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IMPORTANT DATES:

- * Nov. 12-14 – ISAC Fall School, Des Moines
- * Nov. 20 – District 4 Mtg., Clarke CCB
- * Nov. 30 – Habitat Grant Applications Due
- * Dec. 10 – District 3 Mtg., Ida CCB
- * Dec. 11 – District 5 Mtg., Lucas CCB
- * Dec. 17 – District 6 Mtg., Jackson CCB
- * Jan. 20-22 - WINTERFEST 2015, Waterloo
- * Jan. 26 – IWILL Day at the Capitol, Des Moines
- * Feb. 17 – REAP Day at the Capitol, Des Moines

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60th Anniversary of County Conservation!
Sept. 17 – 19, 2015
Cedar Rapids



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New CCB Employees networking at the Tuesday luncheon



Diane Dammann, with an intro to IPERS for the new employees



A Public Information Policy update for the Directors



Emily Naylor, Shive-Hattery presents planning concepts

2014 SUMMIT SERIES

Another successful **IACCB Summit Series** is in the books! With folks from 28 CCBs in attendance, many meeting each other for the first time, our two days in Des Moines were just fantastic! IACCB is proud to host these workshop opportunities at no cost for participants, training our future and current leaders with timely topics and information. 21 new employees on Day #1, and 24 CCB Directors on Day #2 – great groups and great participation! Look forward to the 3rd edition of these in-service educational opportunities in the fall of 2015! Special THANKS to all the staff who took advantage of getting engaged with our statewide county conservation system - 😊 😊

IAN FALL WORKSHOP – Iowa County



The fine folks from **Iowa CCB** hosted nearly 100 members and guests of the **Iowa Association of Naturalists (IAN)** this past week for their annual fall workshop at the Lake Iowa Nature Center near Ladora. Participants were able to experience the sprawling traveling rattlesnake exhibit that is currently “living” in the center’s main exhibit space. Attendees were also treated to many great educational sessions at this workshop: Iowa’s Wilderness; Iowa Young Birders Update; Wildlife Value Orientation; Iowa’s Front Porch – The CCB System & IAN; REAP Watershed Quality Grant; Tree & Forest Health Update; Next-Gen Science Standards & The Conservation Community; Displays on a Shoestring Budget; AEA and the Role of Discipline; Should I Tweet This?; Summer Camp Idea Exchange; Avian Coloration & Perception- Hidden Sexual Dichromatism; and much, much more! Congrats to IAN for another excellent networking and educational offering! IAN has been around since 1978 – churning out networking opportunities even before the were trendy! 😊

PICKING UP THOSE 2014 REAP REPORTS THIS WEEK

I know that some of you have been waiting for those expanded database reports that incorporate our IACCB salary survey information along with the financial data that has been submitted statewide on the current REAP Certification Reports. I will be picking those up from the DNR this week during ISAC, and as soon as we can get the data entered – we will make this report available. Previous year reports are available in the **FILES** section of the **IACCB Portal** under “**REAP .22 CERTIFICATION**” and “**SALARY SURVEY**” parent files.



DISTRICT MEETINGS “IN THE HOPPER” – **District 3** – 12/10 in Ida Co.; **District 4** – 11/20 in Clarke Co.; **District 5** – 12/11 in Lucas Co.; and, **District 6** – 12/17 in Jackson Co. Be sure to attend these “Original” IACCB networking events!
ENGELHARDT BON-VOYAGE REMINDER – Thursday, Nov. 13th 1:00-4:00 PM in the Clayton County Conservation Auditorium ☺



CALL FOR ENTRIES – 2015 IOWA JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST

The **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** is now accepting entries for the 2015 Iowa Junior Duck Stamp (JDS) Contest, administered by the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose of the Contest is to raise awareness and educate students about conservation and wetland habitat. The JDS contest asks students to learn about waterfowl and their habitat, and then draw, paint, or sketch a picture of an eligible North American waterfowl species. **Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2015**, and mailed to Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 399, 9981 Pacific Street, Prairie City, IA 50228. All information needed to participate can be found on the website: www.fws.gov/juniorduck. There are also free, printable student, educator, home school and non-formal group curriculum available on the website. If you have questions about the Junior Duck Stamp, please call 515/994-3400 or email Doreen_VanRyswyk@fws.gov

