

# THE CHINKAPIN



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## Photos Milford State Park and Milford Nature Center



Milford Nature Center has a new photo op! Here's Jen modeling the Monarch wings.



April's Walk with Friends at the trailhead to Radio Tower Trail.



Green moss on the Radio Tower Trail at the State Park.



An orphaned squirrel in the hands of a wildlife rehabber.

## A Message from the President



We've been welcoming lots of new members to the group in the last couple of months! I encourage all members to reach out to me or other members of the board with ideas for membership incentives and events you'd like to see at the State Park or Nature Center. Our Secretary/Treasurer is Kim Bontrager, our Vice President is Justin Jones. Our Board also includes the director of the Milford Nature Center, Pat Silovsky and the State Park Manager, Kyle Hoover. We would all love to hear from you! Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 20 at 5 p.m. at the Nature Center. It would be great to hear some of your ideas at that meeting. See you on May 1 for the next Walk with Friends.

Your Friend, Amber Myers

## Milford Nature Center Happenings

Baby animals have started to arrive at the Starbird Education Building rehab room. We have already received numerous squirrels, rabbits and opossums. The months March through July are extremely busy with wildlife rehabilitation. Our staff put in long hours and often take babies home to feed them through the night. We are always looking for volunteers to help with lots of things at the nature center. Please give us a call if you are interested in helping. We appreciate folks to help us clean, groundskeeping, and even helping at the cash register in the nature center. Give Pat Silovsky a call at 785-238-5323.

## Milford State Park Happenings

State Park staff have been getting the campgrounds ready for busy season! Maintenance Supervisor Cody, reports that all restroom facilities, except Cedar Point Campground, are back open now. Cedar Point Campground was hit hard by the flooding in 2019 and repairs are still underway. Some trees will be planted on April 24 with the help of volunteers.

Coca-Cola vending machines are being delivered this month to each campground in addition to the one at the main entrance to the park. The machines help support the Friends Group. Firewood sales proceeds also help support the group. See your camp host for firewood.

# Upcoming Events

**April 24 2pm Earth Day Clean-up** Join us at the State Park office to help some clean-up and tree plantings around the park! For more info, call 238-3014.

**May 1 10am-noon Walk with Friends** at the State Park's Eagle Ridge Trail. The trail is just over 6 miles in length. We will be planning to do about half. Please meet at the Eagle Ridge Trailhead just before you enter the Eagle Ridge Campground. GPS Location: 39.09893637252367, -96.90723774661843

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