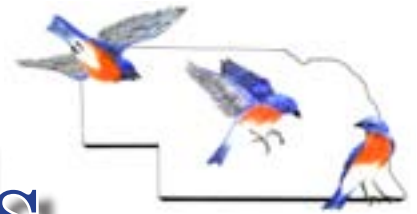




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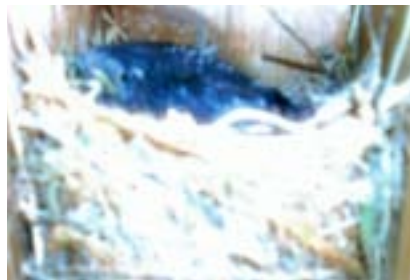
As I'm writing this article, the temperature forecast for tonight is for 24 degrees below zero. But we all know that it will only be about six to eight weeks until the bluebirds will be back to cheer us up and give us hope of spring.

It's time to start thinking about enlisting that special child in your life to help you on your bluebird trail. Last year, the Take-A-Kid-Along (TAK-Along) project was a great success and there are high hopes to surpass that success in 2010. For anyone interested in joining, the simple registration form is found on Page 2 or on BAN's website: www.bbne.org, where you will also find project details. If you participated last year and want to participate again this year, you will need to complete this year's registration form.

The TAK-Along project is a wonderful opportunity for grandparents to share an interest with their grandchildren as Donald and Linda Bruns of Sutton, NE, did this past summer. Not only did grandsons, Koby and Teage, have fun checking bluebird boxes, but they also, with the help of grandpa, built two boxes. These boxes were taken to their home in Manson, Iowa, where the boys plan to monitor them this year. Nine year old Koby had a memorable experience while helping Grandma Linda monitor their trail. Donald writes, "Grandma



Koby and Teage Bruns



Wyatt Bergen snapped this photo.

doesn't like to walk in tall grass so Koby did it all by himself while Grandma and Teage sat in the van. Much to his surprise a wild turkey ran out of the ditch right by a bluebird box. Koby was so excited he had to call Grandpa and Dad (who were on a fishing trip) to let them know he saw a turkey."

Wyatt Bergen, grandson of Bill Bergen also from Sutton, is another enthusiastic young bluebirder. Wyatt, age 6, received permission to put nest boxes around the cemetery which is close to his grandparent's home and plans to monitor them this summer. Grandpa plans to purchase Wyatt his own disposable camera so that he can take pictures of all the exciting things he finds on his trail.



Grant Beste

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Program is a wonderful opportunity

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child and the bluebird adventure really helps him feel responsible.” Grant helped his grandfather monitor the entire trail but he was given one box of his own. Sally reports, “That one he always wanted to check by himself.”

As Mike Lowe of Lincoln has displayed, you don’t need to be have a grandchild to participate in the TAK-Along project. In fact, you don’t even need a bluebird trail. Mike knew of the interest his young neighbor, Erica, had



Erica Schott

in birds and nature. Mike invited Erica to join him in the TAK-Along project and “borrowed” the trail of friends, Marv and Maryann Oltman. Erica was so excited about seeing bluebird eggs and babies that she invited her mother and grandmother to accompany them on one of their outings to the trail. Erica was the lucky winner of the drawing for the binoculars that were donated by Eagle Optics.

It is so heart-warming to read the TAK-Along reports of children enjoying nature. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to have your child participate in the TAK-Along project this year. Getting kids involved in nature is one of the best things we can do as conservationists and is one of the best gifts a parent, grandparent, or a friend can give a child.

Use a separate application form for each child you wish to register.

2010 TAK-ALONG PROJECT APPLICATION

BAN Member _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Child’s Name _____ Age _____

Yes, I would like to purchase the TAK-Along supplies. I am enclosing \$10.00. (Please add \$5.00 if these items are being mailed to you.)

No, I do not wish to purchase the supplies.

