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Land donors honored during reception in Des Moines

DES MOINES, Iowa – More than 3,800 acres of Iowa land in 24 counties with an estimated value of nearly \$4.8 million was permanently protected through donations for conservation.

The donors associated with more than 30 donations of land or land value will be recognized during a ceremony on March 25, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the 1st floor rotunda, at the State Capitol, in Des Moines. Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds is scheduled to attend.

Landowners who are in attendance will be honored individually for their donation. For more information about individual donations, visit the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/landdonors.

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Results from 2020 state archery tournament

Nearly 2,000 archers from more than 120 Iowa schools participated in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) state tournament March 7-8, in Des Moines. For the season, more than 4,000 archers participated in Iowa's National Archery in the Schools After-School League Program. The season ran from December 1, 2019 - February 22, 2020.

Below are the results of the state tournament.

Nationals Competition

Male and female archers that placed in the top 10 within their division as individuals, receive a guaranteed spot to participate in one of the national Tournaments.

Participants can choose if they want to travel to the Western Nationals held in Sandy, Utah (April 24-25), or the Eastern Nationals, in Louisville, Ky. (May 7-9). Team qualification is based on achieving a minimum score through a tiered registration process. Several of Iowa's teams qualified for a chance to compete at the national tournaments.

Senior Scholarships

Haney Family Foundation Senior Scholarship (Essay Based)

\$1,000 - Natalie Kongable (Center Point Urbana High School)

\$1,000 - Cassandra Allen (Ridgeview High School)

\$1,000 - Samantha Mellinger (Washington High School)

Chuck "Coach" Hallier Memorial Senior Scholarship (Essay Based)

\$1,000 - Hailey Butterwegge (Valley High School)

Iowa Bowhunter's Association "Cal Stuchen Memorial" Senior Scholarship (Performance Based)

\$500 - Bullseye Top Senior Boy - Samuel Ridgway (Valley High School)

\$500 - Bullseye Top Senior Girl - Hailey Butterwegge (Valley High School)

\$500 - 3D Top Senior Boy - Logan Kelly (Mount Vernon High School)

\$500 - 3D Top Senior Girl - Shanna Fellows (Eddyville Blakesburg Fremont High School)

3D State Tournament Top Performers

Shanna Fellows, Eddyville Blakesburg Fremont High School, won the girls 3D competition with a score of 292. Logan Kelly, Mount Vernon High School, won the boys 3D competition with a score of 293. Both archers received a \$1,500 scholarship and a custom Gen-X Bow package. Mackenzie Baustian, Prairie Point, was the girls 3D runner-up with a score of 291. Lane Mollenhauer, Springville Secondary, was the boys 3D runner-up with a score of 292. Both runner-up archers received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Bullseye State Tournament Top Performers

Hailey Butterwegge, Valley High School, won the girls bullseye competition with a score of 295. Gus Joyce, North-Linn High School, won the bullseye competition with a score of 296. Both archers received a \$1,500 scholarship and a Genesis Pro Bow. Mackenzie Baustian, Prairie Point, was the girls bullseye runner-up with a score of 292. Hunter Lagrange, Springville Secondary, was the boys runner-up with a score of 293. Both runner-up archers received a \$1,000 scholarship.

High All-Around (3D/Bullseye Combined State Tournament Scores)

Mackenzie Baustian, Prairie Point, with a total combined score of 583 was the female high all-around champion.

Hunter Lagrange, Springville Secondary, with a total combined score of 584 was the male high all-around champion.

Both archers received a \$1,250 scholarship.

3D All-State Team (Highest League Score Combined with State Tournament Score)

Makenna Hewitt, Prairie High School (Girl's All-State Captain)

Shanna Fellows, Eddyville Blakesburg Fremont (Girl's All-State)

Mackenzie Baustian, Prairie Point (Girl's All-State)

Lane Mollenhauer, Springville Secondary (Boy's All-State Captain)

Isaac Denning, Prairie High School (Boy's All-State)

Hunter Lagrange, Springville Secondary (Boy's All-State)

Bullseye All-State Team (Highest League Score Combined with State Tournament Score)

Paige Emig, Mount Vernon High School (Girl's All-State Captain)

Mackenzie Baustian, Prairie Point (Girl's All-State)

Hailey Butterwegge, Valley High School (Girl's All-State)

Zoey Ratchford, Independence Jr/Sr High School (Girl's All-State)

Alise Brockhaus, Lawton-Bronson Jr/Sr High School (Girl's All-State)

Taylor Butterwegge, Valley High School (Girl's All-State)

Gus Joyce, North-Linn High School (Boy's All-State Captain)

Hunter Lagrange, Springville Secondary (Boy's All-State)

Drew Crump, Independence Jr/Sr High School (Boy's All-State)

Cooper Jipsen, Atlantic High School (Boy's All-State)

Samuel Ridgway, Valley High School (Boy's All-State)

Issac Denning, Prairie High School (Boy's All-State)

State Archery Tournament Participation

1,993 bullseye archers representing 121 Iowa schools.

