# **Education Center to Begin Anew in the New Year**

by Barrie Moore

Changes are finally in the air at the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center. The Ed Center was forced to close its doors during March of 2020 when the original COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders were issued. For months, we were unsure when and how we would be allowed to reopen. In pre-pandemic "before times," the Ed Center received over 8,000 visitors a year. It probably goes without saying that it is one of the most missed features at Edgewood Natural Preserve.

The Ed Center has sat vacant for several months, and while we were away, mice and other small critters made themselves at home. Nature loves a chance to reclaim empty spaces! As the Friends returned, we began evicting the invaders and developing plans for re-opening to the public.

Board member Laurie Alexander has deep roots with the Education Center; in 2010 she took the lead designing FoE's use of the Ed Center and organizing training for volunteer hosts in preparation for opening the center in 2011. Since then, Laurie has done an amazing job managing the Ed Center and our volunteer hosts.

Nancy Enzminger (left) and Laurie Alexander.



During the COVID-19 hiatus, Laurie decided she would like to have more time for travel and adventures with her newly retired husband. This turned out to be the perfect time to transition the Ed Center leadership, and we are very lucky that Nancy Enzminger has stepped up to the challenge.

Nancy discovered Edgewood ten years ago when she moved to San Carlos. She had been hiking and enjoying the trails but was really captivated by the preserve during a Friends of Edgewood star-gazing hike which was truly magical. Based on that experience, she decided to volunteer with FoE. Nancy has been an Education Center host for over three years. She has also assisted the Docent Coordinator with logistics for two years. Nancy's career was spent in human resources. She brings many excellent skills in organization management to her role as the new Ed Center Coordinator. Nancy was also recently elected to the Friends of Edgewood board of directors for the 2022-2024 term.

Nancy and Laurie have been working together over the summer to inventory needed maintenance and conduct a deep cleaning of the facility and the exhibits. With the help of San Mateo County Parks, projects including roof repairs, new lighting, bathroom renovations, and floor and front door refinishing are being completed.

We have developed new COVID-19 protocols and in early 2022 will be re-training our volunteer hosts. We plan to reopen the Ed Center sometime in January 2022. Watch your inboxes, our website, and social media for updates on the exact re-opening date. If you are interested in volunteering as an Ed Center host in 2022, email <a href="mailto:get-involved@friendsofedgewood.org">get-involved@friendsofedgewood.org</a> so we can let you know when training is scheduled.

We want to thank Laurie for her incredible dedication to leading the Ed Center team for the past 10+ years and welcome Nancy in her new role. Most of all, we can't wait to see the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center re-opened and welcoming visitors again very soon!

#### **General Meeting Recaps Year of Adapting to Pandemic Challenges**

by Barrie Moore



Our annual General Meeting was held Oct. 10, via Zoom, for the second year in a row. Our volunteers have continued to do a tremendous job adapting to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. That work inspired the theme of this year's event, Great Adaptations.

Friends of Edgewood President Peter Ingram spoke about the ways we have focused efforts on people, place, and infrastructure during the last year, and some of the many programs that have adapted in order to continue to deliver on our mission. He spotlighted new efforts, like Trail Ambassadors and social trail mitigation work, as well as ongoing programs, like the Weed Warriors and bluebird monitoring.

Christal Niederer from Creekside Science presented findings from our first year of hydromechanical pulverization experimentation, which is part of the Project 467 Green Grass Initiative. The findings are impressive. She outlined initial plans for 2022 which are underway now that we've had our first good rain of the season.

If you are interested in more details about this important habitat restoration project, I encourage you to watch Christal's presentation at the link at the end of this article. Her talk begins 16:30 minutes into the recording.

Members voted on a change to our bylaws to increase the number of elected directors to a maximum of 15. Members also elected directors for the 2022-2024 board term. Nancy Enzminger, who has been an Ed Center host for three years and assisted the Docent Coordinator for two years, was newly elected to the board. Incumbents Laurie Alexander, Kathy Korbholz, Peter Ingram, and Barrie Moore were re-elected.

The meeting ended with the 2021 Best Friend award going to Perry McCarty.

You can watch a recording of the full presentations at <a href="https://youtu.be/YMjQ8UhUOCs">https://youtu.be/YMjQ8UhUOCs</a>.

