



THE WILD TIMES

Official Newsletter of wildHERness



Daylight Saving Time Ends, Sanity Resumes

The end of DST always corresponds to all the signs of spring: crocuses erupting, peepers begin their songs, longer days and better attitudes. Don't misunderstand; I love winter. It boasts its very own beauty that I yearn for throughout the dog days of summer. But there is a special magic that comes with the melting of the last frost; it's invisible but somehow palpable. The air feels thicker, as if to indicate "A change is coming." Spring drums up excitement with its promise of new growth and opportunity. Chances to find the elusive morel mushroom crop, hook into slab-sized crappie or bag a long-bearded turkey. Each of these favorite spring past-times also present an opportunity to take someone outside! Visit our [website](#) for our take on why it's worth your time to take someone hunting this season!



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In Memory Of

RICHARD "DICK" BROWN

1943 - 2020

Since launching, wildHERness has been diligently dedicated to our missions of giving back to the local community and getting people into the outdoors. We have been blessed with so much support from the community, which, in turn, fuels our desire to do more. One of our greatest showings of support this year came from Dick "Brownie" Brown.

Dick was a local member of the Johnson County Pheasants Forever Chapter, a skilled knife maker and an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed sharing his love of the outdoors with others.

Dick learned about wildHERness and donated one of his beautiful hand-made knives as a fundraising opportunity, showing his support for our organization. In his last few weeks, Dick supported us yet again, by requesting that, in lieu of monetary donations or flowers sent for his funeral, donations be made to wildHERness in his honor. Although we never met the gentleman, we can see the impact he had on his friends and loved ones was great.

This support from Dick Brown touched all four founding members of the organization so deeply that we wanted to honor his legacy by holding an annual event. Beginning in 2021, wildHERness will be hosting the "Dick Brown Memorial Hunt". A true conservationist knows the importance of passing on the passion for wildlife and the outdoors. Dick made one of his last goals to support us in our missions to do just that.

To Dick's friends and family: we cannot thank you enough for your support. While we are sincerely sorry for your loss; please trust that Dick's end-of-life generosity and his outdoor legacy will be honored for years to come.





¡Vamos A Pescar!

In February, wildHERness was selected as a recipient for the prestigious George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar grant, which awards \$5,000 to encourage family participation in fishing, focusing on urban Hispanic populations. Administered by the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation, the grant was created in 2014 when Johnny Morris, CEO & Founder of Bass Pro Shops, donated \$125,000 to support state and local initiatives that engage Hispanic families in fishing, boating & conservation activities.

Partnering with Johnson County Kansas Fishing's Future chapter, we will host a three part series of progressive educational fishing classes. Participants will learn all the skills necessary to become proficient anglers, from knot tying and fish identification to casting techniques and bait selection. At the end of the series, all participants will receive a rod and reel, PFD, annual fishing license, t-shirt, a family tackle box and an annual Kansas State Parks parking pass -- all the tools to create a successful angler! Events are free, but pre-registration is required. Visit our [website](#) for more information.



Multiple classes will provide progressive education opportunities, and all families are welcome!

Part One:

Rules, Regs & Rigging

April 18, 2021

3 pm

Virtual class. Covers the basics of fishing: knots, rules/regs, casting, types of rods, reels and tackle. All materials will be presented in English & Spanish, and bi-lingual support will be on site!

- **Free, but pre-registration is required**
- **Participants will receive tackle & safety equipment for personal use upon conclusion of 3 part class**



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huntHER

A female youth mentoring program

One of the pillars on which wildHERness was founded is mentorship. We are tremendously passionate about passing our knowledge, skills and abilities on to the next generation. We are testaments to the strength and confidence that becoming a competent outdoorswoman can bring! So, we created HuntHER -- a mentoring program for all female youth (ages 11-17) who are interested in learning how to hunt. Cohorts will be selected annually for a fall program start, which will cover deer, upland, waterfowl and turkey hunting before graduation from the program. Thanks to generous support from JoCo Pheasants Forever and Tri Star Arms, this program will be available at no cost to participants. Our first cohort application will be available in late summer 2021 -- stay tuned!

Interested in mentoring for HuntHER? Contact us!

HuntHER Success!

By Alex Mosiman

As a trial run for our HuntHER program, wildHERness had the wonderful opportunity to team up with **Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors** to host 6 young ladies for a doe hunt at Timber Hills Lake Ranch. It was an honor to work with Outdoor Mentors, assisting in their mission of mentoring children in the outdoors. Six women volunteered to mentor the doe hunt, and were each paired up with a youth and their parent. When everyone arrived, we coordinated range time to cover firearm safety and allowing the girls a chance to get familiar with their firearm, as well as their mentor.



Over the course of the weekend, our participants learned everything from shooting safety, ethics and shot placement to game processing. Four of the six young ladies were able to connect with a doe, and took home fresh venison for their families! It was amazing to see the young ladies interact with one another; we were able to witness them begin to realize that there are other girls their age that share their passion for the outdoors. Visit Outdoor Mentors website to learn more about their mission and to read more about how meeting these young women changed OUR lives [here](#).

