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PROJECT UPDATES

Construction of the all-inclusive playground at Cedar River Park will begin in August. The project is funded by Black Hawk County Gaming Association, Bremer County Community Foundation, VGM Group and The City of Waverly.

Thanks to the grant received from the Bremer County Community Foundation, the Economic Development Department of the City was awarded a grant to help enhance the electrical service and add additional power outlets in Kohlmann Park.

The Leisure Services Department was also awarded a grant from Bremer County Community Foundation to help make Juhl Park Playground more inclusive. New swing seats, a climbing feature and an adjustable basketball hoop will be added to the park.

The City of Waverly was awarded 4 gallons of paint to help beautify the Kiwanis Athletic Storage Building through Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant! This project will be tackled on United Way's Day of Caring, September 11, 2024.

Thank you



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INTRODUCING: CODY HEIMAN

Meet Cody Heiman, the newest member of the Waverly Leisure Services Staff. Cody was hired Mid-July to assist in the day-to-day operations of the Parks Department.

Originally from Appleton, WI, he now resides in Waverly with his wife, Corinne, his son, Paxton, and is awaiting the arrival of another son, Aiden, in Mid-August.

Cody has worked in the lawncare/landscape industry for 7.5+ years.

Cody played baseball at Upper Iowa University from 2011-2015 and now enjoys spending free time hunting, running his black lab at Babcock Woods, and taking walks along the city trails with his family.

One of his favorite places in Waverly is the Waverly Golf Course, even if he spends most of the time there looking for his golf balls.

He is looking forward to helping the City of Waverly keep their parks in the best shape possible for the citizens and visitors of Waverly.

We are excited to have Cody on our team in Leisure Services and look forward to what he will bring to the department.



FUN
Facts

According to www.oldest.org, one of the oldest parks, Boston Common, dates back to 1634, making this Massachusetts' park nearly 400 years old! It is located in the heart of downtown and is one of the most visited places in the city to this day.

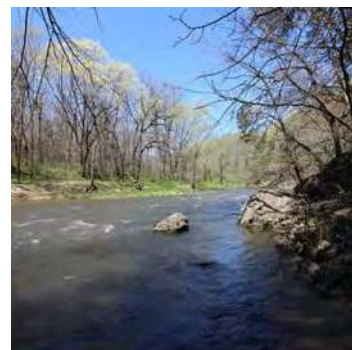
One of the hottest temperatures on earth was recorded in 1913 in Death Valley National Park, registering 134 degrees.

The national parks are home and habitat to more than 400 endangered or threatened plant and animal species.

Based on www.statista.com, there were 1,691 park playgrounds in New York in 2023, making it the U.S. city with the most park playgrounds.

More facts about National Parks:





Planting the seeds of conservation in Iowa

COURSE TOPICS

- History and current opportunities for conservation in Iowa
- Iowa's landform, forests, prairies, wetlands and rivers
- Communicating conservation

COURSE FORMAT

Online, self-paced lessons from Iowa State University experts paired with in-person demonstrations and discussions led by local conservation leaders and educators.

When: Thursdays at 6pm for 7 weeks starting August 22, 2024

Where: Online with required in-person, outdoor field trips in Bremer and Black Hawk County

To register, contact: Steven Eilers at seilers@iastate.edu or (319)234-6811 by August 1, 2024

Additional Information: \$115 per person. No volunteer hours required. 18 years and older.

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