipment. Call 715-758-6999 or register online.

Registration is required for all programs to maintain safe numbers & have a line of contact in case of cancellation.



Bundle Up Spring Online Auction

**Starts: March 26th at 8am -
Ends: Apr. 2nd at 1pm**

Collection of Won Items:

Apr. 5th - Apr. 8th from 8:30am till 4pm,
and Sat. Apr. 9th 8am -3pm or by appt.
by calling 715-758-6999.



Evening with the Sandhill Cranes

Thurs., April 7th @ 6pm

See several thousand Sandhill cranes
return to Pike's Peak flowage in the
evening to roost. Meet at the Nature
Center, then car pool over to the
Hazelwood Observation platform to
watch the cranes return up close. .

**Fee: \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers,
\$15 families** Please RSVP to reserve
your spot today by calling 715-758-6999



Sky Dance An Evening with the Woodcock

Friday, April 8, 2022 6:30 - 8:30pm

Have you ever wondered what a
woodcock is? It is a tiny well
camouflaged bird that has an amazing
courtship display. Learn from retired
DNR Wildlife Biologist Kay Brockman-
Mederas about these little birds. Please
bring a lawn chair or something
comfortable to sit on.

**Fee: \$5 members, \$10 non-members,
\$15 families**

Spring Trail Run / Walk 2022

*Registration is now open!
Saturday, April 23rd, 2022*



STORY TIME



Storytime @

**Navarino
Wednesday, April
20th**

**Topic: Earth Day
Session 1: 10am -
11:30am OR**

Session 2: 1:00pm -2 :30pm

Fee: \$3 per child .

Register by calling 715-758-6999 to
guarantee spot.



Consider supporting NNC with our 1st
Flower Power ONLINE Spring
Fundraiser. This online event allows
you to order your flowers and have
them shipped to your house, all while
helping to support the nature center.
Visit navarino.org for the link to the
Flower Power website.

Spring Open House/ Earth Day Celebration April 23rd



Join us from 11-2
for food, family
activities, crafts,
visit from Smokey
the Bear, trolley
rides, build a bird
house, explore the
pond, egg hunt,

Story trail, and more! Reservations are
suggested to aid staff in event
preparations.



**Earth Day Plant Sale
at NNC on Saturday,
April 23rd from 9 am
to 2 pm.**

Plants were planted
by NNC staff and volunteers. There is a
combination of flowers and vegetables.
Supplies are limited. So get your start to
the Spring Season and support NNC
with these different flower fundraising
options!

**Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 at 6pm**
See attached information.

**Storytime @
Navarino
Wednesday, May
18th**

Topic: Eggs

**Session 1: 10am -
11:30am OR**

**Session 2: 1:00pm -
2 :30pm**

Fee: \$3 per child .

Register by calling 715-758-6999 to
guarantee spot.



At Navarino Nature Center!

See page 2 for a list and registration.



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Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month 6pm at NNC building.

Correspondence Address:

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Nature Center Building hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 8 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday: 8 am to 3 pm
CLOSED - Sunday and Monday

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Memorials:

In Memory of Thomas Herzfeldt — Rick Herzfeldt, Lenore Behnke, Anita Hartman, Cindy & Dave Jesse
In Memory of Charmaine Olson — Julie Wilber
In Memory of Violet "Vi" Roloff — Paul & Katherine Harrison

Giving Tree Leaves:

In Memory of Jody & Johnna Siefert — Ron & Eldean Grosskopf
In Memory of Tom Martin — Dave & Cindy Jesse
In Memory of Tom Herzfeldt — Dave & Cindy Jesse, Monday Night Glee Club, Bernie & Linda Burrack
In Memory of Robert E. Nemetz — Betty Nemetz and family
In Memory of Rita Buelter — Ron & Eldean Grosskopf

Grants: Clintonville Area Foundation towards 2022 Summer Intern program.
Norma & Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund - Accessible viewing platform

Thrivent Action Teams:

Sarah Olson — Cross-country ski trail grooming
Rita Olson — Trail Run / Walk
Ruthann Meiers — Earth Day 2022

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Barbara Erb, Bonnie Gore, Stanley Heinemeyer, Ruthann Meiers, Peggy Rindt and Julie Wilber

Bundle Up Spring Auction Donors / Sponsors: See page 6.

