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Hitchcock Nature Center Announces A Pottawattamie County Almanac with Ron Cisar

Honey Creek, IA – Join us at Hitchcock Nature Center for a new program guided by Aldo Leopold's classic work, *A Sand County Almanac*.

Classes will occur at Hitchcock Nature Center and will follow the natural rhythms and timings of Pottawattamie County's Midwestern setting. Activities will provide students with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the natural world around them and will include guided hikes, aquatic studies, native prairie and woodland investigations, guest lectures, journaling, sketching, invasive species studies, and more. Classes will occur monthly, March through December, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the below dates.

March 10th, 2018 - Free Introductory Session

March 24th, 2018

April 14th, 2018

May 12th, 2018

June 9th, 2018

July 14th, 2018

August 11th, 2018

September 8th, 2018

October 13th, 2018

November 10th, 2018

December 15th, 2018

A Pottawattamie County Almanac is intended for people of all experience levels and walks of life, and from all areas of the Midwest; anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Participants should note that classes will be held at Hitchcock Nature Center, located on the western edge of Iowa's Loess Hills and will at times require pedestrian travel over difficult terrain; some sessions may be physically challenging. Much of each session will occur out-of-doors and participants should come prepared for weather and the elements.

To maintain an effective teacher-to-student ratio, class size will be limited and early registration is encouraged. This program will begin with a free, introductory session to be held March 10th. Following the introductory session attendees may reserve their seat in all 10 program sessions for \$75.00 per person. While intended to be taken as a series, attendees may also choose to attend individual sessions for \$15.00 per class per person. Please understand that space in individual classes is subject to availability. Please visit www.pottcoconservation.com to register online. Please call 712-545-3283 for more information.

In his classic work, A Sand County Almanac, Aldo Leopold stressed the importance of the individual's responsibility in caring for the health of the land through the development of one's own "ecological conscience" and "land ethic". Nearly 70 years later, our nation's landscape is waning but Leopold's vision for the individual is no less diminished. A Pottawattamie County Almanac, instructed by Ron Cisar, is a 10-month series of classes inspired and guided by Leopold's best known work, his lasting legacy, and his challenge to future generations.

Hitchcock Nature Center 27792 Ski Hill Loop, Honey Creek, IA 51542

Directions: From Interstate I-29 take the Crescent exit and travel east to the Old Lincoln Highway. Hitchcock Nature Center is located 5 miles north of Crescent off of the Old Lincoln Highway.

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