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*Photo by Ann Raisch*

# THE LATEST

Timely and brief updates on ongoing projects



**N**ew master plan for county-wide trails, Prairie Valley Preserve, shelters and more!

## Countywide Trails Plan

Story County Conservation has begun master planning for an updated county-wide trails plan. This plan will help Story County identify priority projects and connections for future trail initiatives, including trail public input opportunities. Stay tuned for more on this exciting project!

## NEW: Prairie Valley Preserve

A new soft-surface trail is being installed at Prairie Valley Preserve in northwest Story County. At just over three-fourths of a mile, this mowed trail provides opportunities to explore prairie and wetland areas, helping bring people out to get closer with nature at this new property. SCC will continue restoration efforts of sensitive remnant prairie pockets in an effort to allow these diverse plant communities to re-establish this area. You can visit this property at 50355 170th St. Ames, IA 50014. Watch for more details in coming months!

With more than an estimated 100,000 visitors each year, West Peterson Park is one of Story County's busiest. New shelters will soon be built, adding to recent park improvements in 2022 that added a two-tier beach system to provide better beach access.

## New Shelters at West Peterson

West Peterson Park will soon see the addition of three new accessible picnic shelters. One large shelter will be placed east of the main parking lot, with a fire pit overlooking the lake. Two medium-sized shelters will be placed on the top tier of the beach, overlooking the beach area and providing park users an escape from the sun. Each shelter will have grills and picnic tables on a concrete pad.

## Paddling Launch Expansion

As kayaking and paddling use continues to climb, SCC is working on bringing the amenities to match. Two zero grade launches have recently been installed, one at the recently renovated McFarland Lake, and one at Hickory Grove Park's East Game Area. Now, numerous new launches will be installed in the spring of 2024!

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# WELCOMING BACK A FAMILIAR FACE

Story County Conservation is welcoming back a familiar face — Erica Place, who you may remember from her time at SCC as the outreach coordinator, was appointed as a board member in January. The Story County Conservation Board is composed of five volunteer members chosen by the Board of Supervisors who serve staggered five-year terms.

"I'm looking forward to serving in this new role, supporting the good work of the staff and advocating for our natural resources," Erica says. "Story County is so fortunate to have such an active conservation department. Not only do we truly have some of the best outdoor spaces and environmental education programs, SCC is often leading the rest of the state in conservation innovation. I'm very proud of this department's ability to keep pushing forward to make Story County a better place to live, work and recreate.



They've accomplished a lot of great things, and there's more work to do."

Erica's deep connection to SCC's mission remained through her career change, as she continued to volunteer for projects like tree watering, trail work and prairie seed collection.

Whether it's hiking at Robison Wildlife Acres,

hunting along the Skunk River Greenbelt or birding at East Peterson Park, she's a frequent visitor of SCC parks and trails.

"I feel a strong responsibility to lend voice to the voiceless — our sensitive landscapes, plants and wildlife — and joining the board gives me an avenue to do that," Erica explains. "We all can affect real change at the local level, and there are a lot of ways you can make a meaningful difference. Voting, volunteering, donating or inviting a friend to your favorite park — all of this is impactful. I can promise there's a way your passions, ideas and talents can benefit the parks, trails and wildlife areas here in Story County."

Erica is the communications specialist for Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and resides in Huxley. She'd love to meet you at a future board meeting, in a park or over coffee to talk about your conservation vision or favorite places to get outdoors.

## THE LATEST, continued:

- An ADA accessible launch will be installed at Hickory Grove Park, near the north boat ramp. This will be a stand-alone dock with ADA accessible launching point.
- A second kayak launch dock at Hickory Grove Park will be installed at the south boat ramp.
- A kayak launch will be installed at the West Peterson boat ramp, connecting to the existing dock.
- A stand-alone kayak launch dock will be installed at Dakins Lake.

Don't forget, if you don't have your own paddling equipment, we now offer kayak and paddle board rentals at Dakins Lake and Hickory Grove Park! (See page 12)

## Partners Update

**As of March 18, Partners has raised \$33,028 towards its FY24 goal of \$45,000 for the purchase of the soon-to-be Deppe Family Conservation Area. While SCC has already taken official ownership of the property, we still need to meet our obligation of \$45,000, and with your help we can achieve the remaining 27% by June 30! Once this goal is fulfilled, SCC will have officially raised all funds related to the purchase of the 124-acre Deppe Family Conservation Area.**

**We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our Partners for their contributions, which will continue to fund the Partners pledge made to acquire the Deppe property. If you have not returned your renewal envelope, please do so soon! Use Page 11 of this issue to encourage a friend or neighbor to join as well.**





To date, approximately 1,600 acres of natives have been planted by IRVM in Story County roadsides, including this diverse planting along County Highway S-14 in southern Story County.

