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OMAHA GIVES! May 21, 2014 and GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY May 29, 2014

"The Omaha Community Foundation is gearing up for Omaha Gives! On **May 21st** from midnight to midnight, you have 24 hours to support the causes you care about by making a donation of \$10 or more to nonprofits that serve Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie counties. We're currently raising matching funds and prize money to amplify charitable donations made through Omaha Gives!"

MAY 29 – A SPECIAL DAY TO MAKE SPECIAL THINGS HAPPEN IN LINCOLN

"Give To Lincoln Day is your chance to make a real impact on Lincoln's quality of life. We encourage everyone to join us for a record-setting day of giving **on May 29th**. Together, we have the power to raise thousands of dollars to support Lincoln's nonprofit organizations. Every donation you make on May 29th helps your favorite charities even more because they will also receive a proportional share of our \$300,000 challenge match pool!"

On May 29th, the Lincoln community will come together for 24 hours of giving from 12:00am to 11:59pm. Gifts will be made online at this site. Gifts will also be accepted in person during regular business hours at the **Lincoln Community Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall South.**

This is a reminder that WRT has a policy that all wildlife you are "wilding" from last year can receive food until April 1st of the next year. Thus, April 1, 2014 – you will not be able to receive food for last year's animals because we need this food for our incoming wildlife.

WRT MEMBER NEWS!

Amy Hanshaw from Beatrice has been selected by her credit union as member of the quarter. The credit union will donate \$500 to Amy's charity – Wildlife Rescue Team! Thank you to Amy for donating to WRT!

REHAB NEWS

One of our members, John Cochran, is a Fish and Wildlife biologist and is working to help **Northern Long-Eared Bats** in Nebraska. These bats are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act as of October of 2013. If you receive a NLE Bat, please contact the Hotline immediately, so we can put you in touch with John.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please join us for our April meeting on the 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington Street in Lincoln. All meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month.

Come ready for a swap meet after the April meeting! We can exchange various supplies and goodies so that you can be ready for your rehab season!

YEARLY DUES

Please remember to pay your dues! Especially with our busiest time of year (spring) on its way – we need to make sure all of our members are "official"!

SPRING AND THE TIME CHANGE

Are you having a difficult time sleeping now, because of Daylight Savings Time?

<http://soundrown.com/> or

<http://mynoise.net/noiseMachines.php>

These sites have ambient sounds like birds and rain and even traffic noises!

If you would like to watch birds – check out the various bird cams on the Cornell University website! So fun to see the babies grow up!

BE NICE TO YOUR BACKYARD FRIENDS

If you need a project to keep you busy during the spring and you can work outside and enjoy the sunshine, consider building a birdhouse!

You can find over 50 birdhouse and bird feeder plans at this website:

<http://allcrafts.net/woodworking/birdhouses.htm>.

Many birdhouse plans will use one board and you cut it up into all the pieces you need for one birdhouse!



Nancy, Everett, Kelly & Heather

FEBRUARY & MARCH MEETING NEWS

Awards were presented to the following members:

New Members of the Year - Robert & Andrea Christensen of Holdrege.

Opossum Team Leader - Heather Wilkes of Omaha.

Opossum Team Leaders - Kelly Richter and Cathy Weber, both of Lincoln.

Website Meister - Everett Henry of Omaha.

Bird Team Leader - Nancy Schuster of Lincoln.

Lifetime Member Award for Gail Moss - This was awarded posthumously to her mother, Lois Moss.

Thank you to all of our members for their dedication to saving wildlife!

At the March meeting, the supplies were distributed to the various Team Leaders. If you need any supplies, please contact your Team Leader.

Rehabbers – We need volunteers all over Nebraska, but especially in the Lincoln area to help care for songbirds and waterfowl. If you are interested, please let us know! Also – if you have a friend or family member who would be willing to let us use their property as a release site, have them contact us.

REMINDERS

When working with wildlife, please keep **sanitation** in mind. Remember to wear gloves and to bleach/clean out all caging and housing areas in between animals so there is no spread of disease or parasites.

If you have **newsletter** items, if you need **acquisition** forms, or if you would like to volunteer to **coordinate** Best Choice and Always Save UPCs, please contact Vikki at dougvikki@cox.net or 402-398-3031. If you have UPCs to turn in, please bring them to a meeting or contact Vikki.

Please remember to save **Best Choice UPC codes**. We need 1,000 in a bundle before we can mail them in to be redeemed. We can earn \$30.00 for WRT for every 1,000 UPCs sent in to Best Choice. Also remember to save UPC Codes from **Our Family** products (found at Bag N Save and No Frills). We receive \$25.00 for every 500 UPCs we send in to the program.



Remember that when using vets – you **MUST** have Board approval for over \$50. Please contact a Board member or your Team Leader if you need assistance. WRT cannot be responsible for people taking animals to their personal or local vets because this can get out of control and WRT has to foot the bill. We are trying very hard to save money by ordering supplies in bulk and managing our vet bills. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS

We received many memorial donations in Gail Moss' name. A warm thank you to all of you who donated in her name. She will be missed!

NEWSLETTER NEWS

We are trying to save postage and the Board has decided to send out newsletters via email to as many members as we can. We understand that not everyone is able to receive them this way, so for those people who do not have emails, they will receive a hard copy. For those of you receiving a hard copy, if you have an email address that we can use, please let us know. Thank you!



