



Big Bluestem Flyer

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Upcoming Programs

May 17—*ISU Wildlife Care Clinic*

Jason Foster from the ISU Wildlife Care Clinic will be presenting the talk about the Iowa State University's Wildlife Care Clinic.

The program will involve a discussion of the natural history and patient case information on several raptor species native to Iowa. Live birds will be used during the program.

Jason is a senior in animal ecology at Iowa State with hopes of pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine upon graduation. He has been employed by the clinic for a little over a year. Come enjoy this fascinating evening with Jason and his birds.

June 2—*Annual Birder's Brunch*

Meet in the upper Ledges at the Ledges State Park south of Boone at 8:00 a.m. We'll hike down the hill and have brunch in the lower Ledges. Please bring a food item to share. If you have questions, please call Carol Berrier (515-965-8242).

Program meetings are held monthly, September-May (except December) on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Room 2532 Veterinary Medicine Building, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. If you need directions, please see the map on the back of the Events Calendar. If you would like to meet and dine with the speaker and the BBAS board before the monthly meeting, please call John Snyder, 515-232-8824, to confirm space and location.

Audubon's Wetland Discovery Workshop is May 19th

Join Audubon Iowa and the National Audubon Society Wetlands Campaign on Saturday May 19, 2001 for a "Wetland Discovery Workshop" at Harrier Marsh, near Ogden in central Iowa. Experience a wetland firsthand with a discovery tour at Harrier Marsh. Yellow-headed Blackbirds will be in full song, and the marsh will be full of springtime activity.

Learn to recognize a wetland, understand the importance of wetlands for water quality and take a grassroots approach to saving wetlands. The indoor program starts at the Leonard Good Community Center on the west side of Ogden at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required, and lunch will be provided. Talks include Iowa Wetlands: Past and Present, How to Recognize a Wetland, Importance of Wetlands in the Watershed: Flooding and Water Quality, Maps of Existing and Past Wetlands, Chichaqua Bottoms: A Wetland Protection Success Story, and A Grassroots Approach to Saving Wetlands.

Speakers will include Dr. Jim Dinsmore- Iowa State University, Beth Lapin-National Audubon Society Wetlands Campaign, Rod Hanson- US Fish and Wildlife Service at Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge, Loren Lown- Polk County Conservation Board, Scott Peterson- Iowa DNR, plus other wetland experts.

The Wetland Discovery Tour to experience the birds, plant and animal life of Harrier Marsh will begin at 2 p.m. and is open to conference registrants. Dress for the weather, rain or shine, and expect to get wet feet.

Advance Registration Required by May 11, 2001. Cost is \$10 (students \$5) which includes lunch. **To register, phone the Audubon Iowa Office 515-727-4271 or contact Paul Zeph, pzeph@audubon.org, then pay at the door, or send a check for \$10 to Audubon Iowa, P.O. Box 71174, Des Moines, Iowa, 50325**

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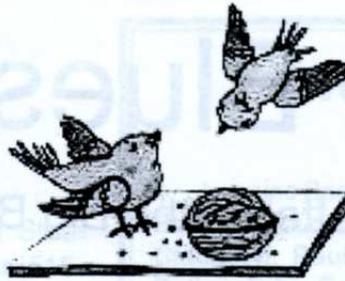
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Beyond the Backyard

Karl Jungbluth,
President

This is our last newsletter until late summer, so don't miss out on the great field trips we have planned. Migration provides a constant source of wonder for me. The first Brown Thrasher of the year, raptors soaring overhead and new birds arriving at the marsh- these events keep drawing me outside to watch for more.

Fulfilling, exhilarating experiences can be self-created as well. Jane Clark, Carmen and I traveled to Lake City, Iowa recently to talk about birds, landscaping for wildlife, and Audubon. The welcome we received was simply wonderful! Sixty-five people turned out. They wanted to learn about birds, help birds, attract birds and tell their stories. They were a lot like us, but there is no Audubon chapter near Lake City. The program reminded me to not overlook the numerous opportunities we have to educate and inspire others close to home. And, when we volunteer, we *do* make a difference.

Three young children were in the audience. They went home and immediately began planning shrub plantings and creating brush piles to protect their birds! The young tikes were also discussing how to keep the birds safe from their farm cats. Their mother deserves a big thanks for bringing them to the program, and telling their story.

