

Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES:

- * June 23 – IWILL Coalition Meeting – Des Moines
- * July 2 – REAP Alliance Meeting – Ankeny
- * July 9 – IACCB Board of Directors Mtg. - Ames
- * July 24 – District 1 Mtg. – Marshall CCB
- * August 1 – FY2015 IACCB Memberships Due
- * August 20 – District 3 Mtg. – Clay CCB
- * September 25-27, 2014 – IACCB Fall Conference in Sioux City / Woodbury Co.
- * Sept. 29 – October 1 – CCPOA Fall Workshop
- * Nov. 4-5 – IACCB Summit Series 2014 – Des Moines
- * Nov. 5-7 – IAN Fall Workshop – Iowa CCB
- * Dec. 17 – District 6 Mtg. Jackson CCB

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2014 IACCB FALL CONFERENCE – Sioux City, IA

September 25-27, 2014

LODGING - Call 800-659-2220 and ask for the IACCB Room Block!!

CONFERENCE WEB PAGE: <http://mycountyparks.weebly.com/2014-fall-conference.html>

Have you gotten those conference registration chores completed yet? **Yes?** Grrreat!! Now – it's time to start rounding up those submissions for the **IACCB Annual Conference Silent Auction!** ☺ Each year, this effort has raised thousands of dollars towards the betterment of IACCB services & efforts – in addition to help keep registration costs reasonable. Do you have a staff person, board member or stakeholder that has a particular craft or talent to share?; Cabins, camping and golf packages are always popular; enlisting the assistance of your local CVB or development authority can prove valuable – or whip up a basket with your innovative staff! ☺ Silent Auction Forms, and additional conference information is available online through the **IACCB tab** at the bottom of any page on MyCountyParks.com **LINK:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/Info/IACCB.aspx>

Iowa's County Conservation System
OUR RESOURCES Connection to the Future IACCB 2014
SILENT AUCTION DONATION
55th Annual IACCB FALL CONFERENCE – Sioux City, IA
September 25-27, 2014

Name of Item: _____
(Please provide on form per basket or separate auction item)

Donated by: _____
(Name of County Conservation Board)

Brief Description of Item: _____

Suggested retail value of item \$ _____

If you are donating a gift certificate, please include a brochure flyer for our table display:

- Auction items will be displayed during the conference on Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th
- Arrangements must be made to have all items paid for and picked up by Saturday afternoon.
- All proceeds from the silent auction will assist in defraying conference costs, with all profits going to the IACCB general fund.

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WINTERFEST 2015 – January 20-22, 2015 – Waterloo Convention Center

The **IACCB Winterfest Planning Committee** is conjuring up yet another great annual Winterfest Conference in Waterloo next January. Planning began a few weeks following the last Winterfest event - the dedication, participation and vision of your CCB peers serving on this committee is unparalleled. **Kate Zimmerman** (Ringgold) is your 2014 IACCB President, **Scott Bahmann** (Benton) serves as Vice President, and **Bob Etzel** (Tama) continues as the long-term Secretary/Treasurer of the association. Additionally, the following individuals also serve: the Vice Chairpersons of each of the six IACCB Districts; two IACCB Representatives to the IACCB Board of Directors; the past IACCB President; representatives from each IACCB Affiliate (CCDA, CCPOA, IAN, AFIRM); and any other full-time CCB employee as approved by the IACCB Executive Committee. Many thanks to each of these folks who serve with the support of their local Boards and Administrators! ☺



Mark With wife Linda & Mark Cataldo, PCCB

1990 CCPOA Exec. Committee at Springbrook – Dan Heissel (Clay), Steve Edwards (Marion), Tom Hazelton (Linn), Jim Priebe (Warren), Carol Freund (Dubuque), Mark Hurm (Polk)

ADIEU TO MARK HURM (Polk CCB)