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



Honey, please.

BY JESS BANES

On 03.10.2021, wildHERness partnered with The Kansas Bee Company to present a virtual Beekeeping class. Participants logged in from the comfort of their own homes to learn tips, tricks and interesting facts on raising the world's busiest workers. Did you know bees have five eyes, can fly almost 20 miles per hour and pollinate over 130 agricultural crops in the United States? This class covered bee anatomy, habits and care, hive development and maintenance, honey processing, pollen variations and more. During the hour long zoom course, the attendees watched videos and saw photos of the Kansas Bee Company in action. Over 60 questions were asked during the session and everyone left with a newfound or deepened respect for our favorite fuzzy little farmers. Thank you to Kansas Bee Company for sharing your wealth of knowledge! All proceeds from this class were donated to MO Hives KC, a local non-profit organization dedicated to conserving bees in KC urban areas.

"The happiness of the bee and the dolphin is to exist. For man, it is to know that and wonder at it."

JACQUES YVES COUSTEAU

SPRING 2021 PROMO

EVERY PURCHASE BETWEEN NOW & 4/23/21 QUALIFIES YOU TO WIN



YOU WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!

wildHERness

A FULLY GUIDED FISHING EXCURSION IN MISSOURI!

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Join one of the women of wildHERness at Truman Reservoir in Warsaw, MO for an unforgettable fishing excursion. Nestled in the beautiful Ozark mountains, Truman Lake boasts nearly 56,000 acres of prime walleye, bass, crappie & catfish fishing. Choose from either date: May 1 or May 8, 2021.

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Community SERVICE



The women of wildHERness believe that creating community is a vital part to becoming a sportswoman. And, nothing bonds humans together more quickly than giving energy to a cause far greater than ourselves. If you've attended an event with us, chances are you have heard one of the founders remark that "we become better conservationists every time we venture out of doors", or something to that extent. But, we vehemently believe that to be true -- so much so that we built an organization founded on service projects and continuing education.



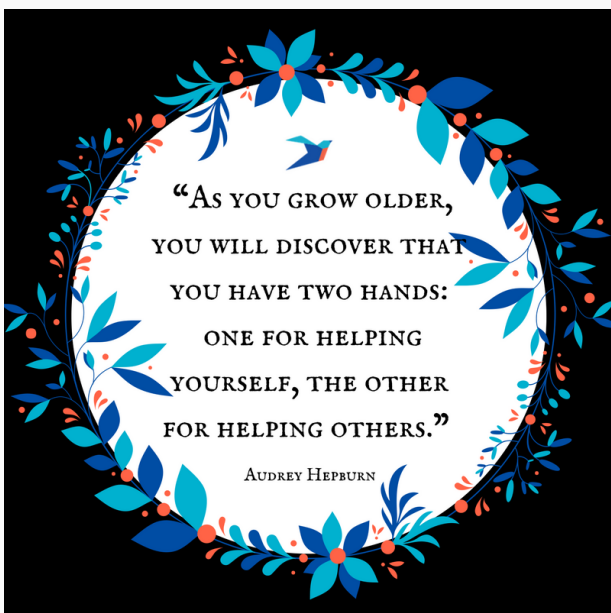
2020 Highlights

We assisted with a habitat improvement project on an area intended for use as a dog training and controlled upland bird hunt site. The savannah-type landscape boasted a woody component not typically found in traditional upland bird habitat. So, a ragtag group of women assembled to assist in removing the trees and piling them into windrows.



Planting for Pollinators

Last October, wildHERness partnered with the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Johnson County Pheasants Forever to host a service project benefitting pollinators. Nearly 50 Scouts and local volunteers came together to learn more about native plant species that are important food sources for various types of pollinator species. A variety of native seeds were collected and dispersed over an area at Prairie Center in Olathe, KS. We plan to continue seasonal planting events at this location to develop a year-round source of food for visiting insect species.



"AS YOU GROW OLDER,
YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT
YOU HAVE TWO HANDS:
ONE FOR HELPING
YOURSELF, THE OTHER
FOR HELPING OTHERS."

AUDREY HEPBURN



Gear Junkies

BY SHARENDA BIRTS

The dawn of 2021 marked the beginning of an exciting partnership for wildHERness: we were invited to be regular gear review contributors for Women's Outdoor News, aka The WON.

The WON is a wonderful resource of female correspondents that share stories, tips & tricks, crafts, & recipes about women that are actively involved with outdoor adventures. Aside from outstanding blog content, they have assembled a comprehensive list of resources for women just starting on their outdoor journeys. Available as a digital download from their website, the list is organized geographically.

Tune in to the monthly reviews for our thoughts on a few items we have put to the test on our 2021 outdoor adventures. Or, take an opportunity to connect with the amazing women across the country that are enjoying the outdoors and sharing their adventures with you.



Our recent reviews:

[Walker's Game Ear - Silencer BT 2.0](#)

[Butler Creek Featherlight Bino Harness](#)

[DSG Roller Bag](#)

