

LA Communications Community Issues 4th Quarter 2023 (Oct thru Dec)

Posted: October 2, 2023

52nd Annual Waucoma Craft and Vendor Show

Sunday, November 5, 2023

9 am to 3 pm

Free Admission and Free Door Prizes

Lunch Available on Site.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064418690400>

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Posted: October 16, 2023

The Cresco fire department will be holding our annual pancake supper fundraiser on Tuesday November 7th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Cresco fire station. It will be a free will donation event. There will be dine in available at the Cresco fire station main building along with takeout and in town delivery available from the Cresco fire storage building across the alley. For delivery contact either 563-203-0798 or 507-459-1432.

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Posted: October 17, 2023

RSVP of Northeast Iowa and the American Red Cross are holding their “Battle of the Badges” Blood Drive Friday, October 27th from 12 noon until 5 pm at Stone Ridge Community Church, 1111 Montgomery Street in Decorah. Respond to the call to give blood during this time of critical need and vote for your favorite public service department – EMS, Fire or Law Enforcement. In addition to receiving a \$10 e-gift card,

all donors who come to give during the time frame will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 prize. There will be one winner each week, for a total of three winners. See rcblood.org/team. Donating blood is an act of kindness you can carry with you!

For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org, click “Find a Drive”, and enter code DECORAH. Or, simply call Pete at 309-236-2382. If you prefer to donate at a different location or on a different date, you can find a blood drive online that meets your needs also by visiting redcrossblood.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Vogel

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Posted: October 24, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Joe Jayjack, Communications Director, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

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Heine ending term of service on INHF board

DECORAH — Decorah resident Kirsten Heine is ending her term of service on the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) board of directors after 17 years as an advisor and then board member for the nonprofit conservation organization.

Heine has used her love of northeast Iowa, her passion for conservation and her background in fundraising to support the mission of INHF, which is to protect and restore Iowa’s land, water and wildlife. During Heine’s tenure with the organization, INHF has protected more than 100,000 acres across Iowa, including thousands of acres in the Driftless region.

“Kirsten is so community-minded, and INHF has benefitted from her expertise, her connections in the community and her desire to see land preserved,” said INHF President Joe McGovern. “We are grateful for her service.”

Heine has been essential in INHF’s efforts to protect land along the Upper Iowa River, including a recent campaign to purchase Heritage Valley, a 1,200-acre nature preserve

between Decorah and Waukon that includes a picturesque 3-mile stretch of river winding between the woodlands and hill prairies.

Heine's family has also protected their own land along the Upper Iowa River with multiple conservation easements, permanently preserving land for wildlife habitat, water quality and scenic views.

"It truly has been a joy and honor to serve on the board of INHF and help to uplift its inspiring mission," Heine said. "For my husband David and me, INHF is a deeply personal connection and passion. We believe in the impactful mission and vision — as it is "Good and True" and benefits all Iowans — and even more importantly it ensures that same benefit for the generations to come. This service has been most meaningful for me, and I look forward to continuing to be an ambassador and advocate for INHF."

INHF board and staff will be in Decorah Oct. 26-27 for a celebration of a Forest Legacy program easement at Heritage Valley, an INHF donor reception and their board of directors meeting, which is held every other month in different locations around the state.

Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is a nonprofit conservation group that works with private landowners and public partners to protect and restore Iowa's land, water and wildlife. Since its founding in 1979, INHF has helped protect more than 195,000 acres of Iowa's natural resources. Learn more at www.inhf.org

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Posted: October 24, 2023

The Winneshiek County 4-H Endowment cordially invites friends of 4-H to the annual gala!

Are you looking to make a difference in the lives of young 4-H'ers in Winneshiek County? Join us on Saturday, November 18 at the Community Building (Winneshiek County Fairgrounds) for a night of celebrating our young leaders! Social hour will begin at 6pm with dinner to follow at 7pm.

Tickets must be purchased in advance for catering purposes. Tickets can be purchased by contacting an Endowment committee member or at the Winneshiek County Extension office during business hours.

Dinner will include a choice of bacon-wrapped turkey tenders or stuffed pork loin, catered by U-2 BBQ. Side dishes will include honey-glazed carrots, new potatoes with parsley, and a side salad. A dessert auction and live auction will be held as well.

All proceeds support the Winneshiek County 4-H Endowment.

Posted: October 25, 2023

On October 10, 2023, the City of Decorah was announced as one of twelve selectees of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Competitive program, a funding opportunity from the Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Clean Energy Districts of Iowa (CEDI) is the designated sub-recipient of this highly selective award and the technical assistance provider for the activities outlined in its application.

Along with 12 other awardees, CEDI will share \$8.8 million in awards to support the implementation of energy improvements in local governments and tribes across the country.

CEDI plans to use this funding to provide vital technical assistance to help local governments and schools benefit from the clean energy transition and to reduce energy burdens in low-income households in Allamakee, Clayton, Delaware, Howard, Jackson, Tama, and Winneshiek counties in Iowa, and Vernon County in Wisconsin, including tribal lands.

“Clean Energy Districts are all about “green meets green” in our rural counties and communities,” says Andrew Johnson, CEDI’s executive director. “On the one hand is the green of saving money and creating jobs through local investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency. On the other hand is the green of accomplishing climate stewardship in the process. It’s a win-win, and the right thing to do.

“Local governments have some of the greatest opportunities to invest in clean energy, and when they do, all residents benefit. Too often, they don’t know where to start, or who to trust. This federal funding will allow the CEDI network to provide boots-on-the-ground technical assistance and energy planning support to local governments throughout the project area, from feasibility to implementation to impact.”

To learn more, please visit:

[Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program | Department of Energy](#)

Andrew Johnson – *CEDI Executive Director*

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Posted: November 21, 2023

Recently an article by the Stars and Stripes (November 13, 2023) was published worldwide to our military bases with an article honoring our Winneshiek County Veterans Memorial. Here is the link to the article:

<https://europe.stripes.com/lifestyle/honoring-winneshiek-county-veterans.html>

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Posted: December 11, 2023

Giving Tuesday 2023 at the Depot Outlet was a great example of strangers joining together as a community to make huge things happen. Hundreds of people donated thousands of items; around 60 staff and volunteers sorted, priced and stocked items; and about 450 people shopped for and purchased those items on November 28th. The Depot Outlet pledged 50% of Giving Tuesday's total sales. As a result of everyone's contributions they were able to donate \$2669.32 to ArtHaus.

ArtHaus is a center for the visual and performing arts located in Decorah that brings quality classes and events to the community, making creative arts accessible to all. They provide a Founders Scholarship to those in need that desire to take a creative arts class, no proof of income required. Learn more and sign up for classes at arthausdecorah.org.

The Depot Outlet would like to thank all of their supporters for helping them to help others and for making Giving Tuesday and every day such a wonderful community achievement.

Jessica O'Mara – *Store Director*

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