#### 2021 Best Friend – Perry McCarty

Announced at the Friends of Edgewood General Meeting in October, Perry McCarty is this year's Best Friend. Perry is well deserving of this honor. He has been an



enthusiastic, hard-working, and remarkably dependable force in service of a wide range of Friends of Edgewood volunteer activities before and throughout the disruption of the pandemic. Perry began volunteering with FoE in 2017 when he joined the Wildflower Docent program. He has since invested his time and talent in many other FoE programs including Checkerspotters, Bluebird Monitoring, Weed Warriors, Camera Trappers, and SOD (sudden oak death) Blitzers. Perry has also been a thoughtful contributor to the FoE board since being elected in 2019.

Perhaps his most important contribution has been his fullon engagement in Project 467, including:

- His invaluable collaborations as part of the Green Grass planning team.
- His amazing work piloting native seed collection and curation.
- The creation of Edgewood Farms and the seed amplification strategy.
- His participation in milkweed surveys, the social trails response team, and the wildfire fuel reduction team.

And, especially, his infectious, inquisitive pursuit of connecting the habitat-restoration dots.

We salute Perry as our Best Friend of Edgewood for 2021!

#### **HELP WANTED: Bluebird Nest Box Monitors**

Hungry to help? Interested in legally going off-trail at Edgewood? Want to get up-close and personal with baby bluebirds and tree swallows? Don't mind scraping a little bird poop off the inside of a nest box? Then join Team Bluebird Monitors! We need regular and substitute monitors to check boxes weekly from mid-February through June. No experience needed. On-the-job training provided, subject to county parks guidelines for next spring. Monitoring nest boxes is intense work, but it is highly rewarding and fun! If you would like to help, please contact Frances Morse at info@FriendsofEdgewood.org. *Photo by Whitney Mortimer* 



#### Wind, Drought May Have Affected Edgewood Bird Populations

by Frances Morse

Our monitoring had to be modified again this year due to COVID-19 restrictions and SMC Parks social distancing requirements. John Morse, Perry McCarty, and I checked our 27 boxes weekly from early March to mid July. Whitney Mortimer (now living in Sebastopol) did our data analysis and consulted with us digitally on some of the unusual results we ran into in this prolonged-drought year. We had lots of windy days, but no cold snaps or heavy rains. Here are some of our findings.

2021 Nest Box Summary (27 Boxes)

Species	Nests	Eggs	Hatched	Fledged/ Yield
WEBL	13	60	55 (92%)	41 (68%)
TRES	4	23	19 (83%)	11 (48%)
ATFL	1	4	4 (100%)	4 (100%)
СВСН	1	8	8 (100%)	0 (0%)
Total	19	95	86 (91%)	56 (59%)

Overall, we had 19 nests and 95 eggs from several species of cavity-nesting birds, a somewhat typical year for us. We had 13 nests built by western bluebirds (WEBL), four nests built by tree swallows (TRES), and one nest each by a pair



Chestnut-backed chickadee eggs. *Perry McCarty* 

of ash-throated flycatchers (ATFL) and a chestnut-backed chickadee (CBCH). Thanks to their efforts, 56 new fledglings are now flying around Edgewood. These newbies gave us a 59% yield (i.e., about 6/10 of our eggs made it to the fledgling stage). Since western bluebirds were the focus of the initial nest box monitoring efforts, we always

look at their results separately. There were 41 bluebird fledglings, which was a 68% yield for us. Our bluebirds typically do better than our other species.

In several ways, this year's results were sort of 'average,' but reflected the multi-year drought we have been experiencing. For example, the number of nests and eggs was typical, and our hatching rate (91%) was actually high. But only 59% of our eggs actually fledged. We found many

more dead babies (as opposed to unhatched eggs) than usual. We also had three total nest failures (i.e., all of the hatchlings died). Since we can't interview the avian parents, we can only speculate about those results!

The trends we saw in our results were also seen across the state by many bluebird monitors whom we met on Zoom Trail in October, Bluebirds did better than tree swallows this year, and most monitors had found more dead hatchlings and fewer fledglings. Some thought that perhaps the drought was responsible for fewer insects and thus the



Western bluebirds. Perry McCarty

adult parents could only find enough food to feed themselves. Additionally, the plethora of windy days meant that birds like tree swallows, who eat flying insects, may have had more difficulty finding enough food than birds like bluebirds, who eat ground insects.