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Nominate someone you know for Bluebirder of the Year

It is not too early to acknowledge someone you think deserves some special recognition for the work they do to help bluebirds or other native cavity nesting birds. Now through March 15, Bluebirds Across Nebraska is accepting nominations for BAN’s 2009 Bluebirder of the Year. This annual award will be presented at the statewide conference to be held at Ponca State Park in April.

Your nominee can be a family member, friend, neighbor, or someone that

you just happen to be aware of who has made a positive impact in some way to the number of bluebirds we now enjoy. Your nominee may be a person who has quietly tended a bluebird box or bluebird trail without recognition simply because they wanted to help some birds. Maybe they have built boxes and put up trails for others. Or your nominee could be someone who has sparked an interest in others about bluebird conservation efforts by sharing their trail experiences. Whether

your nominee has increased the number of bluebirds or increased awareness about the need for conservation programs like BAN, they are deserving of our thanks and recognition. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 15.

Please send your nomination in the form of a letter telling us about your nominee to:

Bluebirds Across Nebraska
P. O. Box 67157
Lincoln, NE 68506

Wintering bluebirds

Otoe County Coordinator Gordon Hopp called to report that on Jan. 8, he saw two males and a female bluebird enter a Troyer box on one of his trails located southwest of Unadilla. He

says it is not uncommon to find bluebirds roosting in the boxes during the winter. Gordon recommends that bluebird boxes be kept closed during the winter for that reason!

Eastern, Western County Coordinator Meetings set

Joint Winter Quarterly Meeting and Eastern County Coordinator Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 28 – Noon

All members and friends are invited to attend the Winter Quarterly POTLUCK meeting to be held on Sunday, February 28, at the Women's Club Building in Raymond. The Women's Club is located on main street in Raymond (you can't miss it). The potluck lunch will begin at noon. For those of you who regularly attend the meetings, please note that due to the combined meeting, the start time has been moved up to noon.

BAN will provide chicken, drinks and table service for those attending. Please bring a side dish, salad, or desert to share.

After lunch, the general meeting will precede the county coordinator meeting. All are welcome to attend both. Although there are separate agendas for each meeting, members will find the discussions held in both meetings to be

informative but casual; and the officers and board members are always looking for input, feedback, and ideas from our members.

Western County Coordinator Meeting - March 7

The annual Western County Coordinator Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 7, will be held at the Mitzi Pavilion at Yanney Park in Kearney, NE. We hope the more central location and second meeting date enable the majority of our coordinators to find a location and date they can attend.

Because so many of those attending the meeting in Kearney have quite a distance to drive, BAN is providing the entire lunch for the Western County Coordinator meeting. Lunch will begin at noon, with the meeting following immediately thereafter. In order to get a count for lunch, please let County Coordinator Chairman Bill Seibert know if you will be able to attend. Bill can be contacted at 402-334-8691 or wseibert2@cox.net.

To all members and friends: Workshops scheduled

The cold winds of winter have us locked in its grip, but it won't be long before the bluebirds return for another nesting season. If you are interested in attracting bluebirds to your property or have any questions or concerns about the bluebird trail you have already established, then join Bluebirds Across Nebraska for BAN's Spring Workshops on "Attracting Bluebirds." BAN will be hosting two workshops: the first to be held on Sunday, March 21, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Schram State Park, just five minutes east of the I-80 exit at Gretna; and the second held on the following Sunday, March 28, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Roca Community Center in Roca, south of Lincoln.

The workshop will open with an introduction to bluebirds. There will be a discussion about the various bluebird nest boxes available, mounting poles, box location and installation, and how to monitor your bluebird boxes with greater success. The workshop will wrap up with a question and answer session. Even an experienced bluebirder will pick up some helpful tips or new ideas at the workshop.

There is no fee to attend the workshop, so you might want to take the opportunity to bring along a friend or neighbor to get them started with a box or trail of their own. Workshop special -- new

Boxes and poles for sale

Are you planning to expand or replace boxes on your trail next season? We often receive calls wondering where people can buy more boxes and mounting poles. Boxes can normally be purchased through a BAN county coordinator or by calling Steve Eno and arranging to pick them up at his home near Raymond. This spring, BAN will have boxes and poles available for sale at both of the above-mentioned workshops. Anyone wanting to buy additional boxes or poles can stop in at the workshop locations and pick them up! Stay for the workshop and get information on the best locations to place your boxes and the importance of monitoring them.

