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A monthly update to keep you informed about Pathfinders RC&D Programs, services and community events.

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Jefferson Walk: Harkin Wellness Grant

Jefferson County Public Health received a Harkin Wellness Grant for \$100,485. The grant will create a comprehensive health and wellness program for Jefferson County.

Project activities include baseline studies on Jefferson County residents, farm safety programs for kids, tobacco cessation programs, trail development, local food support, continuation of the JeffCo Future Fitness program and the development of a countywide wellness coalition. For more information, contact project director Ken Daley kdaley@mum.edu.

Pathfinders RC&D is the grant writer and grant administrator for the *Jefferson Walk* project.



CDBG Project Wrapping Up in Sigourney

Pathfinders is finishing up the administration of a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant to drill a new well for the Sigourney city water supply. The total project cost is \$1.5 million.

Pathfinders has administered more than 30 CDBG grants for our local communities. For more information about our services, call 641-472-6177 or email jbpath@lisco.com.



Locally Grown Turkeys Available

Get your Thanksgiving turkey fresh and locally grown. Willie Van Weelden is raising free-range turkeys on his farm near Oskaloosa. They will be available a day or two before Thanksgiving including a delivery to the Fairfield area.

The price is \$2/pound dressed and weights will generally range from 13-22 pounds. To reserve one for your holiday feast, email detra.dettmann@ia.usda.gov. Willie can be reached at 641-660-1144 for more information.



Eagle Scout Project

Tyler Rysdam earned his Eagle Scout Award by constructing a handicapped accessible hunting blind at Tracht Conservation Farm. The blind allows a person in a wheelchair to hunt with a bow or shotgun from inside. The blind is available during disabled hunting seasons by reservation only.

For more information contact the Pathfinders RC&D Office by calling 641-472-6177.



Staff Update

We are pleased to announce that Nicole Annis of Douds has joined the Pathfinders team. Nicole is serving as Project Assistant and quickly learning about all the various programs and services Pathfinders offers. "I had no idea Pathfinders was involved with so many different projects on the local level," says Nicole. When Nicole isn't at Pathfinders, you may find her at the Keosauqua Library where she also works part-time.

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