

New Park in Mills County

In 2008, the Mills County Conservation Board added a new area to the County's park system. The acquisition of Fisher Wildlife Area was completed early last summer with the help of the local Pheasants Forever Chapter. Members of the local Pheasants Forever Chapter worked one on one with Mr. Chris Fisher in negotiating the purchase price for the property, it was this devotion of the members of Pheasants Forever (PF) and Mr. Fisher's forethought to help protect a piece of wildlife habitat in Mills County, that made this park become a reality. But, PF did not stop there, this is when the group approached the Mills County Conservation Board with the project and offered to donate half of the properties purchase price if Mills County would put up the other half. These offers do not come along very often and the Conservation Board jumped at the opportunity to buy a 20 acre park, which is open to the public, for half price. The Conservation Board used money out of the land acquisition fund and the donation by PF to buy the property. REAP funds have been used for all improvements (signs, gates, fencing) to the area located 2 miles east of Malvern on Lambert Ave. This goes to show that the money raised by PF with their annual banquet and membership drives is kept local for the improvement of pheasant habitat here in SW Iowa. Mills County Conservation would like to encourage individuals to attend the Pheasants Forever Banquet on February 28th in Malvern and show your support to a great group of hardworking men and women that are making SW Iowa a more wildlife friendly area. For more information on the PF banquet contact Paul Albertson- 527-2835 or Dave Cheney- 629-1285. If you would like to learn more about Fisher Wildlife Area or how you can help Mills County with habitat or acquisition projects please visit our website <http://mccb.millscoia.us> or contact us at 527-9685.



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