Donations:

Suet — Donna Svetnicka & Mark Palm
Suet & black oil sunflower seed — Kevin & Ramona Ver Haagh
Bird seed — Bill & Lori Westphal, Al & Gloria Pyatskowit
Cross country ski equipment — Carol Schubert
Rubbing alcohol, masks, glue sticks and suet — Carl Johnson
Postcard stamps — Suanne Prestby
Monetary — Laurie Wilkinson, Wisconsin Deerhunters - Shawano Chapter

Frozen Fun Day Cupcakes: Rick Herzfeldt, Mary Lou Kugel, Pat Leeman, Linda Lemmers, Pam Moede, Connie Mitchell, Judy Kucksdorf and Phyllis Peebles.

Tractor Fund: Barbara Hoffman, Susan Sazama, Ann Fuge, Heather Shebesta, Dick Pamperin, Betty Nemetz and Family, Roger and Joyce Olson.

Volunteers: Al Pyatskowit, Glenn & Linda Lemmers, Mark Palm, Denise Rudersdorf, Bill & Lori Westphal, Pat & Connie Mitchell, Kyle Alexander, Judy Porter, Barb Heins, Bob Bower, Rita Olson, David & Lois Rohrer, Krissy Tuma, Judith & Pete Kucksdorf, Pat Leeman, Ann Fuge, Kitzie Brum, Mike Shulze, and Rick Herzfeldt.

Thank
you ♥



We Need Your Help!!

Volunteer Opportunities: Sundrop Dayz & Charlie's Red Barn

We have a couple of volunteer opportunities to share with the membership that we could use your help with.

First, Navarino Nature Center has been selected by Twig's Beverage as one of the non-profits to receive donations from the 2022 SunDrop Dayz. The nature center has been asked for 8 volunteers that can assist with the event for 4 hour shifts across Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th. Some positions may be sedentary like issuing wristbands, others more physical such as serving food. If you are interested please contact the nature center at 715-758-6999.

SUNDROP DAYZ
SHAWANO, WI • SINCE 2017

June 3-4, 2022

Saturday
Menominee Indian Tribe
Traditional Singing and Dancing: 10-11am
Music by:
"Chad Przytycki & His Polka Rhythms"
11:30am-2:30pm
"Jason McHabb & the Reign"
3-6pm
"Glam Band"
6:45-10:00pm
• Craft Fair • Flea Market
• Kids' Activities & Inflatables
• 5K Walk/Run
• Lumberjack Competition

Friday
• Fish Fry
• Kids' Activities
Music by:
"Spark Spark Bang"
4:30-6:30pm
"The Cheap Shots"
7:00-10:00pm

Food & Beverage Vendors

See full event schedule for more details.
Event Hours: Fri: 4:30-10pm; Sat: 10am-10pm

East Elizabeth Street: One block north of Lieg Street
Between Main and Lincoln Streets, Shawano, WI

www.sundropdayz.com

Main Stage Sponsored by Menominee Casino Resort

FREE Admission!
Sun Drop Museum Tours & Tasting

QR code and Facebook icon.



NNC is Back at the LITTLE RED BARN @ Charlie's County Market

NNC will be operating the Little Red Barn on Monday, June 6th, Tuesday, June 7th, and Wednesday, June 8th. This is our summer fundraiser, it is also a good "meet and greet". If you help out please call the NNC office at 715-758-6999 or Rick @ 715-526-2958.

Make sure to stop by and have a brat or burger and support NNC!

Dates are: Monday, June 6th, Tuesday, June 7th and Wednesday, June 8th.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



One Tractor, One Place, and plenty of Space Fundraiser

Goal: \$75000

Donation (Any Amount)
\$100 Front Tire
\$250 Clutch
\$500 Steering
\$750 Power Take Off (PTO)
\$1,000 Rear Tire
\$1,500 Differential Unit
\$2,000 Transmission
\$3,000 Loader and Bucket
\$4,000 Hydraulic Control
\$5,000 Tractor Cab
\$10,000 Engine

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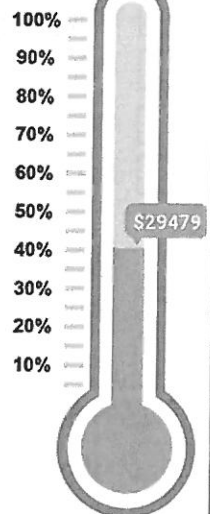
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