As usual, I reported our findings to the California Bluebird Recovery Program (<a href="www.cbrp.org">www.cbrp.org</a>), which analyzes results from across California. We were again lucky that we were able to monitor our boxes. Many of the nest box trails across the state were still closed due to the pandemic, so many monitors were unable to check those boxes. The statewide results will be compromised again this year.

Unfortunately, we again had to turn away some newbie volunteers because our training and support couldn't be done within social distancing rules. But we are hopeful for next season. Please see the ad on page 2 if you want to learn about volunteering as a nest box monitor.

Considering all things COVID-19, perhaps our 2021 monitoring results can be best summarized as: Just like our nest boxes hanging in trees, our bluebirds are hanging in there! Enjoy and appreciate the 56 new birds flying around Edgewood in spite of the pandemic.

If you like numbers, see page 4 for our nine-year results.

#### **Nine-Year Nest Box Results**

All Species (western bluebird, tree swallow, chestnut-backed chickadee, ash-throated flycatcher)

Year	Nests	Eggs	Hatchlings	Fledglings (Yield)	# Boxes
2021	19	95	86 (91%)	56 (59%)	27
2020	21	91	69 (76%)	68 (75%)	27
2019	22	98	78 (80%)	52 (53%)	27
2018	17	77	67 (87%)	66 (86%)	26
2017	22	81	67 (83%)	37 (46%)	24
2016	17	81	59 (72%)	53 (65%)	24
2015	24	106	80 (75%)	70 (66%)	24
2014	19	93	77 (83%)	61 (66%)	24
2013	21	95	77 (81%)	63 (66%)	23

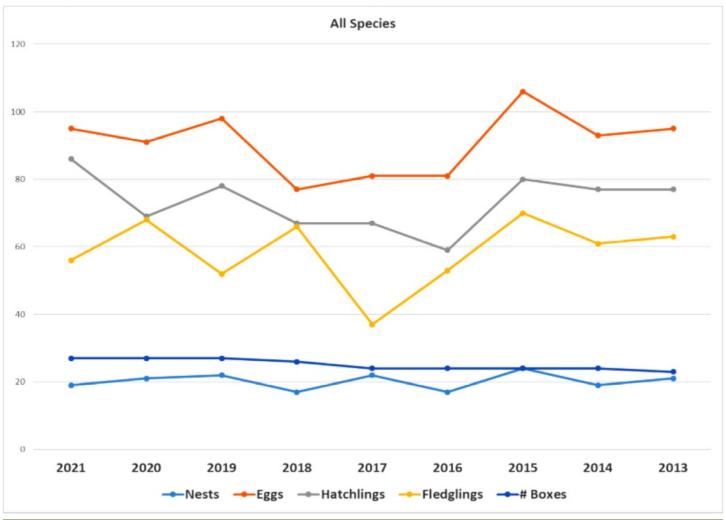
Thanks to Bill Korbholz for compiling our results graphically, as shown below.

#### **Docent Training Resumes**

In March 2020, members of the Friends of Edgewood docent class were disappointed when their four-monthlong course was interrupted midway to completion. Starting in January, almost all will be back at Edgewood, eager to renew and complete their training. Our plan is to conduct the course in person at the Ed Center and out on Edgewood trails, continuing a tradition of annual training that has persisted for over three decades.

The 2022 class will be smaller (eight instead of twelve students), all instructors and students will be vaccinated, and we will adhere to all relevant heath guidelines. Of course, our program could not occur without our terrific team of instructors. With their dedication and the renewed commitment of students, eight new docents will be leading wildflower hikes next May!

To learn more about what it takes to become a wildflower docent, visit <u>foew.org/become-a-docent</u> or contact Sandy, the Docent Training Coordinator, at <u>docent-trainer@friendsofedgewood.org</u>.