569 3D archers representing 62 schools.

Complete Tournament Results

Bullseye: <https://nasptournaments.org/TournamentDetail.aspx?tid=5858>

3D: <https://nasptournaments.org/TournamentDetail.aspx?tid=5872>

The state tournament was sponsored by the Iowa Bowhunter's Association, Iowa State Archery Association, Whitetails Unlimited, Safari Club International, Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

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Spring community trout stocking starts March 27

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources fisheries staff will release between 1,000 to 2,000 rainbow trout in 11 lakes across Iowa in March and April as part of its cool weather trout program.

Spring community trout stockings are a great place to take kids to catch their first fish. A small hook with a nightcrawler or corn under a small bobber to casting small simple spinners such as a panther martin or mepps is all you need to get in on the fun.

Bringing trout to cities and towns offers a “close to home” option for Iowans who might not travel to northeast Iowa to experience trout fishing. Most locations also host a family-friendly event to help anglers have success and fun while fishing.

The popular program is supported by the sales of the trout fee. Anglers need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. The daily limit is five trout per licensed angler with a possession limit of 10.

Children age 15 or younger can fish for trout with a properly licensed adult, but they must limit their catch to one daily limit. The child can buy a trout fee which will allow them to catch their own limit.

After you buy your trout fee, you can fish for trout all year long at any of the [community trout lakes](#) and trout streams in northeast Iowa. Find trout fishing tips on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/trout.

2020 Spring Community Trout Stocking Schedule

March 27, [Discovery Park](#), Muscatine, 10 a.m.

March 27, [Wilson Lake](#), Fort Madison, Noon

March 28, [Jefferson County Park Pond](#), Fairfield, 10:30 a.m.

March 28, [Ottumwa Park Pond](#), Ottumwa, 11 a.m.

April 4, [Banner Lake \(South\)](#), Summerset State Park, Indianola, Noon

April 4, [Liberty Centre Pond](#), North Liberty, 11 a.m.

April 11, [Terra Lake](#), Johnston, Noon

April 18, [North Prairie Lake](#), Cedar Falls, 10 a.m.

April 18, [Prairie Park \(Cedar Bend\)](#), Cedar Rapids, 10 a.m.

April 25, [Heritage Pond](#), Dubuque, 10 a.m.

April 25, [Sand Lake](#), Marshalltown, 11 a.m.

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Ice-out channel catfish are biting

Channel catfish move close to shore and are eager to bite in many lakes and the large reservoirs across Iowa just after the ice is gone. The bite starts sooner in the southern Iowa impoundment since they lose ice a week or two before northeast Iowa natural lakes.

After eating light during the winter, channel catfish go on a feeding frenzy in early spring cleaning up small fish that died over the winter. Search for actively feeding fish on windblown shorelines and points where dead fish are piled up and the shallow water warms quickly. Keep the wind in your face and move often until you find actively feeding fish.

Use cut bait or shad sides fished on the bottom. To keep the bait on the hook, try using a 1/0 to 3/0 bait holder hook and enough weight (3/8th to 1/2 ounce) to cast into the wind. Bring along disposable latex gloves to handle the bait and help keep the smell off your hands.

Ice-out catfishing can be good in any lake that has an abundant catfish population. Iowa's flood control reservoirs, Rathbun, Red Rock, Coralville and Saylorville usually offer the best action. Try catfishing in Storm Lake, East Okoboji, Clear Lake or Black Hawk Lake in northwest Iowa soon after the ice is gone. Small impoundments in southern Iowa, like Greenfield City Reservoir, Big Creek, Lake Darling, Green Valley Lake, Lake Manawa or Lake Icaria, also offer good early spring catfishing.

Catfish can be found in almost every body of water across Iowa. Check the [weekly fishing report](#) to find out where catfish are biting.

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