

A Pottawattamie County Almanac

(Overview-2019)

- 9-Mar:** Introduction & Loess Hills Overview – (Chad Graeve) / Aldo Leopold’s Legacy / “Good Oak” / Mother Nature’s Calendar (MNC) for February / Observation & Sensory Hike / Sylvan Runkel P.Pt. / “Music of the Spheres”
- 23-Mar:** Introduction & Loess Hills Overview / Aldo Leopold’s Legacy / Mother Nature’s Calendar (MNC) / Nature Journaling / Nature’s March Madness: Migration “Geese Return” by Aldo Leopold (A.L.)
- 13-April:** MNC / Woodland Wildflower Watch / Flower Dissection / “Draba” by A.L.
(Marj Garabrandt (Associate Professor Emeritus IWCC...botany & plant taxonomy expertise))
- 11-May:** MNC / Morels, Fungi & Lichens / Least Terns & Piping Plovers / “Back From The Argentine” by A.L.
(Mary Bomberger Brown UNL Research Assistant Professor...Director of Tern & Plover Conservation Partnership)
- 8-June:** MNC / Loess Hills Limnology: The Biotic & Abiotic Components of a Freshwater Lake Ecosystem / Invasive species/“The Alder Fork – A Fish Idyl” by A. L.
- 13-July:** MNC / Prairie vs. Woodland: A quadrant study in biodiversity / Using a dichotomous key / “Prairie Birthday” by A.L. (Chad Graeve)
- 10-Aug:** MNC / A Chorus of Insects / Arthropod ramble: Life in a “Nurse Log” / Monarch Migration & Tagging / “The Green Pasture” by A.L.
- 14-Sept:** MNC / Ornithology 101: Bird Identification / Fontenelle Forest Raptor Recovery (Hawk release?) / “The Choral Copse” by A.L.
(Kathy Fisher Fontenelle Forest Raptor Recovery)
- 12-Oct:** MNC / Autumn Splendor: Why the Color Change? / The Cycle of Life: Photosynthesis & Cellular Respiration / Fall Nature Photography / “Smoky Gold” by A.L.
(Don Poggensee Professional Photographer Wind Rider Images....Ida Grove, IA)
- 9-Nov:** MNC / Waste Not & Want Not: Nature’s Recyclers / Identifying A Tree Using Bark, Buds, Stems & Seeds / “Odyssey” by A.L. / “A Mighty Fortress” by A.L.
- 21-Dec:** MNC / Jane Goodall’s “10 Trusts” / Winter Bird Feeding / Secret Language of Snow/Animal Adaptations/ Winter Wander in the Loess Hills / Sig Olson & Rachel Carson: The Power of Wonder / “Home Range” by A.L.