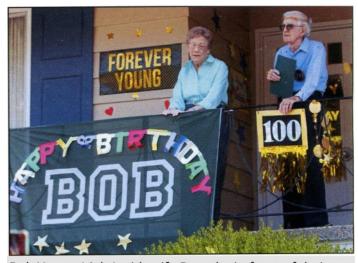
## Celebrating Bob Young's Life and Legacy at Edgewood



by Kathy Korbholz

On Oct. 24, six days after the interview for this article, Bob Young passed away. We were saddened to learn he could not be revived after a fall. At his request, there will be no service. When interviewed, Bob was happy, humbly proud of his life of service, and had a twinkle in his eye when he told a joke. As a testament to his active life, the day before his death Bob planted new manzanitas in his front yard.

On Sept. 4, the city of San Carlos celebrated Bob Young's 100th birthday. He was honored by his folk dance group at his front doorstep. A town crier, dressed in a tricorn hat and jabot, read a city proclamation signed by the mayor. The crier's wife played Happy Birthday and For He's A Jolly Good Fellow on a portable keyboard. Neighbors came out of their houses and joined in the singing and the applause.



Bob Young (right) with wife Dorothy in front of their home, Sept. 4. *C. Dickey* 

Born in California, in San Francisco's Richmond district, Bob Young was the youngest of three brothers. He met his wife, Dorothy, in a city-wide church youth group for high school seniors and college-age youths. Dorothy says she was attracted to Bob because "he was so cute."

Bob attended UC Berkeley where he received a BS in economics. He was able to get a military deferment as long as he was attending college full time (including summer school). Bob says the deferment lasted until the day he graduated. He and Dorothy were engaged before he left for a 3-year active duty stint in the Army infantry. Two months after he returned, they were married. That was 75 years ago this past March!

The GI bill paid for his graduate degree in accounting at Golden Gate College, and he later passed the CPA exam. (That's why he made such a great treasurer for FoE.) After interning at Price Waterhouse, Bob went to work for Del Monte Fruits. He retired in 1982, but went back as a temporary employee until 1985.

Bob was a quintessential volunteer for Edgewood. He turned his talents toward helping Edgewood in the following ways: trail maintenance, weeder, demonstration garden (before Howie), docent, writer (of those wonderful "Closer Look" articles published in the Explorer), board member, treasurer, membership chair, steward of the Ed Center, and model for how to use a weed wrench. Whew! He was awarded Best Friend in 2005 and received the lifetime achievement award in 2016.



Bill Korbholz presents the Friends of Edgewood Lifetime Achievement award to Bob Young (right) in 2016. *Kathy Korbholz* 

Bob went on his first hike in Edgewood in 1982 with Dick Bishop. (There is a trail named for Dick in Pulgas Ridge Open Space Preserve). Edgewood was being considered as a state college site at that time. Bob said his California Native Plant Society mentor, Elly Hess, taught him his very first native plant—coffeeberry. He was in the first Friends of Edgewood docent training class and became a reliable Friday weeder.

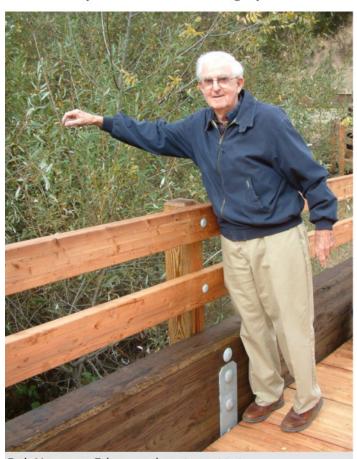
When asked if he volunteered for other organizations beyond the Friends of Edgewood, Bob mentioned the Belmont-San Carlos chapter of the Sierra Club. He led well-researched hikes to the Painted Ladies and along the many staircase trails of his native San Francisco. Also, he continued on page 6

#### **Bob Young** *continued from page 5*

was a volunteer for the folk dancing organizations he and Dorothy were active in until a few months ago.

Bob worked with Harold Drake and Jane Kos to make Big Canyon in San Carlos accessible to the public. Bob says Harold was his trail building mentor because he was a mathematician and could figure out the appropriate grade and how to slope the trail to aid in water diversion and prevent erosion. When he left Big Canyon, he put those learned skills to good use as a trail steward in Edgewood. In all, Bob worked on trail maintenance for 40 years.

When asked what part of volunteering gave him the most joy, Bob said, "Doing trail work and leading hikes." Dorothy (who received the Best Friend award in 2015) said for her it was leaving the Education Center (EC) sparkly clean after she and Bob finished their weekly routine as stewards. They were EC stewards for eight years.



