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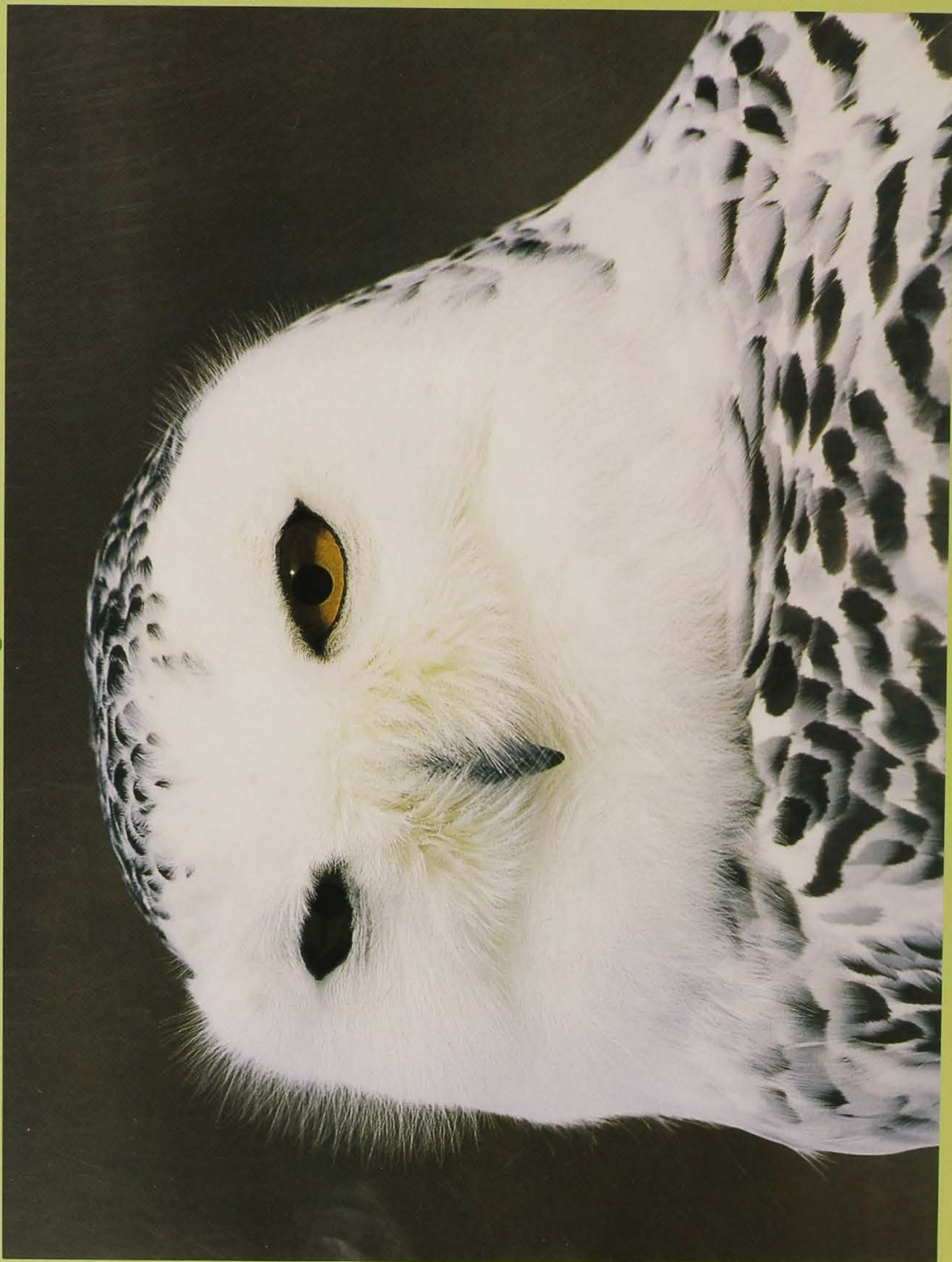
2006 Iowa Calendar



Bobwhite quail by Roger A. Hill

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Ash Wednesday

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Swan chick pecking at a lotus flower

