

# TALES OF NATURE

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## Director's Desk : Tim Ewing

Greetings from Navarino Nature

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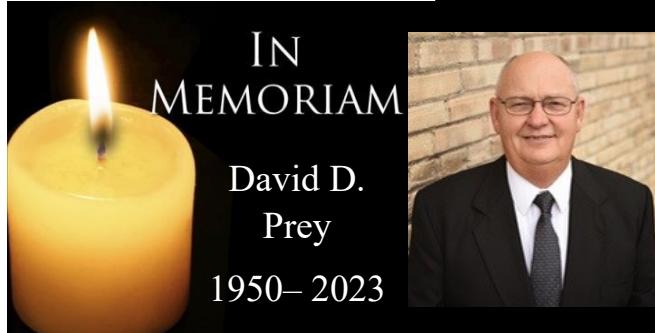
As you can see from the memoriam that we lost Dave Prey in July. We extend our deepest condolences to the Prey Family during this difficult time. Dave will be missed.

It has been a busy summer keeping us on our feet with 7 summer camps that occurred from June through the first part of August. NNC staff was busy prepping, presenting at summer camps, tearing down, and resetting as well as trail maintenance with some trees falling due to winds, board replacements on the decks around the center. Other activities included: the Banquet Sponsor Steak Fry, painting the signs for Experience Center, and interacting with the many visitors that took this summer as the opportunity to stop out and see what we are all about.

Our Fall season does not slow down at all as the Banquet committee is working hard behind the scenes for our Annual Fundraising Banquet. This is our 34th Annual Banquet at The Gathering in Shawano and through their hard work, it is shaping up to be another fantastic event. Consider joining us by filling out the form at the back of the newsletter (page 8) and mailing it back to NNC at the address provided on the bottom of the form.

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Tales of September / October 2023



Navarino Nature Center lost a wonderful man, supporter and former president since our last newsletter. Dave Prey was president from 1998 to 2013, and he played a vital roll in building both the educational building and the renewable energy education complex.

Dave, Chris and the Prey family have been supporters of the nature center for many years, and important in assisting with the fundraising banquet.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Prey family on the loss of Dave.



Thank you to Shawano Auto Sales, Inc. for their donation to Navarino Nature Center from the "DUCK, DUCK, JEEP" Match Game.

Thank you to all that donated, and especially to Shawano Auto Sales for holding the "DUCK, DUCK, JEEP" event!

*Photo left to right:*

*Jenny & Jeff Roloff from Shawano Auto Sales,  
and Tim Ewing, NNC Director.*

## 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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Summer heat did not stop projects from being worked on decks were cleaned and finished, upper parking lot prepped for asphalt. We have locked in with Wolf River Asphalt to have the upper parking lot paved by the end of October. The project is not fully funded, however still making headway. Any fund lacking will be taken from our rainy day fund if needed. You can help support the "Paving the way for Accessibility" by filling the form on page 7. Beyond the upper parking lot, NNC staff and volunteers have been working on trails with mowing and preparing them for the fall and winter seasons as well as the Trolley rides that will be gearing up as the fall season comes upon us.

We also want to highlight a program that has taken on a life of its own. Our Senior Safari Lunch and Learns. If you are not aware of this program it is a collaborative effort with Shawano County Human Services (Heidi Russell) and NNC to provide a location for senior to come, receive a meal, and learn about a variety of nature related topics. This year has been exceptionally received as each Senior Safari has had over 100 seniors attend each time! Something truly special considering this program is only 3 years old! See page 3 for information on the Lunch and Learn Program.

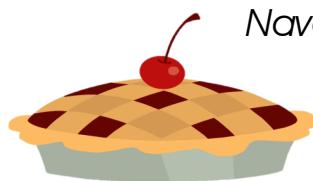


We also want to take this time to say "Thank you!" to our two summer interns: Lane Conradt and Olivia Herb. They did a phenomenal job with all that Tim & Kaylee threw at them and they really made an impact! We wish them well as they head into the school year and hope to see them again!



This Fall season is full of programs, open houses, migrations, fall colors, and events. So make sure you keep checking in with NNC through Facebook and the website.

Thank you for your continued support of NNC and we look forward to seeing you on the trails this fall!