Our hosts on that day, Faith and Gabriel Blaskovich, inspired me as well. Faith designed our thought-provoking program for the Lake City area library. And, Gabe is working with his neighbors to reduce erosion and improve habitat along Purgatory Creek. He sets an example with his own grazing practices, and is working beyond his backyard to improve farm policy.

Since the school year is winding down, I'd like to play teacher and make three more assignments for the rest of the year.

1. Participate in Birdathon. Raise a few pledges, take some friends and family birding on May 12th, and have fun! If you can't do that, please be a sponsor.
2. Bring a friend to our May 17th general meeting, it's "Bring a Guest" day. Can WE get 65 people at a meeting?
3. Enjoy spring and the migration sensation outdoors, while you ponder becoming a little more active in Big Bluestem Audubon.

Get your homework done early, then top off the spring with a picnic, either at our Birder's Brunch on June 2nd, or at the Birdathon Wrap-up Party on June 14th. Our fact-filled newsletter contains the details.

The mission of the Big Bluestem Audubon Society is to enjoy the observation and study of birds and natural ecosystems, contribute to their preservation and restoration, and engage in educational activities to benefit humanity, and to gain a broader understanding and deeper appreciation of the world we live in.

Newsletter deadline:
August 17—2 p.m.



Conservation Corner

Linda Bystrak

NatureMapping Update

John Snyder, Wolf Oesterreich, Joyce and Jon Bahrenfus, Dr. Dinsmore, my husband Paul and I have all had several meetings this year with BBAS member and Nature Mapping coordinator Jason O'Brien. After considerable discussion we have come up with a two-part plan for BBAS.

The first part of our plan involves training the 17 new BBAS volunteers and getting them on-line, monitoring and recording the birds they see around their own property. Jason has assigned BBAS volunteers a special code to use when logging on to the web site. Our committee members will have already determined the UTM coordinates for the volunteers' yards, and registered their position. Then when the committee member stops by to drop off the information packet, the new volunteer will be able to log in right away. Each volunteer will be assisted with determining the habitat code for their yard from a list of habitats. They will also be given a list of birds found in Iowa and the four letter code used by Iowa DNR. Volunteers will be encouraged to monitor their yard for other vertebrates as well.

The second part of the plan includes using our field trips to collect data for Nature Mapping on the natural areas in Boone and Story counties. Volunteers will be assigning UTM coordinates to each of the birding sites in Boone and also those listed in the back of "Birds of Story County". The coordinates will then be published in an upcoming edition of the newsletter for our members to use to record the birds/animals seen while visiting that site.

Why are we going to all this trouble to collect all this information? Because we need more monitors than government agencies can provide. And we need information in order to document where our most important wildlife habitats are, to make resource management choices, evaluate protection programs and policies, and secure funding to protect some of these special areas that are not yet protected. And last, but not least, is the educational value monitoring provides. We hope that all our volunteers will improve their birding skills by participating in this program, and feel good about having participated in such a worthy project. Our thanks to those 17 members who volunteered to be the first to sign up for this endeavor!

Iowa Executive Director's Column



Paul Zeph
Executive Director,
Audubon Iowa

Adults and kids were invited to help with the first-ever Statewide Prairie Rescue, a volunteer workday event for Earth Day. The workday event was held simultaneously at 21 locations throughout the state. All events were held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 21. The event was cosponsored by the Audubon Society of Iowa, the Loess Hills Preservation Society, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, AmeriCorps, the Iowa Prairie Network, the Volunteer Conservation Corps and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

All rescue sites contain native prairie, a scarce resource in Iowa. At one time prairie covered almost 80 percent of the state, but now 99 percent of Iowa's original prairie is gone. Though Iowa's prairies once maintained themselves through fire and other natural means, many of the remaining prairies require human intervention to keep them healthy.

The primary volunteer task was cutting and removing invader trees and brush from Iowa's prairie remnants. In addition, on-site experts provided guidance and prairie education so that participants could learn about the value and diversity of the native prairie they were helping to save.

"You can't see a prairie by driving by it," said Jim Nedtwig of the Iowa Prairie Network. "You have to get out of the car and get in it to see the diversity." A good time was had by all.

