

Friends of Webster County Conservation



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

2018 Year In Review...

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Friends of Webster County Conservation is to provide awareness, appreciation, and the preservation of Webster County's natural resources for future generations.

Board members

Matt Thrams—Chair

KC Coleman –Vice Chair

Jim Patton—Secretary

Jerry Beck—Treasurer

Doug Breyfogle

John Copper

Steve Johanson

Laura Ludgate

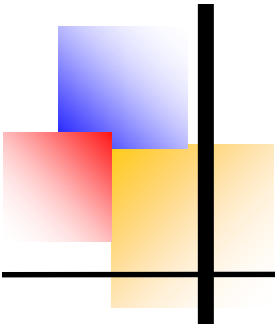
Shelley Parker

Tony Recker

Jon Thrams

Friends sponsored events & projects:

- Call of the Wild Fundraiser at Opera House — approx. 100 people attended — \$ 4,384 raised
- Donated \$9,000 for tables and chairs, antler chandelier, and outdoor decorative lighting at the WaNoKi lodge
- Hosted Plant Some Shade—sold 120 trees
- Sponsored food and supplies for Camp WaNoKi lodge ribbon cutting, Youth Conservation Camps for Middle School kids, monthly Fireside Chats at Camp WaNoKi spring thru fall, etc



— Stewardship workers —
— Outdoor enthusiasts —
— Youth campers —



Land stewards removing undesirable vegetation



Youth conservation camp —
Outdoor skills and Exploration



WaNoKi lodge —
ready for rental



Financial Report

Balance thru Sept. 24, 2018

General Fund	\$ 16,735.16
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,610.63
Corporate Membership	\$ 885.90
S.O.A.P. golf tourney	\$ 240.41
Camp WaNoKi Donations	\$ 5,144.49
TOTAL	\$ 26,616.59

Community Foundation

Balance thru June 30, 2018

O'Connell Scholarship Fund	\$ 9,424.98
Friends of Conservation Fund	\$ 28,576.90
Keepers of the Land Fund	\$ 3,888.45

We are so grateful for the volunteer efforts put forth by members of this organization and others in the community and county. Working toward a common goal of opening our senses to the natural resources surrounding us has value as we strive to maintain or improve outdoor experiences for generations to come. Those who share a passion for the natural resources make for meaningful long-lasting relationships. Thank you for your support of the great outdoors in Webster County over the years. Keep up the great work as we help others experience the outdoors too.



Keepers of the Land” Endowment

Thanks to the work by the Advisory Committee, the Friends Board has been able to invest donated dollars into several new funds with the Community Foundation & United Way. The “Keepers of the Land” Endowment was created through the generous donations from Jim & Diane Patton. The Patton’s have been long-time supporters of the Conservation Program and Friends Group. Their generosity and vision have encouraged the board to create:

1.) Keepers of the Land Endowed Fund—the interest from this fund can be used on conservation & education projects in Webster County. The principle will remain in the fund to create a long-term funding source to compliment public funds.

2.) Conservation & Education non-endowed fund—this fund can be used as a fundraising vehicle for Webster County Projects & environmental education.

3.) Orville O’Connell Scholarship Fund—an annual scholarship fund established by the O’Connell Family to celebrate the conservation efforts of former Conservation Board Member Orville O’Connell. The scholarship is awarded annually to a college student majoring in a Natural Resource field.



2018 Orville O’Connell Scholarship recipients
Jacob Galles and Natalie Peterson with vice chair KC

If you would like to contribute to this endowment or would like more information about the tax benefits of charitable giving, please contact Treasurer, Jerry Beck.

Upcoming Events & Public Programs

Jan. 28 — Friends Board meeting at 6:00 pm at WaNoKi lodge

Feb. __ — Call of the Wild fundraiser at the Opera House

March 16 — Maple Syrup Festival from 1-4 pm at Camp WaNoKi