Bob Young at Edgewood. Kathy Korbholz

Both Bob and Edgewood's past resident centenarian, George Taylor, worked as trail maintenance stewards. Hmmm— wonder if that contributes to a long life? When asked, Bob said, "Yes, and dancing every week for 60 years. But, the real secret is having a good wife and doing things together." •



## **Serpentinite Rocks!**

Story and photo by Barrie Moore

We have a new feature in the native garden. Thanks goes to Bill Korbholz for spotting an impressive serpentinite boulder sitting out of the way on a piece of CalTrans property. Bill convinced CalTrans to donate the boulder to FoE, and the Edgewood rangers kindly helped move it into pride of place just outside the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center.

Bill says, "We have long hoped to have an example of serpentinite somewhere near the Ed Center. When I saw this amazing blue-green boulder, I knew it would be worth the effort to bring it to the native garden." Visitors can now admire the beauty of California's state rock and learn about what is probably the most important aspect of Edgewood's geology—our serpentine soils.

Serpentine soils are derived from the weathering of the metamorphic rock serpentinite. Serpentine soils make up 160 acres at Edgewood or about a third of the preserve. They are an important driver of Edgewood's extraordinary biodiversity. This uncommon soil type supports unique grassland and chaparral communities. These soils tend to be thin and gravelly, and their chemical composition poses challenges for most plants. Over millennia, certain native plants, including some of Edgewood's rare species have evolved to grow in these harsh conditions.

Learn more about serpentine soils and see some of the Edgewood plants that grow in them on a new Field Guide page: foew.org/serpentine-grassland.

Thanks again to Bill and the Edgewood rangers for all their efforts. You, and serpentinite, rock!

#### Plant Life in Winter: Ready to Grow

by Bruce Homer-Smith

Plant life at Edgewood continues year-round. Annuals have left seeds to start a new generation. Perennials slow down or lie dormant, waiting for an external cue to start growing again. Life is starting from small places, ready to grow and bloom as

rain and sun allow.

The brittle leaf manzanita (A) has kept its evergreen leaves and has been growing nascent inflorescences since early fall. They'll begin blooming early in the new year.

Bigflower dandelion (B) adds pappus to its living seeds to let them drift on the wind to find new opportunity.

Blue witch (C) has dropped its leaves, waiting for winter rains, but retains green stems so it can do some photosynthesis.

Madrone (D) holds onto its green leaves and berries, letting almost none fall to the ground. This provides food for birds through Christmas. The birds provide transportation for the seeds to new areas, possibly miles away.







Some plants have mostly dried out above ground but persist as their seeds mature, giving us a final view of their glory.

Soap plant seed pods (E), Fremont star lily seed pods (F), blue dicks (G), Franciscan onion (H)



Photos E-H by Sandy Bernhard

Thanks to Sandy Bernhard, who inspired this article with her recent Wildflower Survey emails. Sign up to receive them at <a href="mailto:bloomin-coordinator@">bloomin-coordinator@</a> friendsofedgewood.org.

#### **HMP + Seed Is Clear Winner**

Story and photo by Perry McCarty

A second season of HMP treatment has already taken place in Edgewood. HMP, or hydromechanical pulverization, uses high-pressure water to pulverize recently-germinated plants. It's easy to spot the five large HMP rectangles in the grasslands, adjacent to some of last year's treatment plots. Last season's rains were very late so conditions weren't right for HMP until mid-January, but rain began so early this season that HMP occurred in mid-November. That's because HMP is used to eliminate the non-native annual grasses and forbs shortly after they germinate, which is a few weeks after the first significant rain of the season.

Last year, our fertile (that is, non-serpentine) grassland restoration project had an experimental setup that tested five candidate treatments:

- 1) HMP followed by seeding
- 2) HMP with no seeding
- 3) Close mow followed by seeding
- 4) Close mow with no seeding
- 5) Spring mow with a string-cutter (before the nonnative grass seeds mature)

The five treatments were applied at eight test sites in the grasslands. A control plot was also set up and monitored so the five treatments could be compared with

6) No treatment at all.

All plots were monitored, and "HMP followed by seeding" was clearly the most effective treatment at reducing non-native grasses and forbs while not eliminating native perennials. Plus, seeding suppressed return of non-native annuals. Last year, seeds from Edgewood Farms were tested in certain plots where we could easily spot how well they performed. They did well and will be included in this year's "HMP followed by seeding" plots.

