

Naturalist Report

January 2023

Admin/Finance

- Two certificates of deposit were renewed for 6 months at a rate of 1.5% through East Wisconsin Savings Bank. The total amount of these CDs are \$128,310.84.
- Year-end audit materials, including bank statements and a year-end endowment report, have been submitted to the Finance Department in preparation for the 2022 audit.
- Liliana Balthazor has agreed to return as our Naturalist Intern for the 2023 summer. Her first day back will be on Monday, May 22.

Education

- The Eagle Days event went smoothly and had an approximate attendance of 1000 people throughout the day. A huge Thank You goes out to all of the staff and volunteers to helped make it happen. See the Eagle Days Summary for more information.
- New snowshoes have been order through Tubbs Inc. A delivery date has not been determined yet.
- The Winter Fest event organized along with the Kaukauna Recreation Department, Kaukauna Public Library and Grignon Mansion has been cancelled due to lack of snow and wet conditions at Grignon Park. The event generate plenty of interest on Facebook and will likely be attempted again next winter.

Building & Grounds

- The new flooring installation has been scheduled to start on Tuesday, February 14. Staff has already begun packing away and moving smaller items as able and large items will be moved on February 13. The nature center will be closed through Saturday, February 18. The Street Dept is planning on sending 2-4 staff members to assist. Additional volunteer help is welcome between 8 AM and 12 Noon on February 13 to help with moving furniture and moving/cleaning mounts.
- Information Technology Manager Taplin and I met with a representative from the Western Great Lakes Bat and Bird Observatory regarding the installation of the Motus receiver. We evaluated a couple of different installation locations and was determined that mounting the receiver to the newer end of the building, by the specimen storage room, would work the best logistically. We may hold off on installation until we know more about the timing of residing the nature center.