# TIME TO TURN THE PAGE

**SAYING "THANK YOU" TO JOE KOOIKER AS HE RETIRES:** Kooiker has been integral to Story County Conservation since he joined the team in 1989, working under the then newly-formed Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program. He has since left a positive mark on natural resource conservation in Story County. We sincerely thank him for his time and energy!

## A LETTER FROM JOE:

It was a sunny Friday afternoon in March of 1989, I was sniffing around for seasonal work and walked into the Story County Conservation (SCC) headquarters – then located in the basement of the director’s house at Hickory Grove Park. Director Bob Pinneke was the only one in the office that afternoon, and invited me into his office. We sat and looked at a large blueprint plan of what was to become the Story County Conservation Center. We casually talked fishing for a bit and he gave me a generic application form to fill out. Two weeks later, I was officially a part of the SCC system as an intern in the county’s newly-established Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) program, created just two years prior due to a new paradigm shift in vegetation management.

Story County was the second county in the state to adopt a program that would provide an alternative to conventional methods of blanket spraying and mowing. Currently, IRVM is an approach to right-of-

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way maintenance that combines a variety of techniques with sound management principles. Encouraging native plantings is one main goal.

A few years after, I took the wheel as the Vegetation Management Biologist. It

was roadsides and beyond from there, no instruction manuals on roadside vegetation management, no burn plans, no Nomex (flame-resistant clothing) or spray trucks. Planting natives was just starting to catch on, but still was not a very popular item of discussion in certain circles. We started with backpack sprayers and a self-propelled walk behind seeder. Now, our toolbox includes the latest in vegetation management equipment. A truck-mounted sprayer equipped with GPS and 12 different nozzles, that encourages pin - point accuracy and wise use of herbicide. To successfully grow plants in roadsides, our inventory includes tractors of all sizes, drills, tub seeders and a 1,500-gallon hydroseeder. **To date, approximately 1,600 acres of native plants have been planted in Story County’s roadsides.**

Besides all that, after 34.5 years, I’d have to say working with and for the public has been my favorite part of the show. In second place would be both learning from and teaching all the seasonal employees who have made their way on and up through the system. This certainly includes the opportunity of spreading the good word about the benefits of IRVM – it’s been very rewarding.

It’s time for me to “turn the page,” as Bob Seger would say . . .

I would sincerely like to thank all who have supported the IRVM program and put up with me for all these years.

As IRVM transitions staff, please direct IRVM-related calls to the Conservation Office at 515.232.2516.



Joseph Kooiker, Deputy Roadside Management Biologist in 1990.



Kooiker stands beside IRVM’s two Allis Chalmers Model 72 All-Crop Harvester pull-behind combines, which have harvested thousands of dollars’ worth of prairie seed over the course of his career.



Working in harsh weather conditions has always been a part of the job. Here, Kooiker rides exposed on top of the hydro-seeder during a late-winter frost seeding on the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail bridge over the South Skunk River. Brr!

# PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

MAY, JUNE, JULY

## FOR REGISTRATION, VISIT:

[www.Storycountyconservation.org](http://www.Storycountyconservation.org)

### Amazing Amphibians

Monday, May 13, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
West Peterson Park

It's National Frog Jumping Day! We'll learn all about Iowa's frogs and amazing amphibians, then go on a journey to find some real amphibians! Pre-register by May 10.

### Volunteer T.E.A.M. Day

Saturday June 1, Time TBD  
Anderson Access

Celebrate National Trails Day with us! Be part of our T.E.A.M. (Trail Enhancement And Management) and join in this volunteer work day to help make improvements to trails at the Anderson Access! Registration is required for this project. Visit [www.Storycountyiowa.gov/566/volunteering](http://www.Storycountyiowa.gov/566/volunteering) to sign up.

### Wild Tots: Underground Exploration

Sunday, June 2, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
McFarland Park

There's so much to discover beneath our feet! We'll explore dirt, rocks, mud and the critters living underground. Program includes a story, hands-on activities, crafts and short hike. Pre-register online by May 28. \*Intended for tots 18 months to four years.

### Painting in the Park

Friday, June 7, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
McFarland Park

Naturalist Amber Piatt will provide step-by-step watercolor painting instructions in the park while discussing some of the its unique features. Family-friendly; ages 8+. Pre-register online by June 5.



### Strollin' in the Park

Tuesday, June 18, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor

Enjoy a stroll at Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor. We'll explore the summer wildflowers and wildlife as we wander through the park. Walk will take place on a concrete trail, so strollers, wheelchairs and/or walkers are welcome. Pre-register online by June 17.