Remember—The May general meeting has been designated "New Member/Bring a Guest" meeting. Let's see how many people we can bring to see birds up close and enjoy a fun evening with Jason from the Wildlife Care Clinic located in the Veterinary College.

Cyber Birdin – Surf'n the Net

Paul Bystrak and Kevin Healy



Notes From the Field Trips

(Reports submitted by Trip Leaders)

We have shown you how to use the internet to find good birding spots when you are traveling, and how to obtain check lists of birds found there; but, what you would really like is to find a way to meet someone there who knows the birds in the local area. That's the premise of a web site called Birding Pal (www.birdingpal.com).

At this site you can find the name and e-mail address of a volunteer local guide for many places in the world. Or you can volunteer to be a birding pal by signing up online. It's an easy site to use - you click on a series of maps until you reach the area you are interested in. The Iowa page, for example, lists 6 potential birding pals. Just as important, it also has hyperlinks to the web sites of the various birding organizations in the state, so you can check them for additional local information. Even if you are not interested in locating a birding pal, it would be handy to a traveler because of the hyperlinks. As might be expected, there is a page of advice and disclaimers that you should read before using the site. It's an interesting concept that makes use of the extraordinary connectivity of the Internet, and one that may be worth investigating before your next trip. There may be a birding pal there for you!

Got Suggestions?

If you have suggestions for field trips and programs next year, we want to hear them! Do you want more beginner birding opportunities, birdin' and bikin', all-day trips or one-hour walks? Is there a specific bird you'd like to see? Let us know. The same goes for programs. Do you want pretty pictures, lots of science, meetings with other environmental groups, or a program for kids?

Send ALL of your ideas to Jeff Nichols (Field Trip Chair), John Snyder (Program Chair) or Karl Jungbluth (President). Our contact information is on Page 2 of the newsletter. We'll review the input at our July 18 planning meeting

Field trip to Bay's Branch, Lakin Slough, and Snake Creek Marsh- On March 24 a small hardy group of Big Bluestem birders set out on a field trip to see waterfowl and other early migrating birds. It was a very cold morning, and ice had formed overnight on most of the sheet water and other open water areas that had harbored good concentrations of birds just a few days earlier. We were not real optimistic about our birding as we left Ames, but before the trip was over the group saw nearly 60 different species of birds. The birds were more concentrated in the few open water areas, but perseverance paid off. We saw the majority of the usual spring migrating duck species, 3 species of geese, rusty blackbirds, a great-horned owl on its nest, common snipe, bluebird, and numerous others.

Field Trip to Southeast Iowa. On Saturday, April 7, six adventurous BBAS members led by Paul Bystrak met in Burlington to do some birdwatching in southeast Iowa. We were fortunate to be joined by a local guide, Chuck Fuller, who knew of places that we would not have found otherwise. Amanda Allworth, an ISU student, who was assigned to study us for a class project, also joined us. Chuck took us to a local place where everyone got to see one of our target species, the Eurasian Tree Sparrow. We next drove to the Horseshoe Bend area of the Mark Twain NWR, where we added a variety of bottomland species, ducks, and shorebirds including good looks at Red-headed Woodpeckers, a flock of Pectoral Sandpipers, and Common Snipe. Next stop was the Odessa Bottoms of Mark Twain NWR, where we added both yellowlegs and American White Pelicans. Final stop was Cone Marsh, where we added some more duck species and a great look at a Cooper's hawk. Altogether, we had about 55 species before the wind came up and convinced us to head for home.

2001: A Crane Odyssey Field Trip, 16-18 March 2001. Jeff Nichols, Field Trip Leader. Six Ames BBAS members traveled to Kearney, Nebraska, to participate in Audubon Nebraska's Rivers and Wildlife Celebration, "2001: A Crane Odyssey." Our journey began as usual in a raging mid-Iowa snowstorm, with traffic near Des Moines moving at a crawl. By the time we reached Adair, the snow had abated, and we arrived in Kearney in time for the first presentation of the conference at 2:30. Paul Tebbel, Manager of Audubon Nebraska's Rowe Sanctuary, and James Harris, President of the International Crane Foundation, began the conference with an overview of Sandhill Crane biology, behavior, and current conservation status.

