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2017 Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report



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Overview

City of Bondurant Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement:

To improve Bondurant residents' quality of life by providing recreational activities, outstanding facilities, superior trails, and promoting wellness and healthy lifestyles.



The Bondurant Parks and Recreation Department currently oversees the upkeep of 11 community parks, the Chichaqua Valley Trail and the Grant Street Trail, and the Trailhead Depot that was completed in 2013. In 2017, the Parks and Recreation Department ran over 25 programs and had 20 people graciously volunteer their time. Over 1,000 people participated in programs. Common sponsors included Brick Street Market, Casey's, Bondurant Civic Club, and the Bondurant Lion's Club.

New Programs

"Kudos to all who helped organize and put this on! My daughter had such a great time and learned some very important lessons. Thank you!"—Bondurant Parent

CHOWDER Ride

Our first annual Winter CHOWDER Ride was a huge success! Over 250 riders came to town to ride to Berwick and back on the Chichaqua Valley Trail. Afterwards, many enjoyed the beautiful weather and some delicious chowder on Founder's patio or participated in judging the chili cook-off at Reclaimed Rails. Over \$500 in donations were raised for the Friends of the Chichaqua Valley Trail.

"B" Safe Kids

The Parks and Recreation Department collaborated with the Bondurant Emergency Services Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Department to bring the first annual "B" Safe Kids program! 16 soon-to-be Kindergarteners were a part of our first graduating class. The participants learned about all types of safety, including fire, poison, traffic and bike, and stranger danger. In 2018, the program will expand from 3 days to 5 days, due to the success of 2017.



