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Portraits of the Land: Northwest Iowa Landscapes

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*Stan Buman Featured in a Gallery Talk during the Portraits of the Land:
Northwest Iowa Landscapes Photographic Exhibit*
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Milford, IA ~ Wildlife and nature photographer Stan Buman will give a Gallery Talk during the *The Portraits of the Land: Northwest Iowa Landscapes* photographic exhibition at CR Gallery from August 23 through September 2, 2007.

The path that would lead Buman to become a published nature photographer and speaker began on the family farm. Buman has a long-standing interest in conservation and natural resources. This stems from his childhood experiences of observing birds and mammals while growing up on a farm near Harlan, Iowa. It has been further cultivated through his education and career path.

Buman lives in Carroll today and is the owner of Fenceline Photos, where he specializes in producing images of nature. His work can be found in regional and national publications including *The Iowan*, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Iowa Tourism Guide, Conservation Voices, Explorer, Birder's World, and Ducks Unlimited. He is a member of the North American Nature Photography Association.

Buman is also a part owner and Vice-President of Agren, Inc., a private consulting firm that focuses on making a positive impact on both agriculture and the environment. He is a graduate of Iowa State University and spent nine years working for the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) before joining Agren.

During his Gallery Talk from 1pm to 3pm on Saturday, August 25, Buman will share not only his photographic work and techniques, but also his experiences in nature and the practicality of a freelance photographer's lifestyle. He will also have some of his photographic equipment with him

and discuss how he uses his equipment in the wild.

The intent of this exhibit is to document northwest Iowa's vast variety of natural resources as both scenic attractions and important natural resources.

This exhibition will provide the public an opportunity to view the natural gems of the northwest Iowa ecosystems. Lakes, tall grass prairies, threatened native plants, woodland and marshlands will all provide the unique subject matter in this exhibit.

A select group of photographers will exhibit their new works during this exhibition. All photographers are members of the Northwest Iowa Center for Photography. The photographers with over 80 images on display include: Bob Creasey, Judy Hemphill, Mike Houge, John Schmidt, Sue Biederman, Kelli Farrar, Lisa Bailey, Amelia Painter and Lindsey Boetel. The exhibit is hosted at CR Gallery, 912 Okoboji Avenue in Milford. During the exhibition days, all of the following programs will be presented, at no cost and the public is invited:

- Friday, August 24th from 4pm to 9pm: **Photographer's Reception** and celebration. During this event, the public can get a sneak preview of the exhibition, meet the photographers and purchase an autographed copy of their favorite images appearing in the exhibition.
- Saturday, August 25th from 11am to Noon: **Gallery Talk** lead by NWICP Director Dan Ruf and humanities scholar Robert C. Creasey will include discussions on the value of our natural world, appreciating it, and how our specific environment enriches life.
- Saturday, August 25th from 1pm to 3pm: **Photographing Animals in Nature**, a presentation by Stan Buman that will focus on photographing animals in the wild. Burman will also address the need for natural and human resources to advance environmental and social betterment of Northwest Iowa.

CR Gallery, the home of the Northwest Iowa Center for Photography, 912 Okoboji Avenue (Hwy 71) in Milford will host the event. The exhibit will be free and open to the public. CR Gallery, 912 Okoboji Avenue, Milford, Iowa, at 7pm. Contact Christine Richards at 712-228-4155 for additional information.

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