



# Newsletter

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## SAVE THE DATES:

The ICCS Calendar & Zoom Meeting Room Bookings are available online via



- \* Dec. 15 – District 6 Mtg. – Iowa CCB
- \* Jan. 7-8 – REAP Congress – Iowa State Capitol
- \* Jan. 25-27, 2022 – 2022 WINTERFEST – Coralville
- \* Mar. 10-11 – Spring ISAC /CCDA Meeting

Indicates Online Registration Available

## IOWA OFFICE TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

<https://stopthiowa.org/>



**NEW REGULATIONS** hit the streets on **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** with restrictions and requirements from the **State of Iowa** for utilization of public funds. Additionally, CCBs which provide overnight lodging opportunities in the form of cabins, yurts and lodges are required to train certain staff and/or volunteers with particular responsibilities in state-provided human trafficking certification. ICCS and various CCBs have been sharing information with CCB Directors across the state over the past several days in an attempt to get everyone up-to-speed with the new information. ISAC and other state agencies, along with local County Auditors have also been assisting with the information dissemination. Got questions?: [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org)

*(NOTE: The website link above, provided by the Iowa DPS is a good source of information)*

## WINTERFEST 2022

REGISTRATION DEADLINES IN EARLY JANUARY!



- January 4<sup>th</sup>** – Lodging Block Cut-off at Hyatt-Regency!
- January 11<sup>th</sup>** – Registration Closes for Employees!

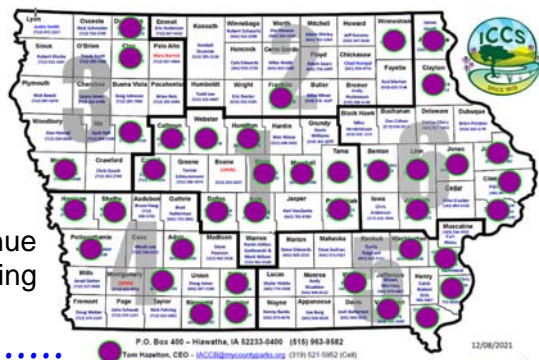
As of today's writing, we have 192 employees registered – representing 39 CCBs....**lots more room available!!**

**NOTE:** *IACCB Leadership is closely monitoring COVID protocols of other events, the Hyatt-Regency host site, City of Coralville, Johnson County and the State of Iowa – a policy for Winterfest 2022 will be determined in advance of the event.*

**WINTERFEST** is recognized as THE BEST opportunity for employees to attend a statewide event that is “.....planned for employees by employees!” AND – due to the awesome sponsorships (as noted below) – we are able to keep registration fees at historically low levels!

We look forward to your registrations to continue rolling in and appreciate your assists with nurturing those collegiate registrations you can prod along!

**A Special thanks to our 2022 Sponsors .....**



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**REMINDER:** .....that for reasons of fraud and other cyber security concerns, our online registration system has a **maximum transaction threshold of \$2,000**. If your submission looks like it may exceed this amount – please submit a couple of registrations to remain below this threshold – many thanks!

**W'FEST REGISTRATION:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/Org-Event/Default.aspx>



2022 ICCS  
Fall Conference  
September 13-15, 2022  
Doorway to the Driftless  
Dubuque, IA





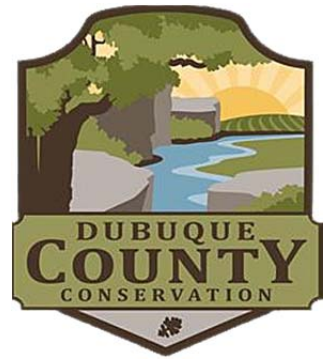
# DOORWAY TO THE DRIFTLESS

## THE 2022 ICCS FALL CONFERENCE

Presented by Dubuque County Conservation

We are hoping that you have your calendars marked for our **2022 ICCS Fall Conference, September 13-15** along the Mississippi River in Dubuque. Lodging reservations are now being accepted at the host **Grand Harbor Resort by calling (563) 690-4000 Ext. 1**, to receive the \$89/nite Conservation Board rate!

*(Look forward to additional information to be released soon!)*



**EMAIL HARVEST ON-TAP for end of January!** Just *your friendly reminder* that we will be in the **CONTACTS section of the Portal** towards the end of January for the next harvest of email addresses for our communications. Please be sure to get in there prior to that time to update your listings with new staff or Board Members, delete ones that are no longer with your CCB, and ensure that everyone remaining is current and accurate! These listings are used by ICCS, Districts and Divisions for communications – THANKS in advance for your updating!!

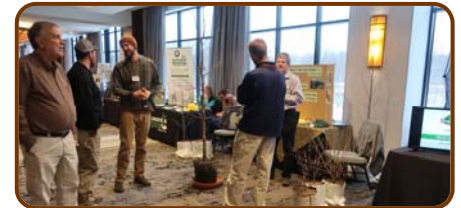


## COLLEGIATE DAY RESUME REVIEWERS

**THANKS!** to those of you that have already volunteered!.....**we can still use 8+ more!** The ever-expanding **Collegiate Day Resume Review Session at Winterfest 2022** is in need of at least a dozen experienced resume critiquing folks! You will be needed for approx. ½ hour starting around **11:40 AM on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** – just prior to the luncheon. The students just can't pass up this great opportunity to have what is perhaps their very first resume critiqued by an actual industry professional! If you have had some experience in this arena – please step up! Contact Tom Hazelton at [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org) – more information will be forthcoming!