BAN's mission is to increase the population of bluebirds and we can't do that without getting monitored boxes out there. Therefore, BAN sells its bluebird boxes for less than you can find them ANYWHERE else. And each of the boxes are constructed from 100 percent cedar lumber.



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mounting
system**

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**Troyer Box
w/mounting
system**

\$11.00

and renewing members will receive two all-cedar nest boxes with mounting poles with a three-year membership for only \$25.00. Nest boxes will also be available at the workshops at reduced prices. Walk-ins are welcome, but with limited seating, you may want to make a reservation by calling Steve Eno at 402-783-3011; or by

email at info@bbne.org.

If you have one acre or 180 acres, chances are you can attract nesting bluebirds. So plan to attend one of the Attracting Bluebirds Workshops. Shake off the cold, enjoy some refreshments, win a door prize, and learn how easy it is to become a bluebird landlord.

The wait's nearly over, BAN's Annual Conference coming April 9-10

by Joanie Cradick

It is no accident BAN's board members set this year's conference at Ponca State Park after a mere four-year absence. It is a conference dream spot.

Make your arrangements soon. Don't let this opportunity get by you. It's worth the fuel and the time even if you live some distance away.

Let me tell you why I just can't wait for this once-a-year event:

The setting: Sights, fragrances and sounds of nature await you in the 892-acre park. Eschew the pollution particulates of the city. Leave the car horns, train whistles, and emergency vehicle sirens in town. And reach for fresh air and the enveloping silence of the woods. Meander along one of the maintained trails--there's more than 17 miles of them--scouting for the park's 360-year-old black oak, ensconced among bur oaks, black walnuts, basswood, elm and hackberry trees, and nature will thrust surprises in your path. See wild turkeys forage, rose-breasted grosbeaks snatch food at one of the many bird feeders and the American redstart, a patch of color flying high in the trees, dart in and out of your field of vision.

If trails are tough for you to ne-

gotiate, soak up the wondrous view sitting inside the gorgeous lodge. I call it a lodge because its large windows and cozy fireplace remind me of Colorado lodges. Actually, it's called the Missouri National Recreational River

Resource and Education Center. Or, take a thermos of coffee and your binoculars and plop in one of the many wrought iron chairs on the lodge's/Center's terrace to watch native sparrows scratch for food and songbirds fly to the feeders.

The people: This conference is an opportunity to meet new friends, converse with geographically distant BAN members, learn about each other's experiences--the perks and problems of bluebirding--and reconnect with favorite speakers and friends.

Let me tell you a story. I'll try to make it short. In 1967-68, I taught in Essex, Iowa, and had a circle of friends whom I hated to leave when I moved to Chicago. Communications between us dwindled over time. Skip a few years (ok, a dozen plus). Denny and I married in Colorado. He wanted to move back to Nebraska. We joined BAN several years later (1996 perhaps). At a BAN picnic at Schram Park, I ran into Donna and Bob Reimers from Griswold, Iowa. They were friends from that original circle. Donna, who had been the nurse at Essex and Bob the football coach, was now a committed member of BAN and Iowa's bluebird organizations.

Every time there is a bluebird function I look forward to seeing Donna and Bob. But the reconnecting doesn't stop there. Phyllis and Derry Wolford live in Shenandoah, Iowa, close to Essex, and are staunch supporters of both Nebraska's and Iowa's bluebirding groups. Their 50th wedding celebration brought together BAN members, including Denny and me, and some more of my friends from that original circle--people Denny had never met but for whom I have a soft spot in my heart.

The speakers: To give a sum-



mary of each speaker would take all the Newsletter space (and there will be more conference details in the next newsletter), so I'm singling out Sandy Seibert, BAN's president, who will speak on the history of bluebirds and the tales and commercial items she's acquired in her search. In fact, she blitzed the Internet with searches for items sporting the bluebird insignia and stories. If you've heard Sandy speak before, you know her modulation couldn't be better and the information she'll impart is well researched. Your attention won't drift.