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Robins by Lowell Washburn

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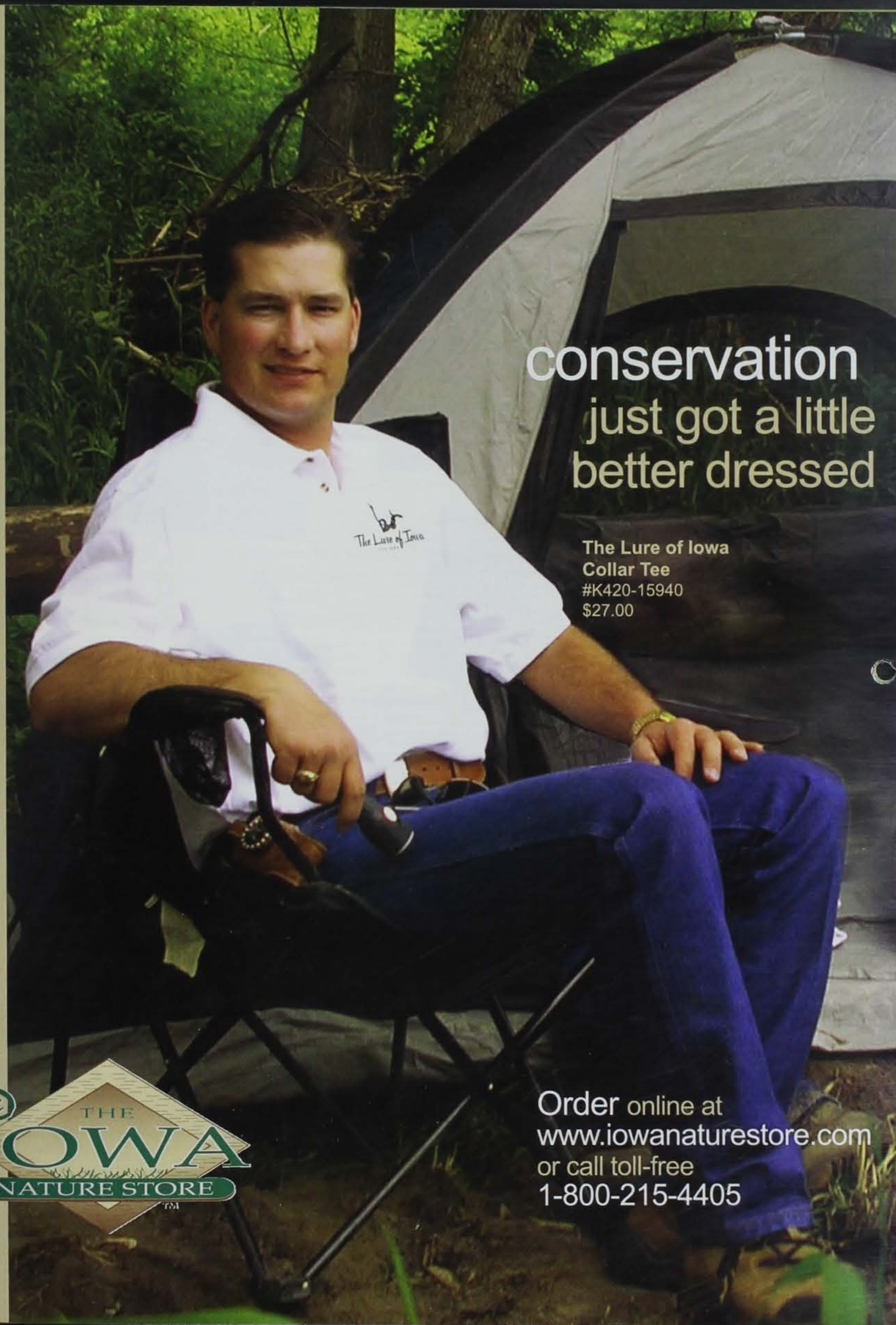
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HUSH ^{venison} feeds the needy at House of Compassion

Photos and article by Michael Schaffer

Sometimes, solutions to problems become so beneficial that many become grateful for the "problem." That is how Iowa's Help Us Stop Hunger (HUSH) is evolving.

The Problems

- Too many deer in Iowa; just ask motorists, farmers and gardeners.

- Hunting is the best way to control deer numbers, but hunters quit hunting when they have all the venison they want and run out of space to store it.

Partial solution: Provide hunters with an almost unlimited number of doe permits, and a system in which they can donate deer to those in need.

Since the fall of 2003, HUSH has received more than 3,500 donated deer that have been processed into more than 701,000 quarter-pound servings of high-quality, high-protein venison. And, that has been from only about half the state where HUSH was piloted to see if it would work, and on a shoestring budget mostly of donations from supportive Iowans. Satisfied that HUSH does, indeed, work, the Iowa Legislature last spring tacked \$1 onto each deer permit, providing enough money to expand HUSH statewide this fall.

The goal this year: 5,000 donated deer providing 1 million meals for needy Iowans.

The House of Compassion in Marshalltown is one social service agency that

has been serving HUSH venison in meals since 2003. The House of Compassion is a cooperative ministry of churches in Marshall County and has been serving county residents since 1995. Through its soup kitchen, ground venison from the State Center Locker and the Food Bank of Iowa is cooked and served. The House of Compassion also shares some of the frozen ground venison it receives with the Emergency Food Box in Marshalltown.

1 p.m., Monday, June 27

Longtime Marshalltown residents Ed Gentry and Darwyn White sit patiently outside the House of Compassion 10 minutes before it officially opens for the afternoon at 1 p.m.

"They like our food," White said.

"Because we do a good job doing it. I don't mind cooking, helping out. It gives me something to do."

- Darwyn White, volunteer

Gentry, 40, said he comes because he is currently unemployed, the food is good and it doesn't cost anything.

Besides coming for the evening meal, White, who is 60 and belongs to the Evangelical

Free Church, is also a frequent House of Compassion soup kitchen volunteer.

