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A research project is moving traditionally sedentary tasks to treadmills equipped with desks, or Trek Desks. Five offices are using the shared work spaces, which are part of the "ExcerCYse is Medicine" wellness campaign launched earlier this year by the Nutrition and Wellness Center and the kinesiology department.

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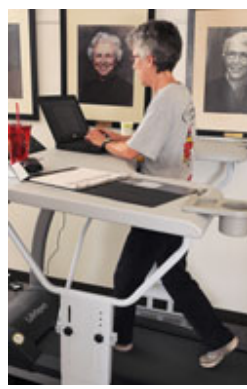
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The Presidential Search Committee will meet via conference call on Thursday, July 28, beginning at 1:30 pm. The Parker Executive Search firm will provide an update and answer questions from the committee. See story for agenda items and info on how to access the conference.

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Trek Desk study



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Inside the local fire station serving the Crow Creek Tribal Nation, veterinarians MeLissa Ciprich (left) and Autumn Chrouser (center) and veterinary technician Cara Yanussi work on a cat. Chrouser was back for an encore; she was an ISU veterinary student when she volunteered last year. *Photo by Darci Adams.*

## Veterinary team's clinic on South Dakota reservation draws a crowd

by Diana Pounds

A team of ISU veterinarians and students turned a fire station on a South Dakota Indian reservation into a free clinic for a couple of days in July. The makeshift clinic was a very popular place with the people of Crow Creek Tribal Nation, some of whom waited up to four hours to get much needed treatments for their pets.

The summer clinic, now in its third year of operation, also is popular with ISU veterinary student volunteers, who get a crash course in dealing with clients and the warm satisfaction of helping several hundred pets and their owners.

"It's a wonderful experience," said Dr. MeLissa Ciprich, a faculty member who leads the summer program with colleague Dr. Joan Howard.

The volunteer veterinary team provides services to one of the poorest areas in the nation, Ciprich said. Cooperating with the tribal community and the public health sanitarian in the area, the team is able to help those who otherwise have very little access to veterinary services.

"My mentality is you help people when you help their animals," she said.

### Two days, many patients

And help the animals, they did. The crew provided exams, vaccinations, spaying and neutering and

other medical treatment to more than 300 dogs, cats and horses. They also provided information to the tribal community on diseases, such as scabies and ringworm, which can be transferred between humans and their pets.

In addition to Ciprich and Howard, the team included two South Dakota veterinarians (one from Brookings Regional Humane Society and a recent ISU grad now practicing in Sioux Falls), 12 veterinary students, several undergraduates, and a few other volunteers, including a high school student who cooked for the group.

"Everyone works together as a team," Ciprich said. "That's what makes this thing work."

### **Hands-on, at last**

"Younger students are teamed with older students," she added, "and we try to let them do as much as possible. They draw blood samples, do skin scrapings and talk to clients."

The experience is particularly useful for young veterinary students, who don't get a lot of hands-on experience in their first three years of school, Ciprich explained.

"Hands-on is what they want and crave," she said. "If they can just look at and touch a real animal, it's very exciting."

### **'Awesome clinical experience'**

Third-year veterinary student Nicole Jackson agreed, calling the Crow Creek clinic an "awesome clinical experience" that provided plenty of work with animals and interaction with clients.

The challenging part, she said, was mentally preparing for the long days ahead.

"You have to stay upbeat all day, to go in and work just as hard at night as you did in the morning."

The best part, she said, was the good feeling at the end of those long days.

"There were so many animals that we saw and helped that would never get veterinary attention."

### **Practicing with what you have**

Veterinary student Nivedita Ravichandran said setting up a clinic in a fire station also was an instructive exercise.

"I got to learn how to practice veterinary medicine with as little as you have, to be innovative and creative. It was very interesting and informative for me."

Ravichandran is in her last year as a veterinary student, but says she is interested in participating in next year's Crow Creek clinic as a veterinarian.

"I will do as much as I can every year," she said. "This experience has inspired me to get involved in doing this kind of work."

### **How to donate**



Veterinary students Uri Donnett and Nicole Jackson examine a small dog.

Ciprich said funding for the program was scabbled together from a variety of sources, with donations coming from ISU's veterinary medical services department and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, pharmaceutical companies Bayer and Boehringer-Ingelheim, and the volunteers themselves, who paid a portion of their lodging. Program leaders Ciprich and Howard picked up the remaining expenses out-of-pocket.

Those who wish to donate to future activities at the Crow Creek reservation can make a gift to the College of Veterinary Medicine's **Companion Animal Fund**. Indicate that the donation should be directed to the Crow Creek Veterinary Service Outreach Program.



A youngster and two pets wait to see the "doc."  
*Photo by Nicole Jackson.*

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On a trash-seeking mission, Delise Lockett (left), Ben Yeager, and Sara Luchtel take the plunge. *Photo by Alicia Adams.*

## Volunteers take a load off College Creek

by Diana Pounds

Volunteers pulled two pickup loads of trash from the banks and bottom of College Creek on July 9. And while they were at it, they installed 76 markers on storm drains.

It was the third annual cleanup of the creek that meanders through the southeast corner of central campus, and some 20 volunteers turned out scoop up 420 pounds of trash.

"We so appreciate these volunteers, who are willing to spend part of their weekend wading through muck and brush to make this creek, as well as our watershed, cleaner and healthier," said Merry Rankin, director of sustainability at Iowa State.

### Drains for rain only, please

This year, environmental health and safety joined the effort, coordinating the drive to mark storm drains around the Iowa State Center, Veterinary Medicine complex and along University Boulevard.