### Navarino Nature Center's Membership — Pie & Ice Cream Social

*Your invited! Saturday, September 9th, 2023 from 1 pm to 3 pm*

*Enjoy pies, vanilla ice cream, and root beer floats.*

*Trolley rides to the Experience Center and back, every 15 minutes.*



### Navarino Nature Center - Firewood Sale

#### Sale

Volunteers and staff salvaged trees that were downed in the June 2022 storm.

The decision has been made to sell the oak & maple firewood off as a fundraiser to benefit the nature center.

(Limit is 3 face cord / household)

Price per face cord has been set at \$90.

Proceeds will benefit educational programs offered at Navarino.

**You MUST call the office (715-758-6999) to place your order and arrange a scheduled pick up date.**

**You must place an ORDER to be able to receive WOOD.**

### Navarino Nature Center's 34th Annual Fundraising BANQUET

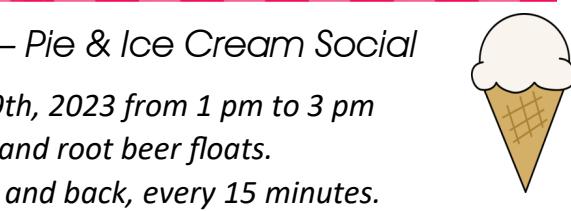
Thurs.

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At 5PM

The Gathering  
2600 . Richmond Street,  
Shawano, WI 54166

Social Hour: 5:00PM  
Dinner: 6:30 PM

Raffles, live auction, silent auctions, and more!

Banquet tickets:  
\$50 per person  
\$90 per couple

Ticket Deadline: Sept. 15th, 2023

Tickets available at:  
<https://www.navarino.org/banquet>

*All tickets will be picked up at the door*

# 2023 Calendar of Events

Please note: Navarino Nature Center is not immune to economic challenges.  
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.

Navarino Nature Center accepts: cash, check, credit or debit card (\*) Note: Applicable fees of 2 – 4% may apply to use of credit / debit cards.

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

Call 715-758-6999 or register online. Registration is required for all programs to maintain numbers & have a line of contact in case of cancellation.

## Walk, Stretch and Reflect on the Grace Trail at NNC

Sat., Sept. 16th 10am

Connect with yourself and nature. Jaime Lee from Crazy Heart Yoga will lead participants on a 1 mile walk around the Grace Trail, adding some gentle stretches, and taking time to reflect on the questions on the Grace Trail boulders. Meet by the parking lot kiosk by 9:45 to check in and learn how Grace Trails started. Walk starts at 10:00. \$20, space is limited. Register by Sept. 13th at [shawanopathways.org](http://shawanopathways.org) (under Events).



## Storytime @ Navarino

Wed. Sept. 20th: Night Time Animals. Come dressed in pajamas

Wed. Oct. 18th: Halloween Fun: Come dressed in costumes

Wed. Nov. 15th: Animals of the Fall

Time: 10:00 - 11:30am

Fee: \$3 per child doing activity.

Ages: Babies on up

## Wednesday Walks

Join Naturalist Tim for a slow paced exploration of the trails of the Navarino Wildlife Area.



Each Wed. starting in Sept. at 9 am.

Sept. 6th - Green Trail

Sept. 13th - Loop Flowage (Yellow)

Sept. 20th - Pike's Peak (center pool)

Sept. 27th - Mystery Trail

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members, or

Entire series: \$15 members, \$30 non-members

## Sunset with the Sandhill Cranes

Thurs, Oct. 5th at 6 pm

Enjoy the nightly flight of the Sandhill cranes coming to roost in the Pike's Peak flowage. This year the observation will be from the new viewing deck off of McDonald Road. Cost: \$5 NNC members, \$10



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individuals, \$20 the entire family. Register by the Tuesday, October 3rd

## Fall Family Fun Day - Sat., Oct. 7th

Time: 9 am – 2 pm

Family oriented activities and crafts, wagon tours of the wildlife area, displays, games and activities, and fun for the whole family.



## Sunset Trolley Ride

Saturday, October 7th 4:30 pm

Two hour wagon tour through the Navarino Wildlife Area. Join us to see the annual migrations of Sandhill Cranes that can reach into the 15,000 in numbers! Come and hear the cry of the crane as the sun sets on the horizon.

Registration is required!  
\$10 per person.  
Space is limited!

## HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS goes to HOGWARTS

Fri., Oct. 20th

5:30 pm – 8 pm

Admission \$5.00 per person.

Our traditional Non-scary Halloween with a Harry Potter / Hogwarts twist. Come get candy, take a Jack-o-Lantern / Inflatable Trail walk, and play games. Your admission will provide you a chance to explore the Great Hall of Hogwarts, purchase a house soda and other magical treats, Harry Potter themed photos and much more. Halloween trolley will take rides through the dark woods of Navarino for an additional \$5 per person. Plus, Open Door Bird Sanctuary will be there with live owls and more magical surprises in store.



## Stargazing & Constellations

Thurs., Nov. 2nd 7 pm

View the rings of Saturn, see Jupiter and many constellations from our viewing spot in the prairie. Dress for the weather.



Cost: \$5 members, \$10

non-members, \$20

Family rate

## Art Fest at Navarino Nature Center

Saturday, Nov. 11th

9 am – 2 pm

Admission is \$1.

Kids: Free



Navarino Nature Center will hold our Annual Art Fest and would like to extend an invitation to all area Artists. Spaces are limited. Go to [www.navarino.org](http://www.navarino.org) to download application form and mail back before November 2nd. There will be a bake sale, Nature Center items available for purchase, food, and tons of quality crafts perfect for your holiday desires.

**2023**

## Senior Safari

Lunch & Learns

Working collaboration with Shawano County Human Services & Navarino Nature Center

Where:  
Navarino Nature Center  
W5646 Lindsten Road  
Shiotoon, WI 54170

Time:  
11:00am to 1:00pm

Program Fee: Suggested \$4.50 per person donation for meal.  
Donations are also welcomed to support of Navarino Nature Center

September 7  
WI DNR - Sturgeon

October 5  
Fall Trolley

November 2  
Live Birds of Prey

\*Dates and topics may be subject to change  
Registration is required by calling Heidi at 715-526-4686



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#### Board of Directors

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

#### Correspondence Address:

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

#### Nature Center Building hours:

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

#### Staff

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Sarah Olson, Bookkeeper

#### DNR Liaison

James Robaidek

**Donations:** Mary Rusch, Mary Wudtke & Bill DeJung, Robert White, Community Foundation of Fox Valley — Albert & Alyce Druckrey Shawano Optimist Club

*Thank You*

#### Memorials:

**Dave Prey Memorial** — Dave MacMurray, Al & Marge Wichmann, Cindy & Dave Jesse, Lorin and Winnie Preston, Harold & Linda Burrack, Terry Hilgenberg, Ann Holterman, Shawano Auto Sales, Sam Sperberg, Ron & Eldean Grosskopf, Harold Polzin Family, Roger & Arlene Kratzke, Glenn & Linda Lemmers, Chuck & Pam Daily, Sandra Raddant, Al & Ruthann Meiers, Tom & Debbie Pleshek, Tim & Debbie Coffey, Jerry & Barb Ciesielczyk, Curt, Sara and Daiquan Schuettpelz, Tom & Diane Eggert, Tammy & Eugene Gretzinger, Mike & Patty Rindt, Reagan Rindt, Larry & Debra Hagel, Mike & Nancy Hammond, Gary & Kay Tobin, Randy & Nancy Ladwig, Gary & Patty Retzlaff, Tom Kugel, Susan & Wayne Malliet, Dave & Patti Race, Virginia Prey, Janna McCauley, Tim & Molly Pleshek, Tom & Sue Conradt, Debbie Herzfeldt, Shawano Sheriff's Department, Randy & Mary Wright, Carol & Brian Anschutz, Deborah Godding, Rick Herzfeldt, Gordon Zachow, John Koeller & Nancy Brown-Koeller, Susan Hagel, Gerald & Kay Schoeder, Sarah Olson, Tom & Lois Aumann, Susan Sazama, Alan & Diane Schultz, D.J.H. & S.E.H., Craig & Renee Heins, Eileen Elertson, and Chris Prey.

**Herb Behnke Memorial** — Lenore Behnke

**Paving the Way for Accessibility:** David & Lois Rohrer, Shawano Auto Sales—Jeff Roloff, Pat & Connie Mitchell, Steve & Sandy Rhode, Mary Herb, James Lutz, Marjorie Anderson, Anonymous, Barbara Erb, Lorin Preston, Roger & Joyce Olson, Mark & Lynda Palm, David & Marie Langkamp, Amy Reiter, Patricia Loving and Heather Karollson.



