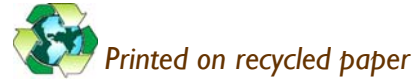




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campaigns. To learn how your employer or business can participate in NOCS' annual campaign, call Northwest Ohio Community Shares at 419-243-6637. You'll not only help Nature's Nursery, you'll be offering your employees real choice in workplace giving, while making our community a better place to live.

Help us by shopping at Kroger

Nature's Nursery is now part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Sign up today to help Nature's Nursery earn money every time you shop! Simply visit: krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the instructions. Nature's Nursery's membership number is: 83785. Questions or problems signing up? Just stop by any Kroger customer service desk and they'll be glad to help.

CAUFFIEL WETLAND - from page 1

Penta will take an active role in carrying out the plan, including clearing out invasive plant species and replacing them with native plants that are more conducive to a healthy wetland, and constructing trails and boardwalks to provide better access for science classes visiting the preserve. A grant from the Chrysler Corporation has been secured to help offset the cost of the improvements. The students also will help convert some of the existing farmland back to wetlands. When the projects are complete, the site will be available to additional area schools for the study of wetland habitats, native wildlife, and related topics.

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Man's heart away from nature becomes hard.

~Standing Bear



Mission Statement:

To improve the well-being of Northwest Ohio wildlife populations and habitat through public education and rehabilitation of injured, ailing, and orphaned wildlife, with an emphasis on coexistence.

Phyllis Cauffiel Wetland is newest education resource

Nature's Nursery announced its newest education resource, The Phyllis Cauffiel Wetland, in a dedication ceremony held at the Northwood, OH, property on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The wetland is part of a 22-acre land donation recently given to Nature's Nursery by local philanthropists Ford and Phyllis Cauffiel. Approximately five acres of the parcel are currently designated and protected as wetland, with the remaining 17 acres being farmed. Nature's Nursery is working with area schools, including Owens Community College and Penta Career Center, to create a site use plan that will involve a restoration and expansion project for the wetland.

Students from Owens' Landscape and Turfgrass Management Program are designing options for the site use plan, which will be presented to



Ford and Phyllis Cauffiel, right, help dedicate the property in Northwood, along with Operations Director Laura Zitzelberger and Board President Paula Massey (left). —Photo: Lisa LaPointe

Nature's Nursery's board of trustees by the end of the year. After the trustees select the winning design, students from Owens and

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Renowned artist Harold Roe creates piece for Nature's Nursery's 20th anniversary

Internationally known and award-winning wildlife artist Harold Roe has generously donated a line drawing of a peregrine falcon to commemorate Nature's Nursery's 20th anniversary.

Mr. Roe has authorized the production of a limited run of prints, which are available for \$50 each. The prints measure 16 X 20 inches and are printed on heavy masonite board, which can be framed or displayed as is.

To purchase a print, call 419-877-0060 or visit our website at: www.natures-nursery.org.



Wildlife artist Harold Roe poses with his line drawing of a peregrine falcon — and with the real thing, our program peregrine Shiloh, held by Operations Director Laura Zitzelberger.

Wish list

Nature's Nursery is in need of the following. Please call the Center if you can provide:

- Unsalted peanuts (in the shell)
- Unsalted walnuts or pecans (no shell)
- Chuck-A-Nut (pumpkin seeds)
- Plain Cheerios (store brand is fine)
- Unsweetened Mini Shredded Wheat cereal
- Baby food meat—puree
- Bird seed
- Heavy crockery bowls
- Tupperware hamburger patty molds
- Paper towels
- Dry & canned cat food
- Pedialyte (unflavored)
- Clay cat litter (not the clumping kind)
- Venison and other game meats
- Meijer or Andersons gift cards
- Heavy rakes
- Large storage containers with lids
- Medium & large transport kennels
- Heavy welders gloves
- Lightweight leather gloves
- Underwriting for Education Coordinator
- Office Depot or Office Max gift cards
- Color index cards
- 8 1/2 X 11 copier paper
- Digital video camera
- Digital camera
- Compact speakers for the lap top system
- Underwriting for portable gram scale
- Underwriting for classroom newsletter
- Underwriting for new educational facility
- New heating pads (no auto turn-off)
- Receiving blankets
- 40-watt incandescent light bulbs
- 75-100 watt full spectrum reptile lights
- Scrub brushes
- Heat packs (for volunteers hands and feet in winter)
- Electric heaters for outdoor water bowls
- Liquid laundry soap for front-load washer
- Disposable exam gloves
- Medications and medical supplies
- Security camera to monitor outside cages
- Underwriting for Summer Intern
- Quarantine building
- Small animal incubator and warming unit
- Underwriting for medication purchases

Released!