"Close mowing," done with what looks like a machine for polishing floors but with a wire brush, turned out to be less effective at reducing grasses and forbs, harder on the operator, and more dangerous to operate.

Last year, "Spring mow" had not been performed yet when the plots were being monitored, so it was not included in the comparison of results. New "Spring mow" plots are not currently being staked as part of this year's project, but this treatment might also be used selectively in the grasslands.

Based on last year's results, the decision was made to perform 900 square meters of "HMP followed by seeding" at five sites, for a total of 4500 square meters of treatment. Monitoring surveys measure this year's outcome as well as



Creekside Science staff applying HMP treatment.

the second-year results of last season's plots. From this year's monitoring we will also learn more about the impact of the treatments on the perennials.

When you visit the grasslands, you can compare this year's outcome with last year's "HMP followed by seeding" plots, which are marked with blue and yellow stakes. ❖

#### Saying Goodbye to a Good Friend



#### **Dianne Grace Hunt**

(February 12, 1953 - August 23, 2021)

by Kathy Korbholz

Dianne first became involved with the Friends of Edgewood when she joined the Docent program in 1996. Within two years, she assumed responsibility

for coordinating the whole Docent program and became the Docent Training Coordinator. She was given the Best Friend of Edgewood award in 1998.

Dianne volunteered in many FoE activities over the years. One of her most enduring contributions was the What's Bloomin' magnet board. She created small magnets with photos and names of plants and animals that could be seen in the park. The What's Bloomin' board is still a popular interpretive tool. Dianne also started leading weekly training hikes at Edgewood for docents. The "Bloomin' Hikes" (now called Wildflower Surveys) have changed and evolved, but they still occur weekly.

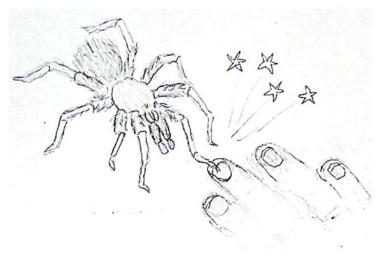
Dianne moved to Rohnert Park in 2012, but she stayed in touch with her Bay Area friends. Dianne's energy, enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, and cheerful nature will be remembered and missed by her large circle of friends.

### **Touching**

Story and art by Norma Jean Bodey

Every autumn, I'm excited and hopeful of perhaps catching sight of a male tarantula during the September-October period when they're out a-courtin', but years can pass before I finally do.

In late September this year, I was thrilled to spot one. Being careful not to cast a shadow, I got down on the ground and very slowly and carefully extended a flattened hand out in front of his path, in the eternal hope of getting one to walk over my hand so I could experience what that feels like. Always before, they've spurned my hand and turned away, no matter how many times I move to position it directly in front of them.



This year the tarantula I encountered paused for a long time, then raised one foreleg dramatically as though preparing to whirl and gallop away (well, relatively speaking). We both remained motionless in our respective positions for quite a while. Then he tentatively and *very* slowly lowered and extended that ready-to-gallop-away foreleg, reached out, and ever so lightly touched the tip of it to one of my fingernails. He lifted the foot slightly and then again lightly touched that fingernail twice. I was thrilled. Eventually he retracted that leg.

A few days later, I unconsciously scratched my leg and was astonished to find brilliant red scratch marks on my shin. I unconsciously scratched my hip, and that area turned into increasingly red, thickened, angry itchiness. I realized the ground alongside the trail where I'd flattened out to see the tarantula at eye level was littered with leaves, including those shed by poison oak. I didn't know the urushiol oil had penetrated my clothing, but apparently it had done so. Despite a good ten days of fiendish itching, it was all worth it for my "E.T. moment."

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- → Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve is open for hiking and equestrian use.
- → Please review trail maps, obey signs, and stay on approved trails.
- → Maintain six feet social distancing from people not in your group. Face coverings are required indoors (including restrooms).
- → Restrooms in the picnic area are open.
- → Picnicking is allowed.
- → The Bill and Jean Lane Education Center remains closed. Plans for re-opening are underway.
- → Restrictions may change at any time. Check our website at <u>foew.org</u> for current information.

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