## VENDORS LINING UP FOR WINTERFEST 2022

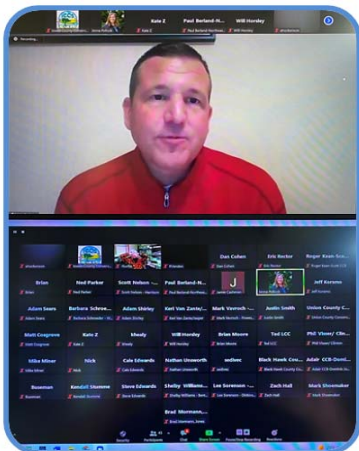
We **WELCOME** the following Vendors that will be joining us for Winterfest next month – and encourage you all spend some time with them between the sessions: Shive-Hattery, Bolton & Menk, Iowa Prison Industries, JEO Consulting, Schwig Outdoors, Diamond Mowers, ABCreative, Iowa Mitigation and Zanfel. 😊



## CCB DIRECTORS GATHER TO DISCUSS ARPA

The **County Conservation Directors Association (CCDA)** hosted an informative ZOOM Meeting on December 9th to discuss various updates and progress across the state with the **American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)**. Guest presenters included **Jamie Cashman**, ISAC Government Relations Manager and **Paul Berland**, Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation & Development. Numerous CCB Directors also shared their successful efforts from the following counties: **Harrison, Buchanan, Franklin, Hamilton, Union, Scott and Wright.**

Lots of good cross-discussion was held and good resources cited. Directors were reminded that a file has been established in **The IACCB Portal** for sharing of documents and files – **“ARPA FUNDING 2021-2022”** (see lower left). The 1:08 meeting was also recorded and now available on the ICCS YouTube Channel via the link below. Special thanks to the **District 5 Meeting** for sharing the Zoom Meeting live for their afternoon session from the **Mahaska CCB Environmental Learning Center**, and to the Directors that shared their success stories, questions and experiences during the meeting – **Good Show by CCDA & All!**



<https://youtu.be/Aa4ehKiOQPp>





Former Warren CCB employee, Doug Gaumer is pictured on the right

## ‘CAUSE THIS IS FASCINATING!

**The Brewers at West Hill Brewing Company teamed up with the Department of Biology and Environmental Sciences at Simpson College to create a beer to benefit butterfly conservation at Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge.**

You read that right: Beer. From. Butterflies. The idea stemmed from sitting in the beer garden at West Hill during the COVID-19 shut down while customers and staff were still socially distant and outdoor recreation was at an all-time high. “We wanted to find a way to support outdoor areas and wildlife in the state,” said Doug Gaumer, Head Brewer and Owner of West Hill Brewing Company.



With the college lab and field leadership, the team was able to net and swab the legs and mouth areas of 7 butterfly species without harming a single butterfly. Butterflies were netted at several Warren County and Indianola parks. The swabs yielded 22 starter cultures. After more than 160 culture plates, they eventually isolated a pure colony of brewer’s yeast. “You basically have to find one that smells appealing or has a neutral profile.” explained Gaumer.

### The result: Pearl Crescent Butterfly IPA, a beer brewed from butterflies

Proceeds from the limited release of Pearl Crescent Butterfly IPA will benefit the [Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge](#) by providing funding for internships and research on native butterfly species.

More information is available via this link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/946059646116717/?ref=newsfeed>

## “T-BONE TRAIL” BACK IN ’22 FOR WESTERN IOWA!

ICCS has joined in partnership with Iowa's **Western Tourism Region** in supporting the **T-Bone Trail Tour for 2022**. We understand that several of you either know or have worked with **JayJay Goodvin (of Iowa City)** on his previous escapades in Western Iowa, and we have enjoyed viewing his videos and posts through his Blog and Facebook page about his statewide travels!

Our partnership is that we share his travel itinerary and contact information with each CCB - then, wherever possible that you can engage with his travel schedule – feel free to do so! If Jay connects with your CCB / Parks / Facilities / Programs - they will all be included in his great marketing posts/promotions about his Iowa experiences! Most of his travel will be on weekdays - so if you have a lodging option (cabin/campsite) available for him to use - we certainly encourage you to consider offering up either complimentary or discounted rates for his tour while in your county. Simply contact Jay directly - and work out the details for the specific dates! ICCS views this as one of those "Win-Win" opportunities for everyone involved! Your local Western Iowa Tourism Region has contracted with Jay to visit ALL of your counties in 2022 - why not take the lead and invite him to VISIT YOU! Jay will have a steak in each county and there will be bonus beef stops as well - He also tries to talk to beef producers in each county! ☺ <https://www.facebook.com/WestIATBoneTrail> (NOTE: All **Western Iowa CCB Directors** received contact information and the T-Bone Trail Schedule via email on Nov. 23 – if you need additional information, let me know) – [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org)



