



Newsletter

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DEADLINES – DEADLINES – DEADLINES!

Just a few are looming in front of us.....

- AUGUST 1** – FY2021 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Award Nominations
- AUGUST 1** – ICCS FY2022 County Membership Renewals (see map 😊)
- AUGUST 3** – Early Bird Discount ends for ICCS Fall Conference Registrations
- AUGUST 4** – Registration for ISAC/CCDA Summer Annual Meetings
- AUGUST 6** – Ballot for Region 1/2 ICCS Board Member Election Due (Districts 1&2)
- AUGUST 15** – ICCS Fall Conference Registration Ends
- SEPTEMBER 1** – Last Day to Purchase Advance Raffle Tickets for ICCS Raffle

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION? – IACCB@MyCountyParks.org

ICCS Fall Conference Information, Silent Auction Donation Forms, Vendor & Exhibitor Information, and 2021 ICCS Annual Meeting Information can all be found here:

<https://www.mycountyparks.org/conferences.html>

SAVE THE DATES:

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



- * **Aug. 11** – District 2 Mtg. – Humboldt CCB
- * **Aug. 17** – Winterfest Planning Meeting
- * **Aug. 18** – District 3 Mtg. – Sioux CCB
- * **Aug. 19** – District 4 Mtg. – Mills CCB
- * **Aug. 25-27** – ISAC Annual Conference – D.M.
- * **Sept. 8-10** – IRVM Conf. – Winneshiek Co.
- * **September 15-17** – ICCS Annual Fall Conference
- * **Oct. 4-6** – CCPOA 35th Annual Wksp. & Anniv.
- * **Oct. 20** – District 3 Mtg. – Clay CCB
- * **Oct. 27** – ICCS New CCB Employee School
- * **Oct. 28** – E-Commerce Summit, MCP – Johnston
- * **Nov. 3-5** – Fall IAN – Woodbury CCB
- * **Nov. 18** – District 4 Mtg. – TBA
- * **Jan. 25-27, 2022** – 2022 WINTERFEST - Coralville

Indicates Online Registration Available

2021 ICCS 65th Anniversary +1 Fall Conference
September 15-17, 2021
Ames, IA



WIN THIS PARK BENCH!

.....**IF** your ICCS Fall Conference online registration is **received by August 3rd** – you will be automatically entered into a drawing for this hand-crafted walnut bench, created by the talented staff of the Story CCB! **Early-bird registration discounts end on 8/3, and regular registration ends on August 15th.** Git 'er done! 😊



2021 ICCS New CCB Employee School!

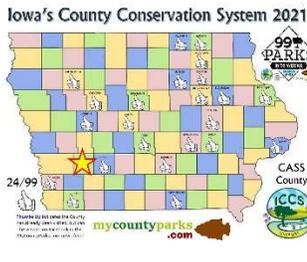
Wednesday, October 27th – Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston
MARK YOUR CALENDARS! This will be the first ICCS New Employee School since 2019 – so there may be 100+ new CCB employees that should plan on attending this important ICCS event! As with previous years, this event will be provided at NO CHARGE to participants. Look forward to additional information and your online registration opportunity coming soon!



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8/2/2021	Davis
8/9/2021	Delaware
8/16/2021	Floyd
8/23/2021	Franklin
8/30/2021	Fremont

