

THE CHINKAPIN

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Photos from Milford State Park and Milford Nature



Lurch, the Turkey Vulture is enjoying his new perch which is covered with a gray carpet.



Milford Nature Center staff travelled all over North Central and NE Kansas with the education opossum for Summer Library programs.



An orphaned Virginia Opossum in the care of Milford Nature Center.



Summer Splash event was held at the new Splash Pad at Milford State Park.

A Message from the President



The holiday light event is still being planned. We've decided on the name *Milford Isle of Lights*. The drive through display will be at Prairie View Campground from December 4-12th. We've already received many donations of string lights and purchased some wonderful ready-made displays. We would love to have your help with setting up, testing light strings and replacing bulbs, or even building displays. Please send me an email if you are interested in helping! We missed two Walk with Friends events this summer, but plan to do the September walk on the 4th at 10 am. Please join us! Your Friend, Amber Myers



Milford Nature Center Happenings

After 13 1/2 years of service to the Wildlife and Nature Education initiatives of Milford Nature Center, Assistant Director, Vanessa Avara has retired! We appreciate all she has done and wish her a happy retirement!

We've been hard at work upgrading the inside furnishings of the raptor cages for the comfort of the birds.

We are in the process of additional cage enhancements and improvements behind the scenes, which will help facilitate even better care of the animals.

Milford State Park Happenings

It's been a busy summer at the State Park. The 2021 Juneteenth Celebration was hosted at the park, and attendees broke gatehouse records for attendance! The roof on the Viewing Tower has been replaced, a new sprung hut has been placed at the South Boat ramp, and new pump head station for sailboats was installed. Shelters and restrooms also received a new coat of paint. The Milford Friends Group building in Cedar Point Campground has now been decorated with the Friends Group Logo.



Upcoming Events

Sept 4 10am-noon Walk with Friends Join us on the Eagle Ridge Trail for a Walk with Milford Friends Group. Dogs with leashes are welcome. This is an all ages walk, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The trail is unpaved and the terrain is generally uneven, with some mild uphill and downhill slopes.

Dec. 4-12 6-8:30 Milford Isle of Lights Prairie View Campground at Milford State Park \$10 donation per vehicle, plus State Park vehicle pass.

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