The auction and raffle items (see photo): This is BAN's single fund raiser of the year. All year long, our members scour the countryside finding exquisite items depicting nature, particularly the bluebird, to tantalize buyers. Useful items, including some great bird feeders, are also brought in for the auction and raffle. There are carvings, professional photographs, bird-attracting bushes and jewelry--one year we even had a bolo tie with a beautiful bluebird painted on the stone, thanks to Lawrence Fuchs who commissioned a local artist. One tip: keep your eye on Ken Barnhill, Merlin Wright and Pam Conover. I've lost out on some special articles to those three shifty-eyed souls.

The conference is a four-fold feast--a smorgasbord of Nature's offerings, a spread of information served up by entertaining experts, a course of carefully chosen, nature-related, auction and raffle items and a dessert of deep dish camaraderie.

What more could any bluebirder ask for?

Motel/Cabin Information:

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Call (402) 755-2284 to make reservations \$96.14/per night - tax included
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Motel - located in Ponca (short drive into the park)

Trails Inn - 117 Nebraska St., Ponca, NE - (402) 755-2237

\$71.83/per night - tax included. Room price includes continental breakfast

Must reserve prior to April 1/mention BAN registration or rate is additional \$10.00

Motels - located in South Sioux City (approx 30 miles)

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2829 Dakota Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776 - (402) 494-8874

Others

Batt on Birds!

A bit of Al Batt's Bird Column. Al Batt of Hartland, Minnesota, will be the keynote speaker at the April 10th Conference at Ponca State Park.

A Harbinger

I saw a robin in my snow-filled yard one day. It was a serious looking robin, appropriate for a cold, winter day. Not all robins migrate and this might have been a bird that found traveling distasteful.

It was unlike the robins of spring. They arrive as if they are birds on a holiday. They are nervous and noisy, yet full of purpose. They chirp, "cheer-up, cheerily, cheerily." I make a wish upon the first robin seen in the spring. The spring robins typically arrive too early. Their beyond punctual habit caused my mother to say that they needed three snows on their tails before it would truly be spring. They were called harbingers of spring, but were in reality "harbingers of nearly spring."

The robin in my snowy yard was silent. It was no harbinger of spring.

The earthworms were no longer available and the trees in my yard had

been stripped of most of their berries, so the robin fluttered to the suet feeder and gathered mouthfuls of that foodstuff.

It fed earnestly and had disappeared by the next day.

It had likely moved to another yard to fill another person with wonder. That person and I would share a hope for this bird who had decided to hang in there with us. We hope that troubled times are followed by good ones. The robin knows this to be true. It realizes that spring follows winter.

This robin was a harbinger of hope.

There Was a Bluebird

I saw a bluebird in January.

James Matthew Barrie wrote that we are given memories that we might have roses in December.

Perhaps we are given bluebirds in January so that we might make it until spring.

I loved seeing the bluebird and I wished him a safe winter. Seeing the bluebird brought a song featuring bluebirds to my mind. There are many songs featuring

this beautiful creature.

Although the song that occurred to me was a huge hit during World War II, "There'll Be Bluebirds Over the White Cliffs of Dover" was a fantasy.

There are no bluebirds in Dover. Dover is in the county of Kent in England and bluebirds are indigenous only to North America.

"There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover. Tomorrow, just you wait and see. There'll be love and laughter and peace ever after, Tomorrow, when the world is free. The shepherd will tend his sheep, The valley will bloom again, And Jimmy will go to sleep, In his own little room again. There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover. Tomorrow, just you wait and see. There'll be love and laughter and peace ever after, Tomorrow, when the world is free."

I've always known that a bluebird is a symbol of happiness--even when it is not there.



Al Batt

Fall Quarterly meeting minutes

by Joanie Cradick, Secretary

The meeting was held Nov. 22 at the Roca Community Center in Roca. Following yet another wonderful potluck lunch, the meeting was called to order; the minutes of the August 16 meeting were approved; and the treasurer's report and individual committee reports were presented. The current membership was reported to be 1,891 members. BAN has 56 Nebraska county coordinators covering 52 counties; with 4 coordinators in Iowa; 2 in Kansas, and 2 in South Dakota.