In the evening, we embarked on the first conference field trip. Four vanloads traveled to the Lillian Annette Rowe Sanctuary, located on the south side of the Platte River. En route, we saw hundreds of Sandhill Cranes feeding on waste grain in the surrounding fields. The

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Audubon Iowa
WETLAND DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

Leonard Good Community Center
Harrier Marsh
Ogden, Iowa

PROGRAM
May 19, 2001

- 8:30 Registration opens—**
- 9:30 Introductory remarks—**Karl Jungbluth, Audubon Iowa Board President
- 9:45 Iowa Wetlands Past & Present: An Overview**
Dr. Jim Dinsmore, Iowa State University
- 10:30 How to Recognize a Wetland**
Rod Hansen, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Union Slough NWR
- 10:55 Break**
- 11:10 Importance of Wetlands in the Watershed: Flooding & Water Quality**
Beth Lapin, National Audubon Society Wetlands Campaign, Washington, D.C.
- 11:35 Maps of Existing and Past Wetlands in Iowa through GIS**
Kathryne Clark, Iowa DNR
- Noon Lunch-** provided with registration
- 12:30 DNR and Corps of Engineers wetland permitting procedures**
Ralph Turkle, Iowa DNR Water Resources Bureau
- 1:00 Chichaqua Bottoms: A Success Story- Working with Wetland Programs and Regulations to Protect 6000 Acres**
Loren Lown, Polk County Conservation Board
- 1:20 A Grassroots Approach to Saving Wetlands**
Beth Lapin, National Audubon Society Wetlands Campaign, Washington, D.C.
- 2:00-4:30 Field Trip: Harrier Marsh Discovery Tour**
RAIN or SHINE... Please dress appropriately!

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Big Bluestem Audubon Society Budget

Income	Adopted 2000-2001	Proposed 2001-2002
National Audubon Society Rebate	2100.00	3500.00
Memorials	0.00	0.00
Bird-a-Thon	5000.00	5000.00
Coupons (Brekke's & Wild Birds Unlimited)	225.00	0.00
Donations	225.00	0.00
Newsletter	75.00	75.00
Book Sales (County Books)	500.00	1500.00
T-shirts & Buttons	60.00	0.00
Raffles	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	425.00
Total	\$8185.00	\$10500.00

Expenses	Adopted 2000-2001	Proposed 2001-2002
National Audubon & Audubon Iowa	575.00	2700.00
Field Trips & Meeting Programs	150.00	100.00
Board Expenses & Insurance	395.00	400.00
Newsletters	1700.00	1800.00
Book Printing (County Birds)	900.00	900.00
Educational and Conservation Projects	600.00	4100.00
Other	3000.00	0.00
Total	\$7320.00	\$10000.00

Balance brought forward from previous year: \$2680.68

Cash on hand as of April 10, 2001: \$2907.29

Audubon Ark

The Upper Mississippi River Campaign needs financial support to build it's education and research boat, the "Audubon Ark" and to underwrite it's summer educational trips. To encourage contributions, they are having prize drawings on May 11, 2001 and again on June 22, 2001.

- Contribute \$100 or more, and you'll be entered in the Grand Prize drawing for a weekend on the Audubon Ark in September.
- Contribute \$50 or more, and you'll be entered in the First Prize drawing for a weekend in a river town Bed and Breakfast, including guided backwater trips on the Mississippi River.
- Contribute \$5 or more, and you could win prizes from Red Wing Shoes, Wenonah Canoe and La Crosse Boots.

For more information, or to mail your contribution, contact: National Audubon Society, Upper Mississippi River Campaign, 26 East Exchange Street, Suite 110, St. Paul, MN 55101. Phone 651-290-1695

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Sanctuary itself is headquartered in an old farmhouse, although a new education/nature center is reportedly under development. (For more information on the Sanctuary, call 308-468-5282 or send e-mail to ROWE@NCTC.NET). After a brief orientation at the Sanctuary headquarters, we followed a footpath to a large blind on the riverbank. As dusk approached, the cranes returned to the river in ever-increasing numbers. After an hour or two, the Platte was nearly covered with thousands of cranes as well as geese and ducks. In addition, we enjoyed a truly beautiful sunset and temperatures in the upper 40s.