WEEK # 28 IS IN THE BOOKS! – 204,673+ REACHED TO-DATE

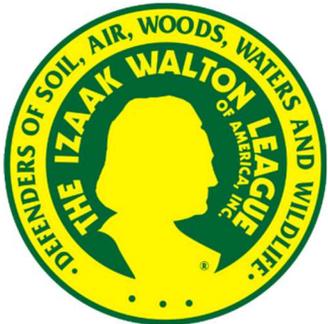
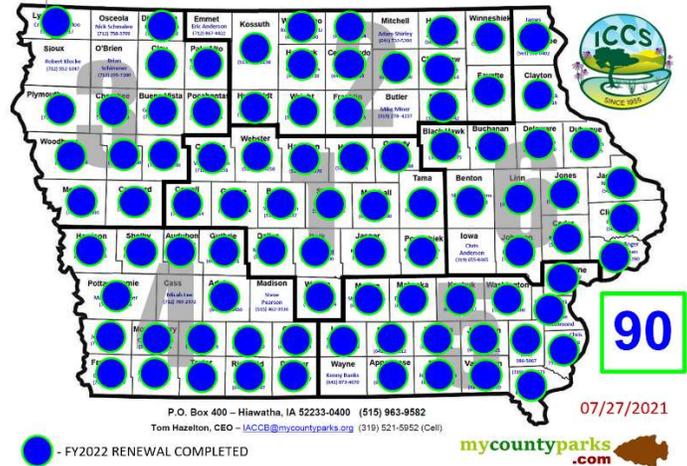
CLAYTON CCB is killin' it this week with 38 shares to-date and the highest number of people reached since week #16! How?.....their connected already – with tourism partners, regional supporters and numerous other partners that are celebrating their week with them – simple stuff, eh? They also sent in some of their favorite and best current pictures, and a couple of paragraphs of text that ICCS could use for their “week of fame!”.....KUDOS for THAT assist! 😊 The other coolest thing that’s happening is that – so far, we have posted over 550 awesome pictures of locations, facilities, programs and activities of Iowa’s County Conservation System – AND, ICCS has them all archived in county-by-county digital files for future reference and use. This could play very well into evolving plans for a major renovation and upgrade of MyCountyParks.com in 2023 – WooHoo! Many thanks in advance for your continued support & assistance! 😊

FY2022 ICCS MEMBERSHIPS

We’re close to the finish line! They have been rolling in steadily ahead of the **DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL ON AUGUST 1st!!** Let us know if you need another issuance of your April 27th email renewal notice..... or if you have any questions – IACCB@mycountyparks.org

Your county’s Annual Membership helps to provide 86% of ICCS’s annual operating budget each year – critical to our ongoing efforts to provide services, products and marketing efforts! Many thanks for your continued dedicated support and participation with the finest county conservation system in the nation! Just the best!

FY2022 County Membership Renewals



Awarding CCB’s Outstanding Efforts Since 1974 😊

FY2021 IWLA HABITAT IMPROVEMENT NOMINATIONS – 47TH YEAR!

CCB Directors received the **FY2021 Izaak Walton League Habitat Improvement Award** nomination form via email on June 2nd – and the nominations arriving have been pretty lite? The **submission deadline is August 1st!** As a reminder, information and statistics should only be for the 12-month period of 7/1/20 thru June 30, 2021 (FY2021). We look forward to your self-nominations by providing the information requested in the survey! Need another survey/nomination form, or have any questions? – IACCB@mycountyparks.org



CONGRATS AGAIN to Kendall Stumme, Director and the Kossuth CCB for their 2020 IWLA Habitat Improvement Award!

E-COMMERCE SUMMIT RETURNS!

MyCountyParks.com is pleased to announce that the **9th Annual E-Commerce Summit** has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 28th** at the **Stoney Creek Inn** in **Johnston**. Look for the agenda and online registration opportunity to be released in the up-coming weeks. There is a bunch of change afoot with our website, and your input is always welcomed 😊

This one-day workshop is provided at **NO COST** to all participants – sponsored by **MCP & ICCS**. At this time, we are planning to host this event in tandem with the **New Employee School** – in-person, and observing any safety protocols that may be in place at that time. *Stay tuned – more to come.....*



ICCS RAFFLE TICKETS – BUY EARLY!

(Between August 1st & September 1st ONLY) Not able to attend the 2021 ICCS Fall Conference? Don't want the hassle of buying tickets at the conference? Want to purchase your chances to win with a credit card? ICCS has your options covered! 😊 We are fortunate to have two very AWESOME items this year, and invite you to purchase your tickets in advance through the ICCS Office. Chances for either the custom crafted wooden canoe or the new 2020 Benelli 12 gauge shotgun will be sold in advance for \$5 each / or 5 for \$20. Individuals will receive an emailed receipt, and be entered into the drawing(s) of their choice. (**"How To" instructions are below! – Thanks!**) **MORE INFORMATION** about these two prizes can be found on Page 6 of the ICCS May Newsletter on MCP.org.



