

May 2021

Executive Director Corner

We are continuing to set up and get contracts signed for the grants awarded at the April 8th Trust board meeting. The Trust held an on-line Grantee Seminar on April 20th and that seminar is available on our website. Items covered included grantees' responsibilities for publication of their grant, submittal of quarterly reports, receipts for reimbursements, final reports and closing of grants.

The Legislature is on day 82 of the 90 day session. The session is scheduled to end June 10th, but the Speaker has indicated they may cut several days off the schedule. There were 684 bills introduced this session and we continue to monitor a few bills. There will be a Special Session called this fall to address the redistricting issue.

The City of Lincoln ended its mask mandate today and there will be no limit on indoor event capacities. Omaha's mask requirement will end next week. I'm glad I have my COVID vaccinations. Now we have to wait and see if we will need booster shots in the future and if the current vaccinations will be effective against all of the new varieties of COVID.

Husker volleyball fans should be excited that Lexi Sun has decided to come back for a fifth season. The Husker football game for this fall in Ireland was cancelled, but they just announced that they will play



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Northwestern in Dublin on August 27, 2022. The Husker baseball team is doing well and could win the Big10 title. The softball team is also doing well. They have announced the College World Series in Omaha will be at full capacity, so let's hope the Huskers make it.

I want to dedicate the remainder of my message to some pretty important people we lost in the conservation world recently. Howard Weigers passed away on April 24, 2021. He was the founder of UNL's Fisheries and Wildlife program and retired in 1986, a year after I started my Master's program at UNL in Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife. He was 105 and would have been 106 in July. The next is Jon Farrar who had a 42 year career as a writer, editor and photographer at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. I have a wooden sandpiper that Jon carved and it is one of my prized possessions. I always enjoyed visiting with Jon and wish I would have had more conversations with him over the years. He passed away March 30, 2021, age 73. The third person we recently lost was Brad Newcomb, a 44 year fisheries biologist with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Brad worked in Lincoln and later the Kearney field office. He also oversaw the mobile aquarium at the State Fair that so many people have enjoyed since the Fair moved to Grand Island. Brad was always answering questions from the public at the Fair and he truly cared about Nebraska's fisheries. Brad passed away April 22, 2021, he was 65.

Stay safe,

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Reminder For Submission Of Grant Contracts & Relevant Documents

Grantees are reminded the submission deadline for all grant contracts and other relevant documents is May 31, 2021. Please contact the Trust office if you have any questions.

Congratulations to Pam Deines for her new role at the Trust!

With a recent job vacancy and interviews, we would like to announce that Pam Deines has now assumed her new role as Federal Aid Administrator I and assistant to Holly Adams, our Grants Administrator.

With that, we now have an opening for Administrative Secretary at the Trust, that is currently being advertised on the State website.

Nebraska Recycling Council CRT Amnesty and Electronics Recycling Event***The Television Event Decades in the Making***

It's time the dangerous lead in your old television set entered The Twilight Zone. Recycle your old CRT (Cathode Ray Tubes) TVs, CRT monitors, and other electronics properly with FREE* recycling at a CRT Amnesty event in Lincoln on Saturday June 12th! The Nebraska Recycling Council will be accepting CRT TVs, monitors, and other electronics for recycling at 5001 S 16th Street in Lincoln, Nebraska between the hours of 9 am-1 pm, or until the event has reached its maximum amount allowed. Electronics will be accepted for free

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with a limit of two TVs or monitors per participant. Additional TVs or CRTs will have a flat fee of \$25 each. Other items being accepted include computer equipment and accessories, audio/video equipment, laptops, cell phones, cords, cable boxes, gaming consoles, and small household appliances (no microwaves). A complete list of what will be accepted is available at the website www.RecycleYourOldTV.org.



Recycle Your Electronics for FREE*!

