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# OHV SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN IOWA





## PROJECT MANAGER

- NOHVCC
- Prescott, Arizona
- Enjoy peddling and riding my dirtbike all over the Southwest





Largest OHV Park in Iowa!

## TRAIL TECHNICIAN

- Webster County Conservation
- 9 years
- Serve on the Board of Directors- National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC)
- Worked in a park setting since 2006
- Ran equipment since I was about 10
  - Certified Training on trail dozer
- Love the outdoors! From hunting, open water and ice fishing and spending time with my fiance and our dog, Remy.

NEWS SPORTS OPINION LIFE

### Trail queen

Tasha Nielsen excels at OHV park maintenance

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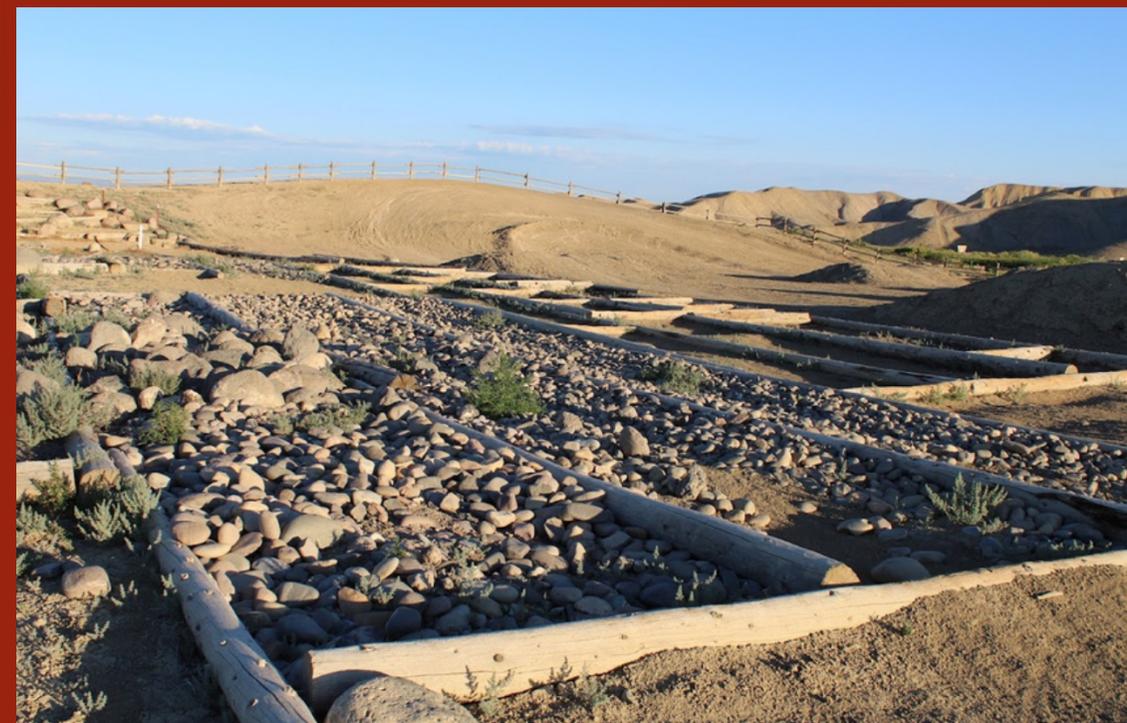


Messenger photo by Chad Thompson

... and trail technician for Webster County Conservation, poses next to the bulldozer she operates to ke

... has worked for Webster County Conservation since 2014.