THIS RAFFLE WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Advance raffle ticket sales will only available to bonafide county conservation board employees and conservation board members within ICCS. **MORE INFORMATION:** ICCB@mycountyparks.org

- TO PURCHASE ADVANCE TICKETS:**
- 1) BY MAIL:** Checks payable to ICCS, mail to: ICCS Raffle, P.O. Box 400, Hiawatha, IA 52233-0400 – specify canoe or shotgun, include email address and phone number contact info. Receipt of your raffle ticket purchase will be confirmed via email – thanks!
 - 2) BY PHONE/CREDIT CARD:** Call the ICCS OFFICE at **(515) 963-9582** – you will need to talk to Tom in-person to relay credit card information – **DO NOT LEAVE C.Card** information on voicemail. Email confirmation will follow.



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CCPOA ANNUAL FALL WORKSHOP, OCT. 4-6 @ CAMP DODGE

Look for the online registration to be available in a couple of weeks (mid-August) via the MCP.com website – which will also coincide with the email distribution of the CCPOA Newsletter. The annual training workshop agenda is all set and the festivities for the **35+1 Anniversary Banquet Celebration** are all lined up! CCPOA Alumni Rich Paris & Tom Hazelton are chasing down other alums to join them in celebrating the 3½ decades of service to over 430+ CCB Peace Officers that have been members over the years! If anyone has connections with CCPOA Alumni from your CCB that may be interested – put them in touch with Tom – IACCB@mycountyparks.org



Time to Vote for National Recognition!

ONLINE POLL IS OPEN July 30 – Aug. 6th! The Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT) is one of only three rail-trails to be nominated this year for the **Hall of Fame of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**. Hall of Fame selection is done through a public vote which takes place July 30 through August 6. The voting form will be available at the link below - once voting opens on July 30th. If selected, the RRVT would join more than 30 iconic trails nationally recognized in the Rail-Trail Hall of Fame.

“Being nominated for the Rail-Trail Hall of Fame is an honor. Winning the vote would not only bring the RRVT national attention, but also bring trail enthusiasts as tourists to central Iowa,” said Mike Wallace, Executive Director of the Dallas County Conservation Board.

The RRVT is the longest paved loop in the nation, totaling 89 miles, and offers views of agricultural landscapes, woodlands and prairies. The route connects 14 communities in Dallas, Guthrie, and Greene counties. A unique part of the RRVT is the artwork located along the trail, including Adel’s colorful “lighted bridge” and the City of Waukee’s 350-foot-long gateway pergola at the trailhead.

Nominees are selected on merits such as scenic value, high use, trail and trailside amenities, historical significance, excellence in management and maintenance of facility, community connections and geographic distribution.

Let’s give Dallas CCB a hand and push this trail over the victory line! 😊

VOTE VIA THE LINK BELOW – July 30 thru August 6th! ON IOWA!

<https://www.railstotrails.org/our-work/trail-promotion/rail-trail-hall-of-fame/>



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3. CLAYTON Co. – Park Ranger/Maintenance Tech.
4. WOODBURY Co. – Asst. Resource Manager
5. POLK Co. – Stables Laborer 1
6. DICKINSON Co. – Community Relations Coord.
7. CHEROKEE Co. – Office/Naturalist Assistant
8. BENTON Co. – Asst. Roadside Biologist
9. DICKINSON Co. - Naturalist
10. POLK Co. – Conservation Laborer – Natural Resources
11. POLK Co. – Conservation Laborer – Construction
12. SEASONAL POSITIONS – 21+ opportunities listed on website



Where’s your **99 PARKS** backpack taking you this month?

7/27/2021