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Mike Krebill of Keokuk was the first county naturalist in the state of Iowa, and he is on a mission to get you to eat your wild berries and plants.

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Frozen in flight by the camera, these fast-moving fliers boast bright colors and sleek aerodynamic forms. Jay Gilliam has traveled the state to find and photograph them.

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A diesel locomotive pulls a load past Potter's Mill in Bellevue. (Photo by Brian Abeling)

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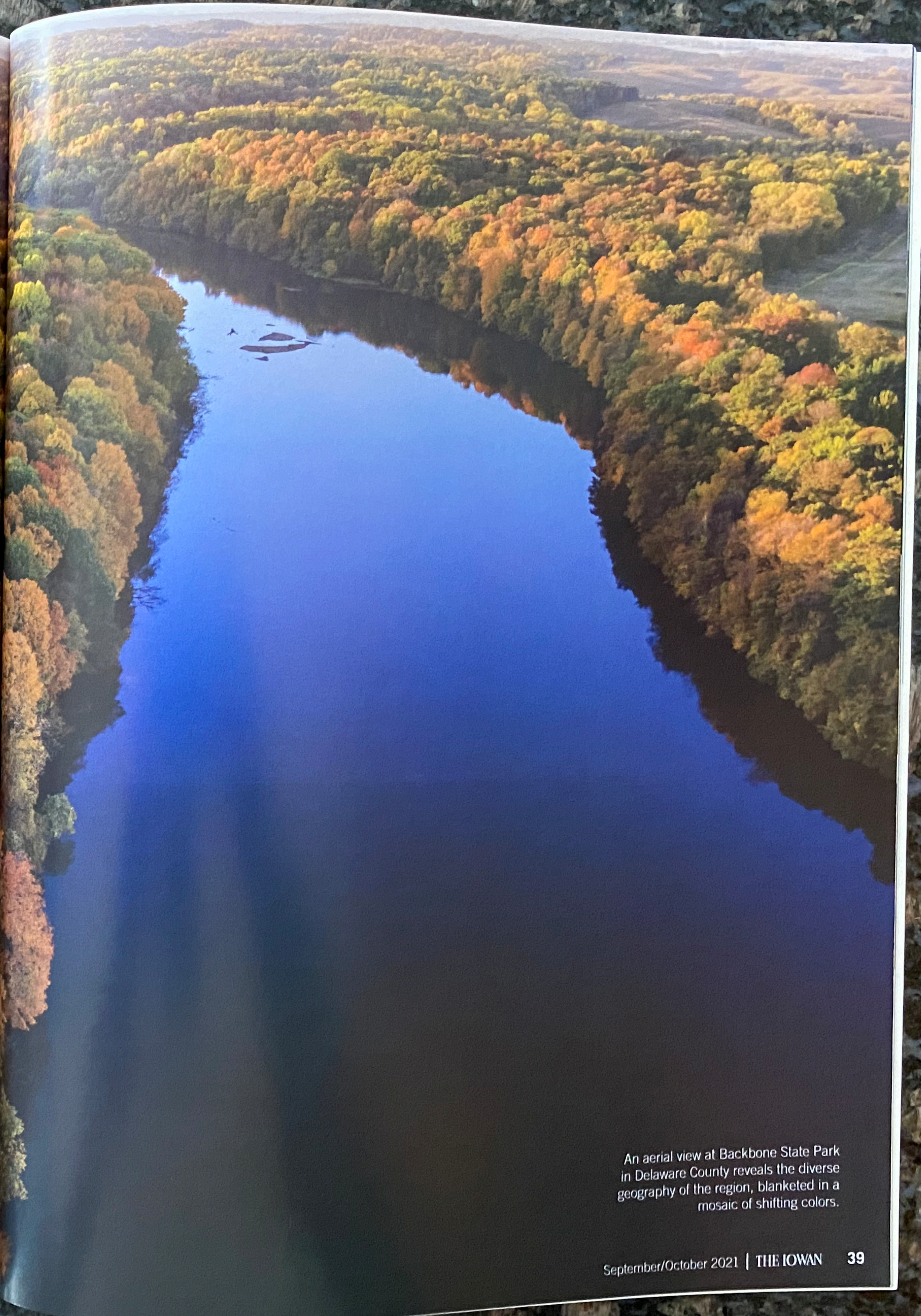
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Pumpkins at the ready for Halloween at Howell's Farm in Madison County. (Photo by Brian Abeling)

