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### Area Businesses & Organizations:

Aurora Coop Elevator  
Aurora Lions Club  
Aurora Mall  
Aurora Veterinary Clinic  
Bank of Marquette  
CF Industries  
Cornerstone Bank  
Dohman, Akerlund & Eddy  
Easy Lawn, Inc.  
Espressions Coffee Shop  
Grain Place Foods  
Hamilton Telephone Co.  
Iams Company  
International Sensor Systems  
Leach Insurance Center  
Optimist Club of Aurora  
T. O. Haas Tire Co.  
Whitney, Newman & Mersch

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## A little more SOAR . . .



A SOAR favorite: Raptor Recovery Nebraska (RRN), a nonprofit organization, is the only group in Nebraska permitted by the state and federal government to rehabilitate orphaned or injured raptors. Since its beginning in 1976, it has treated more than 6,000 birds of prey; more than half have been released back into the wild - and SOAR has released a few of those! That's one of the best records in the nation. When a raptor is injured to an extent that does not allow it to be released, RRN uses it as an "education bird." That was the fate of this Peregrine Falcon, shown here by Betsy Finch, founder and executive director of the organization. Learn more about RRN: [www.raptorrecoverynebr.org](http://www.raptorrecoverynebr.org).



Former SOAR camper and longtime peer leader Jordan Jensen continues to have a passion for SOAR. This year he returned, accompanied by his wife, Kirsten, as a presenter. Both are recent graduates of Wichita State University with degrees in aerospace engineering. Jordan built this plane to SOAR over Griffith Prairie with a digital camera on board. The result was an amazing aerial view video of the prairie and river that was shown on Family Night.

"What is the best way to learn a frog?. . . Not by reading. Not by seeing a picture or even by holding one in your hand. To learn a frog in a full and lasting manner, you must find one where it lives in nature, watch it, listen to it if it is calling. Study its habitat . . . Take note of where it has chosen to sit, stalk it, capture it, put it in a jar, and keep it a little while. Study it there, release it next to the edge of the water where you found it, watch it kick away and submerge out of sight. The concept of frog will be with you forever if you follow this kind of education. You can pick up additional information from science and literature and myth, and all those things you have at school, but you will be wiser for being rooted in the full reality of frog. *You will care about frog, too, like nobody else.*" (emphasis added)

E. O. Wilson, *Anthill*  
W. W. Norton & Company, 2010

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