#### Volunteers:

Story Time: Lois Rohrer, Lori Westphal, Krissy Tuma and Linda Lemmers

Summer Camps: Bonnie Weyers, Denise Rudersdorf, Kyle Alexander, Rita Olson, Lori Westphal

Navarino Days Parade: Denise Rudersdorf, Eli & Evan (Denise's Grandsons), Dave & Marie Langkamp, Rita Olson, Bill & Lori Westphal, Al & Ruthann Meiers, Bonnie Weyers

Deck Washing Crew: Rick Herzfeldt, Glenn Lemmers, Mark Palm, David Rohrer, Dave Langkamp, Pat Mitchell, Bill Westphal and Kyle Alexander.

#### Item Donations:

Matty Mathison - Books and Field Guides, Bill & Kate Kamke - Cups and Paper Products

#### Thrivent Action Team:

Red Barn - Rick H.

Sporting Clay Shoot - Dave R.

#### Thrivent Choice Dollars:

Stephanie Burton



**Don't forget to direct Your Thrivent Choice Dollars®**

Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about.

Don't let Choice Dollars expire. Help support Navarino Nature Center.

Go to [Thrivent.com/Thrivent choice](http://Thrivent.com/Thrivent choice) to learn more or call 800-847-4836.

**Thrivent members: you can help with Thrivent Action Teams.**

**Let NNC staff know if you would be willing to apply for an Action Team.**



# NAVARINO NATURE CENTER — BIRD SEED SALE

Orders must be placed by 10/27/2023

Pick Up on Saturday, 11/11/2023



# Bags	Seed Type	Bag Size	Price per Bag	Total
	Basic Mix	40 lb	\$18.50	
	Cracked Corn	50 lb	\$13.00	
	Niger	25 lb	\$38.00	
	Niger	10 lb	\$17.00	
	Sunflower	25 lb	\$17.00	
	Sunflower	50 lb	\$32.00	
	Safflower	25 lb	\$32.00	
	Hearts (fine)	25 lb	\$34.00	
<b>TOTAL ORDER</b>				

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash / Check enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 3 digit # \_\_\_\_\_

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We are putting a call out to our members, local organizations, & groups to help us with our fall season plans. The fall activities have grown in popularity over the years & staff is constantly working to enhance all participants experiences. With that though, there comes increased funds needed to create and enhance the fall programming. So we are putting a call out asking if you might consider making a donation of \$10 or more to help with fall programming, supplies, and fees. Other local programs have reached out to entities and have gotten support for making sure a great fall family memories can be made and we hope you will assist us in making this possible!

Donations can made out to: NNC and in the memo put: Fall support. By donating you will be acknowledged in our newsletter and at the upcoming Fall events where your donation is utilized like: Fall Family Fun Day, Halloween Happenings, sponsoring Open Door Bird Sanctuary, and ArtFest . If you wish to remain, anonymous, please make mention of this on the donation. If there is a specific event you want to support, put that after "Fall support" in the memo.

We at Navarino Nature Center thank you for your consideration in ensuring that Navarino Nature Center continues to create lasting memories in our youth and visiting families through these fun fall activities!

## Wish List

- Stamps (Forever & Postcard)
- Copy paper
- Incredible Solutions 15gal flap top crate (Menards)
- Used LEGO's (Not Duplo Legos): LEGO bricks, wheels, mini figures, etc.
- Thrivent Action Team support



If you care deeply for the work and mission of Navarino Nature Center and want to help provide a sustaining source of support in the future, consider creating a legacy gift by including Navarino Nature Center in your estate plans. To leave a bequest, simply incorporate the following language in your estate plans:

I/we bequeath to Navarino Nature Center (tax ID# 39-1558573), located in Shiocton, (\_\_\_\_% of my residual estate) OR (the sum of \$\_\_\_\_).

