

## Hausmann Nature Center

The Center opened to visitors on July 21 with hours from Noon-4PM on weekends. October 28 was our last day. In 2013, the plan is to be open from May 1-Oct 31. From the Guest book and counts, approximately 900-1000 people visited, several from other States and Countries.

The Center is staffed by volunteers from the Friends and the Community who have all done a great job and we appreciate their time , assistance and suggestions. We look forward to seeing them again next year.

Several exhibits are completed or nearing completion with others planned as funds become available. Grants have been applied for and those efforts will be continued.

The Coneflower Gift Shop opened for business in August and sales have met expectations for the short time it has been in operation. There were a few weekends that traffic was very low and weather kept us closed once in Oct.

The Children's Activity Area was very popular and we were fortunate to have Marilyn Winter providing displays, educational and fun projects. The kids loved watching the birds at the feeders outside the windows.

Thanks to Dick Haas for the use of his viewing scope on the Observational deck. Another popular spot.

The future holds many possibilities for the Center with its beautiful views and features. Your suggestions are appreciated.

Thank you to all the Friends Board and members, Community members and to Paul Sandgren for their dedication to this project.

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