

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

What a Week of "Wild Events!"

**Please Join Us!**



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**Adopt-a-Street Clean-Up: Lincoln Way**

**Sunday, October 19th, 2025**

**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Central Time)**

**South Ravine Park - Parking Lot, Sioux City, IA, 51106**

Join us to clean up a section of Lincoln Way along Sioux City's South Ravine Park. We'll meet at the gravel parking lot at S. Ravine Park-- which is just East of the intersection of Lincoln Way and S. Lewis Boulevard in Sioux City, IA.

Hi-visibility vests and large orange plastic bags for collecting trash will be provided! Bring your own drinking water, trash picker, garden gloves, and wear sturdy walking shoes.

**Afterwards, join us for a FEAST at Tom and Cheri's!**

Volunteers are providing (so far) Marcie's Mom's Famous Sloppy Joe's, Pineapple and Mandarin Coleslaw, Chips, Sides, Desserts and MORE at the Stewart's Hilltop Gardens! We can hardly wait!!



Seed Harvest at Hilltop Gardens went SO well yesterday! We were initially very worried because it looked like RAIN was on its way, but luckily it skirted Hilltop! Whew!!

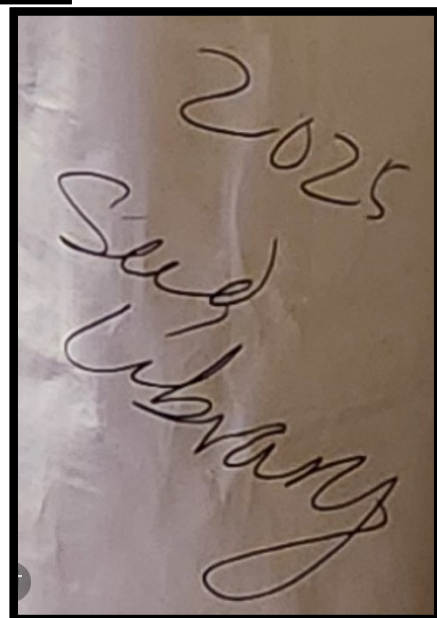
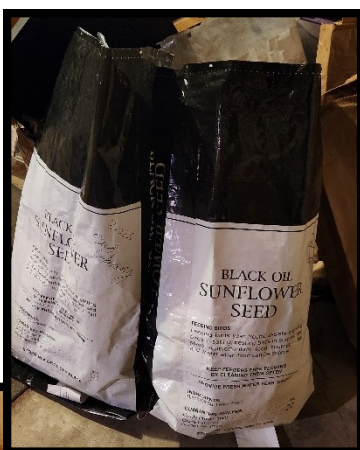


We were lucky enough to see the turkeys taking a bath! Cheri made these concrete casts over cardboard boxes! Gorgeous!



We put our Manila envelopes and small bags into BIG bags (below) to take home for processing!

I made another taller faux rock bird bath and it seems to have attracted taller birds!



THANK YOU to everyone who helped gather fresh 2025 seed for the Seed Library!! Thank you, Tom and Cheri for sharing Hilltop Gardens Native Seeds for ALL to share at Dorothy Pecaut!!



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### INHF and partners celebrate opening new tract in Loess Hills State Forest

Last Friday, INHF and our partners at the Iowa DNR celebrated with a ribbon cutting at the former Little Sioux Scout Ranch. More than 100 neighbors and supporters of the project joined in to learn more, explore and celebrate the new addition to the Loess Hill State Forest. Permanently protected, residents and visitors of Iowa can continue to forge a connection with nature and enjoy remote camping, hiking, fishing, hunting and other forms of outdoor recreation across the nearly 1,800-acre former scout camp. Learn more about the project [here](#).

A few weeks ago, Dawn and I were so lucky to be a part of the Ribbon Cutting at the Little Scout Ranch! It was a bittersweet but peaceful event, with happy and sad tears for all the history involved in this location.

The good news is, it is protected land for all to visit!!

← Click photo for links!

Our friend Rosie who could not be there was WELL represented by Dawn and me with "Rosie on a Stick!"

"Rosie on a Stick" went on hikes and even an overnight campout and LOHI Scout with Golden Hills RC&D and friends! See arrow for Rosie at the ribbon cutting!

Thank you to these lead donors:

-Iowa West Foundation and Bob & Polina Schlott have both contributed \$500,000.

-Gilchrist Foundation contributed a gift of \$300,000.

-MidAmerican Energy Foundation contributed \$250,000.

Come to the Little Sioux Scout Ranch ribbon cutting ceremony (2-4pm), then stay for an overnight camp-out with a guided hike on Saturday.

This is a self-supported LOHI outing, so bring your own tent, gear, food, cook stove, etc.

Portable toilets will be available. Water will be available along the route.

More details and registration at:  
[goldenhillsrcd.org/lohi](http://goldenhillsrcd.org/lohi)



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Thank you for joining  
us for the Little Sioux Scout  
Ranch donor celebration!

Your friends at INHF,

Thanks for  
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Rosie! Nice to  
see you, Ruth.  
-Aby

Thank you!  
Joe

Thank you Ruth!  
Ross

Thanks!  
Heather

Thank you!  
-Joe J.

Thank you!  
Quia

Thank you!  
Stacie

Wonderful to see you! Erin Griffin

Thanks Seth! →

Thanks LOHI!



Thanks Dawn,  
REAL Rosie,  
&  
"Rosie on a Stick"

For all the  
Laughter and FUN!!

*Wishing you a week filled with "Wild Events!"*