### Picnic in the Park

Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
McFarland Park

Celebrate World Picnic Day! Connect with other families/ individuals while enjoying dinner outdoors. Ingredients for cold or pie iron campfire sandwiches provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a side dish/dessert to share! Pre-register online by June 16.

### Strawberry Solstice Float

Friday, June 21, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Hickory Grove Park

Join us for a sunset paddle between summer solstice and full moon. We'll lead you through this hands-on training to paddle kayaks and paddle boards. Children must be 5th grade or older and accompanied by an adult. Pre-register online by June 19.

### Mess Makers

Saturday, June 29, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Conservation Center at McFarland Park

It's okay to get messy in this outdoor play session! We'll try making our own brushes and stamps, and use a mix of natural and non-toxic materials to experiment with paint and color! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free, but pre-register online by June 26.

### Patriotic Paddle & Picnic

Saturday, July 6, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Hickory Grove Park

Co-Hosted by Wander Women Midwest

Join us and co-host Wander Women Midwest, and other like-minded women, for a morning of holiday weekend paddling (kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding)! Give all three water sports a try, then we'll enjoy a picnic lunch. Pre-register online by July 3 at [www.wanderwomenmidwest.com](http://www.wanderwomenmidwest.com).



### Picnic in the Park

Friday, July 19, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
McFarland Park

Connect with other families/individuals while enjoying dinner outdoors. Ingredients provided to roast hot dogs and make s'mores over the fire. Participants are encouraged to bring a side dish to share. Pre-register online by July 17.

### Evening Paddling

Tuesday, July 23, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Hickory Grove Park

Bring your families out to give water sports a try! We'll walk you through how to use a canoe and paddle board. Little to no experience is not a problem! Pre-register online by July 22.



Location: McFarland Park, Conservation Center  
Doors open at 10:00 a.m. for coffee/tea & chatting.

### History of the Lincoln Highway in Story County in words and images

Thursday, May 2, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter Hank Zaletel, a retired transportation archivist at Iowa DOT & the Institute of Transportation at ISU, will speak to road politics of the time, road features, towns served, tourist amenities, motels, cafes and gas stations past and present. Zaletel is a collector of historic images and paper ephemera of Story County and beyond, and a past Ames History Museum board member and current volunteer.

### Twilight Paddle

Tuesday, July 23, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Hickory Grove Park

Bring your family out to the park to have some paddling fun! We'll walk you through how to use a canoe while you enjoy the warm summer twilight with us. Pre-register online by July 22.

### Strollin' in the Park

Thursday, July 25, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
McFarland Park

Take a summer stroll at McFarland park! We'll explore the woods and water's edge as we walk around the lake. Our walk will take place on a concrete trail, so strollers, wheelchairs and/or walkers are welcome. Pre-register online by July 25.

### Painting in the Park

Friday, July 26, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
West Peterson Park

Naturalist Amber Piatt will provide step-by-step watercolor painting instructions in the park while discussing some of the park's unique features. Family-friendly; ages 8+. Pre-register online by July 24.

### River Walk

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
West Peterson Park

Flip rocks, explore riffles, and scoop waterbugs during a river walk. Who knows what else we may discover! Plan on getting wet and muddy. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Subject to change based on water levels. Free, but pre-register online by August 14.



### Woodpeckers of Iowa

Thursday, June 6, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Ray and Margaret Harden will share photos and info about Iowa's six woodpeckers, and the two species reported as accidental occurrences here. Learn about unique anatomy allowing them to hammer into trees to find food, the endangered Red-cockaded woodpecker and hear a personal story about the extinct Ivory bill.

### Picnic in the Park

Saturday, Aug. 17, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
West Peterson Park

Connect with other families and/or individuals in the community while enjoying a picnic in the outdoors. Snacks are on the lunch menu! We will provide crackers, cheese, meat, and dip to make a "DIY Lunchable," along with other snack options. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite snack to share if they would like. Grab your favorite picnic blanket and get ready for a delicious summer celebration! Pre-register online by August 14.

**\*\*Evening Walks on the Prairie Series**  
Event details on Page 9.

## NATURE CONNECT

Qualifying households can now receive  
50% OFF camps and programs!

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Call Mid-Iowa Community Action at 515-956-3333 to verify need and receive your discount code.

Plan in advance if you intend to use NatureConnect. We recommend having discount code in hand when camp registration opens on April 16.

GET READY FOR

# SUMMER CAMPS 2024

Explore the outdoors, learn new skills and most importantly, have fun!



