

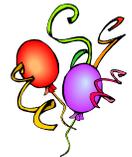


Life on the Prairie

The mission of the Friends of Webster County Conservation is to provide awareness, appreciation, and the preservation of Webster County's natural resources for future generations.



Conservation Board Celebrates 50th Anniversary



In 1955 the 56th General Assembly passed Chapter 350 of the Iowa Code, which allowed each county the ability to establish a County Conservation Board for the purpose of developing a local outdoor recreation and conservation program. This law paved the way for one of the most successful local conservation and recreation programs in the nation.

In 1958 the citizens of Webster County voted to establish a County Conservation Board to provide more recreational opportunities. The first priority of the board was to develop a recreational lake and park for the citizens and visitors of Webster County. On June 27th, 1965 John F. Kennedy Memorial Park and Badger Lake were officially dedicated for public use.

Over the past fifty years, twenty-seven board members and five conservation directors have acquired seventeen additional



parcs, wildlife refuges, public hunting areas, and river access sites throughout Webster County. The board currently manages over 1,200 acres for public use.

Thank you to everyone that supports the mission of the conservation board and we look forward to the next 50 years!

Calendar of Events

- Autumn Night Hike* Oct. 25
Briggs Woods
- Autumn Night Hike* Nov. 1
Kennedy Park
- Friends Annual* Nov. 16
Banquet & Meeting
- Conservation Board* Nov. 18
Meeting & Retreat
- Polar Plunge* Nov. 22
Kennedy Park
- Winter Festival* Dec. 13
Kennedy Park
- Lights At Kennedy* Dec. 13-21
- Friends Meeting* Jan. 26, 09

Des Moines River Clean-up Draws a Crowd



On a foggy September 6th, over forty concerned citizens and river enthusiast floated a beautiful stretch of the Des Moines River. However, the beauty was diminished by the nearly 100 tires, one truck load of non-recyclables, and one trailer load of salvageable metal that were

hauled out of the river in a mere 5-mile stretch from Kalo to Dolliver Park.

Thanks to everyone that helped take care of this precious resource in our own backyard!!

Join us for next years event!!



Paddlers remove garbage from the Des Moines River

Bottle Bill Facts

- It takes more energy to make a bottle from virgin materials than to make a bottle from recycled materials.
- Energy savings from Iowa's Bottle Bill could heat 42,845 average Iowa households.
- The current deposit law prevents litter and recycles 82,352 tons or 190,850 cubic yards of material per year -- equivalent to a line of 784 large railroad box cars stretching more than 68,000 feet long.

Friends & Conservation Board Share A Vision...



For The Future...

“We shall never achieve harmony with land, any more than we shall achieve absolute justice or liberty for people. In these higher aspirations, the important thing is not to achieve but to strive.”
Aldo Leopold

The Friends of Webster County Conservation and the Webster County Conservation Board have teamed up to create a vision for the next fifty years of County Conservation in Webster County.

The board has discussed building an environmental education facility for almost two decades. The partnership is

taking this dream one step closer to reality.

The board has hired Allers Associates Architects to design the “green” facility. The location and specifics have not been determined, but a focus group has been formed to find a site and design the inside of the building.

The building will showcase

energy efficient technology and have interactive exhibits that include water quality, Iowa habitats, local history, and others.

The goal is to bring people inside to get them educated and excited about the outside.

Stay tuned for info on this exciting project!!

“Last Child In The Woods” by Richard Louv



If you are looking for a good way to pass the next few wintery months, check out Richard Louv’s book “Last Child in the Woods”.

The book does an excellent job of connecting today’s childhood problems with the lack of outdoor experiences.

The statistics are a startling wake up call for today’s society about the disconnection between children and the natural world and the devastating impact that this epidemic could have on future generations and our environment. The book is research based, but does a good job of recommending

solutions to battle what is called “Nature Deficit Disorder”.

If you are a parent, educator, or care about our environment, this book is a must read.

Save our children, take them outside!



Friends Annual Banquet & Meeting

The Friends of Webster County Conservation will hold their annual banquet and meeting on Sunday, November 16th.

The group will gather to celebrate the accomplishments of 2008 and plan for next year's events and activities.

The "friends" have been very busy this year helping the Conservation Board celebrate 50 years of conservation and recreation in Webster County.

2008 Activities include: Ice Fishing Tourn., Sports Show, Maple Syrup Festival, Ditch Clean-up, Christmas in July, Women in the Outdoors, Carp Tourn., River Clean-up, Adventure Race, and an Autumn Night Hike.

5:30 pm—Social Hour

6:00 - Meal (\$7.00)

6:30—Program



"Friends" dine and visit at the 2007 Annual Banquet

Meal Provided by: "Smoked Ribs & More"

Cost— \$7.00/plate, children under 12—\$3.50

(Cut and Mail This Portion with Payment by Nov. 12)



Yes, I can attend...

Sign up for:	#	Price	\$
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Method of Payment

- Check
- At the Door

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Sign Up To Attend

Please fill out the form on the right, detach and mail to 1415 Nelson Avenue, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501 by November 12th.

Come Join Us For a Night of Fun, Food, & Conversation!

Sunday, November 16, 2008

Bob Heun Shelter, Kennedy Park

5:30 p.m.—Social Hour

6:00 p.m.—Meal & Program