On May 30th, Mark Hurm retired from Polk County Conservation after 23+ years of service. Mark was hired as a Ranger at Jester Park in October 1990 and oversaw operations of the park. In 2006, a reorganization changed Mark's position to Park Advocacy Manager to manage the conservation park rangers. Mark participated with the IACCB Planning Committee, Polk County's Wellness Committee, and served several years on the CCPOA Executive Committee. He was honored by the Conservation Board at their May Board meeting, and a retirement party was held by staff on May 29th. Prior to his tenure with Polk CCB, Mark had worked for the Dubuque and Lee County Conservation Boards in the mid-to-late '80s. Kudos to Mark for stepping up over the decades to serve the broader good of Iowa's County Conservation System via statewide participation, and for his dedicated service to the Polk, Lee and Dubuque County Conservation Boards. Our collective CONGRATS & best wishes to you and your family! ☺

IACCB SUMMIT SERIES 2014 – November 4-5, Des Moines

Mark your calendars for the 2nd edition of the IACCB **SUMMIT SERIES** that was launched in 2013. In an effort to assist CCBs with an unprecedented number of new staff hires – **Day #1** (Nov. 4th) will be set aside for an all new concept – a **"New County Conservation Employee School"**! (Somewhat patterned after ISAC's "New County Officer School") Programming will include (but not be limited to) the following: County Conservation History, Services & Affiliate Organizations; Intro to IPERS; The CCB Employee & IACCB; Partnering with INHF, REAP & IWILL; Building Your Personal Network, and more! (NOTE: Topics may change as planning continues)



Day #2 (Nov. 5th) – Will be primarily designed for CCB administrators (Directors, Deputy Directors, Ops Supervisors, etc.) We anticipate recruiting several guest presenters to assist with these educational and orientation courses. IACCB will continue to offer these learning opportunities to our membership **FREE OF CHARGE**. Look forward to additional information and your registration opportunity in the months to come.



Over 100 miles of trail? Must be... **Cedar Falls**



cedarfallstourism.org

WELCOME BACK CEDAR FALLS TOURISM & VISITORS BUREAU !!

We are excited to welcome back the **Cedar Falls Tourism and Visitors Bureau** as an advertiser on **MyCountyParks.com**. Their banner advertisement in 2013 had several hundred thousand views and thousands of click-thrus during its six-month run on our home page. After considering several options for investment of their advertising dollars – they are back for a second year! We are amidst the peak months of visitation on our website – regularly experiencing a couple of hundred thousand visitors a month. There are currently 38,401 registered users that have created a profile on **MCP.com** – over 1,500 new members have signed up just since the first of June! With the start of the new fiscal year just around the corner, the IACCB Board of Directors has dedicated nearly \$17,000 for a significant upgrade (modernization) of our 6-year-old website – which will make it mobile, iPad friendly, more user-friendly, and have a whole new look! More exciting times for our collective international online presence! ☺ ☺



Promoting Eco-Tourism Through Group Environmental Expeditions



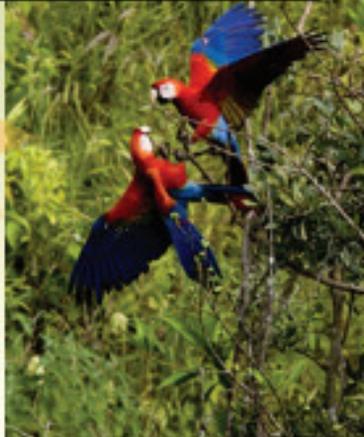
We skied, snow-shoed and watched wolves during "Yellowstone Park Winter Explorer."



We hiked the horizons of Denali Park while on "Alaska Wilderness & Wildlife."

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Visitor Protection & Employee Safety Workshop



58 participants from 9 county conservation boards, the City of Decorah and Iowa DNR benefitted from the one day workshop held on June 11th at the Calmar Campus of Northeast Iowa Community College in Winneshiek Co. This workshop has been around in one shape or form since the late 1970s, and we seem to have settled on a new curriculum that has somewhat of a broader interest to the staff of various agencies. Scheduled agenda topics this year included: Sever Weather Preparedness; Crime Scene & Crisis Management; Gangs/Gypsies/Ritualistic Crime; Meth Lab Awareness; and The Park Visitor Mentality. We think we might consider "capsulizing" this production so that it can be hosted in various locations around the state next spring season? Special thanks to the **Winneshiek CCB** for the "on-the-ground" assistance and planning, and to the CCPOA of Iowa and IACCB for their sponsorships. *Next year in your neighborhood?*