If you have a few hours a week where you could volunteer for phone duty, please contact Cindi Arthur at 402-730-1584 and she can answer questions and show you the ropes.

Russ's Markets has started their Community Rewards Program where people can choose a charity to receive donations when they shop! Please check out your local Russ's for details.



THINGS TO CHECK OUT IN YOUR SPARE TIME

Book – Winter World: The Ingenuity of Animal Survival book by Bernd Heinrich

This author grew up in New England and spent time watching the wildlife that lives there. Weasels, chipmunks, beavers, bears, flying squirrels – some animals we don't have in Nebraska!

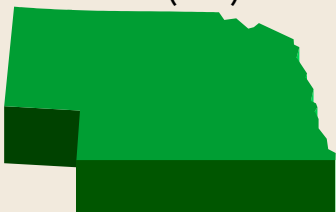
He is a scientist, so this book has a lot of scientific information – he talks about how animals keep themselves warm in the winter and explains how shivering keeps them warm, how some animals can supercool themselves, etc. Supercooling is when animals maintain body water at temperatures below their equilibrium freezing/melting point. This is the lowest point before spontaneous ice nucleation occurs.

The author is also intrigued by Golden-Crowned Kinglets – another bird not native to Nebraska, and amazingly enough – a Black-Capped Chickadee is **twice** their size!

He talks about how animals like turtles and frogs make it through the winter by burying in the mud of a pond or lake. How do birds stay warm in the cold temps? Read the book and find out!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW WE WORK?

If you are interested in a speaker or presentation please contact :
Lincoln – Hotline Phone (402) 473-1951



THINGS TO DO IN NEBRASKA

Have you ever driven through the **Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari** near Ashland, Nebraska? Exit 426 will take you to the Park and you can drive through a four-mile wildlife adventure. Open April – October 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children (4-11). Seniors can go through for \$5.50 each. There are also picnic areas so take your lunch and enjoy the sunshine!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Did you happen to catch Bindi Irwin and her brother, Robert, on Good Morning America? Bindi has partnered with SeaWorld to encourage children to learn about animals. It's called Generation Nature. Check it out at seaworldkids.com.

SERVICE DAY

Global Youth Service Day is from April 11 – 13 this year. Consider donating some of your time to help rescue, transport and/or rehabilitate some of the animals we receive. Work with your local volunteer group to clean up a park or playground and collect recyclables to donate to WRT!



RECYCLING NEWS

WRT continues to collect various items to send in to the TerraCycle company, who not only turns them into new products, but also pays WRT for those items! Please continue to collect items such as Malt O Meal cereal bags and the plastic bags you find inside cereal boxes, personal beauty items like empty makeup items, Chapstick tubes, etc. and Clif energy bar wrappers. You can see the list of items we collect on our website.

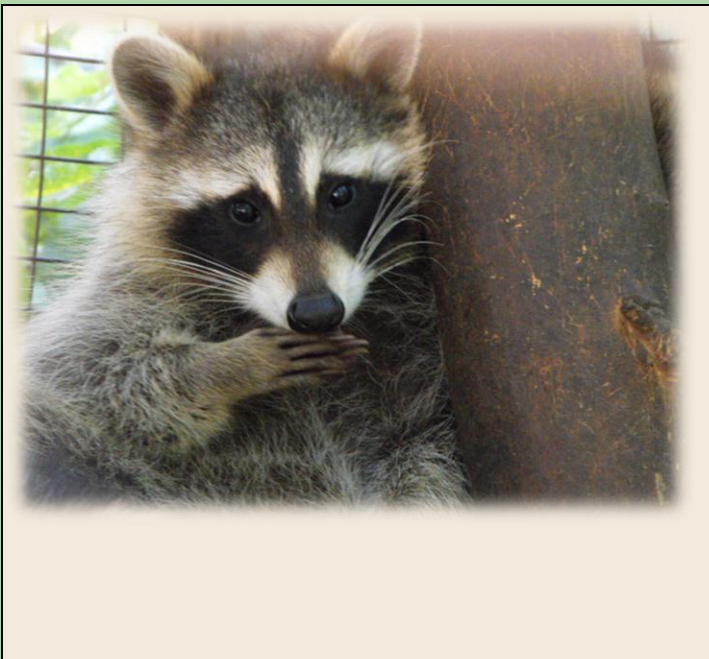
UPCOMING HOLIDAYS!

EASTER April 20 – keep in mind that while baby chicks and bunnies seem like a great idea for an Easter gift, remember that many of them get dumped at local lakes and shelters after people get tired of them. Please consider their future when purchases these animals.

ARBOR DAY April 25 – Celebrate Nebraska's own holiday!

EARTH DAY – Omaha on April 19; Lincoln on April 12 – check for events in your area!

Look for the next newsletter in July!



JOIN THE TEAM!

Go online to our website at: www.wildliferescueteamincne.org or mail in your completed form to:

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.

**P.O. Box 80127
Lincoln NE 68501**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND YOUR MEMBERHSIP LEVEL

Active – handles animals (must be 16 or older)

Associate – does not handle animals, but believes in what we do!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Active Individual \$20.00 _____

Associate Member \$25.00 _____

Student \$10.00 _____

Active Family \$30.00 _____

Senior Citizen (62 or over) \$10.00 _____

Corporate Supporter \$100.00 _____