Camp registration opens Tuesday, April 16 at 6 p.m. Visit [www.mycountyparks.com](http://www.mycountyparks.com) to view descriptions & fees



## SURVIVAL DAY

(Completed grade 4, 5 or 6)  
June 26, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

## SHOOTING SPORTS

(Completed grade 6 or higher)  
June 21, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
July 23, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

## WATER SPORTS

(Completed grade 5, 6 or 7)  
July 5, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
July 17, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

## ARCHERY

(Completed grade 6 or higher)  
July 1, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

## POLLIWOGS

(Youth going into K)  
June 10-13, 9:00-11:30 A.M.  
July 8-11, 9:00-11:30 A.M.  
July 29 - Aug. 1, 9:00-11:30 A.M.

## FROGS

(Completed K)  
June 10-14, 9:00-11:30 A.M.  
July 8-12, 1:00-3:30 P.M.  
July 29- August 2, 1:00-3:30 P.M.  
August 5-9, 9:00-11:30 A.M.

## WATERBUGS

(Completed grade 1 or 2)  
June 10-14, 1:00-3:30 P.M.  
July 8-12, 9:00-11:30 A.M.  
July 29- August 2, 1:00-3:30 P.M.  
August 5-9, 9:00-11:30 A.M.

## EXPLORERS

(Completed grade 3 or 4)  
June 17-18, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
June 24-25, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
July 15-16, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
July 18-19, 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

## OVERNIGHT EXPLORERS

(Completed grade 5 or 6)  
June 27, 9:00 A.M. - June 28, 9:00 A.M.  
July 2, 9:00 A.M. - July 3, 9:00 A.M.

## IOWA EXPLORERS

(Completed grade 7 or 8)  
Aug. 13 at 9 A.M. - Aug. 15 at 2:30 P.M.  
\*This is a 3 day, 2 night camp

**VOLUNTEER:** Interested in helping with camp? Visit [www.storycountyiowa.gov/566/volunteering](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov/566/volunteering) or contact Community Engagement Coordinator Madi Nolte at 515.598.4761.

# HEART OF IOWA NATURE TRAIL

Heart of Iowa Nature Trail (HOINT) users will see vast changes to the 23-mile multi-use trail across southern Story County in the upcoming months, as multiple construction projects are slated for 2024. We ask that trail users remain patient, as the HOINT is expected to be closed for the entire season in sections near its crossing with Interstate 35, as well as between the South Skunk River Bridge and Collins.

## THE TUNNEL TO BE

As Iowa DOT begins its colossal project of widening I-35 from four to six lanes between Ames and Ankeny, SCC's multi-use trail crossing quietly underneath will also see impacts. The section of the HOINT crossing under I-35, between Huxley and Cambridge, recently closed as preliminary work for the interstate widening is underway. This section of trail will most likely remain closed for the entire 2024 construction season.

Within this project, the two existing interstate bridges crossing above the quiet HOINT are slated to be removed. A new tunnel will be built, over which the new six interstate lanes will cross. If construction goes smoothly, we are hopeful the tunnel project will be completed in time for the trail to reopen by the beginning of the 2025 recreation season.

Please note this is an Iowa DOT project and SCC is not responsible for timeliness.

## PAVE ALL THE WAY

SCC's major "travel corridor" is also receiving a face lift, as plans for paving the remainder of the HOINT, from the South Skunk River Bridge east to Collins, are complete. This 12-mile portion of



Photo by Karen Wickert, Volunteer

## EVENING WALKS ON THE PRAIRIE

Join us for "Evening Walks On The Prairie!" These walks will take place at Doolittle Prairie, led by Dr. Tom Rosburg.

- TUESDAY, MAY 21, 7-8:30 PM
- TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 7-8:30 PM
- TUESDAY, JULY 18, 7-8:30 PM
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 7-8:30 PM
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 6-7:30 PM



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trail is expected to be closed until late 2024 for paving. This project will finally connect all five communities along the HOINT—Collins, Maxwell, Cambridge, Huxley, and Slater—from Collins westward to the junction with the High Trestle Trail in Slater. If all goes as planned, trail users will soon be able to enjoy a continuous, 10-foot wide paved trail traversing the entire county from Slater to Collins by the spring of 2025!

FOR MORE HOINT UPDATES: Visit [www.storycountyiowa.gov/theheart](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov/theheart)

# HONORING EXTIRPATED SPECIES

*Extirpated species: an animal that no longer exists in the wild in its historical habitat, but still exists elsewhere.*

The behind-the-scenes of SCC's most recent art installation

## WHERE ONCE THEY ROAMED

For the past couple of years, a wire sculpture of an elk has watched over trail users at the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor. But why an elk? Because elk, known as Wapiti to Native Americans, were once found in great abundance in Iowa, but are now extirpated. To help tell this part of Iowa's natural history, we were assisted by Erik Merryman, a student in the Iowa State University Biological/Pre-Medical Illustration program.