DISTRICT VI MEETS IN IOWA COUNTY

The **Iowa CCB** hosted the June District 6 Meeting earlier this week at their **Lake Iowa Nature Center**. There was great attendance from 10 CCBs with an interesting agenda and good Business Meeting. Some great things happening in Iowa County with construction of a new natural play scape area and outdoor education expansion. Thanks to Mike Bode (Director) and staff Shelby Williams and Sean Curry for hosting! *The special Chinese luncheon was excellent!* ☺



HAGIE AWARD NOMINATIONS – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation invites you, your agency, partners or friends to nominate an outstanding Iowa conservationist for the 2014 Lawrence and Eula Hagie Heritage Award. The nomination process is easy and a great way to bring deserved recognition for your nominee and for the nominating organization(s). Nominations are due July 14, 2014! The annual Hagie Award recognizes Iowans "who have demonstrated an extraordinary personal service and commitment to improving the quality of Iowa's natural environment and who encourage others to do the same." The award generally goes to volunteers, but professional nominees are eligible if their efforts clearly go well beyond their job duties. For more information on the Hagie Heritage Award and nomination process, visit the INHF website at www.inhf.org/hagie.cfm or call 800-475-1846 for a printed copy.

WHITE OAK DECLINE SURVEY

Attached (*at the end of this newsletter*) are forms for a white oak decline survey that Iowa is doing in cooperation with Missouri. The Iowa DNR has received some USFS funding to conduct a research project to look at possible causes of rapid white oak decline in the State of Iowa. There are forms and instructions attached to fill out and email in if they would like to be part of this study. There is no cost to be part of this research project and it will provide very valuable data for our state!! Please pass on these forms to any landowners/communities with white oaks declining. Encourage them to fill them out as much as they can, and email them in to Dr. Sharon Reed. Thanks in advance for your help with this multi-state project! For questions or more information please contact: Tivon Feeley - Forest Health Program Leader, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515.281.4915, tivon.feeley@dnr.iowa.gov

Looking for persons to become !
Deadline: Open Until Filled ✓

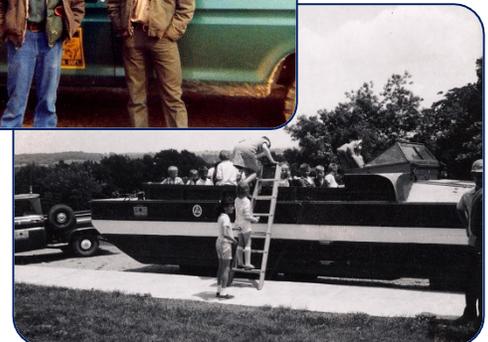
"OPEN UNTIL FILLED" JOB POSTINGS

There currently some nine (9) full-time and seasonal positions listed with the "Open Until Filled" deadline designation. Some of these have been posted for nearly three months. Please visit the job listings and see if one might belong to you, and determine the need to continue with the posting. There is no time limit for running your job postings – just want to be sure that our listings are accurate – thanks!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

<http://www.mycountyparks.com/Jobs/Default.aspx>

1. PALO ALTO – Operations Supervisor
2. CHEROKEE – Maintenance Technician
3. DICKINSON – Recycling Technician
4. WINNESHIEK – Natural Resource Technician
5. MONROE - Technician/Naturalist
6. CERRO GORDO – Natural Resource Biologist-ROW Veg.
7. LOUISA - Naturalist
8. MONONA – Operations & Maintenance / Asst. Officer
9. CONSERVATION CORPS – Iowa Field Coordinator
10. POLK – Assistant Naturalist
11. POTTAWATTAMIE - HawkWatch Counter
12. POLK – Conservation Laborer I
13. BUENA VISTA – Maintenance Technician
14. BUENA VISTA – Spray Truck Driver
15. BLACK HAWK – Seasonal Park Maintenance
16. HAMILTON – Campground Hosts
17. POLK – Campground Aides
18. POLK – Stable Laborer
19. BUENA VISTA – Campground Hosts



Full Time Employment



Seasonal/Part-Time

Located at the bottom of each and every page of the MyCountyParks.com website.