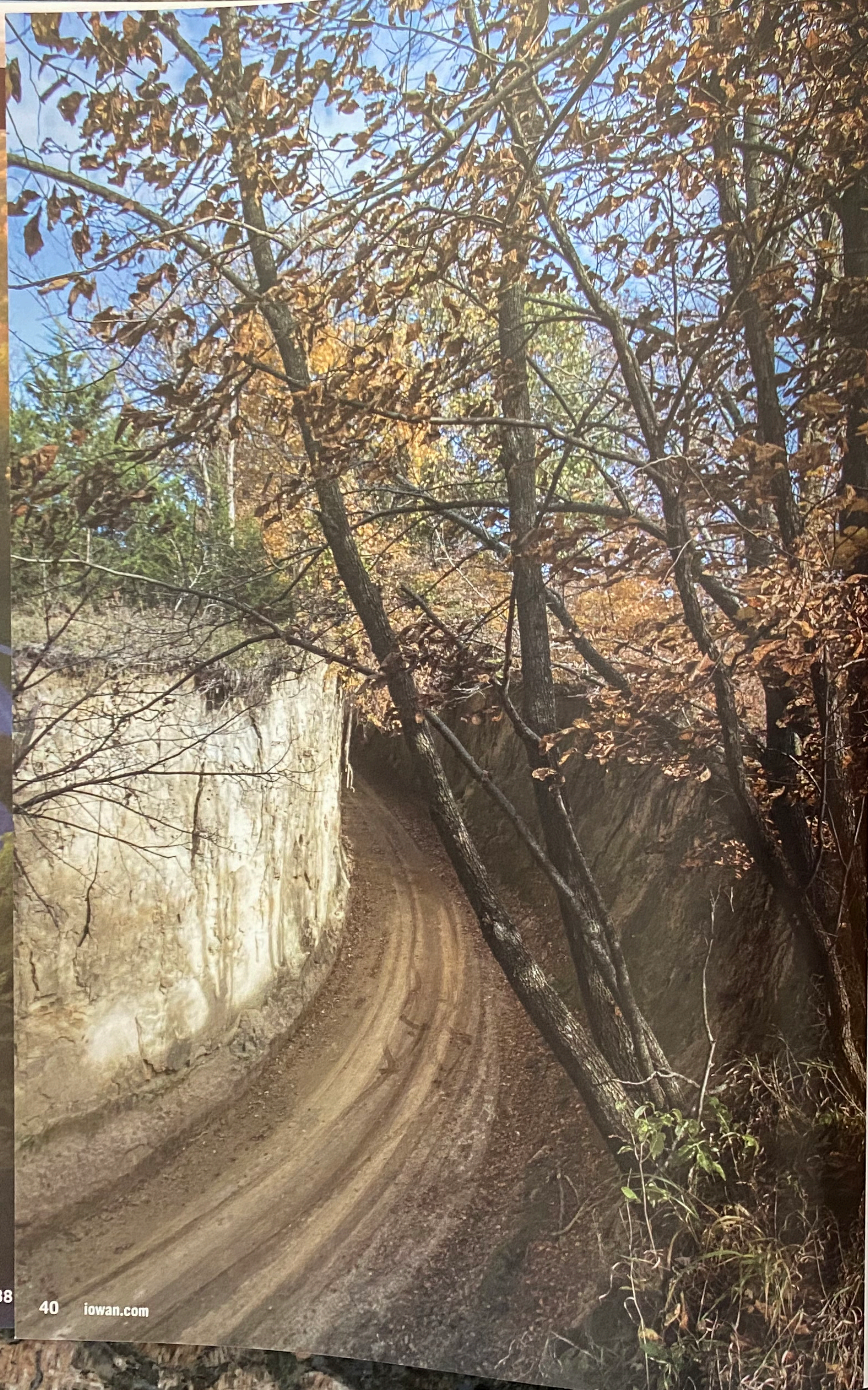
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Photography by Brian Abeling



An aerial view at Backbone State Park in Delaware County reveals the diverse geography of the region, blanketed in a mosaic of shifting colors.



Opposite: Hastie Hollow in Mills County is a Level B road carved into the Loess Hills in the southwest corner of Iowa.

Above: In Bellevue, which is positioned along the Mississippi River between Clinton and Dubuque, you can view trains meandering through the area. Potter's Mill, an 1843 gristmill, now is home to Flatted Fifth Blues + BBQ, a restaurant and music venue.

Right: For a tunnel of fall foliage, you can take a hike or drive through the 1,640-acre Geode State Park near Danville in southeast Iowa.





Opposite, top left: Pumpkin patches make worthwhile fall travel destinations. Brian Abeling captured this image at Howell's Farm in Madison County.

Top middle: Autumn color enhances a visit to the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch along Interstate 80 in eastern Iowa.

Above: Driving a combine harvester, Randy Greufe pulls in a corn crop near Blairsburg in north central Iowa. Photographer Brian Abeling and daughter Carrie Abeling (shown at bottom of the photo) rode with Greufe.

Left: At Folsom Point Preserve near Council Bluffs, you can hike in one of the largest remaining contiguous prairie remnants in the southern Loess Hills.

