



EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **CAFNR Spring Picnic** was held on June 2 in the Butterfly Garden. There were 187 attendees, both faculty and staff of CAFNR. Food was catered by Smokin Chicks. Attendees were able to have lunch, play games, eat Buck's ice cream, and win door prizes. There were prizes such as CAFNR goodies and tickets to the zoo and Silver Dollar City. Overall a great event with money raised for Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center. (Submitted by Jenna Fusinato.)

The Celebration of Life for **Sarah Huber Foster** is June 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Les Bourgeois Winery. There will be pledge forms/envelopes at that event.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/sarah-foster-obituary?pid=1000000185311736>

AWARDS and HONORS

Mitch Weegman was awarded an MU Faculty International Travel Award to present at the European Union for Bird Ringing 2017 analytical meeting and workshop in Barcelona, Spain in early July.

Donna Brandt was awarded the Above and Beyond Award from the CAFNR Staff Council. Pictured with Donna is **Dr. Randy Miles** who nominated her for the award. Each quarter the CAFNR Staff council awards a staff member who has gone that extra mile in their collaborations for the greater good. (Photo by Jenna Fusinato.)



PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



The staff at the MU A.L. Gustin Golf Course, in particular Jim Knoesel, Head Golf Professional and Isaac Breuer, Course Superintendent, have a long history of being very pro-active in conducting “wildlife-friendly” management practices around the course. They have been conducting wildlife practices for many years and were the first college golf course in the U.S. to be certified by Audubon International. Practices have included conducting prescribed burns to restore savanna habitat and enhancing native warm-season grasses, developing

bluebird habitat and a bluebird box trail, establishing purple martin houses and other activities that benefit a variety of species. So it was not a surprise to **Bob Pierce**, Associate Professor and State Extension Wildlife and Fisheries Specialist, when he asked Jim and Isaac a few years ago if they had an interest in renovating areas of tall fescue on the course and establishing native forbs, legumes and a wildflower mix for wildlife and pollinator benefits – and of course they did. Bob had an extra supply of seed from bobwhite quail projects that he, Ray Wright and Tim Reinbott had been working on at the Bradford Research Center, so together they came up with a plan to incorporate these native mixes in a strategic location on the 10th hole at Gustin in 2012 and 2013. “Both Jim and Isaac were very interested in this idea for a demonstration and the project just took off. Native forbs were seeded one January day and the tall fescue was renovated so that



the forbs could germinate during the spring and summer. After this initial effort a few years ago, the project greatly expanded by incorporating monarch butterfly and pollinator habitat in areas across the golf course thanks to the partnership that A.L. Gustin developed with the Uplanders Chapter of Quail Forever, USDA NRCS, the Missouri Department of Conservation and MU Botanical Garden. Together, these partners have sponsored pollinator and monarch

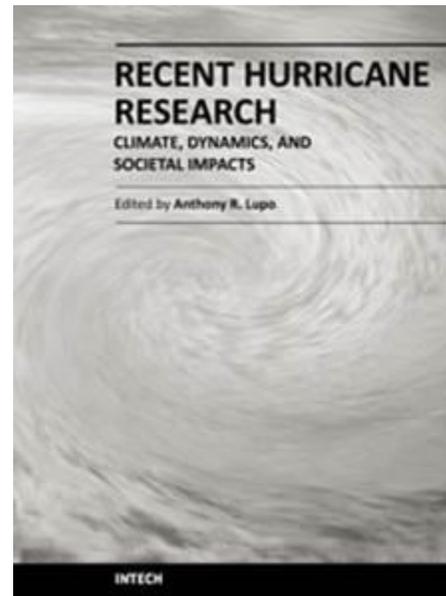


conservation workshops for youth during the year which has generated a lot of interest. These activities and demonstrations provide a great way to show others with an interest just what they can do on their property for wildlife, monarch and pollinator conservation”. The wildflower viewing and bluebird activity is peaking so Bob encourages others to get out their golf clubs and play a round or two – and observe the habitat practices that have been developed out at A.L. Gustin. (Submitted by Dr. Robert Pierce; Photos by Jo Graham Moody and Landmark Bank.)

Al-Warid, H.S.; Belsare, A.V; Straka, K.; & **Gompper, M.E.** (2017). *Baylisascaris procyonis* roundworm infection patterns in raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) from Missouri and Arkansas, USA. *Helminthologia*, 54(2): 113-118.

Weegman, M. D., T. W. Arnold, R. D. Dawson, D. W. Winkler, and R. G. Clark. In press. Integrated population models reveal local weather conditions are the key drivers of population dynamics in an aerial insectivore. *Oecologia*.

Tony Lupo edited the book: "Recent Developments in Tropical Cyclone Dynamics, Prediction, and Detection" which has been accepted for indexing in the Book Citation Index in the Web of Science™ Core Collection (BKCI). The Book Citation Index is the world's leading citation index with multidisciplinary content from the top tier publications. Being indexed in BKCI means: Credibility - over 50,000 editorially selected books have been indexed thus far - the objective evaluation process considers editorial content, InTechOpen's publishing standards, and the accuracy and relevance of data presented in the published content; Visibility and Connectivity – it connects researchers to researchers, and researchers to relevant data, increasing the potential for citations and collaboration; and, Overall exposure for your InTechOpen published chapter.



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