# THE INSPIRATION... Peach Valley OHV Park, CO



# STATE DESIGNATED OHV PARKS

	<b>ACRES</b>
<b>BLUFF CREEK – MAHASKA CO.</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>RATHBUN – APPANOOSE CO.</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>RIVERVIEW – BLACK HAWK CO.</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>RIVER VALLEY – POTTAWATTAMIE (CLOSED)</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>LAKEVIEW – JOHNSON CO.</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>TAMA – TAMA CO. (PARTIALLY OPEN)</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>NICHOLSON-FORD – MARSHALL CO. (CLOSED)</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>GYPSUM CITY – WEBSTER CO.</b>	<b>800</b>



# FUNDING

- OHV Park- 100% Iowa DNR ATV registration grant (funding for development area)
- Ownership/Staffing @ other parks
  - City, State or Army Corps of Engineers
  - Local Club, some paid through grant
- Ownership/Staffing at Gypsum City OHV
  - Local Non-Profit, Webster County Improvement Corporation, Leased portion
  - Maintenance-WCCB employees
  - 1- Full-time
  - 1- Seasonal
  - 1- Contractor for tracks/trail



# SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AREAS UPDATE



River Valley- CLOSED

Rathbun-Spring project  
-Started stock piling material

Nicholson Ford & Tama- focused on getting park open

Lakeview- Spring project

Bluff Creek- On hold

# SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AREAS UPDATE



## Riverview OHV Park

- Had a smaller course
- New course is now open to all machine types



# GYPSUM CITY OHV PARK



- 800 acres
- 65 miles of trail
- 4 tracks
- Campground
- 3 Tiny homes located with-in the Campground
- Multiple ponds for fishing
- Skills Development Course

# GYPSUM CITY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AREA



## Location:

- Unused open area
- Close to parking area
- Mostly flat



## Contractor: Maier Landscaping

- Local landscape business
- Built amateur supercross track
- Retired Motocross & Supercross racer



