

Calendar of Events

Calkins Nature Area

Naturalists' Notes

Waterfowl Education Program Thursday, February 24 at 7:00 pm

Duck season is over and this is the perfect time to come sharpen up your skills like duck and goose calling, decoy spreads, blinds, duck and goose identification, and much more! Special guest Waterfowl Pro staffer Brett Downs and Professional guide and competition caller JJ Moser will give some tips for you to use next season. Conservation Officer Nate Anderson will be answering any law enforcement questions you might have. In this program we will go over the basics of using short reed goose calls, calling ducks in the field, and basics of competition calling. Pre-registration **NOT** required. All ages invited! great for a beginner waterfowl hunters and even the seasoned veterans may pick up a few new tricks. Call 641.648.9878 for any questions.

Friend's of Calkins Nature Area Annual Fundraiser and Dinner at Ellsworth Community College Equine Center, Tuesday March 8th

Join The Friend's of Calkins Nature Area Board of Directors as they host their annual fundraiser and dinner at the new state of the art Ellsworth Community College Equine Center.

This years activities will commence as followed;

5:00 Doors open at Equine Center

5:00 - 6:30 Dinner will be served and silent auction will start

5:15 Family activities will kick off including lasso contest and hay bale maze

5:30 - 6:30 Raffle

6:30 - 7:00 Speaker and Author of book This Water Goes North Dennis Weidemann and family activities

Silent auction wrap-up and live auction followed by speaker

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, kids two and under eat free. Tickets are available at the nature center or from any of the Friends of Calkins Nature Area's Board of Directors. The proceeds of this fundraiser will help us obtain the goal of a new building that will house new reptile and amphibian displays, an educational area, and wood working shop. The continued support is greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.

Calkins Nature Area GPS Egg Hunt Saturday, April 9th at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Ready for an egg hunt like no other?! Join the naturalists as we use GPS units to search for hidden eggs with prizes throughout the park. In this program we will go over the basics of using GPS units, how they work, and then get hands on experience with a recreational grade GPS. Pre-registration required. All ages invited. Call 641.648.9878 if you would like to sign up or for questions.

Save the Date

Wild
Women
to
the
Woods

July 15th & 16th 2011 Pine Lake State Park

Hello fellow Wild Women of the Woods! We have begun to plan our 2011 event and are excited to let you know it will be held July 15th & 16th at Pine Lake State Park. We are looking forward to seeing all of you from last year as well as friends we haven't met yet. If you know of any other ladies who might be interested please pass on the information. If you are needing assistance in paying for your registration, information will be available on our website for scholarship opportunities or you can contact Sarah or Cassey at the nature center. As always if you have any questions or would like more information contact Calkins Nature Area at 641.648.9878, check out our **NEW** website at www.hardincountyconservation.com or via email at calkinsnatureareaahccb@gmail.com.

We hope to see all of you in July!

Check out Hardin County Conservation's new and improved website!

www.hardincountyconservation.com