## REAP CONGRESS @ STATE CAPITOL – JAN. 8<sup>TH</sup>

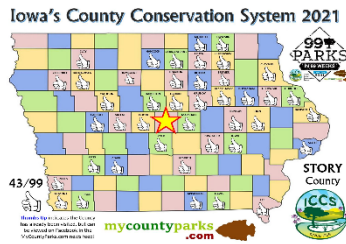
The 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial **REAP Congress** will be held at the State Capitol January 7-8, hosted by **the REAP Alliance** and **Iowa DNR**. This public participation portion of the REAP Program is a critical aspect of the 31+ years of success that REAP has experienced! We are pleased that once again there is strong CCB representation within the REAP Delegate ranks, with 22+ of the 80-ish delegates! All delegates will be invited to a welcoming reception and orientation on the Friday evening, followed by the REAP Congress on the Saturday. Delegates should be on the look-out for information from the Alliance and DNR soon!



## ICCS 2022 TRANSITION PLANNING

The **ICCS Board of Directors** accepted the final report from the **2020-21 Strategic Transition Planning Committee** at their regular quarterly meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The report contained the results and analysis of the 2020 statewide survey, and recommendations for ICCS programming priorities for the short-term future. This information will assist the Board of Directors as they move forward in 2022 – transitioning to a new CEO by the end of the calendar year. A tentative schedule for the year includes: **Review of the draft CEO Job Description** in February; **Approval of the Job Description, FY2023 Budget and recruiting program** in May; **Recruitment** in June-August; **Interviews** in Sept.-Oct.; **New CEO onboarding** in December. This will be a busy schedule for the Board of Directors, but also a process designed to attract the best possible candidates while providing for a smooth transition late in the year.





48	12/13/2021	Winneshiek
49	12/20/2021	Worth
50	12/27/2021	Wright
51	1/3/2022	Cedar
52	1/10/2022	Fayette
53	1/17/2022	Ida
54	1/24/2022	Jones
55	1/31/2022	Keokuk

## WEEK #48 ON THE HORIZON!



- MyCountyParks.com

**CONGRATS to WEEK #46 CCB – Webster County** for all their connections that vaulted them to the top producer position with 56 shares / 1,120 Engagements & 12,450+ people reached! AWESOME NUMBERS!.....How? you ask?? – In part, it is because the WCCB Facebook Page already has 2,074 likes and 2,292 followers; AND, they then shared our MCP.com Facebook post on their page, and so on, and so on..... ☺ It's just that easy, but you need to build a following first by driving people to your F.B. page via your CCB Newsletters, various websites, etc. – BECAUSE YOU HAVE INTERESTING AND TIMELY POSTS that you share – TA-DA! – if you need to know your dates – let us know – we will be marking our halfway milestone with County #50 later this month, **WooHoo!** .....thanks for all of your assistance on this voyage! Questions? Support? - [IACCB@mycountyparks.org](mailto:IACCB@mycountyparks.org)



## IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION NEEDS CCB INPUT

The **Iowa Ornithologists' Union** is starting a preliminary search for grant proposals. The organization has been awarded a bequest of funds available for a project promoting avian awareness. Our goal is to find a project accessible to the public that brings people closer to birds. Potential ideas are, but are not limited to, a bird blind, observation tower, or boardwalk. We have \$65,000 dollars available for distribution. If your organization would like to collaborate on such a project, we are interested in hearing your ideas. A preliminary proposal should include information about the structure, a rough estimate of the cost, potential for matching funds, a list of organizations potentially providing assistance, and a description of the habitat. Please forward any ideas to Dennis Thompson [cndthomps@gmail.com](mailto:cndthomps@gmail.com) and / or John Cecil [icecil01@gmail.com](mailto:icecil01@gmail.com)

## BRIAN MOORE, CHICKASAW CCB DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

Long-time **Chickasaw CCB Director, Brian Moore** will be retiring at the end of the year – following 37 years in conservation and 31 as the CCCB Director. The Chickasaw County Conservation Board and Staff will be hosting a gathering at Twin Ponds Nature Center for Brian's retirement from 1-3 PM on Thursday, December 30 – and invite you to join them in wishing him well as his next life chapter unfolds! Twin Ponds Center is located at 1811 240th St, Ionia, IA 50645. **CONGRATS, Brian!** ☺



*“You don't need to practice social distancing from Mother Nature: Enjoy Iowa's County Parks!”*



- Full Time
- Seasonal/Part-Time

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

1. TAMA Co. – Park Officer
2. DALLAS Co. – Naturalist
3. STORY Co. – Park Ranger
4. ADAMS Co. – Park Officer/Conservation Specialist
5. CHEROKEE Co. – Conservation Technician
6. MONONA Co. – Park Ranger/Naturalist
7. CHICKASAW Co. – Natural Resources & Parks Mgr.
8. WOODBURY Co. – Asst. Resource Manager
9. SEASONAL POSITIONS – 17+ opportunities listed on website



12/10/2021



**Anderson Conservation Area  
Montgomery CCB, Red Oak**

And where is your **99 PARKS** backpack taking you to this month?