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THE FRIENDS HIGHLIGHT ILLINOIS PRAIRIE WEEK WITH NEW BROCHURE

Tucked inside this issue, regular subscribers will find our first in a series of informational brochures describing Markham's Indian Boundary Prairies. This introductory two-color fold-out includes brief descriptions of the four major prairie sites, an updated map and trail guide and a comprehensive plant list.

These brochures have been placed in local libraries and information centers and will also be used by our prairie stewards for their prairie tours and group talks. Particularly useful on tours, the plant list with bloom dates allows visitors to keep tally on prairie flora conspicuous at the time of their visit. For those who find phone book memorizing too easy, Latin names have been included. Don't forget your pencil.

This brochure is a prime sample of the type of educational materials that can be produced with voluntary contributions. In this instance, printing costs were provided by a grant from the Illinois Department of Conservation Non-Game

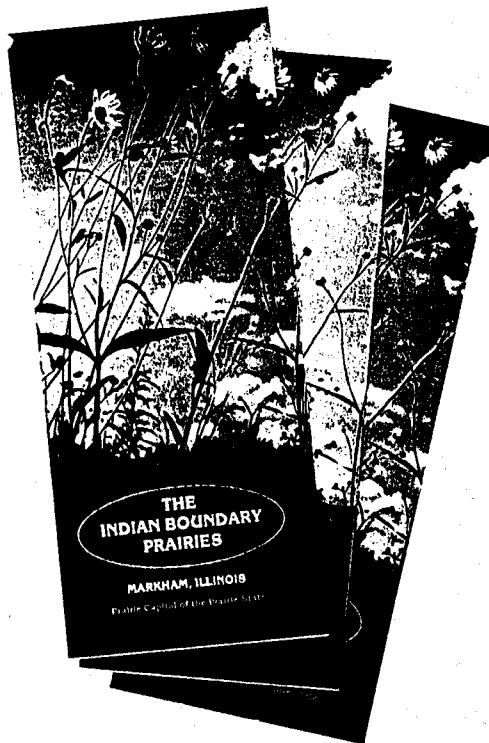
beyond our original estimate was graciously underwritten by The Nature Conservancy. Thanks to all who assisted in production, especially Mike Kirk for text and Phil Hahn for layout. Be sure to carry your guide the next time you come.

VOICE OF AMERICA VISITS MARKHAM

Mr. Sam Iker, a correspondent with the Current Affairs Division of Voice of America, traveled from Washington, D.C., in June to interview Ron Panzer as part of an eight-part series on restoring damaged ecosystems.

Having read of Ron's work in the Chicago region, Mr. Iker was anxious to record his interview while touring The Indian Boundary Prairies. Subjects discussed included animal translocation methods. Ron and Mary Schipp, a student at UNI, successfully re-established the Franklin's Ground Squirrel on the Gensburg-Markham Prairie. Another topic was the applicability of our plant community restoration techniques in the horribly degraded countries of Eastern Europe.

The Markham interview is scheduled to be broadcast in 44 countries later this year.



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