Opposite bottom: High above Yellow River State Forest near Harpers Ferry, Little Paint Creek weaves through the color-filled hills.

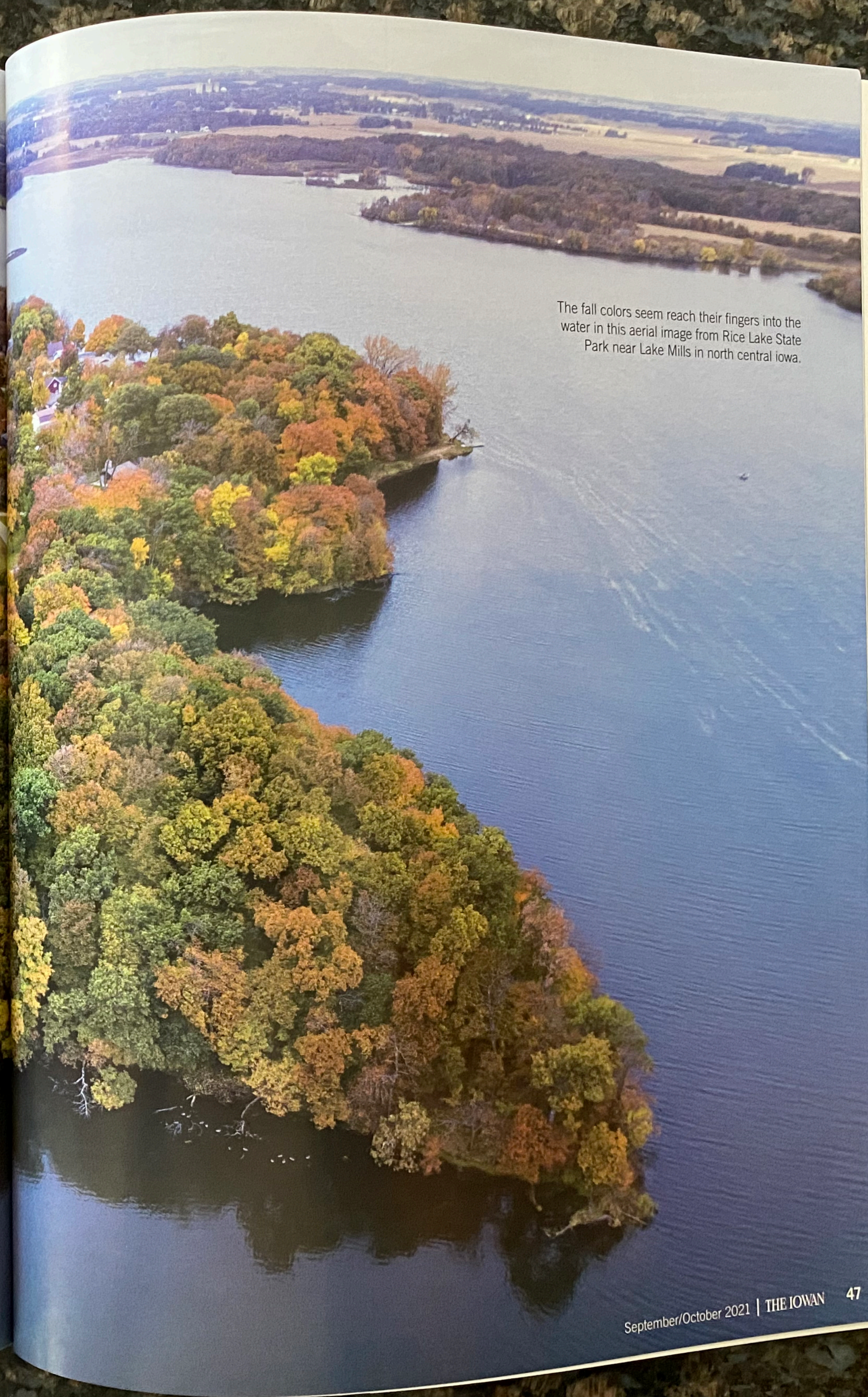


Opposite, top left: Another view of the corn harvest near Blairsburg (see related image on page 43) shows the chaff in the air and the grain flowing from the harvester into the grain cart.

Top middle: Carrie Abeling, daughter of photographer Brian Abeling, celebrates fall with a rainbow arrangement of leaves in her front yard in West Des Moines.

Above: On a footbridge at Phelps Park in Decorah in northeast Iowa, a carefully arranged collection of leaves reveals the diversity of Iowa fall color.

Left: A sheet of morning fog hovers above the water at Lake Ahquabi State Park near Indianola in Warren County. The smooth lake surface creates a mirror reflection of the color-filled treeline.



The fall colors seem reach their fingers into the water in this aerial image from Rice Lake State Park near Lake Mills in north central Iowa.