

PRAIRIE PLAINS LINK



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April 25th: Prescribed burn at Griffith Prairie, looking east. Below, Sarah Bailey mastering the fire hose as we carefully burn around the future Education Center.



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Spring Burning

Finding days to carry out our essential prairie burns

has been quite challenging this spring - mostly due to the strong and variable winds. We did, however, manage to get the job done on the north side of Bader Park (restored prairie) on April 20th, as well as part of Griffith Prairie on the 25th. For more about why we burn, see the April, 2007 issue of *Prairie Plains Link*, which can be found under publications at prairieplains.org.



NEWSLETTER
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Griffith Prairie 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, June 4th

With emphasis on WALK as a most welcome option, and note this is for FUN! The Fun Run/Walk would be a great time to explore this amazing post-burn, fresh, green and flowering prairie with your walking or running friends. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Learn more and download an entry form from our website, prairieplains.org. Registration deadline is May 25th. Proceeds will benefit Prairie Plains Resource Institute.



Exploring prairies and photography are two of Sarah Bailey's favorite pastimes, and her Griffith Prairie album is growing and impressive. Left, a reward for being at the right place at the right time; below, spring florals - from left, Meadow Violet (*Viola pratincola*), Carolina Anemone (*Anemone caroliniana*) and Groundplum Milkvetch (*Astragalus crassicaпус*).





Sarah Bailey



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April 2nd: The volunteer work day at Griffith Prairie & Farm was a huge success! We had great weather and a hard-working crew that devoted the whole day to the cause. Above, volunteers Dan Lillis and Steve Winter clearing cedar trees from the fence line on the eastern border of the prairie; apprentice Cale Jones moving downed elms from a future picnic area on the north side of the farmyard. Below, Bill Whitney and Lindsay Vivian taking out old fencing; Joel Hansen and Mike Stewart constructing H-posts for the new fence.



Sarah Bailey



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Participating in the volunteer work day: Sarah Bailey, Lindsay Vivian, Jan & Bill Whitney (with Brady), Steve Winter, Dan Lillis, Mike Stewart, Bill & Shirley Snyder and Joel Hansen. Also taking part but not pictured: Gerry Steinauer and Amy Jones, who was on the other side of the camera.

THANK YOU to all volunteers!

Bader Park Earlybird Tour
Saturday, May 7th, 7:00 a.m.



Sarah Bailey

This Cedar Waxwing was one of 36 species of birds spotted on the April 30th Earlybird Tour.

For more information about other Bader Park events, including the June 4th River Float, see website baderpark.com (registration form).

More Thank-yous:

To Jim Senn for post hole digging (photo, right) and to Mert Griffith for fencing assistance, including making an ATV-mounted wire roller.

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