Pathways to Nature

A Newsletter of the Webster County Conservation Board

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Trout Stocking & Cross Country Ski Event to be held at Moorland Pond

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What's New...

On Saturday, February 9th the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will once again be stocking the Moorland Pond with approximately 1,500 rainbow trout. The stocking will take place around 11:30 am.

Webster County Conservation Ranger Brad Janssen will be hosting an ice fishing clinic prior to the stocking. Starting at 11:00 am kids can learn about ice safety, cold weather clothing, and the basics of ice fishing. Fishing poles and bait will be provided.

From 10:00 am to noon, cross country skis and snow shoes will be available free of charge for use at the pond. Please check our Facebook page for updates regarding snow amounts.

As Deer Season Ends, A Reminder About Tree Stands

By Brad Janssen, Park Ranger



Reminder to all hunters who hunt Webster County Conservation Wildlife Management Areas to remove all tree stands on county property. Thursday, January 10th was the last day of the deer season in Webster County. Any tree stands found on any of the Wildlife Management Areas seven days after the end of the season may be removed and owners may be cited for failure to comply to the regulations.



***Interested in joining our team?* We are looking to hire summertime/seasonal staff. We are looking for the following positions:**

Park Attendant: This is a seasonal position that will be approximately 3 months in length.

This position will perform diverse tasks associated with the maintenance of the county's parks, trails and wildlife areas.

Applicant must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid driver's license. Applicants should possess basic knowledge of park equipment and maintenance.

Mowing Technician: This is a seasonal position that will be approximately 3 months in length. The mowing technician will work at John F. Kennedy Memorial Park.

This position will include mowing with various types of commercial riding mowers and operating grass trimmers.

Applicant must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid driver's license. Applicants should possess basic knowledge of park equipment and maintenance.

For more information or to apply for these positions, visit www.webstercountyia.org

Application Deadline: March 29, 2019

Upcoming Public Programs & Events

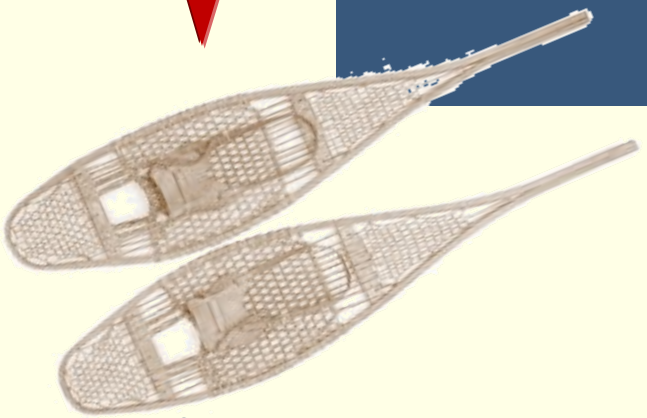
Your Guide To The Outside

Date	Time	Event	Location
Feb 9	10:00 am	XC Skiing & Snowshoeing	Moorland Pond
Feb 9	11:00 am	Ice Fishing Clinic	Moorland Pond
Feb 9	12:00 pm	Trout Stocking	Moorland Pond
Feb 23	6:00 pm	Call of the Wild	Opera House
Mar 7	6:00 pm	*Cert. Hunter Ed Instructor Workshop	Kennedy Park
Mar 16	1:00 pm	Maple Syrup Festival	Camp Wa-No-Ki
Mar 27	5:30 pm	*Hunter Education Field Day	Camp Wa-No-Ki

*Sign up at www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Hunter-Education

Did You Know?

Webster County Conservation has cross country skis and snow shoes you can rent... They are available at the Kennedy Park office Monday—Friday 8:00 am—4:00 pm for $10 a pair for the weekend.... Kids skis and shoes are FREE!



For the most up to date information, LIKE us on Facebook: Webster County Conservation

For more information or a complete listing of all 2018 public programs and events, visit www.mycountyparks.com/County/Webster.aspx

mycountyparks.com

Call of the Wild

Conservation & environmental education annual fundraiser
sponsored by the Friends of Webster County Conservation

Nature Knowledge

Trivia Night

A Fun Evening of Friendship & Testing Your *Nature Knowledge*

Example….What is the only mammal that can fly?

Answer….The Bat

Saturday, February 23, 2019

5:30 - 9:30 pm

Fort Dodge Opera House

$25 ticket includes: meal, trivia, silent auction, raffles & more!

Call 515-576-4258 to reserve yours today!

WANTED

The Friends of Webster County Conservation is looking for High School Seniors and College Students pursuing a degree in Natural Resources!

ORVILLE O'CONNELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

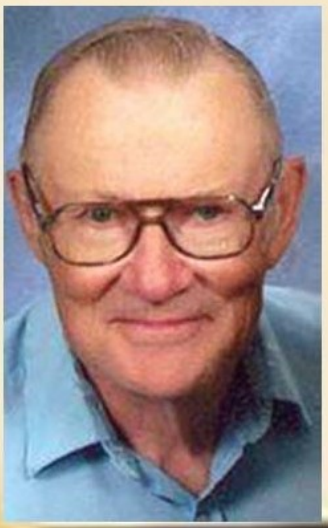
Purpose: In memory of Orville O'Connell and his commitment to wildlife conservation and land stewardship, a scholarship will be awarded annually to a Webster County resident who is pursuing a degree in: Conservation, Natural Resource Management, Wildlife Biology, Animal/Fisheries Ecology or related natural resource field.

Amount: (1) scholarship will be awarded in the amount of $500.00 annually. Scholarships will be paid directly to the school of the recipient's choice.

Basis of Award: Consideration for the scholarship will be based on a point system. 45-points for need, 30-points for leadership, and 25-for scholastic achievement.

Selection: All applications must be typed and sent to the Friends of Webster County Conservation, c/o Scholarship Committee, 1415 Nelson Avenue, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. Contact the Conservation Office for an application .

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1st each year.



Orville O'Connell lived a life of service and conservation. He served on the Conservation Board for 23 years (1984-2006)

The "Friends of Webster County Conservation" is a non-profit, 501c3 organization that helps the WCCB with volunteers and raising funds to enhance environmental education, outdoor recreation, and conservation projects in Webster County.

Volunteer Donate Protect

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.

Sign Up Today!!

Please fill out this form and mail to:

Friends of Webster Co. Conservation

1415 Nelson Avenue

Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ Membership _____ $25 _____

☐ Business Membership _____ $100 _____

Total: _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Email _____

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~ Mahatma Gandhi

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The Webster County Conservation Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. The meeting are held at the Kennedy Park Office building at 5:30 p.m. All meeting are open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Webster County CONSERVATION

The Webster County Conservation Board in the provision of services and facilities to the public does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, age, or disability. If anyone believes he/she has been subject to such discrimination , he/she may file a complaint alleging discrimination with either the Webster County Conservation Board or the Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Dept. of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.