# OBSTACLES



Culvert Crawl



Rock Garden

**Made out of mostly all recycled material!**

- Three line & bypass options

# OBSTACLES CONT.

Log Jump



Teeter-Totter Bridge

Off-Camber Logs



Log Pyramid



Off-Set Logs



Hill Climb



# OBSTACLES CONT.



Log Ride

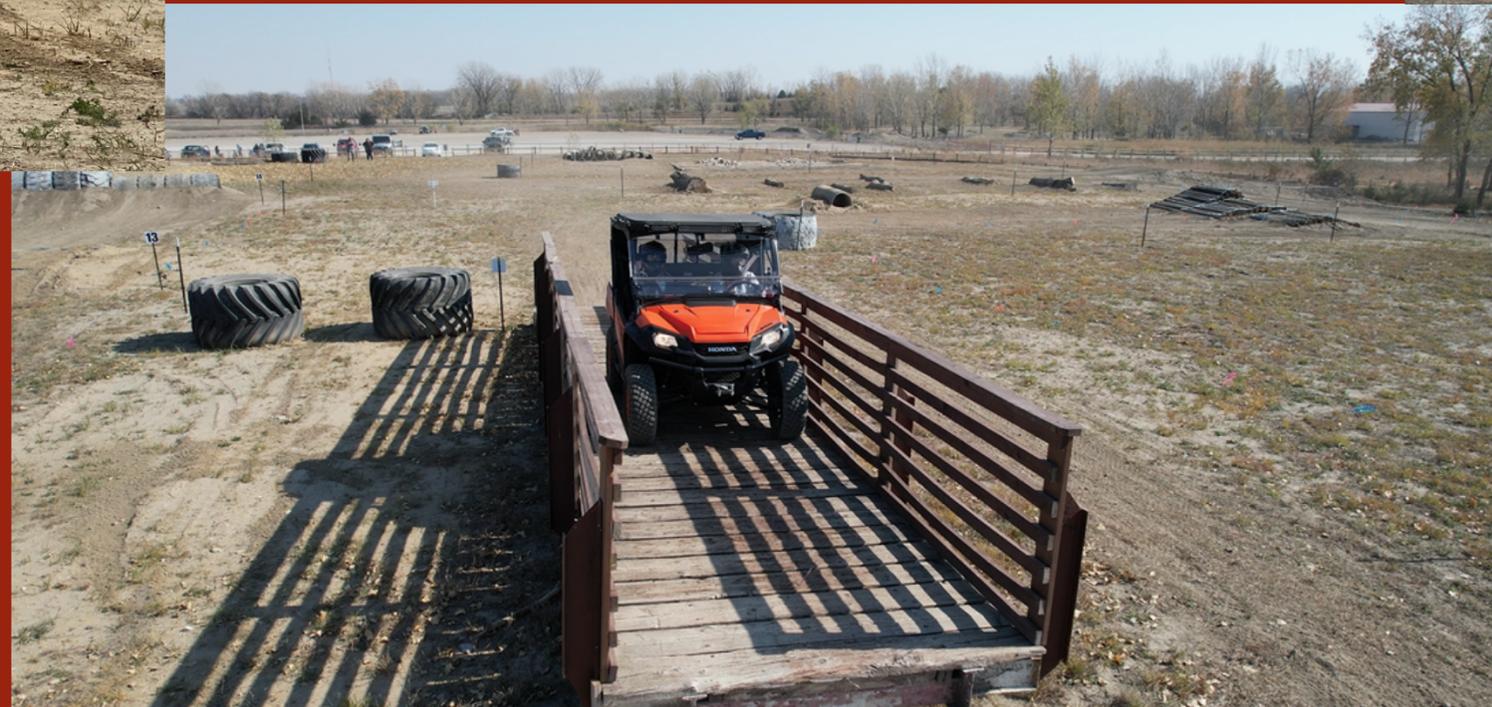


Wagon Wheel



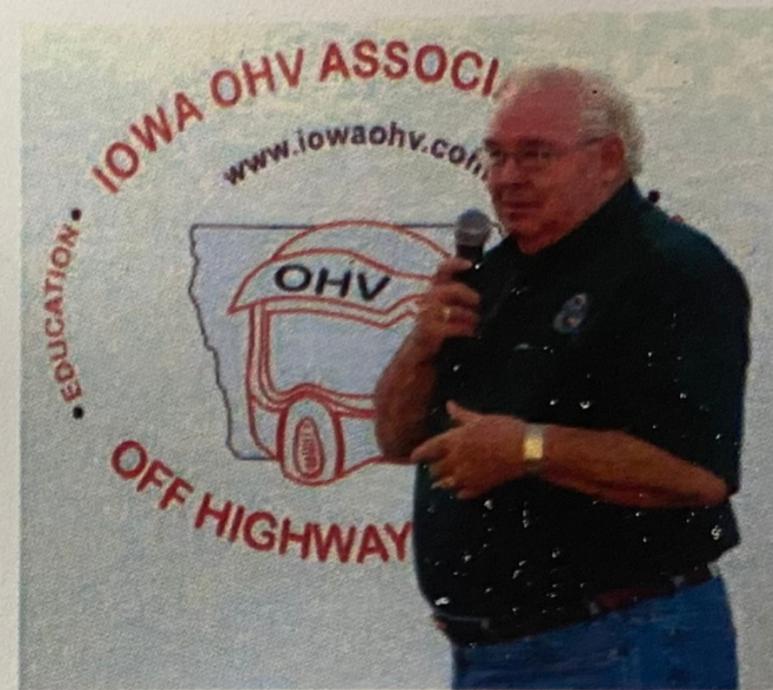
Tire Climb

# EXPECTED USERS



Hopefully everyone, but heavy on dirt bikes

- Beginner
- Experienced
- Young & Old



## JOIN US!!

to celebrate the official dedication of the *Larry Leiting Skills Development Course* at the Gypsum City open shelter. Leiting, a local business owner and the Chairman of the Fort Dodge Convention and Visitors Bureau in 2000, suggested converting the former gypsum mines into a park for ATVs, motorcycles and snowmobiles. This course is dedicated to Larry for his vision and dedication to creating Iowa's largest OHV Park.

TRAIL TOURS

TINY HOUSE TOURS

LUNCH PROVIDED

## DEDICATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

OPEN

House



# DRONE FOOTAGE



# THANK YOU!

## Questions?