"They like our food," White said. "Because we do a good job doing it. I don't mind cooking, helping out. It gives me something to do."

Inside the kitchen volunteers Char Hrnicek, Cecile Baie and Dana Groff are busy preparing tonight's meal of venison meatballs. Char is the head chef because of her well-known expertise in cooking venison. In a large pan she has placed 30 pounds of ground venison, three dozen eggs, salt, pepper, oregano, cayenne pepper, minced garlic, sage, savory and celery salt, eight cans of tomato sauce and seven packages of bread crumbs. From this she was able to roll 140 baseball-sized meatballs. The meatballs are arranged on cooking sheets and baked in a 350 degree



Venison meatballs

oven for 45 minutes. At the end of 45 minutes the meatballs are placed in an electric roaster to keep cooking for at least 30 minutes. After that they will stay in the roaster to keep warm until they are served at 5 o'clock.

2 p.m.

Now at least 20 people of all ages are relaxing and enjoying the cool relief of the dining room. The aroma of the venison meatballs starts to fill the downstairs rooms.

Jean Bergen, House of Compassion director the past six years, claims the soup kitchen has used 4,482 pounds of ground venison, all of which came from hunters donating deer through the State Center locker, from October 2004 through mid-January 2005. Venison is the only red meat that gets served at the soup kitchen.

"We went through a ton of it," said Bergen. "We used it in all of our stuff. That's why when the venison starts arriving it's really like Christmas here. Because they start serving a lot of recipes, the goulashes and the spaghettis and stuff that we don't serve very much when the venison isn't available."

3 p.m.

On this particular day Bergen admits she doesn't know most of the people, but says she will never see them as just a number.

"Like I know Darwyn now well enough, I can tell you about Darwyn. And I can tell you about the guy next to him. And I don't know this lady here, that lady there. But, you know, my attitude is, they're just here and they're needy. And we're here to fit the need."

4 p.m.

In her office, Bergen explains how the House of Compassion is able to achieve its objectives day in and day out.

"The whole House of Compassion is based on volunteers," Bergen said. "So, any action that needs to take place, we find volunteers to do it. And I think that's

just a miracle. That it can go on, year after year... this is all about other people and God and sharing and giving."

Bergen estimates at least 43 different church groups and several local business organizations donate time, money or other resources to help the House of Compassion function.



Volunteers Dana Groff, Char Hrnicek and Cecile Baie are busy preparing tonight's meal of venison meatballs.

medley fruit salad and various beverages served cafeteria style, with each person requesting what they want.

Promptly at 5 the line forms as the meal is offered and grace is said. Darwyn and Ed get a place in line with 40 others. By

5:30 p.m.

every chair at every table is occupied.

The meal is served until 6:15 p.m.



Darwyn White (left) and Ed Gentry wait outside the House of Compassion.

Thanks to the Hunters

We should be grateful to those hunters who are helping reduce our deer population, while creating scenes like those at the House of Compassion, and paying for it at the same time. Thinking of HUSH might add some warmth to a hunter on stand in a crisp January wind that makes the eyes water, just a little.

HUSH *Players*

● The HUSH participation circle involves deer hunters, meat lockers, the Food Bank of Iowa, social service organizations and the Iowa DNR.

● Hunters start the ball rolling by purchasing the deer permit and harvesting the deer.

● The hunter then takes the field-dressed deer to any of the 96 HUSH meat lockers where the venison is ground and frozen in 2-pound packages.

● When the locker is ready to have the venison picked up, it calls its assigned social service agency, usually local.

● The DNR provides money (from hunters' permits) to the Food Bank of Iowa which pays lockers \$60 per deer for processing.

● The Food Bank receives \$5 per deer for managing the venison distribution system and locker payments.



Brenda Goodwin packages venison at the State Center Locker.

was a kid and his family was living on food stamps.

"My family wasn't well to do. And it's a community service and the little bit that I do comes back tenfold."

Michael Schaffer is an AmeriCorps volunteer working for the HUSH program.

Thanks to the Lockers

Since HUSH started in 2003 the Roloffs of State Center have been active participants. Janice and Ralph Roloff, owners of the State Center Locker, have processed 120 deer donated to HUSH by hunters, amounting to 6,000 pounds of ground venison, all of which went to social service agencies like the House of Compassion in Marshalltown and the Community Cupboard in State Center.

For Ralph Roloff the satisfaction of giving back to the community goes back to when he



Buy an extra doe license . . .

Help reduce the deer population . . .

Help feed Iowa's less fortunate.

HUSH

Help Us Stop Hunger

JULY

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Great blue heron by Ty Smedes

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Gray tree frog by Roger A. Hill

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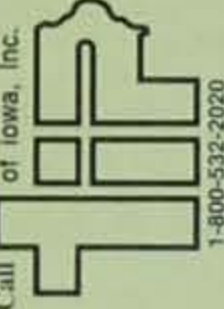
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Snow geese by TV Smedes

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Fraxinus viridis L. by T. G. G. G.

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