STATE OF IOWA 2015 MODEL YEAR VEHICLE CONTRACT CATALOG

The 2015 Model Year Vehicle Contract catalog is provided as a reference tool for state agencies and political subdivisions (cities, counties, schools and law enforcement agencies) that can order vehicles against the specific contract(s). If you are considering purchasing vehicles from the catalog, please contact the dealer directly with questions and further information on placing your order. Dealer contact information is provided in the PDF document at: http://www.das.gse.iowa.gov/procurement/2015_vehicle_catalog.pdf



WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD (WIRB) – Grants Available!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS DECEMBER 29th. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey encourages eligible groups to apply for grants to support projects that will improve water quality in the state. Approximately \$830,000 is available through the Watershed Improvement Review Board to support qualifying projects. Funds are available to local watershed improvement committees, soil and water conservation districts, public water supply utilities, county conservation boards, cities and counties. Funds are typically matched with other funds by the organizations receiving assistance and will support a variety of projects across the state focusing on protecting water quality and improving the health of the state's waterways. **MORE INFO?** <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/IWIRB/iwirbRFA.asp>



WELCOME PAIGE MUEGGENBERG – New Ida CCB Director

Paige was born and raised in Sac City, IA and graduated from East Sac Community High School in 2010. She received her degree in Wildlife and Fisheries from South Dakota State University in May of 2014. Between graduation and starting in Ida County, Paige lived in Rapid City, SD and worked as an intern for the big game biologist. This was her second internship with South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks. Her main responsibility there was keeping track of all the radio collared elk, mountain lions, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, and mule deer. She grew up hunting and fishing around Sac City and just got into bow hunting the past couple years. Paige loves the outdoors and all it has to offer and is excited to bring some new ideas to the Ida County Conservation Board! You can welcome Paige to our CCB system via email at: idaccb@frontiernet.net

“CCB ALUM”, BOB WALKER RECEIVES AWARD

Former County Conservation Activities Office Administrator, **Bob Walker** was awarded the **President’s Award** by the **National Assoc. of State Park Directors** at their meeting in Omaha on September 4th – CONGRATS, Bob! The news release of the recognition follows: *“After a long professional career working in Iowa with the Department of Natural Resources and Iowa’s County Conservation Board system and with Montana State Parks’ Trail Program, Walker retired and continued his involvement with parks volunteering with the Montana Recreation and Park Association. His involvement helped in the establishment of the Montana Bike-Walk Coalition and the engagement of the park’s advocacy group, “Our Montana,” in addressing park and recreation issues. He also serves as President of the Bureau of Land Management’s Western Montana Resource Advisory Council. His advocacy work led to increased funding of more than 1 million dollars per year for state parks and the establishment by the legislature in 2013 of the Montana State Parks and Recreation Board.”* There are rumors of a Walker sighting to be had in Iowa in 2015! ☺



BOB WALKER (center) receives the President’s Award from the NASPD on Sept. 4th in Omaha.



‘NOTHER CCB ALUMNI SIGHTING – Garry Brandenburg (Retired Marshall CCB Director)

Apparently, Garry just couldn’t take it that we had a picture of Don Peak in our previous newsletter – so he fired off an email to us along with the adjacent picture..... “Here is another IACCB alumni sighting. It is such hard work (NOT!) to get up every day and have to decide which of 6 tree stands to use today, or which of 3 ground blinds, based on today’s wind directions. Decisions, decisions. Sometimes it just gets better and better. Life is good.” Thanks for rubbin’ it in just a bit, Garry! ☺ Good to hear from you and glad to hear that all is well!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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

1. IDA Co. – Part Time Naturalist
2. APPANOOSE Co. – Park Technician
3. LOUISA – Conservation Aide
4. LOUISA – Summer Rec. Intern
5. LOUISA – Naturalist Intern
6. JONES – Campground Host
7. HAMILTON – Campground Hosts
8. BUENA VISTA – Campground Hosts



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