On Saturday, the Festival provided a full-course breakfast for some of us. Donna Flanagan, however, had the opportunity to go birding that morning with Pete Dunne, Director of the Cape May Bird Observatory (New Jersey) and author of numerous popular books on birding. After breakfast, Annamarie Oesterreich attended the "Nature Nuts!" Children's Program. The rest of us toured the Rainwater Basin south of Kearney. At all times, the air and farm fields were filled with Snow, Greater White-fronted, and Canada Geese and at least fourteen duck species, including lots of Northern Pintails. At one large pond, we saw Black-tailed Prairie Dogs and more than 300,000 snow geese! As for birds of prey, Northern Harriers, Rough-legged Hawks, and Red-tailed Hawks were plentiful. We also saw one Accipiter and a few Bald Eagles. Donna saw a Prairie Falcon while birding with Pete.

Lunch was another opportunity to overeat, and we made the most of it. The luncheon speaker was James Harris, who spoke on "Cranes, the Birds of Peace: Trust and Risk in the Cause of Conservation." His talk focused on his experiences with other cultures while attempting to conserve cranes and their habitats. Following lunch, many of us drove across town to Cabela's to shop. We also explored the "Country Store" at the Festival, where birding books, optics, and artwork were for sale, and booths for several conservation organizations were set up.

The next morning, we visited a Prairie-chicken lek near the Kansas-Nebraska border. Although the birds were a considerable distance away, they were clearly visible with spotting scopes, and their "booming" was easily heard. Upon returning to town, we attended a talk by Paul Johnsgard entitled "You Can Take the Prairie-Chicken Out of the Prairie, But You Can't Take the Prairie Out of the Prairie-Chicken." After the talk, we started for home. We had a total of 53 bird species for the trip and a lot of fun.

On **Saturday, April 14**, Wolfgang Oesterreich led a small group on a quick stop at **Harrier Marsh** (Boone County). The Yellow-headed Blackbirds are back. We managed to see 2 through the fog. (By the time the Des Moines Audubon gets there, the fog should have lifted.) Found 10 species of waterfowl, 2 grebes (Pied-billed and Horned), American Coots, a hunting Northern Harrier, several Common Snipes (grassy area along US-30), many Tree Swallows, and 1 Barn Swallow. The lower area of **Ledges** is flooded (where Pease Creek comes in), with the new road just above waterline. Saw the female Pileated Woodpecker fly across the road and enter the nesting cavity. Occasionally, she would stick her head out of the hole. Found 2 Brown Thrashers near the upper prairies. Eastern Bluebirds were everywhere. (The Osprey is still hanging out at Hallett's Quarry.)

Bird Drop-ins

*Sightings by
BBAS Members*



March 2, Gian Dodici saw a meadowlark near the corner of X Avenue and 240th Street in Boone County. At 55 mph, he couldn't tell if it was an eastern or a western.

March 13, Wolfgang Oesterreich reports he has a Northern Shrike visit the yard four times on the 11th and once the 12th. This was the 24th sighting since December 2000. A single "Oregon" Dark-eyed Junco has been seen in the yard every-so-often since October 2000. Twice in March approximately 200 Canada Geese have been flying around the area beginning on the 10th. Some have landed on the ice on Hallett's Quarry. Now there are more than 400 in the area.

April 14, Donna Flanagan reports that East of Hallett's in Ames found a Vesper Sparrow on a gravel road. It landed on a small tree close to the road for a good look at its white eye ring and pink feet.

April 16, Karl Jungbluth reports this isn't a great springtime report, but we had at least 24 chickadees around the feeders this evening. As the snow flurries fell, they were everywhere, mixing in with the nuthatches and the titmice. Also, there were 2 Harris's Sparrows and a handful of Chipping Sparrows. They have seen a Red-breasted Nuthatch on-and-off for the past couple of weeks, including Sunday.

Nominations Committee Report

The Nominations Committee submits the following slate of candidates for election at the May meeting of the Big Bluestem Audubon Society: President—Karl Jungbluth, Vice-President—John Pohlman, Secretary—Mary Doud, Treasurer—Donna Flanagan. Board Members: Paul Bystrak, Jeff Nichols. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

The board is looking for members interested in serving as committee chairs for the 2001/2002 season (specifically for publicity and membership). Talk to any current officers or board members if you are interested.

