

CONTROLLED BURN IN KALAMAZOO



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Jim Smith, a volunteer from Pheasants Forever, ignites tall grass Thursday during a prescribed burn of about 60 acres of the 270-acre Asylum Lake Preserve. The burn, in the southwest portion of the preserve near Parkview Avenue and Drake Road, was authorized by the Asylum Lake Council and was conducted to maintain and promote the health of the native prairie grasses. Participating in the burn were the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, the Oshtemo Fire Department and Western Michigan University, which owns the property.

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