Weekly Wild Wednesday July 27*, 2021 What a Week of Wild Prairie Admiration!



Take a Walk at The Flathers – Wetmore Pioneer Memorial Prairie

Mark Wetmore invites you to visit his prairie restoration near Anthon at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 24. This will be a guided visit on mowed paths, so please be there by 10 a.m.

The Flathers – Wetmore Pioneer Memorial Prairie is an 80-acre tallgrass prairie recreation, intended to honor the first homesteaders, and to permanently showcase an example of the habitat that was here when they arrived in 1867.

LOCATION: It is between Moville and Correctionville, about a mile south of Hwy 20 on Lee Ave. (L21), the road to Anthon. It's just south and across the road from the Rock Branch Methodist Church. You can't



Flathers - Wetmore Pioneer Memorial Prairie

When this community was homesteaded in 1867, the land was a sea of grass and wildflowers, a landscape gradually established after the retreat of the glaciers began 14,000 years ago. Rebounding from the Civil War, with faith, intelligence, bravery, grit, and an enormous amount of work, the men and women who settled here made better lives for their families and for the generations following them. The tallgrass prairie became some of the best farm land on earth,

To honor their efforts, remaind us of what was here before them, and re-establish a tiny bit of that hist habitat, these eighty acres are being permanently restored as closely as possible to what the original prairie was. The site is dedicated to our ancestors, the fullgrass pioneers.

Seeled with no flower species, plus 24 grasses and sedges, beginning in early 2016, it will take several years to regain a true prairie appearance.

Visitors are welcome to walls through it, enjoy the flowers, birds, butterflies, and all the diverse 15-624-3748

Such a treat! Mark invited Loess Hills Wild Ones, Neighbors, and Friends to tour the Flathers-Wetmore Pioneer Memorial Prairie! It is open for visits, so take a road trip following the directions below and see this stunning restoration! It is currently in full bloom and speaking of full-

Life is abundant in this gorgeous prairie-

> Color, Movement. Sound!



The pots started earlier this Spring-- with Wild Strawberries as the Spiller, and Lance Leaf Coreopsis as the Thriller-- look stunning!



Wild Native Plants can be just as exciting as annuals, and serve a purpose!

Butterflies and bees are visiting these pots each day!



Dr. Michelle from Family Pet at Perry Creek invited us to come look at some sites that are all prepared for Nature Gardening!

This business borders directly onto Perry Creek, which is a natural wildlife corridor!

We hope to start with a Prairie Patch in the back, and if this goes well, hopefully expand to a few formal Native plants as specimen examples in the more formal beds. Thank you, Michelle, for this awesome opportunity to support Nature around businesses!







At the Wild Mess In Progress, we sheet mulched for a new garden to be installed in Spring! We can hardly wait to see how this one turns out!





At the Dorothy

Pecaut Nature Center, the Partridge Pea was in full bloom, and attracting a lot of Bumble Bees! They refused to pose for a photo...



Never underestimate the value of a deck herb garden, or deck pots for Pollinators! The value of a small garden or some pots cannot be overemphasized! Anyone can do this and share their bounty with the Swallowtail Caterpillars growing strong!

Plenty of Dill and Parsley for All of Us!



Wishing you a week filled with "Wild Adventures"!