Members were advised that the date to submit reports had been extended and coordinators were asked to contact members in their county who had not yet turned in reports.

The annual conference was discussed and people were advised to make their cabin/hotel reservations early as accommodations in the immediate area of Ponca State Park are limited. Sioux City is a 20-30 minute drive from the park.

Sandy Seibert shared a bit of the information she has been compiling for a new program she be presenting for the first time at the April conference.

The drawing was held for a pair of children's binoculars from all those that submitted a story, drawing, letter, or photo telling about their TAK-Along experience. The winner: Erica Schott, TAK-Along participant sponsored by Jan and Mike Lowe.

Sandy reported that the TAK-Along Project is getting

attention from other bluebird organizations and individuals. She has been contacted by the North American Bluebird Society about writing an article about the TAK-along Project for its publication Bluebird.

Members then shared trail reports and an open exchange of questions and answers followed:

QUESTION: How to winterize boxes? Basically, clean them out and shut the boxes because those migrating south will need shelter. Also, we may not know how many bluebirds are weathering Nebraska's winters because they retreat to dense woods during harsh weather, coming out only on the warm days. So, the closed boxes would give them some protection if they stay.

QUESTION: Where do bluebirds go in the winter? Among the sitings: Elva Osten said when they visited the Grand Canyon in October, there were lots of western bluebirds. She didn't know if they were migrating.

ANECDOTES: Carol Closter, who monitors 9-Mile Prairie said she had a strange experience. She had paired boxes 10 feet apart and found 3 bluebird eggs in one box and one bluebird egg in the other. The boxes were exactly the same. Not knowing whether the one egg was abandoned or what, she took the single egg and added it to the three. Then another egg appeared in the box with four eggs. End result: Five bluebirds fledged.

Liska makes the most of the TAK-Along Project

By Sandy Seibert

When Bluebirds Across Nebraska came up with the idea for the TAK-Along project, it was never imagined that one person would be able to reach out and touch so many young lives as did Donna Liska, county coordinator for Wayne County. Donna's son, Bob, is a leader of the Webelo Den of Cub Scout Pack #174. When Donna found out that Pack #174 wanted to participate in the TAK-Along project, she moved into action.

The Pack joined BAN and on March 9, Donna presented a general bluebird program. Twenty-three scouts and their parents committed to monitoring one nest box once a week. They were all given the Trail Monitoring Guide, Getting Started With Bluebirds, a monitoring sheet, and a record card. A set of books from the TAK-Along kit was given to each of the four den leaders for use at their meetings and for each boy to read.

The request was made by the Pack leader that the nest boxes be close to town so the scouts could easily fulfill their responsibility of monitoring weekly. Donna contacted the city of Wayne, Great Dane Manufacturing, the Nebraska Public Power District, and Wayne Veterinary Clinic

and received permission from each to install bluebird nest boxes on their properties. Donna didn't stop there. She then contacted the State National Bank, Farmers and Merchants State Bank, and Reggie Yates of Edward Jones, asking each to become a sponsor of this project.



Megan Lambert

Between these three businesses, Pack #174 and Donna, \$300 was raised for the Wayne Bluebird Trail Project. Donna also helped Reggie Yates install 10 nest boxes around the Wayne golf course and at the Wayne State College Arboretum which he is now monitoring.

Donna purchased 30 boxes from BAN and Lawrence Fuchs from Belden, NE, delivered them. On March 28, the Pack and their parents met at which time Donna gave a detailed talk about monitoring and Bob Liska demonstrated how to install a next

box. The four individual dens then worked as a group to install the next boxes.

Still eager to do more, Donna appeared on KTCH radio's program, "The View From Wayne, America," sharing information with the listening audience about bluebirds and the trail project. She also contacted the local newspaper, The Wayne Herald, who printed a news article about bluebirds and the Cub Scout Pack's project.