Birdathon Update- May 12th

Wilder than a walkathon, Audubon Birdathon is a national fundraising event (and the world's biggest birdwatching competition) where volunteers team up to spend a single day counting birds. Sponsors pledge support based upon the number of species seen.

Big Bluestem Audubon invites you to join the fun. Birdathoners raising over \$100 get a logo cap, t-shirt or tote bag, and anyone raising or donating \$30 or more gets a one-year complimentary Audubon membership. We will provide all of the materials you need, and help you find a team if you are a beginner. For more information, contact Karl & Carmen Jungbluth at 515-432-5057 or email bluebird@opencominc.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

NOW—Start collecting pledges

May 12—Birdathon Day! Count birds and have fun!

June 14—Birdathon Party! 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Apartments clubhouse.

Tell stories. Wrap-up the event. Win prizes. Location: in north Ames, take Stange Road north of 24th St. Near the complex's "downtown", turn east. The clubhouse sits out by itself and has a big flagpole. Signs will be posted.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

May 5, 2001- Iowa Bluebird Volunteers- Program and Organizing Meeting 10 AM to 4 PM at McFarland Park just north of Ames. Come and join other bluebird and cavity-nester enthusiasts from throughout Iowa for a fun day of networking, information and ideas. Steve Eno, Executive Director of Bluebirds Across Nebraska will be the special guest speaker. RSVP to Audubon Iowa, 515-727-4271 or

ezeph@audubon.org

September 16—Pelican Watch Festival, Jester Park/Saylorville Lake, Polk County

September 22 & 23—HawkWatch at Effigy Mounds, Marquette

September 28 & 29—Audubon Iowa Annual Conference, Sioux City. Theme: The Missouri River and western Iowa landscape as it looked to Lewis & Clark and John James Audubon during their explorations -- and what we're doing to bring them back. Plus the usual Audubon fun and fellowship!



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Field Trips

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May

- 5 **Wildflowers and birds** of Dolliver State Park. Trip Leader: Mark Widrlechner (515-233-1532).
- 12 **Birdathon!** Join Audubon's all-day birding and fundraising event. Prizes will be awarded. This is also **Iowa Statewide Count Day** and a celebration of **International Migratory Bird Day**. Contact Karl Jungbluth for more information (515-432-5057).
- 13 **Mother's Day Warbler Walk** at McFarland Park. Trip Leader: Kevin Healy (515-233-5914).
- 26 **Waterfowl and shorebird trip** to Colo Ponds and Hendrickson marsh. Meet near the cannon in the parking lot at the Nevada Courthouse at 8:00 a.m. Trip Leader: Hank Zaletel (515-382-5427).

Welcome New Members

Lorraine Bangs, Pearl Beemer, Lisa Breon, Holly Brownfield, Loann Campbell, Judy Chaffee, Kathy Claussen, Pauly Cody, Michele Cooper, Laura Dolley, F.A. Erickson, Shirley Faaborg, Michael Fairchild, Roger Farmer, Alan Flygstad, Sarah Freeman, Lil Gaulke, Mrs. L.L. Graham, Benjamin Gray, Paul Guidetti, Holly Hanlon, Corrine Heimer, Lisa Hein, Jane Ihle, M.L. Jones, Darlene Kalsem, Pamela Keigley, Suzanne Kelly, Jim Kemis, Alveda Kent, Michael Korf, Doris Laughlin, Robert Leacock, Mrs. David Lincoln, Jean Lueders, Janet Luing, Lois Mac Donald, Eileen Marshall, Sue Marshek, James Miller, Carl Moen, B.R. Montgomery, Laurie Moore, Erin Mumma, Ryan O'Rourke, Lori Ostrem, Edward Phillips, Gretta Reischauer, Don Ricketts, Jennifer Riedemann, Kenneth Roberts, Julie Safly, Karl Schloerke, Luella Schlotfelt, Lois Selim, K.D. Simonson, Peggy Smith, Martha Stebelton, Bernard Swanson, Betty Tjelmeland, Pat Volger, Dean Westberg, Matt Wetrich, Rex Wheller, and Elise Wright-Mull

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