Volunteers installed metal casts on sidewalks near storm drains. The markers, which contain an image of a fish and the words "drains to stream," are intended to dissuade people from throwing waste in the



Volunteer installs environmental marker near a storm drain. *Photo by*

drains.

*Steve Mayberry.*

The annual cleanup is sponsored by the Live Green! program and Keep Iowa State Beautiful campaign in partnership with facilities planning and management.

For more information and photos of the College Creek cleanup, see the [Live Green!](#) website.

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## **Wanted: Your photos in the ISU state fair exhibit**

by Erin Rosacker

Iowa State is giving you the chance to display your photos at the Iowa State Fair without entering them in a contest. As part of the university's exhibit in the northeast corner of the Varied Industries Building during the fair, Iowa residents are encouraged to submit photos to illustrate how Iowa State is making a difference in communities.

"The whole focus is on how Iowa State University is making your community better," said Carole Custer, ISU marketing director. "Participants can come to the fair and see their photos displayed in the university's exhibit."

### **How to submit a photo**

Anyone can submit photos, which will be part of an interactive video display in ISU's exhibit space. Photos can be [uploaded to the ISU Extension website](#) or by using the free [iTunes application](#), "Main Street Engaging ISU."

Anyone or anything that's ISU-connected and helped make a difference in an Iowa community can be the subject of the photo. Examples might include an ISU alum who is a community leader or volunteer; a group of Master Gardeners who adopted and beautified a neglected area; or maybe a community project that improved the downtown streetscape.

Photo submissions can be now through the end of the state fair (Aug. 21). Populations with the highest percentage of photo entries will be announced at the end of the fair. One county and three communities (population less than 500; 500-5,000; and more than 5,000) will be recognized.



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## Study moves work from desk to treadmill

by Erin Rosacker

You've heard about walking and chewing gum. This project takes that a bit further. Researchers at the Nutrition and Wellness Research Center (NWRC) are conducting a study to evaluate a "Trek Desk" that enables people to walk while handling typically sedentary tasks -- such as reading and responding to emails -- on a treadmill equipped with a desk.

Greg Welk, associate professor in kinesiology, said the desks at the NWRC are very popular among his staff members.

"We had so much use that we had to institute a sign-in sheet to reserve walk times," Welk said.

The NWRC received five additional mobile work stations from Trek Desk Inc. and treadmills from Lifespan Fitness Inc. for a pilot project to evaluate their utility in other office units. The units are in use around campus, providing shared use opportunities in the offices of the president, vice president for research and economic development, Human Sciences dean, kinesiology department and Institutional Review Board.

Welk and his team are studying the effectiveness of the desks, which log user walk sessions during the month-long trial. The desks will rotate to new office units each month. If your department is interested in participating, [contact the NWRC](#) for more information.

The study is one of the ways the NWRC group is working to promote physical activity in traditionally sedentary work areas. It also is linked to the "[ExerCYse is Medicine](#)" campaign launched by the NWRC and kinesiology department earlier this year.

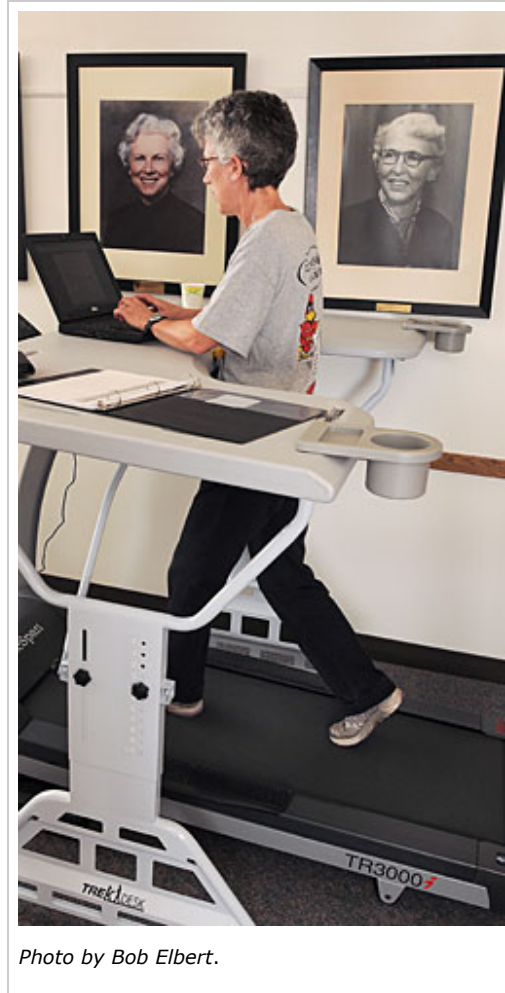


Photo by Bob Elbert.

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## **Presidential Search Committee to meet July 28**

The Presidential Search Committee will meet via conference call on Thursday, July 28, beginning at 1:30 pm. To dial in to the conference, call (866) 390-5250 and use this participant code: 9026659. Those on or near campus also can monitor the meeting in the Krieger Board Room (room 2200) in the Gerdin Business Building.

### **Meeting Agenda**

- i. Call to Order (Chairs Labh Hira and Roger Underwood)
- ii. Affirmative Action Information (Tom Evans)
- iii. Search Update (Parker Executive Search)
  - a. Advertisements
  - b. Overview
  - c. Market Feedback
- iv. Confidentiality (Chair Underwood/Parker Executive Search)
- v. Question-and-Answer with the Search Committee
- vi. Next Call: Aug. 16