Merryman created a new interpretive panel with custom art work about three icon extirpated species, including elk.

Along with the new interpretive panel is a second sculpture, recently installed in March. A donation from "a daily park walker" and the Tedesco Family allowed SCC to purchase a Plains bison from the

same artist, barbed wire sculptor Jeff Best, with Devils' Rope Studio in Clare, MI.

The bison sculpture, titled "Great Plains Drifter," by the artist stands at a life-sized height of six feet and weighs in at almost 700 lbs. Like its sister-sculpture, the bison is crafted exclusively from wire (aside from its hooves) and even has eyes and teeth!

*A donation from "a daily park walker" and the Tedesco Family allowed SCC to purchase a Plains bison from the same artist, barbed wire sculptor Jeff Best, with Devils' Rope Studio in Clare, MI.*

Upon its delivery, artist Best went into great detail about the mammal's construction. Its exterior is made from roughly two miles of reclaimed barbed wire, topped with another 1.75 miles of

wire used in the single-strand hair on the front of this beast. A second layer of unwrapped barbed wire was then used to create the bushy head. After some 350 hours of sculpting, the bison was powder coated three times before making its way to Iowa.

What is the third species mentioned on the panel? Next time you are walking through the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor, you'll have to take few minutes to stop and read the interpretive panel.

Like a malleable piece of wire, Story County's parks are always changing, as SCC strives to meet user needs and "connect people with nature and improving natural resources - making Story County a great place to live, work and recreate." Who knows, perhaps one day another animal from Iowa's history may join the pack?

Photo by Jon Wilson, Jon Wilson Photography



## BOARD & STAFF

The Story County Conservation Board typically meets the second Monday of each month at the Story County Conservation Center at McFarland Park (56461 180th St.). Meetings are open to the public.

### Conservation Board

Christine Laumer, Chair  
Dr. Nancy Franz, Vice Chair  
Dr. Jim Pease, Secretary  
Craig Meyers, Member  
Erica Place, Member  
Linda Murken, Ex Officio Member

### Conservation Center Staff, Ames

Michael Cox, Director  
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Pat Shehan, Special Projects Ranger  
Marianne Harrelson, Financial Data Mgr.  
Jess Paulin, Administrative Assistant  
Jerry Keys, Environmental Education Coord.  
Rebekah Beall, Naturalist  
Bobbi Donovan, Naturalist  
Amber Piatt, Naturalist  
Clair Pfantz, Naturalist  
Madi Nolte, Community Engagement Coord.

### McFarland Park Shop, Ames

Russ DeWall, Operations Supervisor  
Logan Heissel, Park Ranger  
Dillon Schmidt, Conservation Technician II  
Kallie Judson, Conservation Technician I  
Derek Seward, Trails/Natural Resources Tech.

### Hickory Grove Park Shop, Colo

Jake Smith, Operations Supervisor  
Olivia VanderHart, Park Ranger  
Hunter Simmons, Conservation Technician II  
Maxwell McCarty, Conservation Technician I  
Brandon Clough, Natural Resources Specialist

### IRVM Office & Shop, Nevada

Tyler Kelley, Vegetation Mgmt. Specialist

### Administration Bldg., Nevada

Sara Carmichael, Watershed Coordinator

## HELP PURCHASE A NEW PROPERTY!

Help us reach our goal of \$40,000

Your Story County Conservation *Partners* membership will help purchase the Deppe Property. You will receive a nature-themed magnet and a 10% discount on all programs, facility rentals, and merchandise. The Red Fox membership level and above will be recognized in the conservation center for their support.

Eagle Business Level - \$1,000 or more      Monarch Business Level - \$250 to \$999

Red-tailed Hawk - \$1,000 or more      Goldfinch - \$70 to \$124  
Great Blue Heron - \$275 to \$999      Otter (Family) - \$35 to \$69  
Red Fox - \$125 to \$274      Great Horned Owl (Individual) - \$30

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*Thank You!*

We are grateful to all those who support Story County Conservation with donations of time, funding, and materials.

### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROSITY:

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# RENT! FUN

## *FUN IS JUST A PADDLE AWAY*

Kayak and paddle board rental now available at Hickory Grove Park & Dakins Lake, including life jackets! Prepare in advance by downloading the Rent.Fun smartphone app.

