



# Snake Signals

Spring 2022



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## Park Improvement Projects

### **General Parks/Accesses**

- Replaced some park entrance sign boards
- Checked various wood duck boxes located in several parks

### **Martins Access**

- Removed down trees across the trails

### **Silver Sioux**

- Removed branches that were hanging low across the roads

Rough-legged Hawk at Stiles Preserve by Aurelia



## Seasonal Campsites

Want a campsite for the summer at Martins Access or Silver Sioux? Our seasonal campsites include a cement pad and patio, picnic table, fire ring, and full hook-ups. Rent one for the entire camping season (May-October) for \$2,500.00. Secure your site by calling Laura at 712-225-6709 or e-mailing cccbblaura@gmail.com. Sites are limited and are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## Reminders & Updates

- Hunting seasons are open in several county areas. Please follow all state and federal hunting and trapping laws.
- ATVs/UTVs are prohibited in all county parks by law.
- Equestrian trails are closed until June 1st.
- Check cabin, lodge, Tom's cabin, or barn availability with our [online calendar](#).
- Stay up-to-date by liking us on Facebook!





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## We're hiring!

We are looking for highly motivated individuals that enjoy doing a variety of things in the outdoors as a Seasonal Park Technician (summer only). If you're interested or know someone that is, please visit the Employment page of our website at [www.cherokeecountyparks.com](http://www.cherokeecountyparks.com). There is an employment application and job description. **Applications are due at noon on Friday, March 18th.**



## Welcome to the Team!



Kyle Van Der Stoep started in February as our new Conservation Technician. He grew up in Maurice, IA, then received a Bachelor's degree from University of South Dakota in Conservation Biology. Prior to coming to the CCCB, he worked with Plymouth County Conservation, for an arborist, and a landscaping company. Kyle also volunteered his time with several conservation organizations. Be sure to say hello when you see him out in the parks!

## Summer Camps

Keep your eyes peeled for our summer events! Camps and summer activities are typically announced at the end of April/beginning of May on Facebook and our website. Registration is required for all camps. There is a fee for one camp, but the rest are free!



## Cherokee Chapter of Pheasants Forever

### Pheasants Forever Banquet

The 35th Annual Cherokee County Pheasants Forever Banquet is scheduled for March 19th at the Little Sioux Event Center (old Cherokee Bowl). Contact any committee member with questions or concerns. Doors open at 5:30pm and programming begins at 7:00pm.



**If you have any questions about these events or have food plot seed needs, contact Scott Osborn by calling 229-5268.**

**The Cherokee Chapter of Pheasants Forever is sponsoring one \$1,000 college scholarship that is available for anyone going towards a degree in the natural resources field. Contact Brian Lauck at 712-225-2810 for more information.**