Since the beginning of the year, Nature's Nursery has taken in nearly 2,000 animals, several of which are listed as threatened or endangered species by the State of Ohio. Many of these animals are still receiving care. The animals released or transferred to date are:

Birds

- 1 American Bald Eagle
- 1 American Coot
- 5 American Kestrels
- 37 American Robins
- 1 Black-billed Cuckoo
- 2 Blue Birds
- 1 Blue Jay
- 31 Canada Geese
- 1 Canvas-back Duck
- 2 Cardinals
- 1 Carolina Wren
- 6 Cedar Waxwings
- 2 Cedar Waxwings (1 unreleasable, transferred)
- 1 Chipping Sparrow
- 1 Common Nighthawk
- 5 Cooper's Hawks
- 3 Dark Eyed Juncos
- 1 Downy Woodpecker
- 34 European Starlings
- 3 Gold Finches
- 8 Grackles
- 3 Gray Catbirds
- 1 Great Blue Heron
- 3 Great Horned Owls
- 1 Hermit Thrush
- 1 Hooded Merganser (native, unreleasable, transferred)
- 2 House Finches
- 22 House Sparrows
- 2 Killdeer
- 1 Ladder Back Woodpecker
- 1 Lesser Scaup
- 174 Mallard Ducks
- 1 Merlin
- 16 Mourning Doves
- 1 Peregrine Falcon (native, unreleasable, transferred)
- 1 Pine Siskin
- 1 Red-shouldered Hawk
- 1 Red-tailed Hawk



- 9 Rock Doves
- 4 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds (1 unreleasable, transferred)
- 1 Scarlet Tanager
- 11 Screech Owls
- 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk
- 1 Turkey Vulture
- 37 Wood Ducks
- 1 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (native, unreleasable, transferred)
- 1 Yellow-shafted Flicker

Mammals

- 3 Big Brown Bats
- 2 Black Squirrels
- 5 Eastern Chipmunks
- 182 Eastern Cottontail Rabbits
- 63 Fox Squirrels
- 3 Gray Squirrels
- 1 House Mouse
- 7 Red Foxes
- 15 Red Squirrels
- 2 Short-tailed Shrews
- 32 Striped Skunks
- 69 Virginia Opossums
- 3 White-footed Mice
- 6 Woodchucks

Reptiles/Amphibians

- 2 Eastern Box Turtles (1 unreleasable, transferred)
- 1 Eastern Garter Snake
- 1 Painted Turtle
- 4 Snapping Turtles
- 1 Yellow-bellied Slider (unreleasable, transferred)

Win great prizes while helping Nature's Nursery in our 2nd Annual Online Raffle

Where can you get one-in-ten odds of winning a great prize, while helping one of your favorite nonprofits, all for one low price? In Nature's Nursery's 2nd Annual Online Raffle, of course!

Our fundraiser was so popular last fall, we've decided to make it an annual event! This year's prize line-up is even bigger and better than last year's — and the ticket price is actually LOWER! How often do you see value increasing while costs go

down? Here's how it works: 100 tickets will be sold for \$35 each. Ten prizes will be awarded, one each day, beginning Nov. 16, with the grand prize being drawn on Nov. 25. Winning numbers will be posted on our website: www.natures-nursery.org. Checking the site every day to see if you've won is half the fun!

Visit our website now to see the prize line-up, then call the Center at 419-877-0060 to get your ticket. And good luck!

Nature's Nursery expands educational programming to include new ways to get kids engaged and excited about learning

If you grew up in the Toledo area in the past 20 years, chances are you remember attending a Nature's Nursery program at your school, day camp, or scout meeting. Over the years, we've done thousands of such programs, and until recently, they were the only educational outreach we offered. But no more!

Nature's Nursery has expanded its educational outreach to include lots of new opportunities for schools and youth groups to bring nature education to students from pre-school through college age. One example is the new Phyllis Cauffiel Wetland project, discussed on page 1. Other options include:



Field trips: Since moving to Blue Creek Conservation Area, we are now able to offer field trips to school

groups. Field trips to Blue Creek feature presentations from Nature's Nursery and our partners, Lucas Soil & Water Conservation District, and the MetroParks of the Toledo Area. Topics covered include conservation farming, native wildlife, and plant habitats.

Walk For Wildlife School Day:

Year-end field trips are also available to our special "Walk For Wildlife" School Day, where students participate in hands-on learning as they visit education stations along a one-mile walking route through an oak savanna, prairie habitat, and wetland environment.

Classroom memberships are a brand new offering this school year, and include a standards-based children's newsletter packed with cross-curriculum activities and stories (distributed three times throughout the year), a classroom education program featuring live animals, and two additional classroom visits that can be customized to cover topics the children are studying.

Literacy programming: Educators can teach goal-setting and get their students reading more by participating in "Reading Is Second Nature." This program encourages children to read each day and allows them to "earn" donations for Nature's Nursery when their monthly reading goals are met. Donations are provided by the child's sponsor (usually a parent or grandparent) and can include a small cash contribution or an item from our Wish List. In return for their donations, participating classrooms receive several visits from Nature's Nursery's throughout the school year, including an assembly program for each participating grade level.

"Service learning" is a hot topic in education today, and Nature's Nursery is among the first local nonprofits to



offer customized service learning opportunities, whether it's for one student or a whole grade level. Service learning encompasses more than just volunteering. These projects address complex issues, teach problem-solving and critical thinking, and promote deeper learning.

Contact our education staff to learn more about these opportunities to get your students engaged and excited about learning!

'Beast of a Garage Sale' was a roaring success!



Nature's Nursery's 2nd Annual "Beast of a Garage Sale," held in September at the Lucas Co. Fairgrounds, proved once again to be a big success! A huge thank you goes out to Barb Hummel, event coordinator, and her very dedicated army of volunteers. Thanks also to everyone who donated items and shopped!

Thank you so much!

A memorial gift was made by:

Nancy and Harry Nicholson, in memory of **Ed Lawton**.

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- Village Pizza (Whitehouse)
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