R.J. Liska, age 10, and his Wayne County 4-H presentation "Bring Bluebirds Back."

Donna had stressed to the boys that not all of them would have a bluebird in their nest box. She told them they would possibly be providing places for other cavity nesters while keeping the sparrow population down. That's just what happened. Occupants of the next boxes included bluebirds, tree swallows, chickadees and house wrens. The work the Scouts did on this project helped them earn the World Conservation Award.

Wanting to have her own grandchildren involved with the TAK-Along project, Donna purchased a packet and "in her spare time" took her four granddaughters along when she monitored her own trail. Her grandson, R.J., is a Cub Scout and participated with his Webelo's den. He enjoyed the project so much that he did a presentation for the Wayne County 4-H Contest. He received a purple ribbon and also overall Reserve Grand Champion for the presentation.

Donna introduced 27 children and many adults to bluebirds through the TAK-Along project. What a fantastic accomplishment!

Welcome our newest members!

Nebraska: **Annette Barauskas**, Valley; **Larry Colson**, Stromsburg; **Sharon Elgert**, Fairbury; **Laura Fenner**, Norfolk; **Jonah Jensen**, Aurora; **Zac, Trevin, & Taylor Luben**, Colon; **Kathi Rethwisch**, Wayne; **Angie Schaaf**, O'Neill; **Barb & Tom Strandress**, Davey.

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Pairing boxes can work!

The verdict is still out on the success of pairing boxes. Some people do not feel pairing is the answer for tree swallow competition. However. . .

Richard Lauk of Lincoln reported: "I placed four bluebird boxes in pairs. In each pair of boxes, tree swallows and bluebirds nested in close proximity (the

boxes were about 20 feet apart) and raised their broods in complete harmony. They seemed to ignore the presence of the other with no competition. I plan to put more boxes out next year and will use two boxes about 20 feet apart. Before, when I used only one box, there was competition between the tree swallows and bluebirds and

the tree swallows seemed to dominate" And, Marlys Christensen of Valentine reported: "For once, my one set of paired boxes worked they way they were suppose to – bluebirds used one and tree swallows used the other! There was no squabbling over boxes and no switching back and forth."

Caught in a fledging

By Jodie Kilton

I had the privilege of having my three grandchildren for two weeks this summer. They took advantage of the TAK-Along kit and upon checking one of the boxes, got caught in a fledging. The incident occurred while they were very carefully opening the door when one bird took a hop. The door was slammed shut and with another hop, the bird sailed out the opening quickly

followed by five others.

While two anxious bluebird parents observed the whole scene, the kids started yelling and running pumping their knees and swinging their arms. The confused birds took a dive for the ground and with another hop took wing to nearby cover. Luckily there were no incidents or injuries.

Helpful instruction

Veteran monitor, 10-year-old Payton Lile, records information using TAK-Along kit to monitor results and instruct 5-year-old cousin, Ethan Elbert, and 2-year-old sister, Sophia Kudma, on the fine art of bluebird rescue.



Photo courtesy Jodie Kilton

Bluebird Word Search

From The Bluebird Flyer, Fall 2009

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Calendar of Events

- Feb. 28 BAN Winter Potluck Meeting AND Eastern County Coordinator Meeting. Raymond - Women's Club - Noon. (See pg. 3)
- March 1 Deadline for submissions for the Spring 2010 Issue of the BANner Newsletter.
- March 7 Western County Coordinator Meeting. Kearney - Yanney Heritage Park - Noon. (See pg. 3)
- March 21 Free "Attracting Bluebirds" Workshop I -- Schram State Park (5 minutes east of the I-80 exit at Gretna), 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 * Information - Refreshments - Door Prizes *
- March 28 Free "Attracting Bluebirds" Workshop II - Roca Community Center, south of Lincoln, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. * Information
 - Refreshments - Door Prizes *
- April 9/10 BAN's 2010 Annual Bluebird Conference - Ponca State Park.
- April 17 Minnesota Bluebird Recovery Program Bluebird Conference, Medford, MN.

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