Rapid White Oak Mortality Survey

Citizen reporting form

White oaks are important to the economy of the Ozarks and lands in the Forest Prairie transition zone. These trees provide wood as well as serve as a food source for wildlife. White oaks are an important urban tree, providing shade and beautification to homes. Failure to protect our white oak trees means the loss of jobs, wildlife, and valuable services.

Since 2011, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) have received numerous reports of white oak death that do not fit typical patterns of oak decline or oak wilt. IDNR and MDC staff are working with researchers at the University of Missouri and at US Forest Service stations in Arkansas and Missouri to investigate rapid white oak mortality.

This US Forest Service and MDC funded project has two major components. First a database will be created that contains reports of white oak mortality in Iowa, Missouri, and Arkansas. The database will be used to determine where rapid white oak mortality is occurring, determine the severity, and to identify any common factors among sites with dying white oaks. Second, a detailed study of tree pathogens and environmental factors associated with dying white oaks will be carried out at two different locations.

We are asking individuals to report areas where the majority of dying trees are white oaks by filling out survey forms. Individuals completing surveys will be helping researchers achieve their goal of identifying factors contributing to white oak mortality so that management strategies.

Form Directions

Site selection and description:

Preference should be given to sites with multiple white oaks dead and dying, especially high quality sites where the majority of dying trees are white oaks. In urban locations, dying white oaks can be located on multiple properties but avoid reporting white oak deaths that are due to human activities like construction. The surveyed area should be approximately ½ acre. It does not matter if the dead and declining trees are in patches or more uniformly distributed.

Be as accurate as possible when providing the site location. Site locations will be used to determine the soil types present at the site. Forms should be turned in by August but will be accepted up until October 2014. Mail forms to Dr. Sharon Reed, University of Missouri, Plant Sciences Division, 108 Waters Hall, Columbia MO 65211 or email a scanned copy to ReedSH@missouri.edu

White Oak Rapid Death Survey

OBSERVER NAME AND PHONE / EMAIL

DATE

LOCATION OF DECLINING AND DEAD TREES

Location Name

ADDRESS OF LOCATION OR NEAREST INTERSECTION

IOWA CITY OR TOWN

IOWA COUNTY

DESCRIBE DECLINING AND DEAD TREES

TYPE OF TREES DECLINING AND DYING (ALL THAT APPLY): WHITE OAKS RED OAKS OTHER SPECIES
(see <http://forestkeepers.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Missouris-Oaks-and-Hickories.pdf>)

NUMBER OF WHITE OAK TREES DECLINING AND DEAD: FEW MANY ALL

NUMBER OF OTHER TREES DECLINING AND DEAD: NONE FEW MANY ALL

DESCRIBE THE SYMPTOMS YOU ARE SEEING (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- NUMEROUS DEAD BRANCHES IN TOP OF TREE CROWN SMOOTH SLICK GREY OR BLACK PATCHES ON THE TRUNK
 PATCHES/SPOTS WHERE BARK HAS FALLEN FROM THE TREE OR BARK AT TREE BASE
 MOST DEAD LEAVES ON TREE MOST DEAD LEAVES FALLEN BLEEDING OR WET AREAS ON TRUNK

DESCRIBE LOCATION

SITE DESCRIPTION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): STEEP HILLS GENTLY ROLLING HILLS FLAT BOTTOMLAND
 UPLAND PLATEAU NEAR STREAM URBAN RURAL

WHERE ARE MOST DECLINING AND DEAD TREES (ALL THAT APPLY): TOP HALF OF HILL BOTTOM HALF OF HILL
 EVERYWHERE NEAR STREAM OTHER, DESCRIBE: _____

AFFECTED AREA SIZE: SMALLER THAN FOOTBALL FIELD LARGER THAN FOOTBALL FIELD

RECENT SITE DISTURBANCE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): CONSTRUCTION WIND DAMAGE TREE HARVEST
 OTHER MANAGEMENT, DESCRIBE: _____

COMMENTS:

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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COLUMBIA, MO 65211

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