Including CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) Monitors and TVs (limit of 2 CRTs per resident)



Saturday | June 12, 2021 | 9am-1pm
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*For restrictions and event details, visit RecycleYourOldTV.org or call (402) 805-4985

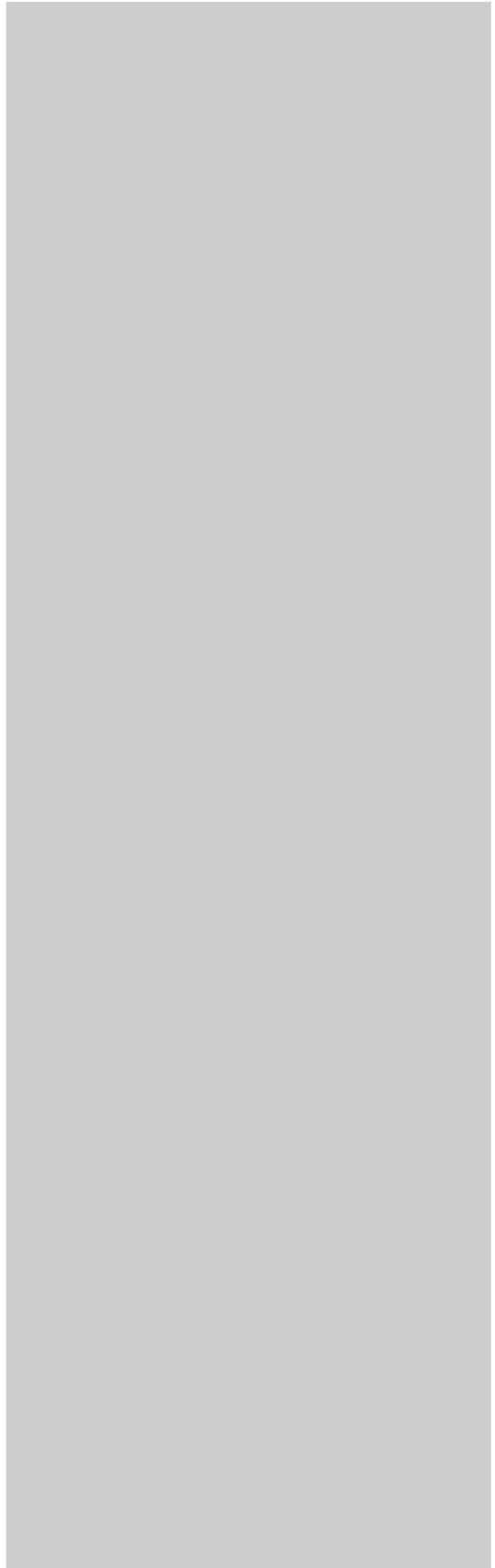


Habitat for Humanity of Omaha - ReStore Deconstruction Program

In May 2021, Film Streams in Omaha collaborated with Habitat for Humanity Omaha ReStore and partner contractor Blair Freeman in Habitat Deconstruction Program to remove over 300 pedestal style cinema seats from Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, built in 2007. The seats were in excellent condition at the time of removal and rather than head to the landfill, Omaha Habitat ReStore was able to find homes for all 300 seats at two regional Historic Theaters. Film Streams is completing capital improvements ahead of the theater's 14th anniversary year in July 2021. Together they saved over 18,750 cubic feet from the local landfill using funds awarded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust during this project. It was a real success for two Omaha non-profits to collaborate on the project during such a challenging time of economic rebound.



Bird Walks: Natural Legacy Demonstration Sites



Bring your binoculars and walking shoes and join Nebraska Game and Parks' Watchable Wildlife Biologist for an exploration of birds at Nebraska Natural Legacy Demonstration Sites around the state. The upcoming walks are scheduled for Saturday June 12 at 8:00 am at Frank Shoemaker Marsh in Lincoln, August 21 at Ponca State Park, and August 28 at Fort Robinson State Park. For more information about these events visit the Nebraska Game and Parks Calendar (<https://calendar.outdoornebraska.gov/>) and the Nebraska Watchable Wildlife Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaWatchableWildlife>) or reach out to Olivia DaRugna at olivia.darugna@nebraska.gov.

2021 Calendar:

- Monday/Tuesday, August 2-3, 2021 - 3rd Quarter Board Meeting - TBD
 - Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - Grants Deadline
 - Thursday, November 4, 2021 - 4th Quarter Board Meeting - Ferguson House
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