#### Membership Renewals & New Members July —August 2023

<b>NEW:</b>	Jim Lutz	Shirley Boerst	Brent & Bobbi Winebar
Tucker McCoy	John & Shelia Dovorany	Deb Frank	Sue Raether
O'Connor Reality	Mike & Sarah Hankins	Susan Pflugradt	Doris & Dennis Burmeister
Travis & Rachel Herrmann	Ronald & Jean Hinkfuss	Karen Kupper	Gary Boerst
Diane Genke	Mary Radtke	Don & Judy Thaves	Daniel & Carol Bouchette
Gary Boerst	Mike & Peg Mastey	Don & Carol Siegrist	Randy & Dawn Giese
Rosin Woodwork Corp.	Mike & Jane Shulze	Maralyn Steffen	Debora Wilber
	Chuck & Bette Kunitz	Dave & Amy Goltz	Kevin Conradt
	Terry & Pam Moede	Joan Melcher	
	Tim & Tasha Treptow	Bonduel State Bank	
	Gerald Schroeder	Gary & Ann Boerst	
	Barbara Erb	Barbara Mortensen	
	Mary Wudtke & Bill DeJung	Deborah Stezenski	

We thank all those members who have renewed or upgraded your memberships. Your commitment to NNC is appreciated!

### Support Navarino Nature Center Become a Member Today!

#### Membership Categories: (Please check one)

**NEW**

**RENEWING**

<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	\$50

*Your Information (New or Renew) or Gift Recipient Information:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide email address

Please send newsletter:  U.S. Mail  Electronically

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# WE NEED HELP!!

## *Paving the way for Accessibility Fundraiser*

If you have visited NNC after a heavy rain fall, during the spring of the year, or during the winter, you have experienced that our upper parking lot is not always accessible. Whether due to mud, ice, or sloppy conditions, the upper driveway can be hazardous at different times of the year and this directly impacts the accessibility of many individuals during different times of the year.



### You contributions will:

\*Improve the accessibility for all visitors regardless of age or ability

\*Help to eliminate or reduce safety concerns due to standing water, saturated sand/gravel mix, and ice.

\*Increase program participation from toddlers to seniors and open better year round opportunities for programs, events, and other developing opportunities.

### *All Monetary Donations Welcomed!*

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We have received a quote of \$30,000 for the project, and have been actively applying for grants to match funds raised. The objective will be to raise the funds by September 30th, so that we have October—November to have the parking lot paved so as to avoid winter problems again. Donations for this project should be identified as “Upper Parking Lot” in memo. Checks can be made to: NNC. Contact NNC office or any board member if you have questions or concerns in regards to this project.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

## *Paving the way for Accessibility*



	Donation (Any Amount)
	\$100 Pebble
	\$250 Gravel
	\$500 Compactor
	\$750 Roller
	\$1,000 Asphalt

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

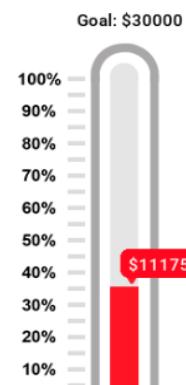
Cash / Check enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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# NAVARINO NATURE CENTER - BANQUET TICKET & SPONSORSHIP ORDER FORM

Company or Name to be listed on program:



Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Ticket Information:**

Dinner Ticket # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 ea. or 2 for \$90.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Table for 8 \_\_\_\_\_ \$350.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cattail Coupons @ \$100 (\$150 in cattail coupons for \$100) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **Sponsorship Opportunities:**

**\*Banquet Sponsorship includes: 2 dinner tickets, \$150 in cattail coupons and an invitation to a special sponsor event at a later date**

- \$1,000 Prairie Pioneer
- \$750 Butterfly Weed
- \$500 New England Aster
- \$250 Yellow Coneflower \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **Donation Opportunities (Something to think about if you cannot attend)**

- \$200 Compass Plant
- \$150 Wild Lupine
- \$100 Cup Plant
- \$50 Bluestem
- Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## **In-Kind Donation:**

(Please Circle One)

## **Item/Basket/Gift Certificate:**

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Approx. Value of In-Kind Donation:

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## **Method of Payment - Do Not Send Cash**

CHECK - payable to:

Navarino Nature Center - Banquet



VISA (13 - 16 numbers)

MasterCard (16 numbers)

Discover Card (16 numbers)

Account number

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

**Use envelope enclosed and mail to:**

**Banquet Committee, c/o Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road, Shiocton, WI 54170**